

HOLY FAMILY COLLEGE



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DIARY

23 August

Matric prelims begin

25 August

Grade 8 sleep over

1 September

Spring Day

4-5 September

Grade 7 camp

6 September

School's Birthday Mass

9 September

Birthday Colour Festival

24 September

Heritage Day

25 September

Public holiday

“An investment in
knowledge pays the
best interest.”

Benjamin Franklin

HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Matric prelims

Our Matric pupils embark on the prelim examinations next week. We wish them well and much success.

Staff news

Ms Loveness Mpofu will take over from Mr Maluleka at the end of the month. Ms Mpofu has an honours degree in history from Wits.

Mr Maluleka is leaving us to take up a position at Rand Preparatory and College. We wish him well.

Three2Six Project news

On Wednesday 16 August we had the official hand over of the Judo materials: kimonos and mats. Our special thanks go to UNHCR and JRS for their donations. We are also very grateful to Roberto, who agreed to do the session with our children without any cost to us.

The Three2Six team and pupils are very grateful to the Holy Family Primary teachers for letting our Three2Six pupils be part of the school's Athletics Day. Our children are all excited to be part of this event. We really appreciate this invitation.

Our special thanks are extended to the Grade 10 pupils for considering our project for their community service.



Anti-bullying

Holy family College does not tolerate bullying in any form, and all members of the school community are committed to promoting a safe, caring environment. We have reports of bullying taking place at school.

Bullying happens when one pupil or group of pupils tries to upset by doing, or saying, hurtful things to another pupil again and again. Sometimes bullies hit or kick people or force them to hand over money. The pupil being bullied finds it difficult to stop this happening and is worried that it will happen again.

Bullying includes the following: name-calling; teasing; threatening; abuse of power; forms of exclusion; hurting physically or emotionally; extortion; damaging property; spreading rumours; cyberbullying – using the internet / cellular phones to bully another pupil (this includes: sms, mms, facebook, mxit, twitter and email).

Pupils who are bullied can feel embarrassed, angry, frightened, unsafe or unfairly treated. They might not be able to sleep, feel confused and not know what to do.

As a school community we will report all cases of bullying and deal with them. Staff will: adequately supervise school activities; arrive at class on time and move promptly between lessons; be role models in word and action; educate pupils and parents about bullying; be observant of signs of distress or suspected incidents of bullying; help victims of bullying and ensure that they are not placed at further risk; report suspected incidents of bullying to the appropriate staff member.

Perpetrators of bullying may have privileges removed, be given community service or be suspended from school and have a disciplinary hearing which may lead to expulsion.



Substance abuse

The school has a substance abuse policy which has been drawn up in order to confront the reality of substance abuse in a responsible and constructive manner. Where substance abuse occurs, the underlying aim is to change behaviour rather than enact punitive measures, and in so doing develop, and maintain, healthy levels of self-confidence and self-worth.

Parents and guardians must be aware that while it will always be the College's aim to help in situations of abuse, it must be stressed that the College will always view the possession, exchange and use of tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs or related equipment in a very serious light. This policy will apply at College, at College events or when a pupil is associated with the College. Any such behaviour could result in the matter being handed over to the South African Police Services for investigation. Pupils may also be expelled.

Please note that we will be carrying out drug testing in the High School next week.

Collection for those less fortunate

As part of our Birthday celebration, we will be collecting non-perishable food for those less fortunate than we are. Please send your donation of tinned foods to school so that we can distribute them after our Birthday events.

Grade 8 sleep over

Our Grade 8 pupils will be having their sleep over next Friday, 25 August. A letter with details will follow shortly.

Grade 7 camp

The Grade 7 class will be going on camp from the 4th to the 5th of September. Details and list of requirements will be sent out soon.



Dates for next year

2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1 (48 days)

Wednesday 17 JANUARY to Wednesday 28 MARCH

Mid-Term Break: Friday 23 to Monday 26 February

Public Holiday: Wednesday 21 March (Human Rights Day)

TERM 2 (46 days)

Tuesday 17 APRIL to Friday 22 JUNE

Mid-Term Break: Friday 27 April to Tuesday 1 May

Public Holidays: Friday 27 April (Freedom Day)

Tuesday 1 May (Workers' Day)

Saturday 16 June (Youth Day)

TERM 3 (47 days)

Tuesday 17 JULY to Friday 21 SEPTEMBER

Public Holidays: Thursday 9 August (National Women's Day)

Friday 10 August (School holiday)

TERM 4 (47 days)

Tuesday 9 OCTOBER to Wednesday 12 DECEMBER