



Holy Family College

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"Quid Retribuam — what shall I give back?"

DIARY

15-19 May

Grade 9s to Bosco
Love Matters camp

25 May

Ascension Day
Mass at 08:00

16 June

Youth Day

19-30 June

High School exams

30 June

End of Term 2

25 July

Term 3 begins

HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The Easter season

Easter for Christians is not just one day, but rather a 50-day period. The season of Easter, or Eastertide, begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2).

Easter is also more than just an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season for new converts to learn about the faith and prepare for baptism on Easter Sunday. The initial purpose of the 50-day Easter season was to continue the faith formation of new Christians.

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what it means when we say Christ is risen. It's the season when we remember our baptisms and how through this sacrament we are, according to the liturgy, "incorporated into Christ's mighty acts of salvation." As "Easter people," we also celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church and gifts of the Spirit (Pentecost), and how we are to live as faithful disciples of Christ.



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"With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all."

Acts 4:33

Staff developments

Ms Mlangeni decided to take up a post in another school, and so we welcome back Mr Dillner, who is helping us in the Maths Department. It is really good to have a Maths teacher of his calibre at school.

Thank you to Mrs Camhee for helping us in the Afrikaans Department. Her enthusiasm is catching.

Unfortunately Mr Masvusvu has had some problems with his immigration documents and has had to return home.

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to those parents who attended the AGM on 22 Saturday 2017. Your interest in, and concern for, the school is much appreciated.

Our guest speaker, Mr Luke Lamprecht from Fight With Insight, gave an excellent talk on cell phone safety.

Cell phone use

Bill Gates sure is strict on how his children use the very technology he helped bring to the masses.

In a recent interview with the *Mirror*, the tech mogul said his children were not allowed to own their own cellphone until the age of 14. "We often set a time after which there is no screen time, and in their case that helps them get to sleep at a reasonable hour," he said. Gates added that the children are not allowed to have cellphones at the table, but are allowed to use them for homework or studying.

The Gates children, now 20, 17 and 14, are all above the minimum age requirement to own a phone, but they are still banned from having any Apple products in the house—thanks to Gates' longtime rivalry with Apple founder Steve Jobs.

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School blankets for sale

We have beautiful blankets for sale: red, with the school badge in black, on one side, and black with the school badge in red, on the other side.

The blankets sell for **R230.00** each. Buy now before the real chill of winter sets in!

Contact details

Please let us know if any of your contact details have changed. It is very important that we have up-to-date phone numbers and email addresses in case of emergencies. Thank you.