

# TWIN RIVERS EDUCATION TRUST

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### **Dear Parents and Guardians**

We have, all but, reached the end of the first term of 2025 and we are already a quarter of the way through the year. Time is flying! It has been a very successful term with much activity in all areas. For those not following our Facebook page here are some of our achievements this term:-

#### **Sports and Clubs**

These have been going very well and we have had many encouraging results.

<u>Athletics</u>: The Golden League events have gone very well. We came 1<sup>st</sup> at Twin rivers; 4<sup>th</sup> at Wise Owl, Marondera (top athletes were missing due to a clash with Allied Arts); 2<sup>nd</sup> at Eaglesvale and 1<sup>st</sup> again at Heritage School and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lusitania.

- 30 of our athletes have represented our League in the zonal meet which is more than any other school.
- Interestingly we have very little raw speed and rely mostly on our field-event athletes discus, javelin, shot
  put and the various jumps.

<u>Interhouse Sports Days</u>: We had 3 excellent Interhouse events. They were very well organised and the parental support was amazing. Thank you to you all.

<u>Cross Country</u>: In various meets we came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 7 schools at Eaglesvale, 10<sup>th</sup> out of 21 schools at Lilfordia with over 200 runners in each race. Ethan Gonese came 3<sup>rd</sup> in his race and won all the other Interschool events breaking two of the schools' records.

- Sharon cross Country we came 5th out of 9 schools.
- Bryden we came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 18 schools.
- Westridge we came 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- It was a very busy season but we were perhaps not as fit as we could have been. Being a day school does not help.

<u>Taekwando</u>: This has been enthusiastically attended and 14 of our children will be taking part in the S.A. Championships in South Africa.

<u>Swimming</u>: Although it is not the swimming season for the school we have had much success. I cannot go into all the results but some of our children made the following teams and did extremely well:-

Harare Provincial Senior Team :- Craig Paratema, Ruotong Xie and Yihan Shen.

Harare Provincial Junior Team :- Craig Goremusandu

Harare Provincial Level 3 Regional S.A. Age Group Championships in Pretoria :- Ruotong Xie

<u>Zimbabwean Representation (To Come) at South African National Junior Championships in Cape Town:</u> Yihan Shen. Many more of our swimmers participated in the Harare Junior Swimming Championships.

<u>Cricket</u>: Too many matches to comment on but generally we did very well in most of our matches. Well done to our cricketers.

Karate: Nia Midzi (daughter of our coach Peter Midzi) won a gold medal in the Inter-schools Karate Championships.

Allied Arts / Music: This is the main term for the Vocal and Instrumental Eisteddfod competitions.

We did well with the following results :-

In individual performances :-

3 Distinctions, 2 Merits, 1 progressing and 1 developing

## In the Choirs:-

- Grade 2 Distinction
- Grade 3 Commended
- Grade 5 Commended
- Grade 6/7 Distinction

Tennis: BTA coaching academy is going very well and many children up to grade 4 are getting coaching.

Playball: In the junior section this is also very popular.

Marimbas: Distinction

#### **Class Visits:**

- Cubs / Scouts had two camps, one to Village Place and one to Way Maker School.
- French Club went to Café de Paris.
- Grade 0s went to the Lion and Cheetah Park.
- Girl Guides went to Eaglesvale.

#### Outreach

We had Orange Day which raised money for KidzCan. Thank you to all of you for helping us to support this worthy cause.

## "Kidzconnect"

- · Great Family Fun Day was had.
- Organised by the mums of Heads and Deputy Heads of school.
- 51 Stalls were on show.
- Many jumping castles and games activities.
- Several food stalls.

Very successful day was had by all and my considerable thanks to all the parents who helped to make it happen.

<u>Hockey</u>: On the hockey side (for next term) our girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI is going on tour and we wish them all the best in South Africa.

Academic: On the academic front all the classes have been working hard and it was very encouraging to see that most of you managed to attend your child's Consultation day.

<u>Interschools Public Speaking Competition:</u> Our representatives this year were Sienah Nenjerama in the junior section and Mazvita Chigumadzi in the seniors. They were both very good and we are proud of their efforts.

<u>Grounds</u>: As you can see a great deal of work is going on around the school and our main project at the moment is the reworking of the water system; the pipes, pumps and storage containers. Also happening are the refurbishments of the swimming pool change rooms and the small swimming pool which is being completely retiled. Hard work has been happening all round and everyone is ready for the holiday break.

<u>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April</u>: This would be the last official day of term as Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> will be totally voluntary and the teachers will be tidying up their classrooms and there will be no official lessons on that day.

Thursday 10th April: In case any of you send your children to school the closing times will be as follows:-

Grades 0, 1, 2 and 3

10:00 am

Grades 4+5

10:15 am

Grades 6+7

10:30 am

Please note that there will be no formal supervision after 11:00 am for your children if they have not been collected.

# Office Holiday Hours

**OPEN**: 11 April – 17 April (8:00am – 12:30pm)

CLOSED: 18 April - 2 May

**RE - OPEN:** 5 – 12 May (8:00 – 12:30pm)

# Uniform Shop Holiday Hours (9:00am to 12:30pm)

OPEN : Mon 14 April

: Wed 16 April

: Mon 5 May, Tues 6 May, Wed 7 May, Thurs 8 May, Fri 9 May and Mon 12 May

#### Second Term 2025:

Staff meeting will take place Monday 12th May. School for the children will start Tuesday 13th May at the normal time.

Well done and thank you all for helping to make ours a happy and safe environment for us all and best wishes for a wonderful time of relaxation before a busy term 2.

Kind regards

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HEADMASTER









