



HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

## CIRCULAR 4 / 2026 – 26 MARCH 2026

**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,

A very long, hot and successful quarter is now behind us, and I am sure everyone is looking forward to a little down time before we start the next quarter on 8 April.

## 1. ACHIEVERS

### HOCKEY

Congratulations to the following boys' hockey players who were selected for the PADSSA teams and participated in the Inter-District Tournament on Sunday, 22 March.

Gareth Henning – U18B  
Lindokuhle Blose – U16B  
Nkazimulo Mhlongo – U14B



The following girls have been selected for the PADSSA Girls Hockey teams to compete in the Inter-District Tournament taking place on 26 April.

**U14A** - Phakade Khumalo and Yamkela Buthelezi  
**U16A** - Langalihle Nxumalo  
**U16B** - Kellan Boynton, Sienna Kidgell and Isabella Momoh  
**U18B** - Senamile Mvelase and Akwande Sikhakhane

### SWIMMING

We would like to congratulate Bradley Leppan and Mr White (Team Manager) who were selected to represent Team KZN at the 2026 SA Schools Championships taking place from 23 – 27 April 2026 at the University of the Western Cape.



### EQUESTRIAN

Erin Louw competed in the Inter-Schools Equitation at Shongweni Club. Congratulations to Erin and her horse Vunderbar, they placed 5th in the Junior 80cm class in a very tightly contested field of 14 riders from different schools across KZN.



### ANGLING

Congratulations to Dylan Jacobson who was selected to represent the Natal White U19 team at the Durban Interzonals at Durban Ski Boat Club for Deep Sea Angling from the 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

## 2. AWARDS

<b>GIRLS TOUCH RUGBY</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Anele	Sabela	Half Colours
Awande	Nzuza	Half Colours
Awande	Mchunu	Half Colours
Tayla	Holing	Merit
Ziyanda	Majola	Merit
Sibahle	Zwane	Merit
Tamique	Piyooos	Merit
<b>SWIMMING</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Annabelle	Van Heerden	Honours
Bradley	Leppan	Honours
Jamey	Grobbelaar	Full Colours (Re-Award)
Heinrich	Freitag	Full Colours (Re-Award)
Jayden	Chaythram	Half Colours
Rebekah	Nell	Half Colours (Re-Award)
Shawna	Creed	Half Colours (Re-Award)
Alyssa	Coetzer	Junior Colours
Brogan	Torrie	Junior Colours
Christiaan	Venter	Junior Colours
Liv	Van Den Heever	Junior Colours (Re-Award)
Sienna	Kidgell	Junior Colours (Re-Award)
Lincoln	Hopper	Junior Colours (Re-Award)
<b>BOYS TOUCH RUGBY</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Mpumelelo	Makhathini	Half Colours
Amonge	Makhanya	Junior Colours

<b>FIGURE SKATING</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Kaylee	Whitaker	Personal Achievement
<b>GIRLS INDOOR HOCKEY</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Jodi	Maclachlan	Half Colours
Akwande	Sikhakhane	Half Colours
Macayela	Johansson	Half Colours
Lilli	Geel	Half Colours
Nangamso	Nxasana	Half Colours
Kellan	Boynton	Merit
Theresli	Meyers	Merit
Langelihle	Nxumalo	Merit
Shaelyn	Geldenhuis	Merit
Senamile	Mvelase	Merit
<b>CRICKET</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Travis	Whiteside	Half Colours
Brendon	Frenzel	Half Colours
Dylan	Jacobson	Half Colours
Marco	Chessa	Half Colours
Kienan	Sawyer	Half Colours (Re-Award)
Seth	Surgeson	Half Colours (Re-Award)
Tasriq	Wingrove	Half Colours (Re-Award)
Jayden	Chaythram	Half Colours (Re-Award)
Stefan	Chetty	Half Colours (Re-Award)
Ricardo	De Almeida	Merit
Kaidin	Singh	Merit
Stephen	Munro	Merit (Re-Award)

### **3. AFTERNOON COLLECTION**

Learners are no longer allowed to sit on the wall opposite the Memorial Garden to wait for lifts in the afternoons between 3:00pm and 4:30pm. If they are not involved in the extra-mural activities, they should wait in the new Homework area or in the tiered seating.

