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1ST TERM HIGHLIGHTS 2ND QUARTER

- Mon. Feb 3 (0600hrs) to Fri 07 (1245hrs)
HPS Grade 7 trip to OBZ @Gosho Park
- Tue. 11 Feb (1400hrs)
HPS Interhouse Cross Country
- Fri. 14 Feb (1400hrs)
HPS Cricket/Tennis Quadrangular
- Sat. 15 Feb (0830hrs)
HPS Cricket & Tennis Quadrangular
- Mon. 17 Feb (0915hrs)
HPS Prefects' Investiture
- Tue. 18 Feb (1330hrs)
HPS Springvale Cross Country(A)
- Thur. 20 Feb
Schools Prayer Day (0930hrs)
Schools MID Term break begins (1000hrs) (Return Tue. 25 Feb)

MEET THE PARENTS IN THE CLASSROOM

It was a hive of activity as guardians /parents interfaced with their teachers on the 17th and 24th January. Stake holders expressed their satisfaction with this valuable exercise. Thank you for making the time to attend.

HEAD'S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians

The 2020 first term is progressing well with encouraging commitment from you all, and is greatly appreciated. To that end, we promise to continue offering the full holistic education we all strive for.

With regard to upcoming calendar events, please be advised that:

1. The interhouse cross country has been moved to Tuesday 11 February 2020 starting at 1400hrs.
2. The Cancer Association has declared February as Orange Month. As always, we have supported the association and will this year celebrate the International

Childhood Cancer Day (Orange Day) on Friday 14 February. Everybody will "dress in orange and donate a dollar or equivalent ZWL to save life".

3. Friday 28 February is CIVVIES Day. You will be advised of the charge once the SDC has settled on an amount.
4. Please also be informed that the SDC AGM will be immediately held after the Interhouse Athletics on Saturday 29 February at 12 30pm.

We look forwarding to an exciting decade. Enjoy the rest of the newsletter.

Josh Mutangadura
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Headmaster

CLASS GROUPS

This convenient and effective communication tool has the potential to add value to our children's education if only restricted to its intended use.

OUTWARD BOUND

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP COURSE

This leadership and team building week long course is on. Future school prefects and monitors are prepared for effective servant leadership role. Encourage/groom these candidates by among other things, giving them responsibility roles at home.

STAFF NEWS

We welcome the following staff members: Miss B Rusawo (Front Office), Miss J Mutsaka (ECD B), Mr A. Mafuva (ICT).

ART WEAR

Please ensure suitable Art Clothing to prevent accidental staining of white school shirts. Mummy's or Dad's t-shirt will do perfectly.

SHONA

Keep encouraging reading of Shona books and discussions in Shona at home to practise application and usage.

CONNECTING CLASSROOMS

Mr M. Shepherd of Buckingham Junior School, England will spend a week on exchange visit at Hillcrest from Mon 10 -Frid 14 February. Focus will be on professional and cultural interface.

CAMBRIDGE CHECKPOINT 2019 RESULTS

Here-with the 2019 Cambridge Checkpoint Results. We congratulate all our staff for their contribution towards such a fine set of academic performance by the class of 2019. Certificates are ready for collection from the front office.

English	91%
Maths	84%
Science	94%

READING CULTURE

Reading culture may consistently be inculcated in children by among other things, positive reinforcement, provision of reading material, ebooks, newspapers online/hard copies etc. By identifying new vocabulary, meanings, expressing opinions etc, a well read young mind is armed for life.

SDC SECTION

Dear Parents/Guardians,
Seasons' greetings to you all and a special welcome to new parents joining the Hillcrest parent community of 2020.

The Hillcrest Prep School Development Committee (SDC) is a non-profit, parent-driven organisation whose membership is open to all parents or legal guardians of pupils enrolled at Hillcrest Prep School.

Its objectives are to:

- Provide a platform for communication between parents, teachers and the school.
- Raise funds and promote the welfare and development of the school.

ECD CORNER

Thank you to those parents who pop in for a minute or so to appreciate or have a chat about their child's progress.

HOMEWORK

Mostly consolidation work. Please remember to sign on completion of written work and reading.

SAFETY-HEALTH ENVIRONMENT

Coronavirus Awareness:

1. Wash hands often with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
3. Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, and clean up immediately.
4. Stay at home if you have a cold.

We, together with the children, encourage and look forward to seeing even greater parental attendance and support for these events.

We are looking at a number of development projects for the year, but still welcome further suggestions of those you may wish to see undertaken.

Wishing you all a successful 1st term of 2020.

Nyasha Sango
SDC Chairman

"My parents are my backbone. Still are. They're the only group that will support you if you score zero or you score 40"

Kobe Bryant
(Basketball Legend 1978-2020)

SPORT

The Cricket and Tennis teams travelled to Marondera on Sat 25 January to play against Springvale House. Matches started at 9am and ended at 12 noon. There was great display of skills, knowledge of games and overall sportsmanship from all teams.

RESULTS

FILLIES TENNIS

HPS 6 - 4 SVH

1st couple Nicole Nyagondore and Abigail Byatwike won all their matches.

SNR TENNIS

HPS 6 - 6 SVH

1st couple (Noma Mbambo and Carol Nyamayaro), 2nd couple (Cassandra Fernandes and Alana Dourado) won all their matches

COLTS CRICKET

HPS 173/2 (Abdul 53, retired unbeaten)

SVH 105/7 (Luke 4 wickets)

HPS won by 68 runs

SNR CRICKET

SVH 63 all out in 18 overs (Takudzwa Damba 3 wickets)

HPS 65/7 in 12 overs (Lloyd 32)

HPS won by 3 wickets

