



# Principal's Newsletter

30<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Last week I sent an email requesting for School Fee payments to be made. I ask parents to be understanding of the situation as it has unraveled. We had planned for the closing of schools; this was changed in an effort to curb the second wave of Covid-19 infections. Around the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, schools were allowed to re-open and have remained open to date. New calendar dates were issued by the Government which forced most ATS schools to adjust the plans they had initially made. Attempts were made to get MOPSE to give concessions to ATS Schools to stick to the initial calendar dates, considering they had made provision for eLearning to happen - this attempt failed. Then more recently the new Collective Bargaining Agreement came out and it was significant, back dated and USD based. The point of all this is for us all to understand that the situation we find ourselves in has been a bit chaotic and has forced us, at short notice, to rethink plans made. The plans we make involve consultation with the Board of Governors and the SDC. They all have a vested interest in Hillcrest and because there are parents involved, they have your concerns and issues in mind. These are confusing and challenging times; we have been through it before and we can get through it again but we need to work together.

## 1. School Fees

I sent out a letter outlining the Proposed School Fees and the due date for payment. I subsequently sent out a correction where there was a typographical error made on the Prep Fee due. Please take note of that. The letter requested advance payment whilst we completed the due process of voting. The voting forms will be sent out to you on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May. I encourage all parents to get involved and vote.

## 2. Inter-House Relays

The College held its inaugural Inter-House Athletics Relay Meet this morning. The event showcased new and unexpected talent with the competition amongst the three houses proving to be of a very high standard. The results were as follows;

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	-	Chimanimani (171 points)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	-	Bvumba (159 points)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	-	Nyangani (155 points)

I am proud of all the athletes who participated and congratulations to the winning house.

## 3. Forthcoming Events

- Inter-House Athletics - 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> May
- CrestCan Walk - 30<sup>th</sup> May
- Consultation - 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Day Scholars  
4<sup>th</sup> June – Boarders

## OFF MR. MUTANGADURA'S DESK

### 1. Afternoon Activities

Prep Athletics and Academics are in full swing as preparations for the 2021 INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS heat up. Every pupil participates in all disciplines and contributes on or off the field. Sadly parents may not attend due to COVID 19 guidelines. At the day's end those able to collect their child at 4.00pm are free to do so or at 4.30pm at the latest.

### 2. 2020 Cambridge Checkpoint Certificates

The above original documents are available for signing out and collection by parents / guardians. We are however unable to serve third parties in this regard as they are legal documents.

### 3. S.D.C. Civvies Day

By the time you read this newsletter, civvies day excitement would have blown over and the SDC appreciates your US\$1 donations.

### 4. Open Day & Grade 1 2022 Registration

Registration is on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 and this will be done in the Rec Centre at 1030hrs. Registration for those not yet on file is still ongoing for limited places only. Prospective parents are invited from our ECD and other feeder schools to the above event.

### 5. Mutual Trust

Your teacher feels appreciated whenever pertinent issues are directed to them by their Class Parents' Reps for assistance rather than through third parties or the rumour mill. The **Hillcrest Child Protection Policy** has been in place for many years for that very reason. Communication channels are at your disposal as we strive for the best for our children.

Class	Merit Name of Pupil(s)	Merit Reason for commendation	Effort Name of Pupil(s)	Effort Reason for commendation
1M	J. Makoni	For being an active participant in class and working diligently in all subjects.	M. Marembo	For a notable improvement in the addition of numbers to 10.
1T	K. Mutetwa	For being a confident, cheerful and helpful little girl.		
2M	M. Chibaya 2Ms as a whole	Writing the most interesting story. Writing very interesting stories about their favourite toys.	O. Magumise	Neat presentation of work
2R	T. Ruwoko	For working diligently.	D. Zimbovora	For improving his handwriting.
3C	R. Saunyama, B. Mudotsa	Pleasing performance in all subjects.	A. Mvududu & E. Tatayi	Slow but steady improvement in their letter and figure shaping.
3M	K. Makoni	For outstanding improvement in handwriting, lay -out and academic performance.	E. Mhlanga	He is putting impressive effort in trying to improve his performance, he must keep going!
4D	K. Mapanga	For always keen to learn and trying his very best	C. Cogburn	Showing great improvement in all his work
4M	W. Cogburn	A great improvement and positive attitude towards his school work	T. Nyambo & T. Mazani	Excellent presentation of work
5N	T. Chawota & R. Makanya	T. Chawota for being a super speller and presenting her work neatly in all her exercises and R.	S. Sam	Seth Sam - for showing a more positive attitude towards

		Makanya for her pleasing effort in Multiplication of Fractions.		Mathematics and his fair effort in Multiplication of Fractions.
5S	T. Makandeni	Settling in well in a new environment	N. Nyagondore	Excellent mastery of cursive writing
6B	M. Zivurawa	Consistently good performance all round	C. Pepukai, N. Malde & K. Matiashe	A notable improvement in Language work
7N	T. Zvirawa	For writing good stories.	J. Mukamba	For improved handwriting.
7W	H. Amos & R. Ganda	For attaining top marks in the weekly tests	S. Nyamande & P. Bryer	Steady progress in their work
ICT	N. Matipano, N. Kapumha & A. Nyarugwe 7N	Pleasing marks in a spreadsheet revision exercise.	P. Mhangara, P. Muvirimi & T. Mazungunye 5S	Scoring high marks and neat presentation of work in an exercise on Storage devices.
Hostel	E. Chidodo - Gr 1	Finishing her homework and reading on time and without a push. Keep it up Emery!	N. Chigova	Settling comfortably in the new environment. Welcome Natty!
SHONA 5, 6, 7	M. Bvunzawabaya Gr 6	For writing a very Good letter in creative writing, powerful language usage.	S. Chikukwa Gr 6	Well organised and participates actively in both oral lessons and written work.

Thank you for taking the time to read through the letter. I also appreciate the support that you give to the school as a whole.

Do have a good weekend and remember to stay safe.

Kind regards,



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**PRINCIPAL – HILLCREST SCHOOLS**