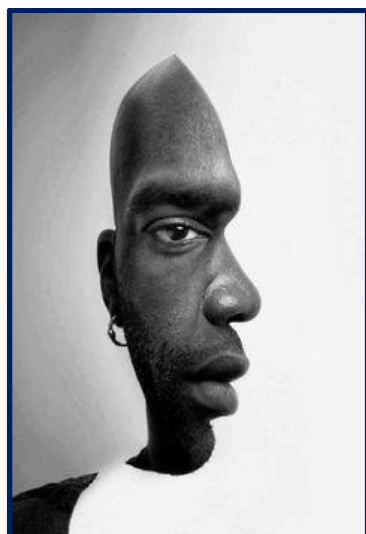


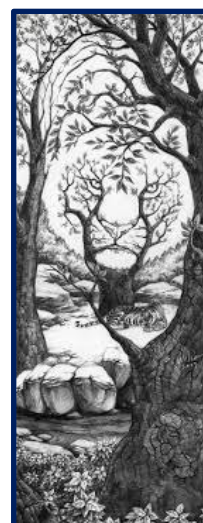
Dear Parents & Guardians,

I would like to start by showing you some pictures:



The way we look at things affects our actions which in turn affect the results. The optical illusions illustrate that sometimes we need to look carefully at something before we make decisions or say something.

If we see only the negative in our situation, it influences our actions which tend to be negative and this in turn affects the results negatively. The opposite is also absolutely true. In these times we need to examine the way we are looking at the problem, instead of negatively but positively, so we can all work together towards a positive outcome.



## 1. Transport

I am glad to advise parents that the school has availed a School Bus to ferry Students to School and back to town with effect from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, November. Each child will be expected to pay US\$50.00 per month for the service. Please note that space on the bus is limited to 60 seats which are available only on a first come first served basis. The one bus will serve both the Prep and College.

Please also note that there are 3 Pick Up/Drop Off points which are as follows;

Pick Up/Drop Off Points	Pick Up Time	Drop Off Time
Grants Service Station (Mutare Poly)	6.10am	5.50pm
Sakunda Service Station (Round About)	6.25am	5.35pm
ZUVA Service Station (Fairbridge Park)	6.40am	5.20pm

Can I ask parents to make sure that students are at these designated points on time to avoid any delays.

## 2. Hot Meals

We resume the serving of Hot Meals for lunch to Day Scholars on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November as well. Each Student should pay US\$36.00 per month – lunch will be provided between Monday and Thursday. Please also note that bookings are on a first come first basis as the number of lunches that can be prepared by our Hostel is also limited.

### 3. Afternoon Activities and Timetable

I noticed this past week, that there was some confusion pertaining to our Afternoon Activities Timetable. In my previous Newsletter I had indicated that with effect from Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, School would end at 5.00pm because we have now reverted to our Afternoon Timetable which includes our Students doing Prep/Study, Cultural Activities and Sport.

The Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education have authorised some sporting activities which include Cricket, Tennis and Swimming. So please take note of this and make sure that your children are fully equipped with a cricket bat for the boys, a tennis racquet and swimming costume & cap for the girls. All students should be properly and smartly dressed in their afternoon sports kit after 1.00pm. Students who are found inappropriately dressed will be placed on manual.

### 4. Detention & Manual

Please be aware that we have reintroduced Detention and Manual on Friday afternoons. This means that the affected day scholar children will have to make alternative arrangements for transport to go home after manual and detention.

### 5. Form 4 Tea

We hosted the Form 4 Students this past Monday afternoon to bid them a temporary farewell and also discussed their 'A' Level prospects. Most of them have finished writing their IGCSE Exams and the rest will be writing their last exams next week. We expect them all to return at the beginning of 1<sup>st</sup> Term next year to commence their 'A' Level. We wish them a well deserved and restful 'O' Break.

### 6. Prefects & Leaders

On Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November we announced our 2021 Prefects & Leaders. I would like to congratulate the selected Prefects & Leaders and to wish them well as they start to carry out their duties. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing leadership body for their hard work this term and 1<sup>st</sup> Term. It's unfortunate that so many plans were interrupted by the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Please see below a list of the 13 incoming Prefects and attached, a list of the Leaders.

i.	Head Boy	-	Tatenda Chemwaita
ii.	Deputy Head Boy	-	Samuel Truscott
iii.	Head Girl	-	Tracey Matsaira
iv.	Deputy Head Girl	-	Nicole Chikosi
v.	Head of Boys' Hostel	-	Edgar Rebelo
vi.	Head of Girls' Hostel	-	Mufaro Shoniwa
vii.	Head of Academics	-	Ropafadzo Chitowa
viii.	Head of Culture	-	Tinashe Chaduka
ix.	Head of Sport	-	Nicole Chikosi
x.	Head of Discipline	-	Ra-Blessed Chigumira
xi.	Head of Events/Functions	-	Rikisha Rana
xii.	Head of Library	-	Valerie Lobo
xiii.	Head of Entertainment	-	Elizabeth Mahohoma
xiv.	Head of Tuck Shop	-	Joel Makombe

### 7. Term Dates

Schools will close on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and we plan to open on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January, 2021 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Term, subject to MOPSE's approval. We will keep you updated.

