



Principal's Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

What a pleasure it is to have some of our students back. I suppose it brings back some semblance of normalcy into our lives after all that the Covid-19 restrictions forced us into. A necessity to be sure, but a welcome break from what has been termed the 'new normal'. Prior to the arrival of the examination classes we had the Schools and Hostels thoroughly disinfected. We have put in place social distancing guidelines and routes are painted on the ground for students to follow when moving about. The Covid-19 prevention protocols are regularly emphasised and monitored by staff. For the non-examination classes, we continue with the online lessons and I will be saying a bit more on that just now. For the College teachers, it has become a juggling act between actual lessons with the examination classes and the online lessons. This is no easy feat.

1. Thank you

My grateful thanks to all parents who have managed to bring their children to school with minimal fuss over the lack of school transport to help, especially when one considers that RTGS fuel is not easy to come by.

2. G-Suite Classes

Instructions, new student email addresses and new class codes should have been sent to you as we migrate to the G-Suite platform. We will not be offering lessons on the old system which has been used so far. Please ensure that your child registers for the new Google Class as soon as possible. If you have a problem, contact Mr. George Kwari, our IT Administrator, or the school.

3. Weekend Passes and Study Leave

Boarders will not be allowed out over the weekends, nor will they be allowed home for the study break. We would like to minimise contact with the outside in order to reduce the risk of Covid-19 infection being brought into the Schools. The same applies for study leave, in addition, some teachers will require their students for last minute preparation for the upcoming Cambridge examinations. Parents will, however, be allowed to visit their children in hostel under very strict Covid-19 protocols to ensure the safety of both the students, staff and visiting parents.

4. Commendations

I would like to say congratulations for the pleasing effort made by the following students for their lessons for the week ending 11th September:

Form 1

English	-	M. Nyanhete & C. Mutsemi
Science	-	K. Mugwagwa, T. Chirarwe, M. Nyanhete & B. Mugabe

Form 2

English Set 1	-	N. Nemaire & R. Masudze
English Set 2	-	B. Zimunya, E. Manyati & G. Dourado
Science	-	A. Masudze, A. Chinyadza & N. Tizora

Form 4

English Language	-	S. Muneta & M. Zvinoitavanhu
English Literature	-	M. Zvinoitavanhu, R. Matanga & B. Rusawo
Chemistry	-	A. Dourado, E. Sigauke & T. Pasipamire

Upper 6

Chemistry	-	T. Zishiri & M. Marembo
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5. Voting

It is that time again when parents are asked to vote on the fees for this 3rd Term. An email has already been sent with the voting forms, a budget summary, and a letter from the Board Chair. The deadline for this voting process is end of day on Tuesday the 22nd July 2020.

FROM MR. MUTANGADURA'S DESK

1. Opening of School

We acknowledge all the Hillcrest Schools' stakeholders for their participation in ensuring our preparedness for the 2020 3rd Term. The Grade 7 class of 2020 is back and now in "the home stretch" of the end of Primary School. They practically hit the ground running with such enthusiasm just to prove how they truly missed all their teachers and school! We are very happy to have them back.

2. Online Learning & Consultation

I would like to thank the Parents who made the effort and took the time to book for Consultation with the Teachers. Our learners' 27/7 ready access to the bare necessities of life at home left telling marks on a good number. However, we are disappointed that quite a number of learners are already not participating in some online classes. Please communicate with the teacher if there are issues. All pupils must cover their Grade syllabus by the time they write their End of Year Tests beginning of November. Cambridge Checkpoint exams are taking place from the 14th to the 16th of October, 2020.

3. Commendations

Congratulations to the following MERIT and EFFORT winners!

CLASS	MERIT/EFFORT WINNER	ACCOLADE
1T	C. Mutseyekwa & S. Bara	Being excellent fluent English readers
1M	M. Chibaya & T. Mbendani	Making good progress in Reading
2M	A. Kamkazengeni	For performing well during exams
2R	Z. Zviuya & T. Mawoyo	For doing very well in their Mid – Year Exams
3C	L. Bure & J. Dourado	Outstanding effort & attainment in all the subjects in the mid-year exams
	N. Chipunza	Top marks in Agriculture
3M	E. Alamwar	For producing outstanding results in the just ended exams
	M. Nyamatore	Excellent standard of achievement during the online exams
4D	D. Chiutsi	Outstanding results in Mid-Year exams and online lessons
4M	K. Berejena, T. Marembo & N. Marisa	Consistently doing their work perfectly on Google Class & handing it in on time
5M	A. Byatwike	Great performance in the just ended Online Mid-Year Exams
5N	K. Chakandinakira	Working diligently & producing impressive results in the Mid-Year Exams
6W	M. Mawoyo	Excellent performance throughout the Online lessons and exams
	R. Ganda	Did very well in the exams
6N	M. Mashavave	Producing the best results during the Mid-Year online exams
7N	C. Franklin	Steady progress observed in the online term
	G. Mutavayi & K. Pisirai	Excellent results in the Mid-Year exams
7W	J. Sanhanga	Excellent participation and results in the Online lessons
Snr Shona	J. Sanhanga, 7W	For attaining the highest mark in the Mid-Year Exam
	T. Kumbirai, 7N	Performed exceptionally well in the exams
ICT	All pupils who took part in the online lessons & tests	You made the ICT Department proud, by using all your IT knowledge and skills to navigate through the exams. Keep it up!!

4. 2021 Grade 1 Enrolment

Assessments and interviews will be conducted on Monday 28th September. Times have already been allocated. Please contact the School Office for more information.

As the Prep Head pointed out, we are in the home stretch and everyone needs to buckle up for the next few months as we work towards completion of the syllabi as well as revision of work covered - the mood seems to be set as everyone has geared up for some consistent teaching and learning.

Thank you again to the Parents for all that you do to ensure that your children are afforded a good education especially in these tough times – it is not easy.

I wish you all a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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