



## Principal's Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Lately, the world seems to be lurching from one crisis to another. We've experienced a global pandemic, dramatic changes to how we conduct our daily lives, economic uncertainty, and political and social turmoil, as well as an array of natural disasters. For many of us, this is a time of unprecedented struggle and upheaval. We perhaps need to remind ourselves that we have been through hyperinflation, fuel and food shortages before. Do we remember those days of carrying bags or suitcases of cash denominated in their millions or billions? Do we remember waiting in fuel queues for hours if not days for a limited amount of fuel (and then feel outraged when someone with societal privileges would jump to the head of the queue). Do we remember frantically making deals to swop our Zimbabwe Bearer Notes for USD? Looking back, we all have stories of those not-too-distant days and whilst they were not pleasant, we came through and have become stronger and wiser for it. Much of what happened was beyond our control, but looking back here is what I learnt;

1. Focus on the areas you can control and work on them
2. Look to your past experiences for lessons that can be applied to your current situation
3. Prioritise relationships – they can help you, care for you and relax you. A solution is out there, perhaps amongst the people you meet.
4. Invest in yourself
  - Get enough exercise
  - Eat healthy
  - Improve your sleep
  - Read well (the bible, self-improvement or other types of literature that seeks to improve us)
5. Offer help to others, be it as advice or other means. It helps us remain positive and by offering hope to others – we too find hope and encouragement.
6. Stay positive and motivated by:
  - Dealing with the challenges one small step at a time
  - Celebrating small wins or victories or successes
  - Expressing our gratitude to others and to God
  - Being kind to yourself

### 1. CHISZ FORM 1 ENTRANCE TEST

The Grade 7 pupils will write an ATS/CHISZ Common Form 1 Entrance Test tomorrow on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2022 across the country. We are a centre and we will be receiving candidates at 7.30am for registration. Exams will start promptly at 8.30am after registration. Pupils should come dressed in their current school uniform with stationery that will include a black or blue pen, pencil, ruler, sharpener and an eraser.

### 2. MID-YEAR EXAMS

The Mid-Year Exams commence on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2022. We trust that you continue to encourage our children to study and revise so that they are fully prepared for the exams.

## SPORT

- **Results**

### **Rugby Vs Kyle College on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2022**

U15 Team	-	Lost 0 – 52	U16 Team	-	Lost 7 – 29
U14 Team	-	Lost 7 – 27	Leopards	-	Lost 14 – 41
2 <sup>nd</sup> Team	-	Lost 7 – 27			

- **Fixtures**

Tomorrow, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2022, we host Prince Edward for Rugby. The matches will start at 8.00am. This is a compulsory attendance fixture and all students are expected to attend and support the boys. Everyone will be expected to come to school dressed in their full school tracksuit, cap and tackies. Transport will be provided.

## 3. CULTURE

- **Allied Arts Festival Results**

Our Drama students went to Harare on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June to participate in the Allied Arts Speech and Drama Festival at Prince Edward School. The results were as follows;

### **Solo Poetry (Intermediates)**

Farai Maminimini	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Nokutenda Matsaira	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade

### **Solo Poetry (Seniors)**

Benhilda Rusawo	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Tamupuwa Mukome	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade

### **Duo Poetry (Intermediates)**

Kundai Masimba & Shanice Sibanda	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
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### **Duo Poetry (Seniors)**

Tinotenda Chikova & Prisca Maswaure	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
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### **Monologues (Intermediates)**

Farai Maminimini	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Tania Sacco	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Hayley Pambuka	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Vanessa Sango	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade

### **Monologues (Seniors)**

Prisca Maswaure	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Tinotenda Chikova	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Benhilda Rusawo	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Kimberly Nyagondore	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Tamupuwa Mukome	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade

### **Shakespearean Monologue**

Liesel Sacco	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
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**Solo Dramatic Improvisation**

Benhilda Rusawo

1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Tamupuwa Mukome

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**Solo Prepared TV News Reading**

Tamupouwa Mukome

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**4. SCHOOL UNIFORM**

I addressed the students on Wednesday during assembly regarding our official school uniform. This winter has seen different types of anoraks and hats come out to school. Please be reminded that Enbee is our official uniform supplier for the School Anorak amongst the rest of the uniform items. We have, therefore, been confiscating anything that is not official and this includes, woolen hats, beanies and the fashionable scarves.

For those who bought their Anoraks from Enbee, please remember to submit them to the College Office at the end of Term 2 so that we send them back to Enbee for branding. Please make sure you have labelled the Anorak with your child's name for identification.

**5. WEEK AHEAD**

Please find attached the week ahead for your information.

Kind regards,



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**PRINCIPAL – HILLCREST SCHOOLS**