



**HATFIELD**  
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**2017**

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**NEWSLETTER #7**  
**Friday 24 February 2017**

Dear Parents

We heartily congratulate HS swimmers and cheerers for their courageous efforts on Tuesday under rather adverse weather circumstances. Our position in the gala means that we are now relegated to the B league. But... be assured that we are determined to swim our way back up. Swimmers and cheer leaders did us so proud (we are desperately sorry that they decided not to award a spirit trophy... we think we would have been very worthy recipients! 😊) And, we wish our Primary School Swimmers all the best for their big day coming up this week.

**THE NEWS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!**

Sound of Music tickets are on sale!

- The cost is R65 for adults and R30 for pupils
- These may be purchased at reception on weekdays from 07:15 – 14:00

If you have never been to one of Mr and Mrs Almeida's musicals, I can guarantee that it will be worth it. Performers have been practising so hard and are really sounding superb. They will be accompanied by a live orchestra conducted by Gerben Grooten.



Presented by Hatfield Christian School  
Orchestra conducted by Gerben Grooten

Thursday 16 March 19:00  
Friday 17 March 10:00 & 19:00

Main Auditorium  
Hatfield Christian Church

012 361 1182

Tickets available at school reception:  
Adults R65 | Students R30

**STAFFING**

By now your children might have told you that Mr and Mrs Vorster are leaving our school. Blaine has been our School Pastor for a number of years and Olivia has recently joined our Pre-primary department. For many years they have known (and so have we) that they would be going as missionaries to France. This day has come sooner than we all expected but it appears that God has opened doors in a remarkable way. They will be leaving us at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> term. Our very real Hatfield loss is sure to be France's gain. We will take time for this news to settle and will trust God for direction in replacing them. (Do ask your HS child to tell you the story Mr Vorster shared with them in Chapel about this decision.)

**HCS TERM DATES 2018**

Below are our term dates for next year. (These dates are pupil dates; staff have different requirements.) I trust that this will help you in your planning for next year. At Hatfield we place a very high priority on teaching time and historically our families have been exemplary in working with us to ensure that our teaching days are sacrosanct. Thank you for planning your holidays and events around these dates.





HATFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL		ISASA 4 TERM SCHOOLS (Independent Schools)		DBE (Department of Basic Education)	
OPENS	CLOSES	OPENS	CLOSES	OPENS	SCLOSES
17 Jan	20 March (Full academic day)	17 Jan	28 March	17 Jan	28 March
10 April	22 June	17 April	22 June	10 April	22 June
17 July	21 Sept	17 July	21 Sept	17 July	28 Sept
8 Oct	5 Dec (Reports out 10 Dec)	9 Oct	6 Dec	9 Oct	12 Dec

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

- \* 1 Jan - New Year's Day
- \* 21 March - Human Rights Day
- \* 30 March - Good Friday
- \* 2 April - Family Day
- \* 27 April - Freedom Day
- \* 30 April - DBE, ISASA and HCS Holiday
- \* 1 May - Workers Day
- \* 16 June - Youth Day
- \* 9 Aug - National Women's Day
- \* 10 Aug - ISASA & HCS Holiday
- \* 24 Sept - Heritage Day
- \* 16 Dec - Day of Reconciliation
- \* 17 Dec - Public Holiday
- \* 25 Dec - Christmas Day
- \* 26 Dec - Day of Goodwill

**WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 27 FEB**

Mon 27 Feb	Gr 12 ORT Lit Review Due	
Mon 27 Feb	HS Boys & Girls Hockey Practices Commence	
Mon 27 Feb	Swimming Practice	We will have an additional PS Swimming practice from 13:45-14:45. All swimmers in the team must please be there unless they are in the choir.
Tues 28 Feb	u/9 & u/10 Swimmers Practise	* At Hillcrest * During school day * Just to help orientate them to the big pool
Tues 28 Feb	PS Mock Gala	Due to the weather and cold swimming pool water we had to move the PS Mock Gala to this day. It will take place during normal school practice. All swimmers must please attend. And, this is the last morning swimming training for the term. (Please take note that swimming takes preference over all other sport for Monday and Tuesday.)
Wed 1 March	Ladies Prayer Hour	* Please consider joining us to pray; we extend a special invitation to all new moms (and others ☺) * Mrs Gail Botha will be leading this particular meeting and we will be praying specifically for the Encounter Camp, SP camps and Alpha. * 07:00 – 08:00 * Functions Hall (On LHS; soon after main gates at January Masilela entrance) * If you can't make the whole hour that is fine; pop in as you can



