

5th March, 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians,

1. Meeting with Parents

I organized a meeting with the College parents to discuss issues to do with the Online Learning. In retrospect it should have been held earlier as the contributions made by parents were useful and would have been beneficial if we could have implemented some of these ideas earlier. My grateful thanks to all the parents who were involved and hopefully by now all parents should have access to the meetings held. Based on the feedback and positive nature of these meetings and based on suggestion made by some parents we will be holding meetings today with the Prep School parents.

2. Reopening of Schools

As you are probably all aware, the government recently stated the dates for the reopening of schools; the 15th of March for Examination Classes and 22nd of March for non-examination classes.

Teachers and students at Hillcrest have been doing online learning from the 12th of January. We are aware that students, parents, and teachers **will require a break** from the pressures of a 12-week term (online and soon to be face to face learning). It is also possible that some parents will have made plans for the Easter holidays.

ATS is applying to the Ministry of Education for a deviation from what has been stated to allow **all** students to return on the 15th of March and for our term dates to remain as was originally set out at the beginning of the year i.e. first term ends on the 31st of March and Term two starts on the 3rd of May. This application will be submitted today, and we will keep you informed as to its outcome.

3. Foreign Students

Please keep in mind the above (point 2). What is certain is that if students are required back at school they will need:

- a) **A Negative PCR Certificate for Covid-19 within a 48hr period prior to crossing the border**
- b) **A valid student permit or a receipt showing a permit has been applied for.**

4. Commendations

Amidst all the uncertainty of the times we live in we are glad to say our children continue to excel as they concentrate and work hard. I would acknowledge the following Students for the effort they have put into their school work.

NAME OF PUPIL	SUBJECT	REASON FOR COMMENDATION	NAME OF PUPIL	SUBJECT	REASON FOR COMMENDATION
A. BHANA	Literature	Attained an A* for a Spot Test	I. NDAKAVAMBAANI	Enterprise	Consistency in attending lessons & good performance
T. MARAVANYIKA	Literature	Attained an A* for a Spot Test	T. MBAIWA	Enterprise	Consistency in attending lessons & good performance
A. ZVINOIRA	Literature	Attained an A for a Spot Test	S. MASHIKI	Travel & Tourism	Consistency in attending lessons & good performance
B. NDLOVU	Literature	Attained an A for a Spot Test	M. MARANGE	Mathematics	Is consistent and has submitted all assignments to date
C. FENIASSE	Literature	Attained an A for a Spot Test	D. MAKURUMIDZE	Mathematics	Is consistent and has submitted all assignments to date
L. BWANYA	Literature	Attained an A for a Spot Test	V. NYAWANI	Travel & Tourism	Consistently attending live lessons, engaging in discussion & submitting assignments
T. ISA	Literature	Attained an A for a Spot Test	N. DUBE	Travel & Tourism	Consistently attending live lessons, engaging in discussion & submitting assignments
W. KUWANA	Literature	Attained an A for a Spot Test	T. JURA	Travel & Tourism	Consistently attending live lessons, engaging in discussion & submitting assignments
T. MWAYERA	Literature	Attained an A for a Spot Test	P. MASWERA	Travel & Tourism	Consistently attending live lessons, engaging in discussion & submitting assignments
K. CHAURAYA	Literature	Attained an A for a Spot Test and most improved student.	P. CHIUNDO	Travel & Tourism	Consistently attending live lessons, engaging in discussion & submitting assignments
T. JURA	Literature	Attained an A for a Spot Test	T. MBAIWA	Travel & Tourism	Consistently attending live lessons, engaging in discussion & submitting assignments
K. MUKOME	Literature	Attained an A for a Spot Test	Z. SMITH	Travel & Tourism	Consistently attending live lessons, engaging in discussion & submitting assignments
D. CHIMBIDZIKAI	Literature	Attained a B for a Spot Test	P. MASWERA	Travel & Tourism	Consistently attending live lessons, engaging in discussion & submitting assignments
N. DUBE	Literature	Attained a B for a Spot Test	R. KATSVANGA	Travel & Tourism	Consistently attending live lessons, engaging in discussion & submitting assignments
K. MUSARIRI	Literature	Attained a B for a Sport Test	A. MUDIDI	Travel & Tourism	Consistently attending live lessons, engaging in discussion & submitting assignments
M. MUCHAFA	Literature	Attained a B for a Spot Test and for being one of the most improved students.	J. MAKOMBE	Travel & Tourism	Consistently attending live lessons, engaging in discussion & submitting assignments
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T. SACHITI	Literature	For being one of the most improved students.	L. MTETWA	Travel & Tourism	Consistently attending live lessons, engaging in discussion & submitting assignments
K. MUDZINGWA	English	Attained an A for a Spot Test	M. MAUTSA	Science	Consistent positive effort
E. DUBE	English	Attained an A for a Spot Test	M. MANDIKUTSE	Science	Consistent positive effort
K. KUREBWASEKA	English	Attained an A* for a Spot Test	T. CHAPFUNGA	Biology	Consistent positive effort
R. MAHOHOMA	English	Attained an A* for a Spot Test	M. CHIWERA	Global Perspectives	Great Participation during Live Lessons & for scoring excellent marks
R. KWANGWARE	English	Attained an A* for a Spot Test	T. MUTASA	Global Perspectives	Great Participation during Live Lessons & for scoring excellent marks
S. ESSAK	English	Attained an A* for a Spot Test	A. MAKWANGUDZE	Global Perspectives	Great Participation during Live Lessons & for scoring excellent marks
T. MADEKENI	English	Attained a B for a Spot Test	A. PACULE	Shona L2	Great Participation during Live Lessons & for scoring excellent marks
M. MAUTSA	Shona	For good consistent performance	R. KWANGWARE	Shona	For good consistent performance
T. MADEKENI	Shona	For good consistent performance	H. RAJAH	Shona L2	For good consistent performance
M. MAFANUKE	Shona	For good consistent performance	I. CHIGOMBE	Shona L2	For good consistent performance

