

Principal's Newsletter

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I visited two groups of pupils that were at Camp at OBZ, Chimanimani and at Udu Camp in Nyanga this past month and I must say, I was impressed by the very well organised programmes that are in place at the two camps. They have programmes that help us set a solid leadership foundation for our pupils. Our Form 1 group has shown great resilience and survived the last 4 weeks with great determination. We also have many new faces in Lower 6. I enjoyed their diversity and energy when I visited them at camp - it is my hope that they will add great value to our school during the course of the year and next year as the senior pupils.

I would like to take this opportunity to make a note of the new feel to the school this year - I commend the Prefects for their hard work shown in their different areas of leadership. In particular, I would like to make mention of the school dress code; there will always be something to be addressed but there has been a significant improvement in our dress code and I am both very grateful and impressed in the part that they have played as our student leaders so far this year.

1. CAMPS

- The Form 1 pupils returned yesterday from Zambesi Camp in Marondera. Feedback is that they had a very educative and worthwhile 4 days in camp.
- The Lower 6 pupils are on their way back from Chimanimani as I write this newsletter. We expect them back at 4.00pm. We trust they had an equally educative and enjoyable 5 days at camp.
Please visit our facebook page to view the pictures of the children at camp.
- The Form 3 pupils will go to camp in Term 3.

2. UPPER 6 TUTOR/PARENTS MEETING

We will have the Upper 6 Tutor/Parents' Meeting on Thursday 10th March at Lighthouse Church starting at 6.00pm. I look forward to meeting as many Parents and Guardians as possible, so that we can discuss our expectations of our children's/pupils' as well as discuss how to assist them to achieve their best.

3. LOST LIBRARY BOOKS

May I ask that Parents & Guardians check for school library books that may have been forgotten at home and are due to be returned to the school library. I have authorised the School Librarian to charge a fine of US\$30.00 for all lost/unreturned books but hope that all books would have been returned before the end of this term.

4. LAPTOPS

The School has authorised the Form 4, Lower & Upper 6 pupils to use Laptops because of the course work and projects that they are required to do for their final external exams coming at the end of the year. However, these gadgets should be used wisely and will be confiscated if misused. The school will ask, next week, that both pupils and parents sign an indemnity form for those who intend to bring a laptop to school and to hostel.

5. COLOURS AWARDS & MERITS

We erroneously omitted a Full Colours Award recipient in our previous Newsletter. We congratulate Rumbidzai Muhala who attained 1A & 2Bs for her 2021 'A' Level Exams. For this attainment she has been awarded Full Academic Colours.

Following below are our merits for this and last week. Congratulations to all the pupils who have worked hard to be recognised herein;

NAME OF CHILD	SUBJET	REASON FOR ATTAINMENT
Masudze Ruvarashe	History	OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE
Matsaira Nokutenda		
Madondo Dinoville		
Chandavengerwa Albert		
Damba Takudzwa		
Muyambo Tendesai	Geography	
Nayee Jiya		
Matsaira Nokutenda		
Mapasure Tamupiwa		
Masudze Ruvarashe		
Tizora Nokutenda		
Dzenga Scholarstic		
Monteiro Taiz		
Muengedzwa Ngonidzashé		
Mutsemi Chikomborero		
Ndoro Gyal		
Sacco Tania		
Chikochi John		
Takomborerwa Mtisi		
Matibe Danai		
Knife Tyrees		
Manyarara Prince		
Makuwatsine Anesu	Enterprise	
Zimunya Bernice		
Nyawani Valerie	Computer Science	
Magaisah Kaitlyn		
Sithole Donell	English	VERY CREATIVE ESSAY

6. SPORT

Results from the Manicaland Athletics Championships held on Sunday 27th February at Sakubva Stadium were as follows;

- Panashe Nhenga – 1st Place in the 200m race
- Divine Gwatura – 1st Place in both 100m & 200m races
- Alice Makwangudze – 1st Place in 400m race
- Tanatswa Chikotosa – 1st in the 200m race
- Ruvarashe Mahohoma – 1st in the 400m race
- **Forthcoming Fixtures**
 - Rugby 7s at Peterhouse - 9th March, 2022
 - 1st Team Boys' Soccer Vs Prince Edward (A) - 12th March, 2022
 - 1st Team Boys' Hockey Vs Prince Edward (A) - 12th March, 2022

7. THE WEEK AHEAD

Please find accompanying this letter the Week Ahead.

I wish you all happy and restful weekend.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "O. Fernandes." The signature is written in a cursive style.

ORLANDO FERNANDES
PRINCIPAL – HILLCREST SCHOOLS