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Australian Books for
Children of Africa Ltd

**Welcome to the ABCA June
newsletter.**

**We hope you enjoy the beautiful
pictures and thank you messages
from our Kenyan shipment.**

**This month Janet Lambrou
explains why she volunteers with
ABCA
as we continue our "Spotlight on
our Volunteers" segment.**



ABCA NEWS



Future Stars Development Centre - Kibera Nairobi

ABCA donated 7 boxes of books to Future Stars Development Centre which runs a school for vulnerable children in Kibera, Nairobi. Kibera unfortunately is the largest slum area in Africa. It is heartening that organisations like Future Stars Development Centre provide children living in that area with education to rise above the poverty in to which they were born.









Janet Lambrou on why she volunteers with ABCA

I simply love books. A very happy memory from my childhood is going to the local library with my mother and choosing books to read for the following weeks. I have continued to enjoy reading throughout my life and encouraged my children to do the same. When I was living in London in the 2000's I cherished the fortnightly visits I made with work colleagues to read with poorer school children in the East End, encouraging them and working with them to improve their reading skills.

Access to books and reading is taken for granted in Australia. Our children are privileged and lucky. We discard used books so easily. So when I met Elise Margow and had the opportunity to be involved in a project to send thousands of used books to children in Africa who were not so lucky, I jumped at it. I have enjoyed each and every packing session over the years, and was delighted to be involved recently in introducing the Harry Cohney Charitable Foundation to ABCA, resulting in increased shipments of books to Kenya.

I am quite practical and love streamlining and improving processes, so I have also enjoyed working with a team to smoothly sort, stamp and pack books to maximum capacity!! And there is simply no better reward than to see the joy on the children's faces when they open those tightly packed boxes and select their books to read.

Everyone knows that reading is the gateway to all knowledge. To be a very small part of opening that gateway for children in Africa is a privilege. Thank you ABCA for bringing the joy of it to my life.



THANK YOU



Bombo Kids Foundation

Rosemary Odongo, ABCA Africa Director, provided a number of boxes of books to John Dodd for distribution. John is a retired Aussie from South Australia who is currently living in rural Taveta in Kenya.

John has a registered a charity called Bombo Kids Foundation in South Australia and is in the process of registering "INUA TOTO" (Lifting Up the Children) in Kenya.

John Dodd from the Bombo Kids Foundation wrote to ABCA:

“Our group received several boxes from the ABCA office in Nairobi, from Rosemary Odongo, on behalf of Sowene Primary School Library , and Mahoo Junior Primary school in Taveta Kenya, and some others.

We built stands for the books in both Mahoo and Sowene school, for the donated books.

We thank you and the schools thank you very much."

Follow this link to see the video thank you message sent from the students of Sowene school in Taita Taveta County:

<https://youtu.be/ql6pYQybgOY>







Feedback from Mahoo World Vision School

Betty Kimaro, head teacher from Mahoo World Vision School in Kenya was deeply grateful to receive books from ABCA Africa wrote:

“Rural Taveta is generally off the radar when assistance is handed out. We also deeply appreciate your help.”







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**Save these dates
for our ABCA book
packing:**

Our next book packing will take place on Saturday 12 August

11.00am - 1.00pm

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**ABCA BOOK
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DATES FOR
2023**



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- 18 FEBRUARY 2023
- 1 APRIL 2023
- 1 JULY 2023 **Cancelled**
- 12 AUGUST 2023
- 14 OCTOBER 2023
- 25 NOVEMBER 2023