

Bishopslea Preparatory School For Girls



Established 1932

13th January 2012

Dear Parents

Our first week has gone extremely smoothly. We have all been amazed, once again, by the confidence with which the Nursery and Grade 1 pupils came into the school and how quickly all the new pupils have settled in.

This year we welcome back Mrs Banks, who has once again taken over the Active Learning Centre, and we welcome Mrs Plumridge who has taken over as House Matron in the hostel.

We also have seven Junior Mistresses who have joined us as gap year students until they go off to continue their studies either in September or January next year. We welcome back Joanna Mapondera and Melanie Hill and welcome Lisa Williams and Camilla Crook all whom are ex Bishopslea pupils, as well as welcoming Robin Stevenson, Stembeni Zhanda, Kudzai Nyamarebvu.

Only one project was undertaken during the holidays. The computer room was completely refurbished and re-equipped with state of the art iMac computers, a 43" plasma TV to be used as a teaching monitor and new networking, to compliment the Wifi. A great deal of research went into the design and equipment, which has really paid off. Before and after photo's will be sent in a few weeks time once the special stools for the computer room arrive, but parents are most welcome to go upstairs and have a look.

School Fees

School fees were due on the first day of the term. There is a provision for paying half the fees at the beginning of the term and the remainder at Half Term. However, this will incur a \$100 administration fee.

The deadline for paying the whole term's fees, without incurring the administration fee, will be extended to 4:00pm Wednesday next week. All fees not paid by then will have the administration fee added. Please note that we do not accept cash. Fees should be deposited into our account at Standard Chartered Bank. It is important that copies of deposits are forwarded to the office so that receipts can be issued. Our bank statements do not indicate who the deposited fees are in favour of so copies of deposit slips are imperative.

Herewith our bank account details:

Standard Chartered Bank

Avondale Branch

A/C No. 8700201099800

A/C Name – Ruzawi Schools Ltd - Bishopslea

Afternoon Activities

Afternoon activities begin on Monday. Please note that afternoon activities for Grades 3, 4 and 5 are compulsory on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and are compulsory for Grade 6 and 7's on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Activities on other days are optional.

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There are a number of extra private activities offered including drama, modern dancing, ballet, gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, piano lessons and violin lessons. Details will be forwarded or can be obtained from the office.

Information Update Forms

Pupil information update forms have been forwarded and should be filled in and returned on Monday. These are **very** important as there is nothing more worrying than trying to contact parents when a child is not well and not being able to because all the contact details are no longer valid.

Class Captain & Vice Captain

4C **Captain:** Brooke Boshi **Vice Captain:** Kundai Breakfast
5W **Captain:** Stembile Chikoore **Vice Captain:** Carla Goodinson
5W **Captain:** Amani Khalpey **Vice Captain:** Washe Motsi
6D **Captain:** Mahnoor Azad **Vice Captain:** Kezia Beattie

Yours sincerely

R J Crook
HEADMASTER