



HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

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**DREAM
BELIEVE
ACHIEVE**

HHS VISION

To be a leading co-educational **high school**, providing exceptional **physical** and **social** environments in which **all** learners have the **opportunity** to become the **best they can be**, academically, culturally, socially and in sport.

HHS VALUES

H-onour | **H**-ard work | **S**-ervice

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have reached the end of the first quarter of the year, and I hope that it has been a successful term for the learners. By now, you may have heard that SAPS came into school on Tuesday with one of their K9 unit to do a drug search. Although they cannot possibly search the entire school, the random search came back clear with no illegal substances found at all. I am extremely pleased with this outcome and thank the SAPS for their assistance in helping Hillcrest High keep to our pledge of living life substance abuse free.

ACHIEVERS

The following learners are to be congratulated on their recent achievements:

❖ Badminton



The following players have been selected for their respective KZN Teams to participate in the U15 SA Championships and Inter-Provincials in Durban from 29 March to 5 April.

- Ndalentle Mnguni – U15D
- Roman Giorko – U15A.

❖ Chess



Juan Diego Naidoo, a Grade 8 learner, has been selected to participate in the 2025 South African Junior Closed Chess Championships which will be held in the Western Cape from 31 March to 5 April 2025.

This tournament is closed and only open to the top selected participants representing their provinces in the age groups U8 to U20 and being selected is an excellent achievement. The tournament is held under the auspices of Chess South Africa and only the top players in the entire country are eligible to play.

❖ Girls' Hockey

A number of our girls' hockey players have been selected for the PADSSA Hockey Teams. They will participate in the Inter-District Tournament on Saturday 26 April 2025.



- U14B – Kady Clemmett
- U16A – Isabella Momoh
- U16A – Senamile Mvelase
- U16B – Akwande Luthuli
- U16B – Theresli Meyers
- U18A – Shannyn Olivier
- U18A – Anele Sabela
- U18B – Madison Bull
- U18B – Natalie Rees
- U18B – Nangamso Nxasana

❖ Triathlon



Bradley Leppan competed in the Tin Man event on 23 March. This event comprises of a 400m swim, 12km cycle and 2½km run. Bradley placed 1st in his age category for ages 14 – 15. Well done, Bradley!

AWARDS

| MARCH 2025 - SPORTS AWARDS | | |
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| CRICKET | | |
| NAME | SURNAME | AWARD |
| PAUL | MOMOH | FULL COLOURS |
| CONNOR | LOWE | HALF COLOURS |
| KIENAN | SAWYER5 | HALF COLOURS |
| JAYDEN | CHAYTHRAM | HALF COLOURS |
| SETH | SURGESON | HALF COLOURS |
| TASRIQ | WINGROVE | HALF COLOURS RE-AWARD |
| DYLAN | JACOBSON | MERIT |
| BRENDAN | FRENZEL | MERIT |
| LUCA | CHESSA | MERIT |
| TRAVIS | WHITESIDE | MERIT |
| WARREN | MUNRO | MERIT |
| SWIMMING | | |
| NAME | SURNAME | AWARD |
| LUDICK | ERASMUS | FULL COLOURS |
| EMMA | ATKINSON | FULL COLOURS |
| KINGSLEY | MATTHEWS | FULL COLOURS |
| HEINRICH | FREITAG | FULL COLOURS |
| JAMEY | GROBBELAAR | FULL COLOURS |
| KAYLA JADE | VAN HEERDEN | FULL COLOURS (RE-AWARD) |
| REBEKAH | NEL | HALF COLOURS |
| FRANCESCA | DEL GRANDE | HALF COLOURS (RE-AWARD) |
| BRADLEY | LEPPAN | JUNIOR COLOURS |
| LINCOLN | HOPPER | JUNIOR COLOURS |
| SIENNA | KIDGELL | JUNIOR COLOURS |
| LIV | VAN DEN HEEVER | JUNIOR COLOURS |
| CASEY | ERASMUS | JUNIOR COLOURS |
| WIAN | ERASMUS | JUNIOR COLOURS |
| ANNABELLE | VAN HEERDEN | JUNIOR COLOURS (RE-AWARD) |

| GIRLS INDOOR HOCKEY | | |
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| NAME | SURNAME | AWARD |
| MADISON | NEVILLE | HALF COLOURS |
| SHANNYN | OLIVIER | HALF COLOURS (RE-AWARD) |
| JORDAN | KIDGELL | HALF COLOURS (RE-AWARD) |
| MADISON | BULL | HALF COLOURS (RE-AWARD) |

| TOUCH RUGBY | | |
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| NAME | SURNAME | AWARD |
| MEGAN | MAHER | HALF-COLOURS RE-AWARD |

| MARCH 2025 - SERVICE AWARDS | | |
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| CATERING | | |
| NAME | SURNAME | AWARD |
| REBECCA | EASSON | HALF COLOURS |

