

THE HOOT

INTRODUCTION TO OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our patrons. It's a new experience for us to be releasing a newspaper to the school. The HOOT is a newspaper that has been established by some students at Watershed College. It is an independently run organisation that seeks to promote creativity and unity among other things within our beautiful school. It also seeks to mend the tear in our family that had been created by this dreadful disease known as the COVID-19. We need to know what our fellow brothers and sisters are up to so that we may share each other's successes and build each other up during these tough times.

Our hope is that this newspaper will help you get to know more about what is happening within and outside our school.

-Panashe Beta (Chief Editor)



Term Theme: ONE BODY, DIFFERENT GIFTS

Romans 12:9-21

In the NIV version of the Bible, this passage of scripture is titled, 'Love in Action.' And as we read on, we see the instructions that we have to live by as a family. We are a body as Watershed College, made up of different organs. We have the Watershed Board of Governors, the teaching staff, the administrative staff and their families, Introwise staff, the coaches, the maids and grounds men, the security team, the drivers, the lab technicians, the students and the parents as well. Right now, I want you to think how the school would function if one of our body parts went missing. It is unimaginable. Let us look at one another and see the value we add to our community. I really enjoyed the times when we had sporting activities with other schools. Being in the bleachers and supporting my fellow brethren in the field or courts was an unforgettable experience. I loved seeing people achieve at what they were talented at. I am pretty sure that those who were participating appreciated the support. We all have areas where we shine but are too shy to showcase them because we fear judgement. Just because you are not exceptionally good at academics/sports does not mean you are useless. Just as every organism has a niche in an ecosystem, so you have your place to shine at Watershed College. You may be a supporter, a public speaker, a leader etc. Look deep within yourself and find your gift. Once you have found it, show us, your family, and we will help you nurture it. Simultaneously, you should help your fellow brothers and sisters to showcase their gifts. Let us not judge or shoot each other down. Instead let us rise as a family and grow together. Let us love each other just as God loves us as we celebrate our differences.

-Panashe Beta

Spiritual Corner

Shift Your Focus

Life is a journey, and so is Christianity. As believers we should not be blinded by our challenges but rather allow the Holy Spirit to lead us and be at the centre of all. Strategies should not only be applied to our schoolwork but to our prayer lives as well.

I am just sharing a word of encouragement based on what is happening and how we can overcome these obstacles by changing our strategy of prayer and a mind shift. We live in a world in which people experience different trials and tribulations and one's challenge may not necessarily be similar to another's challenge. For some it may be their health or maybe their finances. For others it may be peace of mind or personal relationships. (You know what is troubling you). Every day is a new day and each new day brings about its own challenges. We are crushed, perplexed or disappointed one way or another. Sometimes, we challenge our beliefs, our principles, or our goals and question whether it is the will of God.

I want to teach from the book of Daniel. Let us take a look at Daniel and his friends. To be honest, these guys went through a lot. They had to endure the lion's den, the burning furnace, and even a death trial when the king had a dream that no one could interpret. What really struck my heart about these individuals was their confidence and strong faith in Christ. Facing a matter of life and death, they did not ask God to make them disappear or kill all their enemies but rather they invited God to be with them in those situations. In the furnace, God was with them and He was the fourth man. He was a God who shut the mouths of lions when Daniel was thrown in the den.

We should not always pray to God to ask him to change the situation or make him remove all the troubles. Rather you invite Him to be with you in the difficult situation. I know that this year, life hasn't been the easiest for everyone. Our focus should not be that God makes the COVID 19 pandemic disappear in one month though it is something we all really wish for. We should focus on letting God walk with us, guide and protect us, as He did with Daniel and his friends. His divine presence bears such a power that not even ravaging fires, hungry lions, diseases or viruses have in His presence. Walk in assurance that God is right there with you. And once you understand this, you will not be shaken.

Let's not lose hope. Change your strategy to make God the helmsman of your ship, to steer your path even in rocky waters. Allow Him to be with you in this trial. He also wants to be with you and is waiting for you to

call unto Him. Nothing is difficult for God. He is above ALL! In this period, you shall possess what you see. Where others see challenges, you will see opportunities.

