



HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

CIRCULAR 10 / 2026 – 22 SEPTEMBER 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,

As Term 3 draws to a close, I am sure many of us are looking forward to a well-earned opportunity to rest, recharge and spend time with family and friends. It has been another demanding term, filled with challenges, achievements and countless opportunities for growth.

Our Grade 12 learners have successfully completed their Trial Examinations and now stand on the threshold of the final chapter of their school careers. I trust that they will use the short break wisely, balancing much-needed rest with focused revision as they prepare for the National Senior Certificate Examinations ahead.

I look forward to reviewing the academic results of all our learners and celebrating the progress they have made throughout the term. Their efforts in the classroom have been matched by remarkable performances on the sports field and in a variety of co-curricular activities. I am sure you will share my pride in the many successes of our

Hillcrest High School learners, whose commitment and enthusiasm continue to enrich our school community.

1. ACHIEVERS

Congratulations to the following learners:

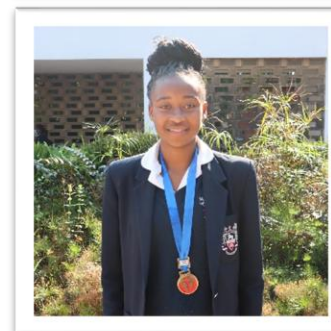
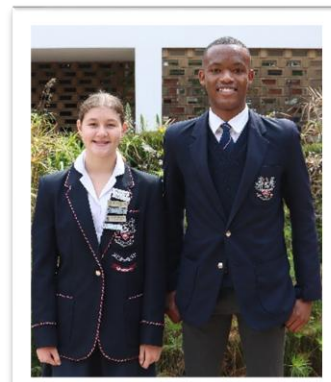
ATHLETICS

The following learners competed in the aQuelle KZNCSSA Provincial Track and Field Championships in Pietermaritzburg. They are all to be congratulated for being selected to represent the KZN team at the SACSSA Athletics Championships, which will also take place in Pietermaritzburg, on 25 – 26 September.

Annabelle van Heerden competed in and qualified for the 800m and 1500m.

Thabiso Malembe - due his torn hamstring, Thabiso could only compete in one event which was high jump. However, he still managed to get the Gold Medal!

Angel Machadu placed 4th in the 800m, 2nd in the long jump and 1st in the 100m sprint setting a new record of 13.58 seconds.



BADMINTON



Moreblessing Kufakunesu has been selected for the Badminton KZN U15B team to participate at the SA U15 Championships and Inter-Provincials in Alberton, Johannesburg from 27 September to 3 October 2026.

CRICKET

The following learners have been selected for the Final Round of Cricket Trials taking place on 4, 11 and 18 October 2026 at Kearsney College.

Nkazimulo Mhlongo – U15

Keegan Myeza – U15

Stephen Munro – U16.

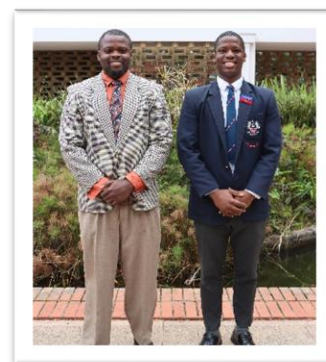
RUGBY

Finley Whitaker has been selected for the Northern KZN Duiker Rugby team.



Rugby 7's

Mvelo Shangase was selected for the KZN U17 Squad to participate in the Inter-Provincial Tournament taking place from the 1st – 3rd October 2026.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

The overall results for the Schools League Mountain Biking Season are as follows:

Junior Boys:

- Dominique Knoesen 20th
- Sebastian Smith 21st
- Wayne Kearley 32nd
- James Tatton 33rd.

Sub-junior Boys:

- Jack Newcombe-Bond 7th.

Junior Girls:

- Maja Kearley 4th
- Alana van Wyk 5th.

SA SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following swimmers have qualified to compete at the prestigious South African Short Course Championships, taking place from 24–27 September in Pietermaritzburg. The championships will bring together some of the country's best swimmers, with athletes also having the opportunity to qualify for the World Short Course Championships.

- Bradley Leppan
- Annabelle van Heerden
- Liv van den Heever.

