

Dear Old Miltonian,

As you are probably aware, the sports fields at Milton are in a serious state of disrepair. The school authorities have been facing a number of challenges with regards to the maintenance of the fields. It has been so bad that, over the last few seasons, the school's 1st XV Rugby team has had to play all their home matches at Hartsfield Rugby ground. There have been instances where schools such as Falcon and CBC have even refused to play at Hartsfield forcing Milton to play its home matches at their respective venues. I'm sure you will all agree that this is an unacceptable situation.

Earlier this year, a resolution was made by the Milton Old Boys' Association (MOBA) to rehabilitate the sports field. The idea was to carry out this project during the first few months of the year in order to have the field ready in time for the Rugby season which begins in May. Unfortunately, the process was not as smooth as expected and there were a few snags along the way. However, the Working Committee is happy to announce that the preparatory work has been done. Below is a summary of the situation as things stand:

What's needed?

- A reliable supply of water to sustain the fields
- Tractor to clear the ground
- Planting of new lawn
- Marking the ground
- Repairing the spectators' stand

What can the school do?

- Marking the pitch and erecting rugby posts
- Assisting with the planting of the lawn

What's needed from us?

- Submersible pump and solar panel for the existing borehole
- Paying for the tractor
- Buying lawn and paying for supervision of the planting and maintenance of the field for the first few weeks

Budget

Item	Cost (USD)	Comments
Solar pump	1,700.00	Supply and installation of submersible pump and solar panel
Lawn	300.00	Purchased from Byo City Council
Tractor	80.00	Procured by the school
Labour	500.00	Lawn specialist supervising initial planting and maintenance of the lawn
Top soil	100.00	
TOTAL	2,680.00	

NB: - All costs are indicated in USD although there are some that can be paid out in ZWL.
- The lawn specialist will be working on the project for 3 months; the first two months will be on a full-time basis

Once again, we are called upon to assist the school by making a financial contribution towards the restoration of the sports field. There is no limit to the amount one can contribute. Updates will be provided on a regular basis. Your support is crucial for the success of this project. Below are options for making a contribution:

1. **Ecocash Biller Code 05446:** Select **Payment of bills** option then enter your **name20surname** (no space) as account number. Send proof of payment via WhatsApp to 0778025399
2. **USD cash (Harare):** contact Kudzai Midzi 0719216842. Or you can drop the cash at 7 Flushing Close, Mabelreign
3. **USD cash (Byo):** contact Ranga Midzi 0719809705
4. **ZAR cash (SA):** contact Gerald Juma +27795063064
5. Old Boys in the diaspora can get in touch with **Joe Krige** (+447977092778) who lives in the **UK** for further details on how to contribute.

Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Quit ye like men!

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