



# Principal's Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2022

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As the holiday draws to an end it is perhaps time to start preparing for the start of Term 2, 2022 with the following points in mind;

## 1. BEGINNING OF TERM 2 ARRANGEMENTS

### • **Opening Date**

We have received a few inquiries concerning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May being a public holiday (Workers' Day) and School starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022. I would like to advise that we stand guided by the Government School Calendar which states that Term 2 will resume on Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Boarders are therefore expected to have signed into Hostel on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> by 4.30pm. They should return to hostel in their Number 1 School Uniform with the correct hairstyles and haircuts.

### • **School Fees Payment**

You would have received your Term 2 School Fees Invoices by now. I encourage Parents & Guardians to take advantage of the remaining week before schools open to make school fees payments. Please note that students will be allowed into hostel on Monday and into class on Tuesday upon presentation of a School Fees Pass that can be obtained from the Accounts Office upon payment of your school fees.

### • **Winter Uniform**

Term 2 comes with it winter. However, it has been the norm that the first few weeks of 2<sup>nd</sup> Term are warm and therefore students will still be expected to wear their Summer Uniform until we advise them to change over to Winter Uniform. I, therefore, ask that you make sure that the Boarders bring with them their Winter Uniform and warm bedding to hostel when they return to school. Please be advised that Enbee now has in stock a School Anorak that can be worn to school.

## 2. MAY/JUNE CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATIONS

The external exams commence on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. We wish the candidates the best as they make their last preparations for the exams.

### • **Accommodation**

We would prefer parents to make their own arrangements for Boarders because extensive work is being done on the Kitchen and some parts of the Hostel. However, if Parents cannot make an alternative plan the School will make a plan to accommodate and feed the children.

## 3. STAFFING

We bid farewell to Mrs. Rachel Saunyama at the end of Term 1 as she leaves us at the College to be Deputy Headmistress of Goldridge College in Kwekwe. We wish her the very best in her new position of responsibility.

We also bid farewell to Mrs. Julie Madzudzo who is leaving the Prep School to join Wise Owl in Harare. We wish her well in her new position.

## 4. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

We are happy to say we have managed to resume repairs and maintenance of the school this holiday. We have managed to do the following with some work still in progress and to be completed by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April;

- **College**
  - i. Classrooms 1 to 6 floor tiling
  - ii. Fixing & painting of the ceilings in all the Classrooms
  - iii. Installation of Projectors in all the Classrooms
  - iv. Repositioning of White Boards
  - v. Repainting of the concrete picnic benches
- **Farmcrest**
  - i. Tiling of the Kitchen floor
  - ii. Refurbishment of the Form 3 & 4 Boys' Bathroom
  - iii. Refurbishment of the Form 3 & 4 Girls' Dormitory
- **Prep & Laverock**
  - i. Refurbishment of the ECD A/B ablution block
  - ii. Painting of the ECD A/B Classrooms ceiling
  - iii. Painting of ceiling for Grade 1T, 1M, 2R, 2M, 3D, 4D and Senior Shona Classrooms as well as the Sports Room, Reference Room, Art Room and the Marimba Room
  - iv. Floor tiling for the Remedial, Grade 4, 5M, 6D, Junior & Senior Shona Classrooms, Sports Room and the ECD A/B and Amphitheatre ablutions
  - v. Painting of the inside and outside of Laverock Kitchen
  - vi. Painting of the outside of the hostel
  - vii. Painting of the outside of the 2 staff flats at hostel

## 5. SPORT

Our Rugby & Hockey 1<sup>st</sup> Teams will be in Harare over the course of next week to participate in the St. John's Rugby Derby Day and the Gateway Hockey Festival. Their fixtures dates and times are as follows;

- **Rugby @ St John's College**

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Leopards Vs. Christian Brothers' College (CBC) at 10.50am
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Leopards Vs. Watershed College at 10.50am
- **Hockey @ Gateway**

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Boys' 1 <sup>st</sup> Team Vs. Watershed on Pitch A at 11.00am Boys' 1 <sup>st</sup> Team Vs. Kyle College on Pitch B at 1.00pm Girls' 1 <sup>st</sup> Team Vs. Kyle College on Pitch A at 2.00pm Girls' 1 <sup>st</sup> Team Vs. Westridge on Pitch B at 4.00pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Girls' 1 <sup>st</sup> Team Vs. Petra on Pitch A at 8.00am Girls' 1 <sup>st</sup> Team Vs. Eaglesvale on Pitch B at 1.00pm Boys' 1 <sup>st</sup> Team Vs. Westridge on Pitch A at 2.00pm Boys' 1 <sup>st</sup> Team Vs. Sodbury on Pitch B at 4.00pm
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Girls' 1 <sup>st</sup> Team Vs. Westridge on Pitch A at 9.00am Boys' 1 <sup>st</sup> Team Vs. Eaglesvale on Pitch B at 12.00noon

We wish our boys and girls well.

Do have a restful weekend.

Kind regards,



**ORLANDO FERNANDES**  
**PRINCIPAL – HILLCREST SCHOOLS**