Parents, lift clubs and transport providers are reminded that the preferred pick-up point is from the Ridge Rd side of the school, as there is more parking, shade, two possible entrances and it is closer to the Homework area. The pedestrian gates will always be open so every learner will be able to get out when their lift arrives.

Please remember that for the children's safety we ask them to wait inside the school property and to only go out when their lift arrives. We do not want them to sit/lie on the pavements while waiting as this creates a terrible impression on the school, and as I mentioned it is not safe to wait outside the school.

If parents are using the Shortlands entrance, especially after sport practices or matches – please be courteous and mindful of the neighbours who need to always have access to their property and driveways. Do not stop in the middle of the road to load up the children as this is causing unnecessary traffic congestion and tension. Please park on the verges. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

### **4. DETENTIONS**

Detentions, from next term onwards, will be running from 14h45 to either 15h45 or 16h45 on Wednesdays. This is to allow the learners time after school closes at 14h35 to go to the toilet or eat quickly and still get to F1 (the venue) on time.

Friday times remain unchanged.

### **5. HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

During the holidays our Girls' Hockey, Boys' Hockey, Netball and Rugby touring teams will be taking part in the St. Dunstan's College Easter Festival in Gauteng. A lot of work has gone into the preparation for this tour, and I am sure that it is going to be as successful and enjoyable as it was last year. The staff that will be travelling with the learners are Mrs Topham, Mrs Geel, Ms Blom, Mr Ngubane, Mrs Janssens and Mr Windsor and I am very grateful to them for being prepared to give up their Easter weekend to chaperone the learners. We wish you all the very best for this tour.

The U16 Girls Hockey and Netball will be taking part in the St Mary's tournament this coming weekend, and we wish them all the best for this too.

## **6. REPORTS**

I am looking forward to seeing the term 1 results. I believe that having the study sessions would have been beneficial to some of our learners who have trouble studying at home for various reasons.

The Term 1 reports have been slightly delayed because of the Assessment Week. The marking of the tests and getting all the marks entered into the system has been taking place this week, and the finalising and printing of the reports will take place when schools re-open on 8 April. We are hoping to send the reports home on Monday, 13 April 2026.

## **7. ABSENTEEISM**

I am still appalled at the high rate of absenteeism that we see in the last week of the term. On Tuesday there were 284 learners absent from school (24%) and only 10 parents phoned in or emailed with a valid reason. I find it hard to understand why parents would allow their children to remain at home for no valid reason, knowing that we are still frantically teaching and doing our utmost to improve our academics overall.

Our staff work equally hard every single day of the term, and it is very frustrating when as much as 20% of the class are missing when new work is being taught, and now it becomes the educator's responsibility to ensure that work is caught up. This is not fair on the educators, and I appeal to parents to take the high road with their children and insist they attend school right up until the end of every term.

## **8. UNIFORM**

Term 2 is the start of our winter season which means we wear the winter school uniform viz. blazers are compulsory from the first day of next term. The Uniform Shop will be open the day before school reopens, in the morning and blazers and replacement blazer buttons can be purchased there.

Please can parents ensure that their children are correctly dressed and properly groomed before they leave home in the mornings. Shaving remains a daily challenge. Boys are reminded to have a decent hair cut before school re-opens to prevent being sent home on the first day and inconveniencing their parents.

## **IN CONCLUSION**



I would like to thank the management and staff for their continued dedication, support and hard work this term. I also thank each and 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, and I wish all our Christian families and staff a very blessed Easter. School re-opens on 8 April and we are looking forward to another successful term.

**Yours faithfully**  
**D.P. KNIGHT**  
**Principal**