



Loreto Rumbek Newsletter

April 2025



Fun and Culture Day



On April 5th, our Secondary School hosted an unforgettable Fun and Culture Day, filled with music, dance, poetry, and laughter. Students showcased their talents, leaving everyone entertained. Students from other schools, including La Salle, Bishop Mazzolari, and Abukloi Secondary Schools, joined the event. One of the students from LaSalle, praised the event, saying, "The event has really been nice and unique. I have never seen such a thing happening in other schools and I never knew Loreto girls had such talents. They have shown us that our culture is our pride." Indeed, the event left everybody with a smile on their faces and we hope to observe more of these days in the future.

Poem Recitation Day

In this month, our Primary School had an exciting poetry day, with the help of the teachers who work tirelessly to train the learners on what to present. The pupils recited poems on topics like education, child protection, the environment, families, and peace. Some of the learners expressed their experience saying the poems were difficult to learn by heart, but their teachers helped them to master everything. Bakic, a Primary Eight pupil, was grateful and appreciated the teachers for helping to build confidence in themselves. "We are proud to see that our young children are coming up in their education and are able to learn whatever their teachers share with them."



Typing course



In our Education Centre staff, interns, and people from the local community were able to register for a basic typing course, as a great deal of the work in Loreto is done on computers. It was good to see that there continues to be ongoing progress in our institute and that we are ready to learn every day. The course is going to last for three months. Afterwards the candidates will be awarded with a certificate of completion. We wish them all the best and fun.

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Good Friday and the Easter celebration

During the Easter Triduum, we had a powerful Way of the Cross on Good Friday. It was organised by the youth who participated in this year's pilgrimage. All those involved in the acting tried their level best to make it a prayerful moment for everybody. The Way of Cross started from Sacred Heart Church and made its way to Holy Family Cathedral. It was a beautiful

moment for Christians to witness the story of Jesus being acted out and this helped to keep everybody in a prayerful mood. Our Easter Vigil was celebrated in the Loreto compound, beginning with a great Paschal fire. Everybody was full of joy and excitement, because the school had the 17th anniversary celebration of its foundation as well. It began as an unlikely dream almost two decades ago, but has grown over time with the help of the local community, the students, our staff, and all our supporters.



Secondary enrollment



On the 25th of April, our Loreto Secondary School held the annual intake exams for the enrollment of the new students for the class of 2025. These were held in three different locations, Loreto Rumbek, Juba, and Wau. The intake was late this year because we had to wait for the Primary 8 results. Despite this three hundred and fifteen girls came to apply for a place in Loreto Rumbek and were warmly welcomed by our Senior 4 students. Unfortunately

we only have 107 free places. We hope that those that will miss out will be able to join other schools.

Sowing Seeds

Our Primary Health Care Clinic provides support to enhance the well-being of the malnourished children in the community. The children are regularly given groundnut paste to put in their porridge to provide essential nutrients for their diet. Following these sustainability strategies, the mothers in the nutrition programme participate in farming to plant groundnuts for the year ahead as their children consume what was planted the previous year. "We are happy to do the land preparation as we wait for the rains to start farming," one of the mothers said.



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