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# Holy Family College

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#### DIARY

# **24 March** Spellathon

# **27 March**Swimming Gala

## 30 March

Parents' Meeting: reports handed out

# 31 March

Term 1 ends

# 19 April

Term 2 begins

#### 22 April

Annual General Meeting

## 27 April to 2 May

Long weekend

# **HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

## **Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will take place on Saturday 22 April 2017 at 10:00 in the Ambrosian Hall. Parents are requested to attend.

# Parents' Meeting

Reports will be handed out next Thursday, 30 March 2017, at a parents' meeting held in the Ambrosian Hall, from 16:30 to 18:30.

## **Good News**

The school has purchased a brand new 24-seater bus which will come into operation in the new term. We are very excited about this development as it will help reduce costs in the long-term on school trips. We are grateful to a donor for a gift of R40 000 and to the Three2Six project for the contribution of R200 000.

We are also excited about the iPads which will be introduced in some of the Primary School classrooms in the second term. This initiative is being funded by our development funds and the Three2Six Project.

# **Short Story Competition**

Theme: My Holy Family College.

Focus on the values and ethos of the school.

Word limit: 400-450

Submit your entry to Mr Roberts by 19 April 2017.

Prizes: First place R500 Second place R350

Third place R250

Good luck!

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

Saint Augustine

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# Flo Bird – Johannesburg Heritage Foundation

Our condolences to Flo Bird and her family on the passing of her husband - may his soul rest in peace.

#### Poor conduct

There are a number of children who fail to uphold the Code of Conduct of the College. We will circulate conduct reports with the reports next week. I will not tolerate the thought that children think that they can do as they please. Their poor conduct impacts negatively on the entire school community. Our Code of Conduct is captured in the following paragraph:

"As members of a Catholic school founded by the Holy Family Sisters, we are motivated and guided by the values of the Gospel. Members of the College community strive in their work and play to be examples of Christian love; for God, for others, and for themselves. Each member of the College community is responsible for upholding the core values of the College, as outlined in the Vision and Mission. Members of the College have the courage to stand up for what is right and just".

# **Three2Six Project news**

We are almost at the end of the term. Thank God for keeping us safe! And again we have new volunteers: from Germany, Lena; and from South Africa, Khanyi. They will be working with the remedial class. They won't be full-time at Holy Family, but will be rotating with Sacred Heart College. We wish them all the best.

We look forward to Holy Family College pupils joining us to do their community service. Pupils are welcome to visit our office at any time for more information.

We are all looking forward to the holidays!

# **Cell Phone Policy**

A reminder to parents and pupils that the use of cell phones during lessons is prohibited, unless authorised by the teacher.

From our policy:

- Pupils may not use cell phones in the classroom during school hours.
- A subject teacher may require from time to time that pupils use their cell phone during the lesson to take photographs, record demonstrations, or to conduct a web search. Such use is entirely at the discretion of the teacher.
- Pupils may only use cell phones at break or after school. They may not use them between classes, whether to send messages or to listen to music.
- Pupils are not permitted to have cell phones with them when writing tests or examinations.