



NEWSLETTER

14 February 2025

Prizegiving Ceremony: A Celebration of Excellence



This week, Holy Family College proudly hosted our annual Prizegiving Ceremonies for both the Primary and High School, celebrating the remarkable achievements of our learners in academics, sport, and culture. The two separate ceremonies were a wonderful occasion to recognise the dedication, perseverance, and talent of our learners, as well as the invaluable support of educators and parents.

The ceremonies were made even more special by the incredible performances from our talented learners. In the Primary School Prizegiving, the audience was treated to the rhythmic and vibrant sounds of our Marimba Band, while the High School Prizegiving featured a moving performances by the school choir, showcasing the musical and artistic excellence within our school community.

A particular highlight of the High School Prizegiving was the awarding of the prestigious **Quid Retribuam Blazer (Cum Laude)** to **Thoriso Mphele** for her outstanding achievements in soccer. Thoriso has excelled both within our school and beyond, making a name for herself in the **JWV League** and earning the honour of representing the **U-17 South African National Women's Football Team**. This recognition is a testament to her dedication, discipline, and unwavering commitment to her passion.

Thoriso's journey is an inspiration to all—her success serves as a powerful reminder that with hard work, perseverance, and belief in oneself, dreams can indeed become reality. She has shown that talent, when nurtured with determination and guided by strong values, can open doors to incredible opportunities. To our learners, let her story be a motivation: whether in academics, sports, or the arts, your dedication and resilience will pave the way for success.

Success is never achieved alone. Behind every award, there is a story of late nights of study, many sessions of training, and the unwavering encouragement from educators and families. Prizegiving is not just about the top achievers—it is a celebration of growth, effort, and the spirit of excellence that drives every learner to do their best.

To our learners, whether you walked away with a trophy or simply with the knowledge that you gave your best this year, know that your journey towards success is ongoing. To our educators, your guidance shapes futures, and to our parents, your support is the foundation of every accomplishment.

Congratulations to all our learners—we are immensely proud of you! Keep striving, keep believing, and keep reaching for greatness.



(More pictures in our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HFC.JHB>)



PRIMARY SCHOOL LIFE



Our Primary School Nature Navigators were hard at work this week. Watch this space in weeks to come for more news.

Grade 5s Get Hands-On in isiZulu

Our Grade 5 learners had a fun and interactive isiZulu lesson this week as they prepared their own sandwiches while learning relevant vocabulary and instructions in isiZulu. This practical activity reinforced language skills in an engaging way, making learning both enjoyable and memorable.



