



# Holy Family College

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Dear Parents / Guardians

We have come to the end of another term. Thank you to all parents and guardians for bringing your children to school on time and for working with the school. The Grade 9 camp at the Bosco Youth Centre was a highlight this term.

In the next term we will run the Grade 11 Leadership Camp and a camp for Grade 7 pupils. There are a number of fun activities planned for other grades in the High School.

As we only finish exams today, reports will be handed out in the new term. You will be invited to meet the teachers individually. I have been disappointed in the lack of commitment of many High School pupils during these exams. Very few have opted to use the study venues in the afternoons. I sincerely hope that their results are satisfactory.

I am sad to report that Mrs Ally will leave the school this term after seven years of service. Ms Shongwe will also leave at the end of this term. Her place will be taken by Master Maths teacher Mr Edgar Zikhali. Mr Masvusvu was forced to leave the country this term and was replaced by Ms Bhembe. Unfortunately, she resigned a month after arriving, and I have opted to stay on to prepare the Geography pupils for their final Matric exam. Mrs Baikie will also be leaving us, and I wish her well in her new position at Calvary College.

There have been a number of reports in the media about religion in schools. Holy Family College is an independent Catholic school, and as such provides a holistic approach to religious education. Our school policy encourages pupils to explore their own beliefs and to reflect on what they mean in their own lives. Our RE programme aims to promote an ethos of respect for others, of challenging stereotypes and "build an understanding of other cultures and beliefs".

Please note that the third term begins on Tuesday 25 July. There are a number of events that I would like to bring to your attention:

- 28 July School Sleep Out
- 5 August Grade 9 Subject Choice day
- 10-11 August Grade 11 Leadership Camp
- 25 August Matric prelims start / Grade 8 sleep over
- 4-5 September Grade 7 camp
- 6 September Birthday Mass
- 9 September Birthday celebration – Colour Festival
- 15 September High School Athletics
- 22 September Heritage Day celebrations
- 29 September Matric Dance and end of term

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I am pleased to announce that the following three 2016 Matric pupils passed their supplementary exams: Danielle May, Meshack Phiri and Senele Mabuza. Congratulations.

**Holiday classes: Matric parents and guardians, please make sure that your children attend all the relevant classes.** The programme was sent out this week, and can be found on the School Communicator and on our website.

I wish all pupils, their families, and the school staff a relaxing and safe holiday. Next term will be a very busy one.

Yours faithfully



Dr Mark Potterton  
Principal

