Just two days before Christmas, Santa paid a visit to the Don Bosco Shelter, and actually attended a Christmas party for the boys. Santa Claus was discovered to have a humorous side and with his funny antics kept the program lively and full of fun. The Shelter staff along with the kids had a wonderful time. During the lively program the management thanked the staff for their investment of time into the children. Games were played and Creative Head, Bro Sandip Parmar excelled in making the event a wonderful experience. Carols were sung with true Christmas spirit and many more games were played. The programme ended with gifts for everybody followed by a Chinese dinner. Spaghetti and fried rice is rumoured to put Santa in an even better mood...!

Vishnu Kumar
Won the First Prize for Drawing at School level.

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From the 26th to 29th Nov 2013, Don Bosco National forum for Young at Risk (YaR) Team organised the Regional Training on Home Link Child MISS (1.0) at Mumbai for the Goa, Mumbai Hub and Nodes. On 26th & 27th Nov, the first two days training workshop was for Mumbai and Goa's Hub Directors and Coordinators. In these 2 days the National team explained and gave inputs of Child MISS 9 modules which was all about children’s growth, as: Registration, Post registration, Help and Rescues, Child Services, Follow-up, Missing Children, Caring Community, Volunteers, Sponsorship, Program Management and Project Management.

Simon, Peter and Volleyball

Simon and Peter both of whom are contributing their time and talents to the Shelter started giving the boys tips on volleyball which the boys are grateful for. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the game and played well, following all the rules. It was a weekend where the boys were kept busy, yes literally on their toes. With Simon and Peter’s keen interest, the boys nowadays show great interest in this sports. Thank you Germany for sending us these wonderful sons of yours.

Provincial’s Visit

The Provincial, Rev. Fr Godfrey Dsouza visited Shelter on 10th Dec 2013. It was a very interesting and meaningful time spent with the children when he had a small interaction with the boys. Shelter kids were very excited and happy to see the new Provincial in their midst. He motivated all them to give their best and excel in life.
**Stars and Outer Space**

They were another kind of stars the boys were thrilled to visit: The ones in the heavens above. Shelter Don Bosco boys visited the Nehru Planetarium on 31.12.2013 as part of their Educational visit. They learned about the Secret Lives of Stars. Weren’t the boys excited! They were very curious and are now thrilled to know more about stars and their history.

**Deepak Scales New Heights**

It was indeed a proud moment for the School and Shelter Don Bosco, when one of our talented boy’s, Deepak Singh, studying in 7th grade at Sahakar Nagar English medium won in short put and got the 2nd prize at the BMC Ward level. Well done Deepak!

**Training Our Future**

95 MSW students from Ahmed Nagar along with their two professors - visited Shelter Don Bosco on 14.12.2013, as part of their study tour. Mr Datta Gade (Social worker) of Shelter Don Bosco gave an orientation on Shelter and its activities.

Mr Eustace Fernandes (Educator) explained the education process of the boys to them and also other activities conducted in the Shelter. Overall it was a good learning experience for future Social workers of our country.
Kailash Masar our ex-boy, popularly known as (DJ KIM) played some lively foot tapping, scintillating music under the supervision of Mr Roney Gomes, parishioner of Our Lady of Dolours. It was carnival time for our boys who enjoyed the lovely remixes played by their own DJ KIM. Thanks to Roney G, Mylene, his wife and son Myron, who made huge efforts to bring joy to our boys. The children then enjoyed the sumptuous biriyani offered by Roney and his family.

On 15th Nov, the Shelter had a rocking time with interactive games for the children, organised by the SVB Bank. They divided boys into 5 groups. Each group was creative in its own way. ex: Quiz, Science project, map detection, building activities and group interactions, along with a jam session. Shelter rocked again with everybody swinging to foot taping music.

The Rotary Club conducted a Dental Camp for the children and it was heartening to see 15 boys selected by the doctors and given gifts for keeping their teeth healthy without any decay.

The boys during spare time try to display their creative skills: Here they are involved in ‘Card making’ expressing their feelings through various cards. It was organised by Shelter Bro. Sandeep Parmar. Good show boys.
YaR Day and Children’s Day was celebrated at Shelter Don Bosco on 20th November, 2013. The theme for the event was ‘Love n Care’. 15 NGO’s from all over Mumbai took active part in the event. 215 kids from various NGOs were present for the program. The chief guest for the program was Mr Prashant Damle a Project Manager from Hamara Foundation who gave a revealing insight on how we can transform our life through ‘Love n Care’ and make society a better place.

The Go Green campaign at Shelter Don Bosco is finally bearing fruit. The kids were so excited to see flower blooms… And now every morning they are given the task of watering and pruning the plants. They do it and they love it. They do it with Love n Care. It is one step towards making them aware of the environment and how to preserve it....

God Bless you little angels.

And Green Again…

On 25th November 2013, during the morning, volunteers from the Bank of America created awareness among the Shelter boys regarding the environment and its importance. They also explained how trees were important to mankind. They had an interactive session with the boys regarding nature and how we can preserve Mother Earth, by growing more trees. The boys enjoyed the session and were very excited to plant more saplings. The volunteers from the Bank of America were very proud to see these kids lovingly planting the plants and were amazed by their knowledge of them. The session ended with sweets given to the boys by the volunteers.
Enthusiastic and energetic boys from Shelter Don Bosco, won the Kabadi and Wrestling Competition at school level. Keep the Salesian spirit growing...Luv u guys for the Sport Stars you all are becoming ..!

As God Blesses each One of You this New Year, all we ask is that you

Please Share a Portion of those Bountiful Blessings with us at the Shelter.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy Birthday Bro Vincent and Fr Jesu

Two birthdays were celebrated, the first that of Bro Vincent Nigrel, Administrator, on Nov 26th and the other of Fr Jesu Robinson, on the 15th Dec.

It is a joy seeing such inspired priests doing such multiple roles at Shelter Don Bosco.