

# TWIN RIVERS SCHOOL - NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER

## 2018

Success comes to those who plan, set goals, strategically take steps, and monitor the actions and progress made to ensure each goal is achieved. Our key goal is to ensure each student makes visible progress and achieves the target we have set for him or her in different learning areas.

We are very pleased to welcome you to the third and final term of the 2018 academic year. We look forward to working with you as we give the attention due to each student and help them achieve their set targets for the term.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Miss Dulla (Grade 3S) and Miss Durape (Sports Department) who both got married in the school holidays.

### TERM'S NOTICE

As per your enrolment contract, we require one full term's notice of withdrawal in writing to the Headmistress, in the event of a child being withdrawn from the school. If the requisite notice is not given, the parents or guardians will be liable to pay one term's fees in lieu of notice. You may give the school provisional notice until the move is confirmed to avoid being penalised.

### ARRIVAL and COLLECTION

It is important that all children are at school on time in the morning. The bell rings at 7:25am; children should therefore arrive at school by no later than 7:35am. The gates will be closed at 7:40am. Any children arriving after this time will have to be accompanied by a parent to the school office or to their classroom.

All Grade 1s and 2s are to be collected at 12:35 (or by 1:05 at the very latest) from the verandah on the south side of the Hall. Grade 1 and 2 pupils will NOT be allowed to stay and wait for an older sibling to finish sport.

If you organize for someone else to fetch your child, please send written authorization or call the office to inform us of whom is collecting your child. When collecting or taking your child to the classroom please DO NOT WALK THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK; either walk on the paths or the field. No parents are to wait in the Infant Quad area or in front of the Grade 4 classrooms.

**NO CHILDREN ARE TO WALK THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK AT ANY TIME- PLEASE USE THE PATHWAYS.**

**DRESS CODE**

Girls - Grey skirt, white shirt with school logo, short white socks, black shoes and turquoise hat.

Boys - Grey shorts, white shirt with school logo, school tie, long grey socks, black shoes and turquoise hat.

Everything must be marked and labelled with your child's full name – including underwear, socks and shoes.

Please note that children are not to leave the school premises barefoot: they may wear slops after swimming. We expect our children to look smart in their uniform at all times, especially on shopping trips with mum or dad.

**GRADE 6 PARENTS' MEETINGS**

The meetings are scheduled to discuss children's first choice of school for Form 1 2020. They will take place from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September. Your child will come home with a tear-off slip that needs to be returned to the class teacher.

**CHARITY INITIATIVE**

"Together we can change lives through education". A reminder about the "Charity Initiative" we have undertaken this year. As I stated in my last newsletter, we have chosen to assist under-privileged pupils in need of school essentials (and a Christmas treat) through the "School Box Challenge".

Please could the children give their class teacher the following items:

Grade 0 – 2 boxes wax crayons and a packet of sweets.

Grade 1 – 3 pencils, 3 rubbers and a packet of sweets.

Grade 2 – 3 sharpeners, 3 rulers and a packet of sweets.

Grade 3 – 5 lined exercise books and a packet of sweets.

Grade 4 – 3 blue pens and a packet of sweets.

Grade 5 – 5 maths exercise books and a packet of sweets.

Grade 6 – 1 counter book and a packet of sweets.

Grade 7 – 1 counter book and a packet of sweets.

These need to be handed in by the end of September.

### ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please note that NO ELECTRONIC devices or toys are allowed to be brought to school at any time. If your child is caught with a device it will be confiscated and returned to you at the end of the year.

### UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open at the following times on the following days.

Monday	-	7:30am to 1:00pm
Wednesday	-	7:30am to 1:00pm
Friday	-	7:30am to 12:30pm

### THRIFT

The thrift shop (lost and found property) is open on the following days at the following times.

Monday	7:30 - 8:00am	10:30 - 11:00am	12:30 - 1:00pm
Wednesday	7:30 - 8:00am	10:30 - 11:00am	12:30 - 1:00pm
Friday	7:30 - 8:00am	10:30 - 11:00am	12:15 - 12:45pm

### CAMPS

Circulars have been sent out to all Grade 5 parents with camp dates, costs and a requirements list. We remind parents that the camps are compulsory as part of the children's environmental and social education.

Grade 6s have already been on camp

Grade 5 camp - 24 - 27 September

Grade 7 camp - 18 - 21 November

### Day Trips to Gosho Park

Grade 3N	5 November
Grade 3S	6 November
Grade 3E	7 November
Grade 4N	12 November
Grade 4S	13 November
Grade 4E	14 November

### ZIMSEC and INTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

The Zimsec exams will be written in October, beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on 12<sup>th</sup> October.

The CHISZ Computer exam will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

The CHISZ Shona written exam is on 30<sup>th</sup> October and the oral exam will be on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Internal exams will also be written in October beginning on 15<sup>th</sup> October and ending on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Remember children need to engage in healthy outdoor activities during examination time so there is no need for them to be taken "off sports" or "off clubs".

### FACEBOOK

The school Facebook page is regularly updated and we encourage parents to visit, like and share the posts.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 24 September	Grade 5s leave for Lasting Impressions
Monday 24 September to Friday 28 September	Grade 6 Parents' interviews
Thursday 27 September	Combined School Marimbas @ Bishopslea
Thursday 27 September	Grade 5s return from Lasting Impressions
Monday 1 October to Friday 12 October	Zimsec Examinations
Friday 12 October	Twin Rivers Gala at 1:30pm
Monday 15 October to Thursday 18 October	Shona and Agriculture Examinations
Tuesday 23 October to Wednesday 31 October	Grades 3 to 6 Internal Examinations
Thursday 25 October	CHISZ Computers Examinations

In a world that is becoming increasingly unstable, it is of utmost importance to be "tuned in" to the needs of your child. PARENTS SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD NOT TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR CHILDREN.

The following suggestions may come in handy:-

- Take your child out to breakfast with no agenda – and just listen.

- Make every effort to attend matches, galas and other sporting/cultural events in which your child participates. Praise them for their efforts and tell them that you are proud of them.
- Pressure is mounting in all areas of life. Don't take out your frustrations on your child when you can't get fuel, bread etc. The more stable you are, the more secure your child will feel.
- Select a classic from literature, and have a family reading time at least once a week.
- Play board games or cards with your child. Use this time to find out what is going on in his or her life.

We look forward to a happy and successful term.

**MRS R DULLABH**  
**ACTING HEAD**

**17 September 2018**