Prayer: As you were with Daniel during his difficult times, Lord I also invite you to be with me in my situation. As I write exams. As I learn. As I lead. As I teach. Lord I invite you to be by my side. In the Mighty name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Daniel 6:16 NIV - So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

May the grace and peace of God our Father be unto you and the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. Be blessed

-Panashe Pemhiwa

Current Affairs

A New Baby in the Family!

It is always a jovial moment whenever a new baby comes into a family. This was indeed the same case for us when the much-awaited school bus finally got revealed. Surely, the excitement and waiting was worth it. Some of the feelings experienced were incomprehensible; joy, excitement, awe; all bunched up together as we set our eyes on this beautiful piece of engineering that lay unassumingly before us.

On the 17th of September, we got to see the new member of the Watershed College family, our new school bus. It is a gorgeous Scania Marcopolo Torino model, with an undeniably appealing front face, which is ingenious in both strength and calmness. The rear of the bus is also a marvel to watch, and I think other drivers travelling behind the bus would delay overtaking it so as to soak in that beautiful bus design. It is a 65-seater, which is definitely ideal for any future trips to be made. The idling and motion sound might be deceiving, as it is soft enough to make a person think that the engine is not for the bus. Other features of the new bus include: 65 fixed-back vinyl seats, a parcel rack, electronic destination, a two-leaf pneumatic passenger door, hot air demister and wheelbase luggage lockers. The exterior design of the bus was done by Interlink Advertising, and we can proudly say that they did a great job. If you haven't seen this new beauty, please do make an effort to see it for yourself!

- Jeffrey-Takunda Murungweni.

Health and Wellness corner

Fiercely Love Yourself

Scrolling, scrolling and more scrolling. Up and down. Post, like, love, share and comment. Repeat.

We live in a time where we are constantly feeding our minds with information. Information about our education. Information about our family and friends. Information about different countries. Information about COVID-19. Information about total strangers. It is all stored in our minds. Were we ever meant to have an excess of all this information? Do we really need it?

Why do you get so happy when you get a comment from a total stranger? Why do you let the negative comments of people who have never walked a day in your shoes affect you? We have all gotten into the habit of allowing people to dictate how we feel and what we do. We all have to take a step back and look at the information we are feeding our minds. At the end of the day it is a choice if you continue scrolling. It is a choice to follow the negativity. It is a choice to follow the crowd. It is a choice how much time you spent on TikTok, Instagram, Twitter or YouTube. It is a choice to put your phone down sometimes. Find a balance. Look into people's eyes again and have a conversation about real life. Be vulnerable with living and breathing people.

Your mental health is your responsibility. You are more than the comments. You are more than your posts. You more than what you make them think you are. Know who you are and learn to fiercely love yourself.

-The Counselling Department

Your Body Is perfect for you...You're Just Not Feeding It Right.

Before you jump out at me because of the title, hear me out first. I am not implying that people should go on a diet or start to starve themselves as some media outlets would lead us to believe. What I simply am implying is that we should feed our bodies well. Many people seem to blame genetics because of certain aspects of their bodies. Be it health or even the physical makeup, we shy away from eating 'healthy food' and choose the junk instead. I completely understand. Junk food triggers our brain pleasure centres thus making us feel good. However, a constant intake of junk food can lead to future health problems. So, to avoid that, let us try to limit ourselves whilst we are still young. Open that tuck cupboard when it is really necessary and focus more on creating a better lifestyle for your future self. Though I may not understand the things you have to go through

every day, I do know a well fed body can function more efficiently. Having said that, try to eat a well-balanced breakfast and healthy snacks. Of course one mustn't punish oneself entirely. Reward yourself once in a while with a chocolate, some chips etc. Let us strive to be the better versions of ourselves.

-Panashe Beta.

*Do you know
your school
logo?*



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SPECIES IS THE ONE
ON OUR SCHOOL
LOGO?**



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the end*



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ARTICLE(S) OF THE WEEK

**We will be including both creative and analytical essays for this section to meet the interests of our varied groups of readers. Enjoy!*

A look into one of the pertinent issues affecting our world now: To what extent has increased internet use caused problems for law enforcement agencies?

Man has truly been able to stretch his witty brain to come up with such an ingenious product: the internet. It is that one invention that has truly shaken the foundations of the earth and radically transformed our way of living as humans. Who would dare reminisce life before the internet? However, there is a certain group of people who rue this so-called technological marvel, and they are the law enforcement agencies.

