



Holy Family College

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"Quid Retribuam — what shall I give back?"

DIARY

31 March

Term 1 ends

14 April

Good Friday

16 April

Easter Sunday

17 April

Family Day

19 April

Term 2 begins

20 April

Whole school Mass

22 April

Annual General Meeting

27 April to 2 May

Long weekend

NEWSLETTER

Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians

End of first term

We have come to the end of the first term, and wish everyone a happy Easter break. There are extra classes for Matric pupils, so these children will have to continue working hard in order to have a successful year.

Retreats

We have run a full retreat programme this term, and almost all children have been on retreat. The Grade 9 pupils will have the opportunity to enjoy the Love Matters programme at Bosco Youth Centre in the second term.

School camps

A number of primary school pupils enjoyed school camps in the first term. The Grade 8 pupils had a great orientation programme at Camp Eden.

Choir

The high school choir has been active in this first term. Yesterday they gave an enthusiastic performance at the PPS opening event.

Drama

The Grade 10 and 11 pupils attended a performance of Sarafina at the State Theatre this week. This was a wonderful experience for our children. The drama pupils put on their monologue showcase this week, and were able to show the school just what they are up to. There were some stunning performances.

**"Joy is the
serious
business of
Heaven."**

C S Lewis

Staff update

Mr Calvert, the part-time Afrikaans teacher, has resigned. Ms Govender was on a short-term contract to set up the Transyear support programme and also leaves us this term. We wish Ms Cornelio, our RE Co-ordinator, well as she leaves us to embark on her PhD studies at the University of Johannesburg.

Pupil performance

We are concerned about the underperformance of the Grade 9 pupils. Special measures will be put in place to address the shortcomings. We are pleased with the performance of pupils who continue to put effort in. This is very satisfying. Many of our Matric pupils have started their year well and are making the appropriate effort. Some of the Grade 8 pupils are struggling to find their feet. We need to pay particular attention to them in the second term.

General code of conduct

We are not happy that some of the boys do not come to school clean-shaven. We ask that parents ensure that their boys shave regularly. There is a nasty habit that some pupils have, which is to roll up their blazer sleeves. This looks sloppy and is not appropriate. We conducted random drug tests on two occasions this term. No pupils tested positive for any illegal substances. This is very good and we will continue with this vigilance.

Catholic school

We are grateful to all parents, guardians, pupils and teachers for supporting our school. We can only be successful if we all work together. We are excited to take delivery of our new 24-seater bus this week. We also look forward to introducing iPads into some of the Primary School classrooms next term.

Best wishes.

Mark Potterton

Principal

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy to Mr Ronnie Masvusvu and his family on the passing of his father. We also send our love and sympathy to Mrs Mary Jingxi (Aunty Mary to pupils and parents for the past 33 years) on the death of her husband. May they all be comforted, and may their dear ones rest in peace.



Holidays and Easter

We wish all pupils, staff and parents a safe and relaxing holiday, and a joyous and blessed Easter.

School begins again on **Wednesday 19 April 2017**.

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.

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| Prizes: | First place | R500 |
| | Second place | R350 |
| | Third place | R250 |

Good luck!

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.

Basketball tour

Congratulations to our basketball boys and girls, who travelled to Mafikeng last weekend for a tournament. They competed against 13 other schools. The girls came 6th and the boys 7th. We are proud of you!

Three2Six Project news

We are just finishing the first quarter of our year. What a wonderful term! Thank you God for your love, protection and your mercy upon our lives. The Three2Six team would like to wish a happy Easter to all the Holy Family College community.

Three2Six is hosting Hooked on Books at 3:30 in the Sinsoke hall today. Hooked on Books is not only for small children, it's also for adults, and for those who like stories. So you are all welcome to pop in and check it out.

During the next school holidays, in July, we will be running a holiday programme for one week. In this programme we do science, music, dance, art, and all the activities that we can't manage to do during classes due to our 3 hour time frame. We are calling upon teachers and pupils (Grades 11 and 12) who would like to come and volunteer during that time in specific subjects.

Thank you to Ms Disebo Mofokeng and her Grade 10 class for the time they spent with our children last Friday. Our pupils really enjoyed the well-prepared activities. Thank you again! We are waiting for more teachers to do the same. Enjoy the holidays.

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:5-6



Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”

John 11:25-26