Wed 1 March	HS Mid-term mark statements out	Please ensure that fees are paid so as to ensure that there is not a delay in the release of the report.
Wed 1 March	Inter-Primary Gala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* It involves swimmers from u/9 to u/14 (including some Gr 7s)</li> <li>* The gala starts at Hillcrest at 10:00</li> <li>* Swimmers depart at 8:20</li> <li>* All SP sport is cancelled on this day</li> <li>* We don't take spectators</li> <li>* Swimmers have received a separate letter (in which it said the gala was on Tues 1 March; sorry it's on Wed 1 March)</li> </ul>
Thurs 2 March	Intervention Forms Due in	On Thursday each pupil received an 'Intervention Form'; please ensure that they are returned to Flock Teachers this day even if there is nothing to report.
Thurs 2 March	National Science Olympiad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Involves a number of Gr 10 – 12 pupils</li> <li>* 12:00 – 15:00 (pupils may leave early if they are finished)</li> <li>* Those concerned have details</li> </ul>
Thurs 2 March	Night School	<p>This will be our 8<sup>th</sup> annual night school and we continue with this practice because our pupils enjoy it so much. Thank you to you for adjusting your schedules so willingly. Herewith some details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* We start promptly with Quad Assembly at 17h20</li> <li>* Please collect your children at 22h00 (sharp!)</li> <li>* Pupils may wear S &amp; R and matrics may wear their 'dress down.'</li> <li>* This is for High School only (Gr 7 – 12)</li> <li>* Pupils have a regular school day on Thursday and they come back again for Friday's lessons on Thursday night.</li> <li>* All Friday's homework is due on Thursday night.</li> <li>* The usual punctuality, work ethic and rules apply.</li> <li>* There is no school for HS on Friday</li> <li>* If your child has a friend who lives far or has transport problems, you may like to assist by having them over on Thursday afternoon or night.</li> <li>* Please pack a substantial supper for your children. Absolutely no red bulls or similar drinks are allowed and no pupils may receive deliveries from take away outlets or leave the property to purchase! Tuck shop will not be open.</li> <li>* There is no afternoon sport for HS and the HS computer room will not be open on Thursday and Friday. The only HS sport going ahead is a 1sts Cricket match. This was unavoidable but the sweetener is that it is a reduced match and the boys will be given pizza for supper. We are sorry about this and so appreciate the boys' willingness to have a rather crazy day with us!</li> </ul>
Fri 3 March	No school for HS	There is however an important Sound of Music Rehearsal
Sat 4 March	Open Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* We consider this an official school however not all pupils need to be there. If your child is asked to be part of a particular event on this day, they will be aware. Thank you for bringing them.</li> <li>* Please invite family and friends to attend. Word of mouth remains our best advertising method.</li> </ul>
Sat 4 March	Mini Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* At Copperleaf College</li> <li>* 07:00 – 09:00</li> </ul>
Sat 4 March	Study Skills Training	<p>There will be Study Skills training for the High School from 08:30-10:30. Topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Making Summaries (selecting the main idea from text)</li> <li>* Using online resources from Elevate Education</li> </ul> <p>Cost: R 250          Please contact Mrs Pretorius if you are interested: <a href="mailto:lpretorius@hatfieldcs.co.za">lpretorius@hatfieldcs.co.za</a></p>



### PS PARENTS EVE

We invite PS parents to join us for an informative evening where Charmaine Van der Spuy will do a presentation entitled "How everyday traumas change my child's brain". She will focus on how trauma presents itself in the classroom or school environment. Charmaine is a Play Therapist.

- Tues 7 March
- 19:00 to 20:30
- Staffroom

### SHOOT FOR SHADE

By now each child in the school would have received a "Shoot for Shade" sponsor form. Thank you for considering being part of this fundraiser. We ask that every child returns their form (even if it's a nil return) by 15 March. There are great prizes on offer. (And we promise that it will be the only PA sponsor form this year.)

### TEXT BOOK LEVIES

Attached to this newsletter you will see text and workbook levies. It reflects the amount that will be on the account to be mailed out tomorrow. But... the good news is... if you were here last year, your re-enrolment fee will be credited to your account this month.

