



Principal's Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Yesterday I felt privileged to watch the Marimba band in action and I must say; I was in awe of what they did. Although I did not recognise the melody being played, the choreography and ability displayed was truly awesome. I was literally transfixed by their practice session. This got me to think on how much we have missed out during this Lockdown period. There was so much to enjoy and celebrate given the talent which so obviously resides at Hillcrest and whilst it left me a bit sad it also makes me look forward to the future in anticipation. Whilst we may have missed out this year, there is a future which holds much promise.

1. Re-opening of Schools

Dates have been announced for the return of non-exam class students to school and they are as follows:

Monday, 26th October - Grade 6, Form 3 & Form 5
Monday, 9th November - ECD, Grades 1 – 5 and Forms 1 & 2.

Boarders will be expected to arrive the day before.

2. Transport Issues

I would like to thank parents for dealing with the transport issues quietly and efficiently. I appreciate your understanding of the logistics involved and making a plan that has worked so far.

3. Lesson Break

There will be a short break for Teachers from Thursday, 1st October until Monday, 11th October **for non-Examination Classes**.

For Examination Classes, they will be still required for last minute preparation for examinations up to the 16th of October when lessons will officially end. This is to take advantage of the time left for teachers and students to ensure they are ready.

4. Cambridge Statement of Entry Forms

Statement of Entry forms should have been given to all examination candidates. It lists the subjects, papers and dates for each subject they have entered for. Please make a note of these. In addition, if there are any errors on the Statement of Entry, please ensure that your child sees the Examination Officer as soon as possible so it can be corrected before exams begin.

5. Examination Dates for Non-Exam Classes

Examination dates for Form 1 – 3 will be circulated shortly.

6. School Fees

We sent out the documents relating to the Term 3 Fee Structure on D6 Connect, Email and on the various WhatsApp Group platforms for parents to exercise their rights to vote for the Fee Proposal sent. I have noted that there were few votes submitted and have decided to extend the voting period to Sunday, 27th September, to give the opportunity to those parents who want to have their say. Otherwise, we will proceed with the vote count using the votes we would have received to date.

7. Commendations

Following below and overleaf is a list of students that have remained consistent and have done well in their lessons for the week ending 18th September. Well done.

Form 1

Shona L1 - Kumbi Mugwagwa, Kundai Mugwagwa & Tanya Muhamba
Art - Kundai Mugwagwa & Kumbi Mugwagwa

French - Hannah Raja, Tanya Muhamba, Tapiwa Chirarwe, Bianca Nyanhete, Chikomborero Mutsemi, Kodjo Williams, Kudakwashe Dhlwayo, Anesu Kapamurandu, Dylan Makurumidze & Albert Zhou

Form 2

French - Nokutenda Matsaira, Panashe Maswera & Nanette Mavolwane

Form 3

Art - Riana Baloyi

French - Tanaka Chapfunga, Kupakwashe Mabulala & Progress Matenda

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• **Grade 7 Class of 2020**

The re-opening of school for our Cambridge Checkpoint Class went on smoothly due to adequate preparations and adherence to laid down COVID - 19 Standard Operating Procedures by all stakeholders.

• **2021 Applicants**

The numbers of applicants for 2021 (Grade 1 to 7) continue to reflect a firm Hillcrest brand loyalty from parents/guardians and a high approval rating from first timers. We endeavour to stand by our Vision: **"Hillcrest aspires to be an innovative, supportive and caring educational family in which stakeholders unite to produce well rounded and successful citizens of tomorrow."** This requires unwavering and solid all round support. Ever since our formative years (1983) up to now, our founding and current parents as well as benefactors have pledged to hold true the Hillcrest Mission thus, **"Hillcrest will provide pupils with every opportunity to achieve their personal best by using a broad academic, cultural, sporting, technological and innovative curriculum whilst maintaining Christian values."** Without the moral, material, financial and spiritual support from those committed amongst the parent body, it would be impossible to offer any educational service whatsoever. Let alone live up to our Vision and Mission.