The increased usage of the internet has made life for law enforcers a notch higher more challenging because of the developments in crimes being committed. Cyber-crime has definitely been exponentially rising at an astonishing rate indeed, sucking out the last drops of energy from our already weary officers. Crimes such as cyber bullying and hacking have been on a tremendous rise. This has caused the law enforcement agencies to spread themselves thin in order to address the surge in these online crimes, on top of their usual daily duties. For example, it has been recently documented that in Zimbabwe, millions of dollars have been stolen due to online fraud on WhatsApp alone. Just imagine what is happening on other platforms as well. This just shows the intensity at which cyber-crime is being committed. The rate at which these illegal endeavors are occurring is exceedingly greater than the rate at which law enforcement agents are building capacity to combat them.

As mentioned earlier, increased usage of the internet has given birth to new types of crimes, which are difficult to track for the law enforcers. The digital footprint of an experienced internet citizen is not easy to uncover. It requires specialists, who in other cases also have to crack their heads trying to figure out the identity of the hacker. For example, there have been some hacking incidences which have occurred in major United States companies and the Pentagon as well. These breaches of national data security were suspected to have been done by some Russian hackers, but the real culprits have not been fully identified. This just shows how difficult it is to track the perpetrators, even for highly developed countries such as the USA.

Besides these economic disruptions, increased internet use has dampened the political and social fabric of nations. This is due to the fact that more usage of the internet implies a wider audience for different political ideologies. It also means that information spreads faster than a veld fire to the users. This has been used by

political figures to lead protests for change of government or different political agendas. For example, Donald Trump ended up being banned from Twitter, because of the accusations that he used his humungous followership to influence his supporters to protest at the Capitol Building on the 6th of January 2021. In Zimbabwe, we also have people like Jacob Ngarivhume and Hopewell Chin'ono, who have used the internet for awareness campaigns. Frequency and intensity of protests by the public, generally throughout the world is on the rise, therefore, law enforcement agencies have to go through the tedious process of enforcing laws which would control what one can say on the internet. Human rights activists would unintentionally clash with the law enforcement agencies, as they raise a red flag on the freedom of speech. This therefore clearly shows the complexities behind the law enforcers' jobs.

On the other hand, increased internet use has brought a flicker of hope for law enforcement agencies. It has made it easier for them to relay information to the general public. These agencies can now make use of the diverse social media platforms to communicate to the populace in a quick and easy way. Increased usage of the internet consequently means, in some sense, more people are being connected to the internet. In Zimbabwe, the Zimbabwe Republic Police uses social media platforms such as Twitter to inform the public on important announcements, such as missing people, road accidents, and also wanted people being sought after by the police. However, it is difficult for people to believe in these stories if the social media accounts of these agencies are not verified. These verification processes have their own demands, which can further train the law enforcement agencies.

After weighing the points supporting the notion that increased internet usage has been more detrimental to law enforcement agencies against the points for the counterargument, a sound judgement is arrived at. It can be inferred that the points supporting the notion outweigh the opposing points. Therefore, in conclusion, increased internet use has caused problems for law enforcement agencies to a greater extent.

- Jeffrey-Takunda Murungweni.

Sports Corner

Sports Comments

How were sports like for you this week?

- The sports were fun but the way we were confused on which coach did what and where we would go for this and what time was just wow. And everyone should have a chance to play in one of the matches...Maybe I sucked that is why I did not play that much?

-Tadiwa Sharata

- So for me sports have been amazing. I really enjoyed every single moment. I have really learnt a lot because of sports. They help me to relieve stress and let go.

-Moses

What was your best moment?

- My best moment was when I accomplished full length in backstroke and breast stroke. The head girl helped me and I have learnt how to do other strokes and I am super happy.

-Zanele Mlambo (Form 2)

- My best moment was when we went out as Chinyika girls to the fields and played circle games for exercising.

-Rutendo Mujati (Form 3)

- It was when we went for swimming..... or jogging with other houses because we barely see each other even in class because we all do not have the same classes.

-Stephanie Mahala (Lower 6)

The Triathlon

On a grand Sunday, 12th September, 13 of our brothers and sisters took part in a bustling competition each having their first experience in such a race - a triathlon. Prior to the event, the group was plunged into an excitement coated in fear but did not expect the results that were to follow at Mount Pleasant swimming pool.

