

HOLY FAMILY COLLEGE



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DIARY

20-22 February

Grade 4-7 camps

23-26 February

Mid-term break

27 February

Back to school

3 March

Annual General Meeting

9 March

Primary School camp out

17 March

Open Day

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.”

Luke 4:1-2

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Holy Family College will take place on Saturday 3 March 2018 at 10:00 in the Ambrosian Hall. Parents / guardians are requested to attend.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

We trust that the Lenten Season got off to a good start and that you will be encouraging your children to participate in this 40 day journey leading up to Easter Sunday. We had a beautiful Ash Wednesday Eucharist and a special Liturgy was organised for the Foundation Phase learners. This was to ensure that the little ones would get a better understanding of this special season of sacrifice.

In the words of Pope Francis:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Primary School parent afternoon

27 March, 13:00 to 18:00. Reports will be handed out to parents / guardians.

Camp out

Due to the inclement weather forecast for today, we felt it necessary to make a call yesterday, to postpone the Camp Out until 9 March. If you have paid already, there is no need to make any further communication, as all bookings will just be carried forward. If you were hiring a tent, we trust that you were able to transfer that booking to the new date. Apologies for any inconvenience caused..... but camping in the rain is not that much fun!

Grade 4 - 7 school camps / tours

Please note that all Grade 4 to 7 tours will be leaving on Tuesday morning for various destinations, as stated in the information letters you have received and signed. **IF YOU HAVE NOT RETURNED A SIGNED INDEMNITY FORM, YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GO ON THE CAMP.** Please ensure that your child is at school by 07:00 so as to avoid any traffic delays. The buses will be departing PROMPTLY at 07:30 and we will not be able to wait for late comers. When packing please follow the list given to you. A SPORTS KIT BAG is more than big enough for clothes for two days and nights. Please remember that the children are to wear their red golf (PT) shirt, black PT shorts and takkies to school on Tuesday morning. We wish the children a wonderful learning experience as well as a chance to get to know their peers in a different setting.

We would like to thank the teachers who have given up their time and home comforts to accompany our learners for the three days. They will also get to see another side of your child in a more relaxed environment.

Mini-Cricket – Grade 2

We have had to cancel all three matches so far this season, as every Thursday we seem to have a downpour. Let's hope for a dry Thursday next week.

Catholic Schools' gala

Our Intersen Phase (Grades 4-7) learners are participating in an Inter-Catholic swimming gala today at Sacred Heart College. We wish them well and hope that the weather holds for a few hours this afternoon. Good luck team!



School uniform shop

It has come to our attention, yet again, that the school uniform stockists on the HFC premises do not carry sufficient stock from one season to the next. An ultimatum has been issued that as of the end of Term 2, their contract will be terminated if we do not get better service.

There is an alternate supplier - **Hermers of Rosebank - School Stockists in THE ZONE (Store F03)**. They do carry the HFC uniform and have our school socks in stock. Their contact number is 011 788 5241. Ask for Mohammed.

A letter sent to parents at a Primary School

Dear Parents

We would like to remind you that magic words such as good morning, please, it's a pleasure, I'm sorry and thank you, all begin to be learned at home.

*It's also at home that children learn to be HONEST, to be on TIME, DILIGENT, show friends their SYMPATHY, as well as show utmost RESPECT for their elders and all their teachers. Home is where they learn to be clean, not to talk with their mouth full and how and where to properly dispose of their litter. Home is also where they learn to be organised, to take care of their belongings, (put names in their school clothes!), and that it's not OK to touch other children. Here at school, on the other hand, we teach language, maths, social science, natural science, life skills and physical education. We only **reinforce** the education that children receive at home from their parents.*

HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Three2Six Project news

On Wednesday our Three2Six learners dressed up in red and white to celebrate Valentine's Day. The children also made Valentines for their parents and loved ones.

Valentine's Ball

Many of our High School pupils will be attending the Valentine's Ball this evening. Staff will be on duty to supervise, and the evening ends at 21:00 sharp.

Condolences

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family of Muzi Gumede in Grade 9. Muzi's grandfather died recently, and the family will bury him on Saturday. May he rest in peace.

Mr Trompetter

Mr JP Trompetter, our High School sports co-ordinator, was knocked off his bike on Monday morning, on his way to school. He is recovering at home. We wish him every blessing as he heals.

To Have Hope

To have hope
is to believe that history continues open
to the dream of God and to human creativity.

To have hope
is to continue affirming
that it is possible to dream a different world,
without hunger, without injustice,
without discrimination.

To have hope
is to be a courier of God
and courier of men and women of good will,
tearing down walls, destroying borders,
building bridges.

To have hope
is to believe in the revolutionary potential of faith,
is to leave the door open so that
the Spirit can enter and make all things anew.

To have hope
is to begin again as many times as necessary.

To have hope
is to believe that hope is not
the last thing that dies.

To have hope
is to believe that hope cannot die.
That hope no longer dies.

To have hope is to live.