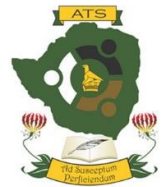




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26 FEB INTERHOUSE JUMPS.  
29 FEB INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS & PARENTS ASSEMBLY AGM.  
02 MAR ALLIED ARTS BEGINS.  
06 MAR BJB GALA @ HIPPO VALLEY.  
07 MAR 7 'ASIDE' CRICKET & TENNIS @ HIPPO VALLEY.  
13 MAR BOARDERS LEAVE FOR FIXTURE FREE WEEKEND.  
27 MAR ALLIED ARTS ENDS.

### PARENTS ASSEMBLY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2020.

Please take note of this very important day and play your vital role in putting in place and rallying behind a progressive development oriented committee.

### ACCOUNTS' OFFICE

The accounts department would like to remind parents who still have outstanding fees to please make arrangements to clear the balance on or before the 24th of February 2020.

Any outstanding balance after this date will attract a 10% interest charge.

For any payment matters, please do not hesitate to contact the accounts office on +263772249004

## HEAD'S DESK

Dear Parents & Guardians  
How time flies! We are halfway through the term. The going is still tough. We have to keep optimistic and continue persevering and being resilient. I hope you will be able to relax over the Half Term.

The second half will be action packed and equally demanding. We look forward to complete all the schemed and planned academic work, fulfilling all sporting and cultural activities, and evaluate progress made by closure of term

I therefore encourage everyone, be they staff, learners, parents and guardians to remain focused and committed to raising all round performance.

We need to keep communication alive. Please take time to read the few items of information and reminders in this newsletter.

Travel safely wherever your destination.

**Josh Mutangadura**  
Headmaster

### PREFECTS INVESTITURE

The following have been selected as 2020 school prefects. This being a result of a vigorous selection process and week-long junior leadership course at Outward Bound. Acting College head Mr. O. Chipato the guest of honour gave an insight on Servant Leadership. The speech resonated well with everyone in attendance on the day.



### PREP AND COLLEGE PRAYER SERVICE

A combined Prep and College Prayer service was held in the recreational centre on Thursday 20th of February 2020. Hillcrest schools' chaplain Mr B Mwale led the proceedings as we prayed for the schools and national stakeholders.

### SDC SECTION

Greetings from the SDC! With the first term almost half-way through, we trust all have settled into the business of school. We recently held our Orange Day, with the aim of raising awareness and funds for children's cancer relief. We are ever so grateful for your overwhelming support, for this cause.

We shall soon be having Interhouse Athletics, starting with field events on Wednesday 6th February 2020, and followed by track events on Saturday 29th February 2020. These are colourful and exciting days ahead, for both parents and children, and surely not to be missed. We look forward to seeing parents coming in their numbers to cheer and support the kids! There will be prizes for the top performers in both the children's races, as well as the parent's races, so come prepared to win! The tuckshop will be open, with full catering services provided. Soon thereafter, we will have the SDC Annual General Meeting. Wishing you all a safe and refreshing mid-term break.

**Nyasha Sango - SDC Chairman**

### HILLCREST PREPARATORY AND BUCKINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY PARTNERSHIP. 10-14 February 2020

The British council sponsored cultural exchange programme had us hosting Mr Martin Shepherd of Buckingham Primary Academy UK on an exploratory mission. Several opportunities for our learners and staff will be implemented for mutual benefit of both learners in Zimbabwe & UK.



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**HILLCREST JUNIOR LEADERSHIP COURSE AT GOSHO PARK**

This year's course was conducted by Outward Bound Zimbabwe instructors but hosted at Peterhouse Gosho Park in Marondera as cyclone damage repairs at OBZ Chimanmani have not been completed. Our grade 7 class was equal to the task and acquitted themselves admirably. They came back walking tall and as a unit.



**HILLCREST PREP PARENTS & GUARDIANS**

thank you all for:

- Improved punctuality.
- Timeous payments.
- Supporting the school and children morally and materially.
- Standing by your school.
- Being proud of your school of choice.

**CANCER / ORANGE DAY**

Every Hillcrest Prep family should pat themselves on the back for the support rendered to this worthy child centred cause. At the time of going to print, USD \$89 and ZWL \$759 was raised, Ecocash is being reconciled.

Congratulations, Makorokoto, Amhlope,



**MUSIC**

Music at Hillcrest Prep is alive and well. All the pupils enjoy singing and playing of musical instruments including the piano and the recorder. During music lessons, pupils adore playing scintillating melodies on the recorder/ English flute. Most pupils are now able to read and play simple recorder melodies.

Nevertheless we encourage Grade 3 to 7 pupils to have their own personal recorders because sharing of the instrument is not permissible, obviously for health reasons. Parents are urged to buy recorders for their children from the different stationery shops. The infants enjoy playing percussion instruments. Currently the choirs and the marimba club are preparing to participate at the Allied Arts Music festival in Harare next month.



**SPORT SECTION**

**INTER HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION**

EAGLE House ran practically with this year's country bragging rights. Although no records were smashed, this time around, the wet and overcast weather could not have come at a most opportune time. Every child from grade 3 to 7 enjoyed participating in this event.

1. Eagle 334 points
2. Kestrel 365 points
3. Harrier 383 points
4. Falcon 404 points

With the Cross Country the team with the least points wins



**SPRINGVALE MARONDERA CROSS COUNTRY**

Hillcrest Prep cross country team was in a combative mood in spite of inclement affecting scheduled training. They gave a good account of themselves in this friendly meeting.

**INTER HOUSE ATHLETICS COMPETITION 29TH FEBRUARY 2020 FROM GRADE 3 TO 7.**

Every single child from grade 3 to 7 will participate on this great day of fun and sport. Parents should also come in their house colours (Red, Green, Blue or Yellow) to cheer and to participate. Please warm up adequately before the day to prevent pulling muscles. Toddlers, Grannies walking race will be on. Family and friends are most welcome so is an extra plate of savoury snacks. Prizes Guaranteed!

**BJB GALA / 7 ASIDE CRICKET AND CRICKET**

BJB Swimming Gala / 7 aside cricket and tennis at Hippo Valley 6th/7th March. Hillcrest has maintained an upward trend at this gala and we look forward to an outstanding performance.

**THE BOOK DAY**

Another exciting Book Day is around the corner. Hillcrest Prep School shall celebrate Book Day on Friday 20th March 2020. Pupils are urged to start choosing their book and characters as well as rehearsing their reviews confidently. On the day pupils shall dress as their favorite character and make their book reviews in the proper tense. We advice parents to start designing costumes for their children in good time. Infants will dress up in comic or cartoon character gear.

**LAVEROCK HOUSE**

Laverock hostel would want to start by welcoming the new pupils who joined this term. I am convinced they have learnt much so far and have settled well at their second home where values of togetherness and love have been rendered them and the rest of hostel pupils' body. As your child visits home during the long weekend, please note the following:

- Children visit a salon/barber for a hair do.
- All school textbooks should be well taken care of and returned without fail.
- Secure toothbrush and soap containers must be provided to improve on hygiene and storage.
- Go over the Laverock Policy document on rules and regulation just to refresh your memory on the dos' and don'ts'.

For any issues regarding your child in hostel please contact Mrs. J. Madzudzo (Hostel Parent). Enjoy the Mid Term break with your child.