OFF MR. MUTANGADURA'S DESK

1. Obituary for Mr. Mupudzi

The late Mr. John Mupudzi joined Hillcrest Prep in January 1993. He had a rich background in the Shona culture and enjoyed taking Junior/Senior Shona and taught the Grade 4 students until his retirement in 2014. He is survived by three children and seven grandchildren. May His Soul Rest In Eternal Peace.

2. Nothing Succeeds Like Success

We are elated by the amount of pleasing progress being made in most classes. Congratulations to the following **Merit and Effort Badge Winners!**

Class	Merit Name of Pupil(s)	Merit Reason for commendation	Effort Name of Pupil(s)	Effort Reason for commendation
1M	K. Chimbarara	For making excellent progress in English reading.	K. Musarara	For working tirelessly to upgrade her performance in English reading.
1T	C. Matsika	Active participation and prompt submission of work.	T./J. Nyagondore	Active participation and prompt submission of work.
2M	M. Chibaya	Very neat handwriting and presentation of work	T. Mbudzi	Participating very well during the live lessons
2R	M. Mautsa	Improved reading skills.	L. Sipanera	Improved reading skills.

3C	R. Nhimura, T Jamu, B. Mudotsa & N.Makombe	Working diligently in all subjects	T. Nyamutaira & T. Tioona	Fluent reading
3M	M. Chitinha, Z. Zviuya, Y. Mubaiwa,	They never fail to do both Shona and English reading assignments. Excellent commitment.	A. Musikavanhu	For extra effort in trying to catch up with work that's behind.
4D	N. Chidodo	For trying his very best in all his areas	N. Chigova	For always doing her work wholeheartedly
4M	A. Mungaraza, A. Tsondai & S. Chipunza	For mastering the long division concept with ease	N. Kuwanda, K. Masimba & A. Chave	For sharing and writing their lockdown experiences passionately.
5S	T. Dzenga	Best academic improvement last week	C. Chave	A more conscious approach towards school work
6B	G. Kenyi	A beautiful presentation in Heritage studies	M. Mutsemi	Diligence
6C	S. Makombe	Participates and expresses her ideas clearly	B. Mangwiro	Putting great effort in his work
7N	Alanna Dourado	For excellent progress in Mathematics	A. Nyarugwe, E. Nhimura, R. Muzarurwi & N. Kapumha	For making effort in catching up missed work.
7W	H. Amos & N. Mudzviti	For doing their work diligently.	C. Mutama	For improvement in participating in online lessons than what she did in the past.
ICT 3,4	M. Fernandes	Consistent Effort in ICT.	E. Mhlanga	Good participation in ICT
ICT 5,6,7	W. Franklin, 5N	Pleasing effort in doing and handing in of work. Keep it up!	M. Saunyama, 5N	Consistent good effort in all her exercises.
SHONA 5, 6, 7	E. Nhimura 7N	For being consistency in submitting work and participating in Online lessons.	Z. Chayayi Grade 6	For showing positive attitude and liking for the subject. Should continue with the Good work.
SPORT/ P.E.	S. Makombe	Consistent Effort in Physical Education	M. Mashavave	Excellent Participation in live lesson

We endeavour to bring the best out of each and every student at Hillcrest Schools and encourage the rest of the Students who are not fully involved in the Online Lessons to get involved and catch up. I commend all the Students who continue to make the effort to get involved and will definitely have an upper hand once we return to face to face teaching and learning.

Please do have a restful weekend and as always, remain safe.

Kind regards,



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