### SMART WATCHES

We have recently had to decide on a Smart Watch Policy for Hatfield Christian School, due to various impacts experienced and from noting wider trends in education.

Smart Watches have evolved to being wearable computers with cellular phone technology, either embedded in them or used via a connected phone. As smart as these devices are, with many useful features, they are also open to abuse. These abuses include cellular communication during classes without the teacher's knowledge or permission, surveillance of conversations, internet connectivity and misuse, filming and photographing subjects without their knowledge or permission; and cheating on tests. In addition, they cause a huge distraction for the wearer in class, as well as those around them.

After a number of incidents involving Smart Watches, the school has taken the decision to disallow them in the school. This is in line with international trends in schools **and is reflected in the code of conduct in the front of the school diary**. Since it is not always easy or practical for teachers to check and identify the "smartness" of each pupil's watch, and what features are enabled or disabled, we appeal to you as parents to ensure your child does not bring one to school. Pupils found using them will have them confiscated for 4 weeks, as they would a cellphone misused at school. Those parents who have equipped their children with Smart Watches for the purpose of tracking their whereabouts, are urged to explore alternative solutions that prevent the problems described above, or do not involve the technologies described above.

We have decided that we will allow devices that are dedicated to personal GPS tracking, or fitness tracking, but without the features of a smart watch enabled. If your child is wearing such a device, all you need to do is send us an email so that we can register this with the teachers concerned.

We realize the convenience of a phone on the arm, however, if a mobile phone is not an option, and the situation requires it, your child may make an emergency call from the reception which is manned until 5pm.



### **LION'S DEN**

With the launch of The Lion's Den, we are pleased that some students have entered the Den after the presentation in the chapel. Many students and parents have also contacted the organisers showing an active interest in teen entrepreneurship development. The Lion's Den utilises and teaches the latest trends in business modelling as well as entrepreneurial thought, and is aimed at not only developing entrepreneurial skills but also entrepreneurial character. The Lion's Den has been fully sponsored for HCS, and we would motivate parents to get their children involved. It is an online course that is self-paced and would not interfere with their school curriculum. It is also entirely video-based and easily accessible to teens (For pupils from Gr 8 upwards).

Email: [daniel@inthelionsden.co.za](mailto:daniel@inthelionsden.co.za) ; Web: [www.inthelionsden.co.za](http://www.inthelionsden.co.za); Cell: 082 412 5868

### **PS ENTREPRENEURS**

The Gr 6 students have just begun to practise their skills in entrepreneurship and will be selling food and sweet items as well as small toys and other things during breaks as part of their entrepreneurship venture. Please allow your children to support them as you see fit but don't feel a pressure to send money to school every day. (Although the Gr 6s would love it if you did ☺)

### **A WORD FROM MRS BLEEKER TO PS PARENTS**

*"I am so thrilled that so many of your children (and you) are enjoying Abacus. I remain confident that this is the right move for us as a school and was afforded another confirmation of this at recent Maths Cluster meeting at St Peter's on the 20<sup>th</sup> February. It was at this gathering of about 140 Maths teachers from ISASA schools that we were reminded (I paraphrase) that 'Maths is not a fixed body knowledge or facts and limited methods. Maths is exploration.' Abacus really gives your children the opportunity to explore the roots of Mathematics in a fun way.*

*Abacus has so many different games and applications for you children to master basic facts and develop a rich conceptual understanding of number and number systems. It is vitally important that your child really and mindfully engages with these activities because, in class and in assessments, they are required not to just repeat these skills and facts but to apply them in reasoning problems- or 'higher order thinking'.*

*Perhaps the easiest way to express the current research with regards to success in Mathematics is to say: "If you want to win, it is better to focus on one's health and fitness than one's speed towards the finish line". In a world drowning in data and desires, let's teach our future leaders to think creatively and reason righteously."*

### **HONOURING ONE OF OUR SCOUTS**

Mathew Schroder was awarded a certificate for the completion of PLTU (Patrol Leaders Training Unit) on Sunday at a meeting of the District. This is a ten-day survival period where the Scouts are without any contact with their parents and they are put under real pressure to survive in the outdoors. This is a time of 'growing' the boys (and girls) into future leaders. We congratulate Mathew for completing this rigorous programme.

Thank you for reading this rather lengthy letter. I trust that you feel well informed on all school happenings.