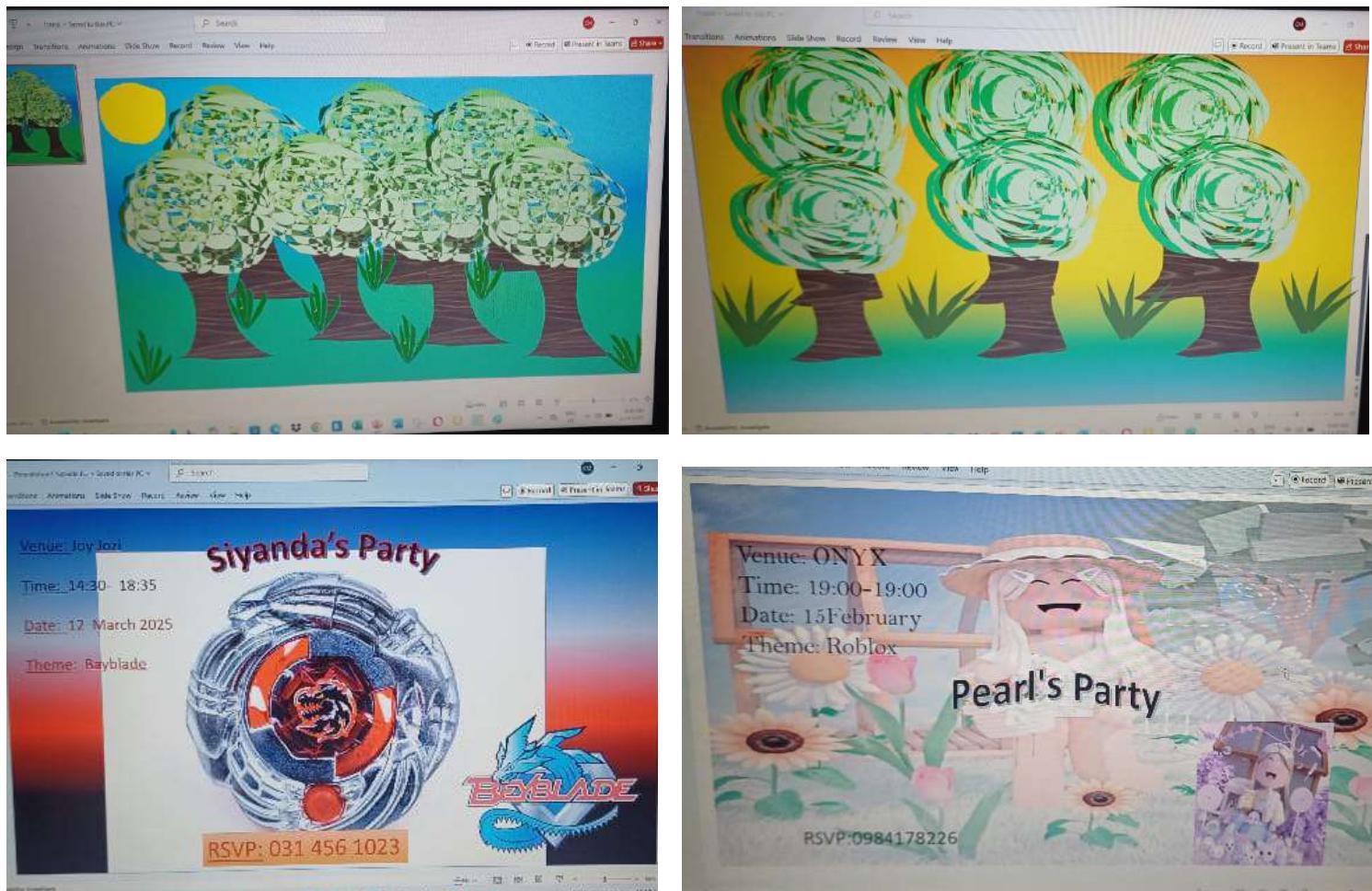
The Magic of PowerPoint

Grade 4 and 5 learners explored the creative side of PowerPoint, developing essential digital skills.

Grade 4s designed themed party invitations, learning to insert textboxes, download and upload images, and structure information visually. This hands-on activity combined creativity with technology, making learning fun and practical.

Grade 5s took on a unique challenge—creating a forest landscape using only the scribble tool, paintbrushes, and gradients, without the shape tool. This encouraged problem-solving, artistic expression, and innovative thinking.

These activities showcased how PowerPoint is more than just a presentation tool—it's a gateway to creativity, design, and digital mastery!



**School Closes for the Term 1 Mid-Term break at 12h00 on Thursday, 20 February 2025.
No Aftercare service.**

School returns on Tuesday, 25 February 2025.

Mid-term reports will be released to all learners on the D6 Communicator if it is updated correctly. See below how to update correctly.

Retreat Grade 10

Gr 10s spent the day on retreat today. Walking with their God: they reflected on the wonder of God's nature, they reflected on what they were thankful to God for during the last year and then asked God's graces for the year ahead.

The Grade 10's meditated on the scripture passage and ended with a shared lunch.



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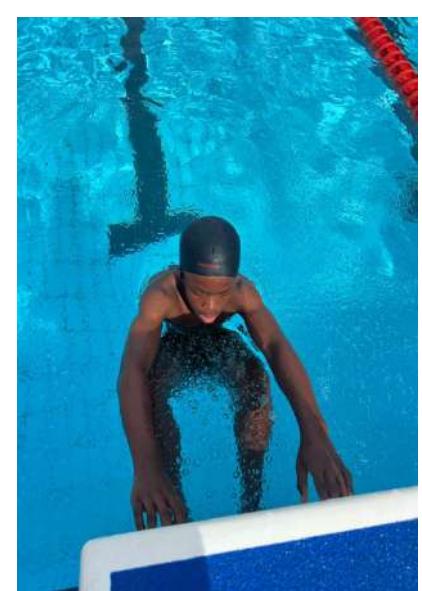


High School learners are expected to order their personalised house T-shirts from school at **R90** a t-shirt.

Each t-shirt will have the learners name and school badge on the t-shirt.

Orders must be in by close of mid-term.