## OFF MR. MUTANGADURA'S DESK

### 1. Exams Dates

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 - End of Year Internal Exams  
Please be advised that during this phase pupils stay at school to prepare for the next day's exam.
- 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 - Grade 7 CHISZ I.C.T Theory Paper
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 - Grade 7 ZIMSEC Exams

We wish all our pupils the best in their exams. Our classes will carry on with school work after the exams and proceed to the next grade in 2021 without repeating.

### 2. Application to Re-join Hillcrest Prep

Giving a Term's notice, should a family wishes to withdraw their child/children from Hillcrest Prep is a contractual obligation. On deciding to re-join Hillcrest please take note that all terms and conditions should be met.

### 3. Morning Drop Off

Despite the initial but expected hiccups, Traffic flow continues to improve. If you have mixed grades passengers, drop all of them at the infants' car park in the morning if any of them is in the Infants department. Buses are instructed to park further down to avoid congestion and pupils may not walk across the car park but use designated paths to get to cars parked on the right hand side bays. Please park fully in the bays. **Courtesy and our children's safety over-ride everything else.** Thank you for zero accidents at the school.

### 4. Summer Uniform

- **Girls** should wear a blue school hat clearly marked with our Prep Logo, a blue or white Alice band (optional), blue drill dresses, ankle white socks, black school shoes, studs (no fashion earrings), at least 2 face masks with names and a navy blue school jersey. The **Number 1 Uniform is worn only for Monday Assemblies i.e. Grade 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 should wear their blazer, slacks, white button up shirt, socks, black school shoes and a school hat. All these items should be clearly labelled please!**
- **Boys** should wear a School hat with our logo, white short sleeved shirt, navy blue pair of shorts, grey socks, black lace up school shoes. The **Number 1 Uniform should be worn only for Monday Assemblies. Grade 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 should wear their blazer, white long sleeved shirt, navy blue school tie, navy blue longs, grey socks, black lace up school shoes and have 2 face masks. All these items should be clearly labelled please.**



*Happy to be back in school! - Grade 4D Class, ECD Swimming Lesson and Grade 3C revising their ICT work.*

5. Congratulations to the following **Merit and Effort Badge Winners!** Please see list on the next page.

Class	Name of Pupil(s)	Merit: Reason for commendation	Effort: Name of Pupil(s)	Effort: Reason for commendation
1T	T. Kapondeni	Neat presentation of written work.	T. Katonda	Neat presentation of written work.
1M	W. Moody	Great improvement noted in the English Spelling work.	R. Maregere	For doing and submitting work timeously.
2R	L. Nakhozwe	For getting everything correct in spelling test.	T. Munyai	For good presentation of work.
2M	T. Nyamutaira	Improved handwriting.	E. Ngirishi	For accomplishing given tasks on time.
3C	Z. Moyo	Fluent reading in English.	E. Sabeta, N. Mudzviti	Started their work on a high note.
3M	T. Nyambo T. Mazani	Outstanding performance and excellent layout of work.	P. Fundira, N. Mhangara, N. Yard & C. Mugadza	Remarkable improvement all round.
4D	E. Chandahwa	For working diligently throughout	T. Muhamba	Great improvement on Creative writing.
5M	T. Ngirishi	Great performance in Maths.	M. Bvunzawabaya	Settling so well in a new environment.
5N	B. Swikepi,	Excellent attainment in Mathematics.	Z. Zvinoitavanhu, O. James, C. Chitiyo & W. Tuluka	Super spellers
6N	C. Nyamayaro	Excellent progress in Maths	N. Matipano	For an improved attitude towards her work
6W	N. Mudzviti	For exceptionally doing well in all her work.	R. Evans	For wearing his mask at all times and practicing physical distance
7N	B. Makotore	Improved marks in revision work.	T. Zuze	A lot of effort noted in showing all steps in working and the units of measure in Maths.
7W	J. Sanhanga	Writing good stories especially a good report	N. Mbambo	Putting much effort in her work
ICT	H. Amos, 6W	Scoring high marks in Ms Excel theory exercises.	Z. Berejena, 4M	Excellent participation during oral revision exercise.
Music/Library	Library T. Kandini	For being skillful in shelving and arranging books	Maureen and Milcah Mutamiri	For recommendable interest and participation during music lessons
SHONA 5, 6, 7	Z. Moyo 6N	For working diligently throughout this week.	S. Nyamande 6W	For writing neatly and finishing work on time.
SPORT/P.E.	C. Fernandes	Consistent effort in swimming.	N. Malde	Good techniques shown in his strokes.

We are thankful for the progress that our pupils and students have made this far and more-so, thankful that we remain safe as we manoeuvre through these difficult times both in terms of the Covid-19 Pandemic and the economy. I commend our students for continually taking heed of the caution and protocols of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is very difficult for young children who are full of energy to maintain social distancing - they would rather mix with their peers as this only comes naturally. We remain mindful and watchful, and continue to encourage them to practise constant hygiene by sanitizing their hands and to wear their masks at all times.

I wish you all a restful weekend and to remain safe. Kind regards.

*O. Fernandes.*

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