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THE SHORTEST TERM

Everybody and everything have their days numbered but this term's were virtually cut short by the unrelenting corona virus. From an initial 57 days, the term was made to give up the ghost with 9 days to go. The pandemic will stop at nothing so be vigilant.

GLOBAL VILLAGE

Technology has inevitably brought closer travel, knowledge, communication, culture, food and ironically disease/pestilences. It's something one can't "sneeze at" lest you take your breath away should you ignore **WHO** guidelines on prevention of covid 19.

POLICY GUIDELINES

The ATS (Association of Trust Schools) and CHISZ (Conference of Heads of Independent Schools of Zimbabwe) are organisations to which Hillcrest Schools are affiliated. Our ministry formulates policy for the education sector.

ON THE HOME FRONT

The home will play a pivotal role in the covid 19 war. Families should seek professional advice and strategize to minimize the spread of the dreadful virus. Both young and old have a crucial part to play.

HEAD'S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians

The current circumstances require utmost vigilance, alertness and taking heed of credible information and valuable advice from our medical experts. It is very important that we monitor who is with our children and what they are doing during this seemingly long holiday.

The teaching staff have set some work to keep the children stimulated and engaged during the time they are away from school. Please kindly ensure that the work is accomplished, and more can be requested so feel free to contact the class teachers. We should also be looking at ways of continuing to provide education during these challenging times looking ahead. We envisage a long and extremely busy winter term therefore, let us prepare for it. The date of start for second term will be communicated when announced. Enjoy the rest of the newsletter. Stay safe!

Josh Mutangadura
Headmaster

THE HOOD

In as much as we do not choose our parents nor our neighbours, we ought to take care of each other. Lines of communication should be established if possible to consolidate efforts to win the virus war.

SECURE HOMES

Criminal and Anti-social elements will always take advantage of the current situation to wreak havoc through crime. Always stay on your guard. **STAY ALERT!**

COMMON SENSE.

As adults we have a tendency to take quite a lot for granted with children. We draw upon hind sight 20/20 experience etc., but forget that children have no adequate reserve of either. Explain fully but expect the worst! TLC does it.

BOARDERS EARLY CHRISTMAS

Laverock boarders had banked on 2 weeks on campus. This, however was not to be. Some showed glee at the shortened residency whilst others could not give their feeling away. Hostel staff already miss your children... imagine?

THANK YOU

For responding to urgent transport request due to the unavailable of local and away buses. This was occasioned by sudden change in fixture and venues owing to the national crisis.

POINT OF VIEW

Promotion of cohesion in many an undertaking is fairly idealistic. However expression of divergent views ought to be proffered with positive criticism rather than destructive vitriol particularly on social and other media.

LET'S GET PHYSICAL

As gyms and other crowded places are now frowned upon, several keep fit activities are available on the net. You have no excuse whatsoever to keep in shape at home.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Weekly workshops have been run to sharpen our teaching service delivery. Endeavours too on line etc. are highly commended.

MARIMBA GROUP

Congratulations to our group for striking the right notes to be awarded a tuneful first grade at the Allied Arts. They rose to the beat after just a few weeks of rehearsals. What a melodious end to the brief term.

WINTER WEAR

We suggest that you start preparing for the winter term clothing for your child appropriately. Please visit our front office or website for a copy of the uniform list for term two.

TERM 2 CALENDAR

At Hillcrest we have all our ducks in a row and know what and when to do it. We sadly just don't know when schools re-open. We shall avail the calendar electronically first and in hard copy when it's feasible to do so.

GRADE	MERIT WINNER	CITATION
3C	Ian Haukozi & Chris Bvutira	Working diligently in all subjects.
	Sharmane Ncube	Neat presentation of work.
3M	Annabel Munhande	Hard work and well mannered.
	Mckayla Nyamatore	For being top in Maths.
	Ethan Almwar	For creating interesting stories in English.
4M	Jemimah Phiri	Super speller of the week.
	Tino Marembo & Vimbai Masendeke	Working diligently and giving themselves extra work.
4D	Roi Mautsa	Working diligently in his work.
	Nyasha Sango	Great improvement in all his work.
	William Franklin	Always well mannered.
5M	Ruvarashe Machumi & Rene Bezuidenhout	Great progress in their English.
5N	Marian Kaponden	Massive improvement in all learning areas.
	Blessing Swikepi	Working diligently and organising herself well.
6N	Nigel Kapumha & Munashe Mahara	For improved work in all the subjects.
6W	Trish Kandini, Fortunate Nyamhosva & Matinatsa Mawoyo	For being helpful.
7N	Vhenekerai Mutseyekwa	Very helpful and takes duties maturely.
	Tatenda Kumbirai	Excelling in class Maths.
7W	Malachi Charamba	For doing well in CHISZ examinations practice.
	Tanyaradzwa Makoni	Showing an improvement in story writing.
SENIOR SHONA	Kupakwashe Pisirai & Ropafadzo Muzarurwi	For excellent reading with understanding.
COMPUTER	Munashe Masamha	For doing well in spreadsheet and practical exercises.
HOSTEL	Jay Mukamba	For being disciplined and keeping his locker tidy.
MUSIC	Abigail Byatwike	For a great improvement in piano playing.
LIBRARY	Tatyana Chawota	For a great improvement in her reading

This was one of the most successful Local Literary Festival judging from the enthusiasm of every child and the ecstatic parents/guardians. At this point in time, every child at Hillcrest Prep from Grade 1 to Grade 7 CAN READ! Upscaling and enjoying reading was the paramount objective as we celebrate this day GLOBALLY.



Although a few were noted for one aspect or another, every Hillcrest "book worm" literally had a story to "show and tell" about. Hats off to all our staff and Mr. Mauwa (librarian) for a jolly good show!



SPORT

ECD SPORTS DAY

This day will forever be imprinted on your children's minds as they supported their moms and dads racing, whilst the moms and dads rooted for them as well during their races.