SPORTS COLLAGE for the WEEK





Grade 11 Life Sciences: practical lesson

Our Grade 11 Life Sciences learners got hands-on with chicken wings—not for lunch, but for science! In a fascinating dissection lesson, they explored muscles, tendons, and ligaments, gaining a deeper understanding of movement and anatomy.

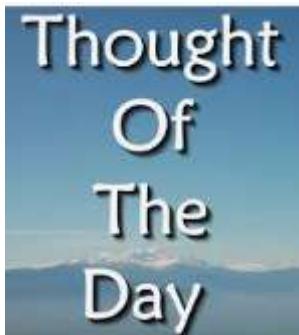
There were a few hungry glances, but instead of tucking in, learners carefully identified bone structures and muscle groups—a far less appetising but highly educational experience! This practical lesson brought biology to life in a memorable (and slightly mouth-watering) way.

Well done to our budding scientists—though next time, they might prefer their wings grilled and served with chips from the tuckshop!



NEXT WEEK

WEEK SIX		DAY	
Monday	17 February	06	PS – All IP mid-term marks in Edulink Tertiary Roadshow
Tuesday	18 February	07	CSO – Swimming Gala (HS)
Wednesday	19 February	08	
Thursday	20 February	09 11h20 12h00	ECD grandparents' day Mass (Gr 6) School ends
Friday	21 February	10	Midterm
Saturday	22 February		IEB Conference – Geography

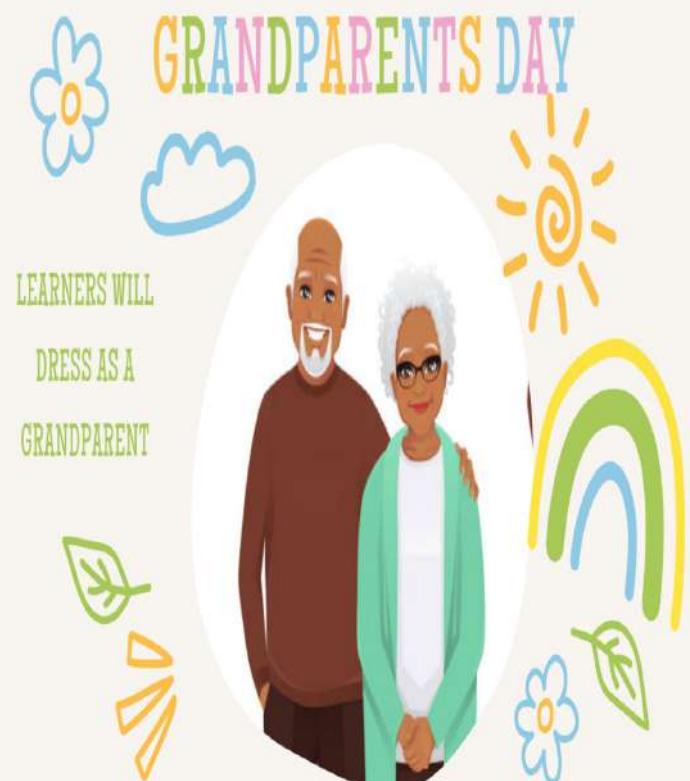


#LOVE

Love is a verb, not a noun.

Love involves caring,
acting, showing up.
It's not just words,
an emoji and then
going about minding
your own business.

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Inviting all grandparents, or loved elders, to join us for a morning
with your special grandchild at Rose Cottage
ECD and Grade R . Thursday 20 Feb 9am-12pm

Faith CORNER



Pastor's Corner for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, by Fr. Isaac J. Fernandes, SJ

16th February 2025

In the wake of President Trump's withdrawal of funding to any program that is not aligned with his America First agenda, many reactions on social media in Africa have pointed out that it is high time that African countries learn to fend for themselves. The funding that USAID formerly provided in many African countries for the purchase of critical medications such as ARVs served to mask the failure of many African governments to provide affordable healthcare for their citizens. It is time, clamour certain pundits on social media, that African governments step up to the plate and prove there are worthy of the trust that people have placed in them by starting to provide the essential services to their citizens hitherto assured by NGOs and foreign governments.

There is certainly a lot of truth to this view and citizens must certainly learn to start holding their governments accountable for the delivery of essential services. In one sense, these reactions on social media are right to highlight a certain complacency that has settled in our minds when we expect American tax-payer dollars to solve the health crises of our African continent. However, there is something distressing when the correction of this complacency takes the form of a slogan "Zambia first" or "South Africa first," in imitation of President Trump's "America first."