• **Phased Re-opening of School**

Our prayers go to those learners in Zimbabwe and worldwide who, sadly through Covid-19 and other issues, have tragically missed out on school. However, the recently announced phased re-opening for other grades by the Government couldn't have come at a better time.

- Prior to the physical re-opening, online learning will continue followed by End of Year Examinations which will be taken at school. As previously stated, class progression will be maintained and they will go up the next grade level next year.
- On Sunday 25th October, we welcome Grade 6 Boarders at Laverock Hostel and Day Scholars on Monday 26th of October at 0700hrs.
- **Procedures for every returning learner (Boarder or Day Scholar) to adhere to:**
 - i. DO NOT return to school if NOT FEELING WELL
 - ii. Produce a completed and signed HEALTH ASSESSMENT Form together with a VALID PASS
 - iii. Be temperature compliant whilst still in your vehicle or bus. Parents or guardians should always stay inside.
 - iv. One can ONLY PROCEED to the next bay for hand washing, baggage spray, foot bath, hand washing at classroom and sanitizing of hands and desk.
 - v. Your bag is always kept under your chair.
- Last minute arrangements for your child's admission into school leave your Duty Staff in an uncomfortable and difficult position hence the need to prepare accordingly and ahead of time.
- I would like to congratulate the following **Merit and Effort Badge Winners!!** Keep up the good work.

Class	Merit: Name of Pupil(s)	Merit: Reason for commendation	Effort: Name of Pupil(s)	Effort: Reason for commendation
1T	Tracey Ruwoko	Super Reader	Minana Mandizha	Super Reader
1M	Adiwa Chada	Excellent submission of assignments on time.	Zandile Zviuya	Improved effort in general performance.
2M	Ruth Nhimura	Writing very interesting story.	Tanyaradzwa Chatigu	Learning Shona very fast
3C	Taonashe Maravanyika Sharmaine Ncube	Excellent standard of achievement in the mid-year exams and online lessons	Maureen Mutamiri	Pleasing participation, steady progress and consistency noted in the online lessons
4D	Tatyana Chawota.	Developing a positive attitude towards her Maths	Andreous Nakhoswe	For handing in all his work this week
4M	Tatiana Matibuka	Great improvement and zeal for work in all subjects	Matipa Mazani	Handing in neat work on time
5M	Ronald Chafesuka	Good progress in his Mathematics	Nokutenda Mtisi	Great effort in online learning through use of various work submission platforms.
6N	Carol Nyamayaro	For working diligently in all the subjects.	Esther Nhimura	For doing all the assigned work carefully.
6W	Fortunate Nyamhosva	For doing well in percentage fractions.	Matinatsa Mawoyo	For doing well in Online lessons as well as turning it in timeously at all times.
Snr Shona	Lloyd Musasa 7N	For being consistent throughout in Revision exercises.	Kuda Chakandinakira 5N	For working diligently this week.
7N	Takudzwa Damba Tanatswa Zvinoitavanhu Rukudzo Murapa	Takudzwa and Tanatswa for improved marks in revision. Rukudzo for displaying maturity in the way he is doing his schoolwork.	Lisa Dube	Working very hard to catch up with others.
7W	Takunda Pondo	Doing very well in revision tests	Tendai Chinoperekwei	He is pushing himself
ECD B	Luyanda Kambanje	Submission of work	Avisha Nerwanda	Submission of online lessons on time
ICT	George Mutavayi	Participating well during Mid-Year tests revision	Cailyn Chitiyo	Great effort in lesson on Network
Sport/ P.E.	Makanaka Mutsemi	Always participates and does all tasks given	Shalom Makombe	Participates fully

Congratulations to all the students that have been noted in this newsletter and may the rest be encouraged to keep working hard – next week will be their turn. We should continue to encourage our children to cultivate and build a thirst for knowledge, and every effort that is made thereafter will be acknowledged; one step at a time.

May I remind those Parents and Guardians, who have not submitted their votes for the Proposed Fee for 3rd Term to do so by Sunday 27th September, 2020. Every vote counts and helps make the planning of the day to day running of the school easier.

Please remain safe and do have a restful weekend.



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