

LENDY PARK



"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Prov. 22:6.)

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Thank You

I would just like to express my thanks to the many parents that have come through for us this term with donations to help us. From ice-creams for the athletics team to chess equipment to start the chess club next term; from oranges and water to river sand.

Your generosity and support has been instrumental in the progress we are making with our school as we look forward to the coming term.

We wish you all a wonderful Easter break and that the Lord will bless you in the coming months with His peace and joy in all that you do.



"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

The Book's Cover

As I reflect on the recently concluded term, I am filled with admiration for the remarkable achievements of Lendy Park School. From the outstanding performances of our students at the Allied Arts Festival to the triumphs in interschool sporting competitions, the progress made during our challenging transition to the Cambridge Primary Framework, and the evident spiritual growth of our pupils, there is much to celebrate.

A recent incident further exemplified the spirit that pervades our school. A young boy, rushing to the playing fields for a break-time football game, stopped abruptly upon seeing his sister sitting on a bench, unable to play due to a missing hat. He approached her, inquired about her situation, and upon learning the reason, generously offered her his own hat. He then chose to sit in her place and take her punishment, allowing her to play. This simple act resonated deeply with me, for it embodied the principles of Christ-centred behaviour and mirrored, in a readily comprehensible manner, the story of salvation: Jesus' sacrifice for our sins.

Furthermore, it is not uncommon to see a large group of children volunteering to weed the school fields each morning. Their dedication to maintaining the school environment is truly commendable.

The compassion of our students extends beyond the school grounds. One student, recognizing the needs of others less fortunate, selflessly donated his own shoes to children at a local orphanage in Marondera.

During a recent bout with influenza, I was deeply touched by the concern and well-wishes expressed by many of the children. Several students inquired after my well-being daily, and one even offered to do my job so that I could rest.

The spirit of service was evident at the Music Under the Stars Concert. As the audience dispersed after the performance, a group of young men from Bernard Mzeki House, without any prompting from staff, spontaneously began assisting with the task of packing away chairs. This display of initiative and willingness to help is a testament to the values instilled within these students.

Last week, after the concert, two of our children decided to sweep the classrooms in the morning so that the workers would not have to do it. Again, it was their own idea.

These experiences serve as a powerful reminder of how easily we may overlook the value of what we already possess, chasing after fleeting mirages of what we might have; rather than appreciating what we already have. Lendy Park School represents a precious gem: imperfect yet invaluable in its mission to prepare children for the future. We work together to shape and refine these "uncut diamonds," nurturing them into the radiant jewels they have the potential to become. Our commitment extends beyond mere education; we are actively engaged in building the future of our nation on the firm foundation of God's Word. The values our children learn and embody offer a compelling promise of a brighter tomorrow.

Let us make a conscious effort to see beyond the surface and focus on the true substance that lies within.