In many different countries we are witnessing a rejection of the values of the liberal left that espouses a vision of humanity as gathered into one global village. The universalism of this vision that first found its purchase in the League of Nations and later in the United Nations is coming under increasing attack as countries withdraw into their shells and are increasing seduced by the far right's nationalistic agenda. America's withdrawal from the WHO and the Paris climate agreement threatens the cohesion of the global order. While we can certainly criticize the global order and point to many weaknesses in the running of the global order under the hegemony of the most powerful nations on earth, our Christian hope should not permit us to give up on the dream that the global order represents.

This dream is God's dream to gather humanity and indeed the whole of creation into one united family (cf. 2 Cor. 15: 20-28). While we must recognize that all human attempts at creating a global human community of justice and solidarity will be flawed and partial at best, we need to remain committed to these attempts in order to ensure the common good of all humanity and indeed of all creation. Our fates are bound together inextricably such that no one nation can ensure the good of its citizens without reference to the actions and priorities of the other nations on earth. This truth of this assertion became nowhere clearer than when we faced the COVID pandemic, which makes America's withdrawal from institutions that ensure this common good, like the WHO and the Paris Climate Agreement so reprehensible. If these actions of America should lead to a more widespread exodus of nations from a commitment to the common good of humanity and our planet in order to give priority instead to their own national interests, we will have indeed regressed as a human race. As Christians we must refuse to be seduced by such nationalism and remain committed to building a just and humane global order.

NOTICE BOARD

1. All parents are required to have a car sticker in order to enter the school. Car stickers are available at reception.
2. PTA meeting tomorrow at 09h00 in the school staff room. Parking available at all the school entrances.
3. Mid-term reports will be released electronically on the d6 Communicator for Mid-term. In order to receive your child's report, please ensure you have updated ALL the details on the D6 communicator. Should you need help, please call the school reception for more information on 011 486 1104.
4. School will be closed for the Mid-Term break including our Administration offices.
5. High School House T-shirts to be ordered before mid-term break at the cost of R90 per t- shirt. See further information in newsletter.
6. All learners are now expected to have ALL textbooks and stationery for school. Please ensure your child has all their resources for the academic year.
7. The D6 Communicator is our official communication portal. WhatsApp groups in the school will cease to exist soon. Please ensure you are correctly updated on the D6 App. (See below)

D6 Communicator

Holy Family College has a new Parent Mobile App for you to access information on the school. This Parent Portal App is available to all parents and provides other relevant information. It also enhances communication between parents and the school.

Selective communication is the cornerstone of any successful relationship. We firmly believe in creating a school environment that will encourage and nurture the involvement of our parents. It is this connection that will have a positive impact on the overall success of the learners.

To strive towards selective, easy-to-use communication, the school uses the d6 School Communicator Application. Get the information you need in real-time in the palm of your hand!

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- Step 1:** Search for “**d6 School Communicator**”
- Step 2:** Click the “**Install**” button
- Step 3:** Click “**Open**” once the application is installed
- Step 4:** There are two ways to register: Email Address or Cell Phone Number

Once activation is complete, verify all your children are included by clicking on "PARENTAL OVERVIEW." You may only login into the app using your cell number, email details as given to the school.

Please note: The activation cell number or email used must be the same as the information we have in our school system. Any change of cell number or email must be communicated to the school to keep the App working and updated.

You may also view “How to download and install the D6 App” using the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/qARBRGjPNso>

How to get the App in 3 easy steps:

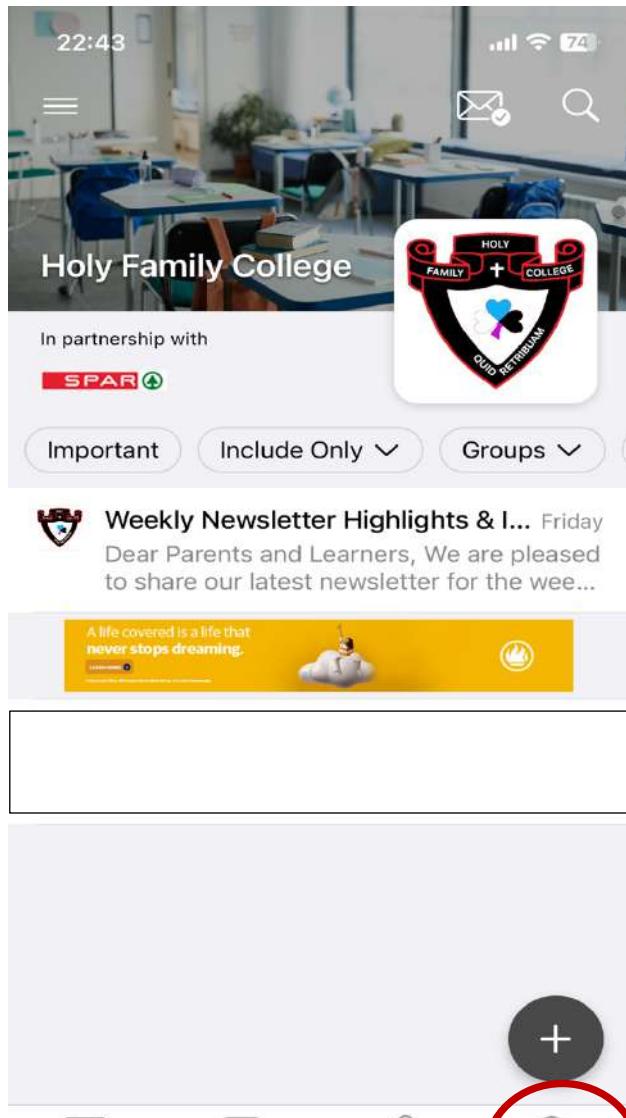
Should you require any assistance with the D6 Parent Mobile App, please reply to info@holyfamily.co.za / IT@holyfamily.co.za and 011 486 1104



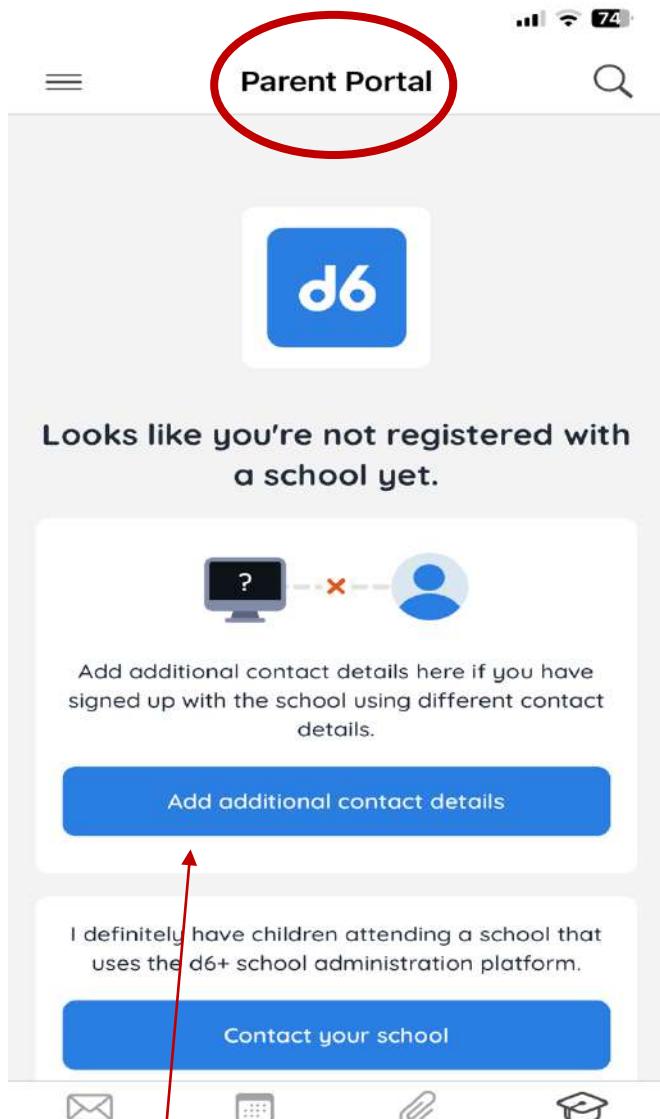
- 1 Scan the QR code, or go to the relevant App Store and search for 'd6 School Communicator'
- 2 Register or Log in with your cell phone number or email address
- 3 Connect with your school. Now you're all set!

HOW TO FULLY REGISTER ON D6

to receive accounts, reports and all notifications



- Download the D6 App and open.
- Click on the Parent Portal at the lower right corner.



- Complete ALL the sections in the parent portal for parent and your child. You may add an additional child. You will receive OTP to confirm your authenticity.
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