| ECO-CLUB | | |
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| NAME | SURNAME | AWARD |
| DAVID | MCKENZIE | MERIT |
| ERIN | MASSEY | MERIT |
| SAMANTHA | BERNDT | MERIT RE-AWARD |
| JADE | GERICKE | MERIT RE-AWARD |

| DEC-2024 - SPORTS AWARDS | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| SOFTBALL | | |
| NAME | SURNAME | AWARD |
| ETHAN | MOSS | JUNIOR COLOURS |
| TAMUKA | CHOVUCHOVU | JUNIOR COLOURS |
| LUTHANDO | BLOSE | JUNIOR COLOURS |
| JODI | MACLACHLAN | JUNIOR COLOURS |
| CAITLYN | VAN NIEKERK | JUNIOR COLOURS |
| ISABELLA | MOMOH | JUNIOR COLOURS (RE-AWARD) |
| SHAELYN | GELDENHUYS | JUNIOR COLOURS (RE-AWARD) |

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GERMAN PRIZE WINNERS



The Goethe-Institut recently announced the results of the 2025 PASCH Competition, selecting four of our HHS learners as 1st prize winners. Carlos Zakwe, Esihle Buthelezi, Vanessa van der Westhuizen and Carla Schwarz, all of whom study German as a Second Additional Language, will travel during the July holidays on an all expenses paid trip to Frankfurt. They will spend three days at the Goethe-Institut in Johannesburg en route to Germany for the Summer Camp and will be away from 6 – 26 July. In Frankfurt they will participate in workshops with peers from other PASCH schools from around the

globe, learn more about the cultural and societal diversity of Germany. They will also have the opportunity to visit various tourist attractions including historic museums for which the city, in the south-west of Germany, is renowned.

In addition to the four winners, four runners up prizes were awarded to Kayla-Jade Van Heerden, Julianna Blom, Kim Eistetter, and Max Schwarz which included a German dictionary, a stationery set and a hat.

HONESTY

There are several types of behaviour that we like to encourage here at Hillcrest High. One of these is honesty and it is my pleasure to acknowledge, in my circulars, learners who have demonstrated this laudable quality by handing in items that they have found.

- Kenzie Stevenson (8LF) – handed in keys found on the road outside of the school.
- Sophie Durkin (8FO) – handed in a cell phone dropped by a parent.

Well done and thank you.

REPORTS

The learners will have received their reports by the time you read this circular so please ensure that they do give them to you. The format of the reports has changed with the change over to the D6+. You will notice that the extramural participation and the effort symbols have been omitted. We are hoping to have completed fine tuning the layout by the time term 2 reports go home.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Analysing the Academic Performance for term 1 has been an interesting exercise. Overall, the results in the FET Phase (Gr 10 – 12) are pleasing with pass rates of 98.02%; 96.3% and 97.74% respectively.

The GET phase (Gr 8 & 9) indicates that there is still a lot of work that needs to be done this year if they wish to achieve similar pass rates as the seniors. I cannot stress enough the importance of doing the homework that is set every day and spending time going over the work that was completed in class. This will go a long way to assist the Grade 8 and Grade 9's in improving their results overall. Parents are also reminded that we do offer extra lessons in the afternoons for most of the subjects so there is no excuse for not achieving the best results they are capable of.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our **GET Parent Information Meetings** are coming up early next term. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to come and meet their children's teachers and check on how they are progressing. Please diarise the following dates:

- Grade 8 – 16 April 2025
- Grade 9 – 23 April 2025

As is often the case, we have a few **sporting activities** that will be taking place during the holidays.

- The U16 Netball and U16 Girls Hockey are playing at the St. Mary's Tournament from the 29th – 31st March at St. Mary's.
- The 1st Boys and 1st Girls Hockey are playing matches against touring teams at Kearsney College on Saturday 5 April.

We wish our players and coaches all the best for these fixtures.

D6+

Please can I ask that all parents and guardians' login to their Parent Portal on the d6 App and check that their contact details, address details, personal information and **medical information** is correct. To do this, please follow the steps below:

- Open your d6 App.
- Click Portal on bottom right-hand corner (Graduate Hat).
- Click School Profiles.
- Click on Hillcrest High School (Your Name).
- Click on Contact Details.
- Update any incorrect information.
- Check that your cell phone number is correct.
- Check that your email address is correct.
- Add in missing details for your physical and postal addresses.
- Add in any medical information that has not been captured.
- Make any changes required.
- Click Update Information.

IN CONCLUSION

In conclusion I would like to thank the management and staff for their continued dedication, support and hard work this term. I would also like to thank every learner who has contributed in one way or another to the success of the term. I hope that you are all going to have a very restful holiday. School re-opens on the 8th of April and we are looking forward to another successful term.

Yours faithfully

D.P. KNIGHT
Principal