

# HOLY FAMILY COLLEGE



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## DIARY

### 14 February

Ash Wednesday

### 16 February

Valentine's Ball

### 23-26 February

Mid-term break

### 27 February

Back to school

"My favourite things in life don't cost any money. It's really clear that the most precious resource we all have is time."

*Steve Jobs*

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one."

*Malcolm Forbes*

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Congratulations

We congratulate Mrs Gladys Boqo, who has been given an award by the Gauteng Department of Education as the top isiZulu teacher in Gauteng. Well done, Mrs Boqo, we are very proud of you!

### Where two or more are gathered in my name...

The Spirit was moving amongst the families and staff of Holy Family College last Saturday at the Parent Information Day. It was an excellent turnout of parents, eager to meet the new Head, Mr Sobreira, to re-connect with old friends and, hopefully, to make new friends.

The day began in the Ambrosian Hall with a presentation by Mr Sobreira. He made clear his commitment to and passion for education, and his desire to improve our children's quality of schooling in a holistic and nurturing environment.

Mrs Robertson (Principal of the Primary School) gave a comprehensive overview of the primary school's work, with some practical ideas that parents can use to improve their children's numeracy and literacy abilities.

Mrs Phillips (Deputy Head, Academics) spoke about the need to improve the quality of our results. She spoke of



the inter-connectedness of the crucial roles played by parents, learners and teachers. She explained how the College will be introducing its Diligence reports to acknowledge the effort of hard-working learners.

Mr Bharuth (Dean of Students) explained the House system and highlighted the exciting activities lined up for the year.

Primary school parents then went off to meet their children's class teachers and the high schoolers met their house teachers, who stressed that they are the first point of contact if learners or parents need assistance. From the house teachers it was a rush to get to the grade meetings to get more specific information concerning each grade.

The day wound down with a braai lunch and a chance to socialise as "family". We hope you found the experience helpful and are motivated to build the relationship between your family and your school. May God bless us all on this journey.

*Mike Takkos, Deputy Head, Ethos*

### **Collection of pupils at 3 pm**

Pupils can be collected between 3 and 3.15 pm. After 3.15 all pupils still waiting will go to one of the study venues, with teachers to supervise them. If you collect your child between 3.15 and 4.00 pm please go to the Science Block to call them. No child will be allowed out before 4.00 unless the parent has come to the door to call them.

Please do not double park behind cars in the car park. Some staff have been delayed when trying to get out because there are so many cars which are unable to move away.

### **Three2Six Project news**

The Three2Six learners are settling in to the new school year and are very excited for the academic year ahead. We are excitedly anticipating the arrival of HFC learners from Grade 10 & 11 to come and volunteer at Three2Six. We would like to welcome our new volunteer Kellie, from Australia, who will be volunteering with us until the end of term. We are also looking forward to Valentine's day next week when our learners will dress up in red and white to celebrate the day.

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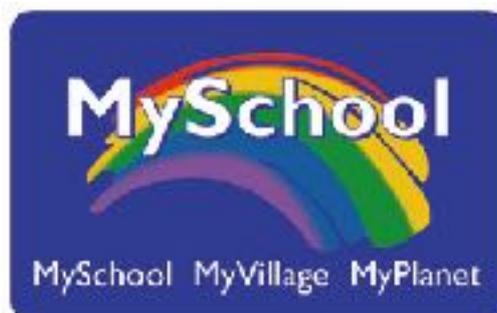


**Student matters**

- Our Grade 12s had a successful study skills workshop.
- Grade 11s have also had an informative workshop.
- We found it very advantageous to have a staggered start to the term for the senior grades. It created a positive mindset.
- The Grade 8 Orientation Day and Camp went off very well. Students enjoyed themselves and looked forward to their start at HFC.
- We will celebrate Valentine's Day with a Valentine's Ball on Friday 16 February.
- Still to come: Inter-house Spelling "B" and Inter-house gala.
- The Grade 12s attended their first Careers Road Show on Wednesday 7 February.

**MySchool Card**

If you don't have a MySchool card, please pick up an application from Mrs Khanyi in the front office. This costs you NOTHING, and when you shop at various stores such as Toys R Us or Woolworths, the school, as your nominated beneficiary, will get a percentage of what you spend. Please help us raise much-needed funds in this way. Thank you.

**Peer Mediators 2018**

The following pupils have undergone training and are our Peer Mediators for this year:

- Menzi Palmer
- Murunwa Ratshilengo
- Noluthando Sambo
- Siyanda Sibiyi
- Wandile Nkosi
- Refilwe Matsoso
- Light Mbedzi
- Kgomotso Kolobe
- Thandeka Gwen
- Nathanael Katongo
- Lerato Mosegomi

Congratulations, and may God bless you in your interaction with your fellow students.

**Robbery at school**

In the early hours of Thursday morning, our school was once again targeted by a gang of thieves. The computers in our Computer Centre and in the Reception Office were all stolen. Fortunately the security guards were not harmed, although they were tied up. We will be looking at further security measures to protect our resources.

**Ash Wednesday: 14 February**

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from palm crosses and branches blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday, and placing them on the foreheads of participants, to the accompaniment of the words, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

The whole school will join for a Eucharist next Wednesday morning. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