With kind regards

Graeme Holloway  
EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Hatfield Christian School  
TEXTBOOK AND WORKBOOK LEVIES FOR 2017

The following represents the costs of Textbooks and Workbooks that will be used by your child/ren for the 2017 academic year.

Costs are calculated as follows:

Text books: levied at 25 % of the actual cost of the textbook

Workbooks: levied at the actual cost of the workbook

Please note: The purchase of these textbooks and workbooks is obligatory  
HCS has bought these at a discounted rate due to bulk ordering.

2017  
WORKBOOK    TEXTBOOK  
LEVY            LEVY            TOTAL

Grade	000	180	-	180
Grade	00	250	-	250
Grade	0	860	-	860
Grade	1	890	20	910
Grade	2	710	40	750
Grade	3	510	110	620
Grade	4	640	399	1 039
Grade	5	1 012	302	1 314
Grade	6	942	308	1 250
Grade	7	1 330	374	1 704
Grade	8	1 670	329	1 999
Grade	9	1 054	322	1 376

**NOTES:**

- Grade 10 , 11, 12 CAT: Exams charged at R200 each, direct cost from Hatfield Training Center - not included here.
- Afrikaans Gr 7-12. Afrikaans workbook charged once at Gr 7 level to be kept until Gr 12. Only recharged if lost or new student at Gr 8 - 12 level.
- English Gr 7-12. English workbook charged once at Gr 7 level to be kept until Gr 12. Only recharged if lost or new student at Gr 8 - 12 level.
- Science Gr 7 - 9 Experimental Investigations charged once at Gr 7 level to be kept until Gr 9. Only recharged if lost or new student at Gr 8 - 9 level.

BY SUBJECT CHOICE		2017		
		Workbook	Textbook	
		levy	rental	Total
Grade 10	Accountancy	132	32	164
	Afrikaans	340	88	428
	Business Studies	70	84	154
<b>See note 1</b>	CAT - excl Ass/Exams	-	46	46
	Consumables	200	-	200
	Dramatic Arts	-	119	119
	EGD	40	-	40
	English	100	94	194
	Geography	-	79	79
	History	30	41	71
	IT	30	126	156
	Life Orientation	200	-	200
	Life Science (Biology)	426	206	632
	Maths	-	63	63
	AP Maths	220	-	220
	Maths Literacy	-	65	65
	Phys Science	440	-	440
	Visual Arts	-	76	76

BY SUBJECT CHOICE		2017		
		Workbook	Textbook	
		levy	rental	Total
Grade 11	Accounting	151	65	216
	Afrikaans	360	108	468
	Business Studies	83	44	127
<b>See note 1</b>	CAT - excl Ass/Exams	-	47	47
	Consumables	200	-	200
	Dramatic Arts	-	163	163
	EGD	40	-	40
	English	40	68	108
	Geography	-	93	93
	History	50	55	105
	IT	265	44	309
	Life Orientation	209	-	209
	Life Science (Biology)	231	206	437
	Maths	55	64	119
	AP Maths	240	-	240
	Maths Literacy	55	61	116
	Phys Science	220	-	220
	Visual Arts	-	42	42

BY SUBJECT CHOICE		2017		
		Workbook	Textbook	
		levy	rental	Total
Grade 12	Accounting	383	76	459
	Afrikaans	370	37	407
	Business Studies	84	40	124
<b>See note 1</b>	CAT	-	63	63
	Consumables	200	-	200
	Dramatic Arts	-	160	160
	EGD	220	-	220
	English	-	72	72
	Geography	80	101	181
	History	231	50	281
	IT	265	44	309
	Life Orientation	120	-	120
	Life Science (Biology)	-	206	206
	Maths	175	70	245
	AP Maths	254	-	254
	Maths Literacy	55	54	109
	Phys Science	-	-	-
	Visual Arts	-	77	77



### Results 17 Feb – 23 Feb

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Special Mention</u>
17 Feb	PS Swimming	Various	Cancelled	
20 Feb	C1 Tennis Boys	Hennopspark	HCS walk over	
	D6 Tennis Boys	Lynnwood	Cancelled	
	1 <sup>st</sup> JNR Cricket	PCS	Cancelled	
	U9 Cricket	PCS	Cancelled	
21 Feb	HS Swimming	Various	See below	
	1 <sup>st</sup> SNR Cricket	PBHS	Cancelled	
	U11 Cricket	PCS	Cancelled	
22 Feb	2 <sup>nd</sup> JNR Cricket	PCS	Cancelled	
	HS Tennis Girls	Akasia	Cancelled	
	U10 Cricket	PCS	Cancelled	



**Above:** Photos from some of the cricket and tennis action this week...

#### Inter-Primary Gala

*Tuesday 28 February*

- Will be the last morning training practice.