EGD NATIONAL SKILLS COMPETITION

Mark Altson and Phelisa Hadebe represented Hillcrest High at the Provincial round of the National Skills Competition, hosted at Meadowlands Technical High School.

Mark and Phelisa achieved 1st place in KZN, in their respective EGD categories. This achievement has earned them the opportunity to represent KZN at the final national round, which will be held in Johannesburg from 30 September to 2 October. Congratulations to them both.



ESKOM SCIENCE EXPO

Hillcrest High School was proud to host the district Eskom Expo for Young Scientists in June, welcoming approximately 40 Grade 10 learners from schools across the district. Following the district expo, nine Hillcrest High learners were selected to represent the school at the regional Eskom Expo, held at the UKZN Edgewood Campus in August. With around 200 learners participating at the regional event, our learners were able to showcase their research and innovative ideas alongside young scientists from across the region.

The nine learners selected were **Azania Ntshangase, Noah Berndt, Keegan Compton-James, Makayla Torchia, Khwezi Mnyandu, Riaan Van der Byl, Erin Lowe, Sbhongakonke Nxumalo and Zelwande Khumalo.**

Three of our learners were recognised with medals at the regional expo. **Azania Ntshangase** received a **silver medal** for her project investigating the development of cost-effective and efficient drainage systems for bridges. **Noah Berndt** received a **bronze medal** for his investigation into the effects of metal oxidation on ocean pH and its contribution to ocean acidification, with the project also aiming to raise awareness of this environmental issue. **Keegan Compton-James** received a **bronze medal** for investigating the effects of switching devices to greyscale on teenagers' average screen time.



Congratulations to all nine learners for their hard work, curiosity and commitment to scientific investigation, and a special congratulations to Azania, Noah and Keegan on their achievements!

2. AWARDS

ACADEMIC AWARDS SEP 2026		
ESKOM SCIENCE EXPO		
NAME	SURNAME	AWARD
AZANIA	NTSHANGASE	FULL COLOURS
NOAH	BERNDT	HALF COLOURS
KEEGAN	COMPTON-JAMES	HALF COLOURS
MAKAYLA	TORCHIA	MERIT
KHWEZI	MNYANDU	MERIT
RIAAN	VAN DER BYL	MERIT
ERIN	LOWE	MERIT
SBONGAKONKE	NXUMALO	MERIT
ZELWANDE	KHUMALO	MERIT

SEP 2026 - SPORTS AWARDS		
ADVENTURE SPORTS - MOUNTAIN BIKING		
NAME	SURNAME	AWARD
MAJA	KEARLEY	HALF COLOURS (RE-AWARD)
WAYNE	KEARLEY	HALF COLOURS (RE-AWARD)
DOMINIQUE	KNOESEN	HALF COLOURS (RE-AWARD)
TAYGEN	OBERHOLZER	HALF COLOURS (RE-AWARD)
SEBASTIAN	SMITH	HALF COLOURS (RE-AWARD)
JAMES	TATTON	HALF COLOURS (RE-AWARD)
JACK	NEWCOMBE-BOND	MERIT
ALANA	VAN WYK	MERIT
ESPORTS		
NAME	SURNAME	AWARD
CIAN	ELS	FULL COLOURS
WAYNE	KEARLEY	FULL COLOURS
ASHTON	MULLER	FULL COLOURS
TYLER	MULLER	JUNIOR COLOURS
CAIDEN	SMITH	JUNIOR COLOURS
LIAM	ELLIOTT	MERIT
GOLF		
NAME	SURNAME	AWARD
LIAM	ERASMUS	HALF COLOURS
BRENDON	FRENZEL	HALF COLOURS
RILEY	NICHOLAS	HALF COLOURS
CAMPBELL	ROBINSON	HALF COLOURS
TASRIQ	WINGROVE	HALF COLOURS
RYAN	BREWITT	MERIT
NATHAN	DAW	MERIT
BOYS' INDOOR HOCKEY		
NAME	SURNAME	AWARD
KEAGAN	GLAUSER	HALF COLOURS
GARETH	HENNING	HALF COLOURS
BRENDON	FRENZEL	HALF COLOURS (RE-AWARD)
TASRIQ	WINGROVE	HALF COLOURS (RE-AWARD)
MARCO	CHESSA	MERIT
BANELE	KHUBONI	MERIT
OWEN	VAN DEN BERG	MERIT
JUANDRE	VAN DER WATT	MERIT
GIRLS' OUTDOOR HOCKEY		
NAME	SURNAME	AWARD
PHAKADE	KHUMALO	JUNIOR COLOURS
SLINDOKUHLE	BUTHELEZI	MERIT
NETBALL		
NAME	SURNAME	AWARD
KELLAN	BOYNTON	FULL COLOURS
SOPHIE	BUCCIMAZZA	PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT
MICHAELA	CLEGG	PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT

ZIYANDA	MABHIDA	PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT
GIRLS' RUGBY		
NAME	SURNAME	AWARD
GRACE	HUMPHREYS	FULL COLOURS
RUGBY 7S		
NAME	SURNAME	AWARD
AYDEN	NEL	HALF COLOURS
LUKE	CAMPBELL	MERIT
LUKE	WHITTLE	MERIT
SIMTHANDILE	ZWANE	MERIT
ALISTAIR	MACHADU	MERIT
THABISO	MALEMBE	MERIT
RILEY	NICHOLAS	MERIT
PATTON	KNOESEN	MERIT
SIBUSISO	MAPOTSE	MERIT
BOYS' SOCCER		
NAME	SURNAME	AWARD
SIBUSISO	MAKHOBABA	HALF COLOURS
THANDOLWETHU	NDLOVU	HALF COLOURS
APHELELE	NYAWO	HALF COLOURS
ZEKHETHELO	ZWANE	HALF COLOURS (RE-AWARD)
QWABELIHLE	MAKHANYA	MERIT
SIPHIWO	MKHIZE	MERIT
AVUYILE	NTSHANGASE	MERIT
OKUHLE	NXUMALO	MERIT
BAHLEBONKE	XABA	MERIT
AMKELO	RADEBE	MERIT (RE-AWARD)
PHILISA	MNGWENGWE	PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT
EMIHLE	NDLOVU	PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT
MOHALE	SAKUNKA	PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT
SINENHLOSO	SHOZI	PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT
AYEDAN	WHITBY	PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT
GIRLS' SOCCER		
NAME	SURNAME	AWARD
THERESLI	MEYERS	HALF COLOURS
OLWAMI	MSHENGU	HALF COLOURS
AMAHLE	VILAKAZI	HALF COLOURS
THINGO	DLAMINI	HALF COLOURS (RE-AWARD)
AWANDE	NZUZA	HALF COLOURS (RE-AWARD)
ANELE	SABELA	HALF COLOURS (RE-AWARD)
PIYA	BROWN	MERIT
SHAELYN	GELDENHUYS	MERIT
GRACE	HUMPHREYS	MERIT
LANGELIHLE	NXUMALO	MERIT
KATELYN	PEATTIE	MERIT
AYABONGA	XIMBA	MERIT
SIENNA	FRIPP	MERIT (RE-AWARD)

SENAMILE	MVELASE	MERIT (RE-AWARD)
AYABONGA	NGCOBO	MERIT (RE-AWARD)
CHELSEA	STAINBANK	MERIT (RE-AWARD)
LWANDLE	VUKEKA	MERIT (RE-AWARD)
BOYS' SOFTBALL		
NAME	SURNAME	AWARD
TAMUKA	CHOVUCHOVU	HALF COLOURS
LIAM	SANDERS	HALF COLOURS
NOAH	BERNDT	MERIT
KEEGAN	COMPTON-JAMES	MERIT
STEPHEN	MUNRO	MERIT
RYAN	REES	MERIT
RICHARD	SMEDA	MERIT
RIAN	VAN DER BYL	MERIT
GIRLS' SOFTBALL		
NAME	SURNAME	AWARD
NATALIE	REES	HALF COLOURS (RE-AWARD)
JAYDEN-LEE	ANDERSON	MERIT
KELLAN	BOYNTON	MERIT
PHELO	NTOBONGWANA	MERIT
CAITLYN	VAN NIEKERK	MERIT
PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS		
NAME	SURNAME	AWARD
DAVID	MACKENZIE	PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT 100+ COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
THABISO	MALEMBE	PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT KZN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ATHLETICS
ANNABELLE	VAN HEERDEN	PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT KZN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ATHLETICS
ANGEL	MACHADU	JUNIOR PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT KZN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ATHLETICS
MICHAELA	CLEGG	PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT (RE-AWARD) KZN ACTION NETBALL

3. HONESTY

I would like to congratulate the following learners on their honesty, an honourable trait which we like to acknowledge. Well, done to the following learners who returned lost items to the office:

- Ntuthuko Zuma 11MB handed in a big bunch of keys, with remotes attached.
- Mawande Cira 9TA handed in a cellphone.
- Leante Goosen 11DH and Sophie Buccimazza 11JC handed in a cellphone.
- Sophie Buccimazza 11JC handed in money.

4. SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Two parent members of the SGB have had to step down with immediate effect. The SGB needs to always have a full complement of members so we will need to have a BY-ELECTION to elect other members to the committee. If there are any parents who would be interested in joining the committee, please contact me or Mr B. Creed (SGB Chairman) for more information or queries. Alternately you can contact the reception for nomination forms.

The By-election will take place on 6 October at 17h00 (5:00pm) in the school Hall. We encourage parents to attend this meeting as it will give you the opportunity to meet the members of the SGB. We do need a quorum of 15% in order for the election to be able to proceed. If we do not get the quorum the meeting will be postponed to Wednesday, 21 October.

5. END OF TERM PROCEDURE

School closes for the September holidays on 23 September. The reports for Grade 8 – 11 have been finalised and will be handed out to the learners during final registration. (Learners who are absent from school will need to bring a letter or Doctor's Certificate to school on the first day of term 4 in order to collect their Term 3 report.)

The procedure for the day is as follows:

07h25	Start of School
07h30	Registration
07h40	Period 1
08h20	Period 2
09h00	Assembly
09h45	Registration
10h00	School Closes.

6. UPCOMING EVENTS:

SPEECH NIGHT AND PRIZE GIVING: 8 October 2026 @ 19h00 (7:00pm)

It is compulsory for the Grade 11 and Grade 12 learners to attend the Senior Speech Night, and I know that their exemplary behaviour and immaculate presentation will make us proud. This is our most prestigious event of the year as we take the opportunity to honour all our top achievers, as well as to acknowledge all the hard work and dedication that goes into everything that makes Hillcrest High School what it is.

Parents are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to admin@hhs.co.za for seating purposes.

GRADE 12 VALEDICTORY SERVICE: 9 October 2026 @ 07h30 in the Hall.

RCL MOVIE NIGHT – 10 October 2026, more details to follow



The poster for HHS Golf Day features a large image of three male students in red and white polo shirts standing in front of a blue backdrop. The backdrop has the HHS logo and the text 'HHS GOLF DAY HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL 30 OCT 2026'. Below this are three circular inset images: a golfer in mid-swing, a golf cart, and a group of people. To the right of these images is text about joining the annual fundraiser at Kloof Country Club. At the bottom left, there are four colored buttons with pricing: '4-BALL - R3500' (blue), 'SPECIAL HOLES - R3500' (red), 'TEE OR GREEN - R2500' (orange), and 'SPONSOR A PLAYER - R875' (grey). At the bottom right, there is a 'BOOK NOW' button with a red arrow icon. Contact information is provided at the bottom left.

HHS GOLF DAY
HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL
30 OCT 2026

Join us at the Annual
Hillcrest High School Sports'
Department Golf Day Fundraiser
@ Kloof Country Club
*Great fun, awesome prizes,
amazing sponsors & refreshments.*

4-BALL - R3500
SPECIAL HOLES - R3500
TEE OR GREEN - R2500
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marketing@hhs.co.za
windsorp@hhs.co.za

BOOK NOW

HHS GOLF DAY: Sports' Department fundraiser – 30 October. Book with Mrs Blom – marketing@hhs.co.za or Mr Windsor windsorp@hhs.co.za. Prizes and items for golfer goodie bags welcome!

IN CONCLUSION

School reopens on Tuesday 6 October. The Grade 12 reports must be collected from the school by the parent or guardian. This report is the very last report Grade 12's will ever receive, which is why it goes directly to the parent or guardian. Final details of when the reports may be collected will be communicated to you closer to the time.

We wish all our learners a pleasant and safe holiday. We especially encourage our Grade 12 learners to use this time wisely as you prepare for the final examinations which begin on 13 October 2026.



Yours faithfully

D.P. KNIGHT
Principal