



Principal's Newsletter

1st April, 2022

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As the term draws to an end it is perhaps time also to reflect on how good it is to return to some semblance of normalcy. We have participated in some competitions on the Cultural and Sporting fronts and to have Students at school has made the campus vibrant once again. It has been a good term and Hillcrest gave a good account of themselves in all areas and, Staff and Students are to be commended for all the time and effort they put in to achieve the success they did. We look forward to the last few days of school as we wind down for the end of Term 1.

Please note – there is no Prep Newsletter this week.

1. END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS AT THE COLLEGE

School closes on Thursday, 7th March. However, we have a number of events lined up for Thursday before we close and on Wednesday 6th as follows;

Wednesday 6th

2.00pm – 4.30pm Consultation for all Forms (Day Scholars)

Thursday 7th

7.25am Registration and Cleaning up of Base Rooms. Leave Chairs on top of the Desks

8.00am Final Assembly

9.15am Consultation for all Forms (Boarders)

11.30am Prep & College Parents' Meeting

1.00pm School Closes

Please be advised that pupils will not be released until after the Parents' Meeting or until 1.00pm - whichever comes first.

2. PARENTS' MEETING – 2nd TERM SCHOOL FEES

The School is inviting all Hillcrest Schools Parents & Guardians to attend a Parents' Meeting scheduled for Thursday 7th April at 11.30am. The Meeting will be held in the Rec Centre at the Prep School. I encourage as many Parents and Guardians as possible, to attend this very important, first meeting after the Covid-19 pandemic disturbed our normal routine. I also encourage Parents & Guardians to attend the meeting on time because the meeting will be adjourned at 1.00pm. On the agenda is the 2nd Term Fees and Voting process.

3. CONSULTATION

Day Scholar Parents will be expected to come through for Consultation on Wednesday, 6th April. Consultation will start at 2.00pm until 4.30pm. Consultation for Boarders will take place on Thursday, 7th April and will start at 9.15am until 11.30am. We encourage parents to be on time to avoid any delays and also to allow the program to run within the time set.

4. SENATICAL SYSTEM

Our Senatical program (Report Writing) is down. We hope to have it up and running soon. Parents will be duly advised of any development.

5. FORM 3 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP



The Form 3 pupils travelled to Chipinge for an educational visit to Birchnough Bridge on Wednesday, 30th March. It was a worthwhile trip.

6. SPORT

- **Heritage Invitational Athletics Meet Results**

Our Athletics team participated in the meet on Saturday 26th March at which 5 schools participated. The results were as follows;

1 st Position	-	Gateway (282 Points)
2 nd Position	-	Hillcrest College (281 Points)
3 rd Position	-	Eaglesvale (242 Points)
4 th Position	-	Heritage School (228 Points)
5 th Position	-	Westridge (153 Points)

- **Panashe Nhenga**, one of our Lower 6 pupil, travelled to Zambia on Thursday 24th March to participate in the Zambia International Athletes Meet at which he ran the 4 x 100m Men's Relay and the Under 20 100m Race. He attained a Gold Medal in the 4 X 100m Relay in which he was the youngest athlete and attained the fastest time. He attained a Bronze Medal in the 100m Race but his Heat Time qualified him to participate in the forthcoming Under 20 World Championships to be held in Cali, Columbia in August, 2022.



Panashe Nhenga

- **Forthcoming Events**

- Inter-House Athletics – the Track Events will be held tomorrow, Saturday 2nd April races Starting promptly at 8.00am. Registration will be at 7.15am. We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow to support the children.

7. APPRECIATION

I would like to thank the Athletics Team that made a presentation during the Principal's Assembly this past Wednesday in appreciation of Mr. Edward De Wolf. Mr. Edward De Wolf retired from Teaching in 2015 after having started teaching in Zimbabwe in 1965. He has, nonetheless, remained with Hillcrest College to pursue his passion for coaching Athletics. It is with this in mind that the Athletics Team presented a Shield to Mr. De Wolf in acknowledgement of his unwavering dedication to Athletics at Hillcrest College.

8. SDC PARENTS' MEETING

We have advertised the SDC Parents' Meeting this past month and we trust that we will have an overwhelming attendance from Parents in order to elect a new Committee tomorrow, 2nd April in the College Hall. The meeting will start promptly at 1.15pm.

9. CRESTCAN WALK

The long awaited CrestCan Walk will be held this Sunday 3rd April, 2022. The program will start promptly at 7.30am after Registration at 7.15am. The program will end at 1.00pm. The Buses will run as usual on Sunday morning and at the end of the program at 1.00pm. Please find attached the program for the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

10. AIDS AWARENESS CIVVIES

We had an Aids Awareness Civvies Day on Friday 18th March and a total of US\$223.00 and ZWL\$1,800.00 was raised. The funds raised will be used to pay School Fees and to buy School Uniform for a Form 2 girl child living with HIV at a nearby school. The Club has supported the girl since Primary School. The rest of the funds will be used to buy grocery items for the children at Simukai. Aids Awareness is thankful for your support.

11. RETIREMENT



Ms. Maria Masimba

We bid farewell to Ms. Maria Masimba who retired on Thursday 31st March after a 36 year service to Farmcrest Girls' Hostel in the Cleaning Department. We are grateful for the long service she rendered our Hostel and note that the girls will sorely miss her. We wish her well.

12. WEEK AHEAD

Please find attached the week ahead for your information.

Kind regards,

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PRINCIPAL – HILLCREST SCHOOLS