*Wednesday 1 March*

- All Inter-Primary swimmers depart at 08h20 for Hillcrest on the bus. Gala will start at 10am.
- Parents are welcome, but you are requested to sit in the stands and not with the swimmers.
- **All swimmers to stay till the end of the gala.**
- Swimmers are welcome to bring something to do, NOT anything electronic.
- Please send them with lots of water (No Fizzy Drinks) and extra food as it is a long day. NO JUNK FOOD.
- Gala should end around 17h00
- All swimmers plus reserves to come to school in S&R uniform. Please bring a hat and sunscreen.
- Please bring an extra towel and a school tracksuit in case of rainy weather.
- Gala will go ahead even if weather is unfavorable.
- There will be **NO** Primary School sport on Wednesday 1 March 2017 due to the Inter-Primary gala.



### **Inter-High A-League Gala**

Amidst the rain of this week, we were still able to participate in the major swimming event of the year. And it wasn't just the swimmers who participated but 80+ supporters and cheerleaders from our school all braved the rainy and cold weather. The result of the gala didn't go in our favour as we unfortunately ended in last place but there were still some noticeable results and achievements. The highlight of the day was when the U17 Medley relay team of Robin Terblanche, Daniela Marggraff, Amy Stanford and Kirstin Snyckers broke the record by 3 seconds!

Despite the pain and disappointment of the loss on the day, the swimmers can hold their heads high as they all gave of their best in conditions not ideal for swimming, and often against schools 6 times the size of Hatfield. We are all very proud of your efforts!

### **HS Swimming**

The swimming season for the High School is officially over. There will be no more swimming practices. But we do begin with...

### **High School Hockey**

Hockey trials were conducted this week and we will begin with age-group practises as of next week. While the Astro is nearing completion, we will be using the bottom field and YPF to prepare for the upcoming season. Please make sure that you still attend Touch Rugby, Cricket and Tennis practise if those are the sports you signed up for, for Term 1 unless otherwise arranged with your Term 1 manager.

### **Archery**

Jaydon Gasson continues to do exceptionally well. He recently participated in the IFAA Indoor Championship this weekend in JHB. He shot a full score 300/300 and won first prize.



### **Team of the Week**

It's not often that the Team of the Week isn't a Sports Team but this week the High School Cheerleaders did an outstanding job at Inter-High and are deservedly nominated as Team of the Week as they put 100% effort into their singing and cheering.

**WEEKLY EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES LIST (v1.0)**

**\*\*WECAL correct at time of printing. WECAL updates available on website and sports notice board.\*\***

**\*\*Times of return are estimations to the best of our knowledge\*\***

**27 February - 5 March 2017**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time of departure</b>	<b>Start of Game</b>	<b>Time of return/ Finish</b>	<b>Staff involved</b>	<b>Sport/Team/Age</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>27-Feb</b>	MON	13h45	14h30	16h30	Mrs Grobler	PS Tennis Boys C 1 vs LS Elarduspark	The Glen
<b>28-Feb</b>	TUE	09h40	10h00	11h00	Mrs Donachie, Mr Joynt	PS Hillcrest Swimming Practice	Hillcrest Swimming Pool
			14h00	15h00	Mrs Donachie, Coach Laetitia, Coach Hendrik	PS Compulsory Mock Gala	HCS Pool
<b>01-Mar</b>	WED	08h30	10h00	17h00	Relevant Staff and Coaches	Inter-Primary Gala	Hillcrest Swimming Pool
		13h20	14h30	16h30	Mrs Reyburn	HS Girls Tennis vs HS Akasia	HS Akasia
<b>02-Mar</b>	THU	13h10	14h15	17h30	Mr Joynt, Coach Haydn	1st Snr Cricket vs Prestige College	Prestige
<b>03-Mar</b>	FRI						
<b>04-Mar</b>	SAT		07h30	09h00	Mr Joynt, Ms Vallar, Ms Cronje	Mini Cricket Festival	Copperleaf
			08h00	13h00	HCS Staff	HCS Open Day	HCS