

## *News from Rumbek – April 2013*

All fine except for the heat and humidity. The last few weeks have been an inferno for all including the local people. We are praying for rain to cool us all down. It seems that the prolonged period of heat at top temperatures is not normal. It can be hotter but not sustained for so long”

***The Secondary School:*** The results for last year’s Senior 4 exams were excellent. All passed with some achieving superb results. Of the ten girls that sat for the exam eight qualify for university. One and perhaps two will go on to study medicine, another wants to do civil engineering, others economics and nursing humanities.



This year’s Class 4 are twenty-five so a big jump in numbers for the first time. There are two groups of twenty-five in Year 1. This situation will continue for the next number of years.



***Primary School:*** In the Primary school we have 470 pupils, 227 boys and 243 girls. This is also a big jump. Parents continued to come up to five days after registration closed.

We also have 28 girls in primary 6 and 18 girls in primary 7. They are accommodated in the secondary school building. These will go through to primary 8 and if they pass the national exam and meet other criteria, they will become day-girls in the secondary school.

Efforts are being made to get the builders to bring down their tender bids. Sixteen classrooms are needed. Funding is being sought from a number of Agencies.

We have had visits from the UN, UNICEF, Vincentians and Ministry of Education. UNICEF has reported very favourably on the Loreto schools to the Ministry of Education. But the Ministry still tells us they have no money to give us.