Triathlon Zimbabwe is a body in the country responsible for controlling, managing and coordinating of triathlons in Zimbabwe. It is and has been involved fully in preparing athletes for World Championships, continental events as well as regionals. Watershed was handed the chance to participate through their newly established Cycling club led by Mr. Shundure. The Cycling club saw relatively little progress when it came into existence but has, at remarkable speed, been able to stand out in a few months as one of the school's most fascinating clubs and the best part is, it is only just getting started. Together with an influential sports director- Mr. Muchochomi, Mr. Shundure opened the narrow gates for the group to take part in what was to be an adventurous race with swimming, cycling and running all part of the big and tasty sandwich- triathlon.

Jerome, among other participants like Nyaradzai kicked the first ball for Watershed diving into blue waters and stretching for 17 widths before taking a spring out and cycling for 10kms and finishing strongly with a steady 2km run. Other age groups involving athletes like Tawananyasha Mwashita, Dylan and myself, took their deep plunge into the sparkling waters a few minutes after and we too had cycled and had a strong run. Events were packed with all athletes of various age groups racing immediately after the other, leaving only spectators and officials seated anxiously in the sporting arena. Unlucky participants like Tawana - captured by a pulled hamstring and Tawana Chibhanguza who fell sick and had to leave the race for the ambulance, left the race early.

All athletes passed through the same bickering and intense course that, although tough, was adventurous. The cycling course ran from Mount Pleasant Pool and round past Arundel School before turning meticulously parallel to Gateway road then a U- turn which brought them back to the starting line. The cycle proved a joy with participants like Dylan and I applying our aerodynamic physics on the downhill past Arundel School which, not only helped us race fast past other athletes, but also invited cheers from road-side spectators.

All in all, every participant gave their best to the demanding task. The Coaches, Mr. Shundure and Ms. Tabane were beaming. Satisfied with the performance, Mr. Shundure could expect no more as it was the group's first attendance in such a competition. "I was frightened," mentioned Nyaradzai Meda, who put on a good performance, "but I liked the experience because we now know what to expect when we go out there and sign up for triathlons," she said. One of the spectators from our side had something to say as well, "I was proud because it was our first time competing with Zim Triathlon athletes" added Rumbidzai Chibanda.

Huge thanks go to the Head for giving a go ahead to the coaches and facilitating resources to meet the necessary requirements of partaking in the event. We convey our gratitude to Mr. Muchochomi, Ms. Tabane and Mr. Shundure for organising resources, not forgetting the driver for his time. Even greater appreciation goes to Mrs. Muchochomi, Rumbidzai and Nyaradzai's parents for wonderful cheers to keep the athletes going.

-Nathan Maradzike

10 September 2021

Triathlon Results Summary

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Winning Time</u>
Tawananyasha Mwashita	Sprint: 33width, 20km bike, 5km run	DNF	-	1:13:12
Nathan Maradzike	Sprint: 33width, 20km bike, 5km run	10/13	1:29:18	1:13:12
Tangayi Davison	Super Sprint: 17width, 10km bike, 2.5km run	8/8	00:58:27	00:39:22
Chiwona Geromme	Super Sprint: 17width, 10km bike, 2.5km run	6/8	00:48:04	00:39:22
Media Nyaradzai	Super Sprint: 17width, 10km bike, 2.5km run	4/4	01:18:25	00:38:49
Mr N Muchochomi	Trifit: 9width, 10km bike, 2.5km run	10/13	01:10:00	00:37:17
Chibanguza Tawannah	Trifit: 9width, 10km bike, 2.5km run	DNF	-	00:37:17
Nembaware Moeketsi, Jeremiah Hunzvi, Ryan Chirara	Super Sprint Relay: 17width, 10km bike, 2.5km run	1/2	00:52:26	00:39:22
Alistair Chasowa, Mwanza Dylan, Jeremy Jera	Super Sprint Relay: 17width, 10km bike, 2.5km run	2/2	00:44:47	00:39:22

Well done to all who took part! An outstanding effort battling it out with the best in the country.

Kind Regards,

Sport Department

DO YOU KNOW THE SCHOOL LOGO? WHICH SPECIES OF THE OWL APPEARS ON THE LOGO?

Answer: The Great Horned Owl

Thanks for reading this edition of The Hoot Newspaper! We hope you enjoyed it.