



# Holy Rosary School

*Nurturing God-given Talents*

## High School Newsletter 4 December 2019 Term 3 - Newsletter 9

Dear Parents and Pupils

As the year draws to a close, allow me to take this opportunity to thank all the members of our Holy Rosary Community, both staff and parents, who have been so generous in their donations to the Phumelela Programme. Without the monthly donations made by these remarkable people it would not be possible for us to provide food parcels to our Phumelela families. Throughout their High School years our Phumelela learners give up every Saturday to come to Holy Rosary School to work towards achieving their full potential in their Matric exams. Unfortunately many of these young people come from families where the only income is a social grant. Without our monthly food parcels many of these learners would be arriving at school hungry and we all know that learning cannot take place when a child is undernourished. May the Lord bless the Debutants, whose fundraising makes this Saturday school possible, as well as all our donors and the dedicated staff involved in this wonderful programme.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce our new High School Deputy Principal: Student Affairs to you. Mrs. Joline Steyn grew up in Springs and matriculated from Hoër Meisieskool Hugenate in 1991. She completed her BA (Ed) at Tukkies. She married Fanie Steyn in 1992 and started her teaching career at Hoërskool Voortrekker in Boksburg in 1995. She taught there for 12 years. During this time, she had two sons Stephan (22) and Ruan (18). Mrs. Steyn started teaching Afrikaans at Holy Rosary School in 2009. Since then she has touched the hearts of many young ladies in her role as tutor. We wish Mrs. Steyn everything of the best in her new position.

There are many people that we meet in our lives but only a very few that will make a lasting impression on our minds and hearts. These people like you for who you are, and they will always support you. They will help you when you feel discouraged, uncertain, or simply blue. Their smiles, their words, their examples, or their real kindness will lift you up and pull you through. I am not sure they will ever understand how much we appreciate them, and we are so fortunate to have had this time with them. We thank them for being a part of our lives, for giving us joy and for the memories that we will cherish forever. As we bid farewell to Mrs. Ana Lourenco, Mrs. Claire Santangelo and Mrs. Lisa Cawdry, we pray:

“May love and laughter light your days,  
and warm your heart and home.  
May good and faithful friends be yours,  
wherever you may roam.  
May peace and plenty bless your world  
with joy that long endures.  
May all life's passing seasons  
bring the best to you and yours!”  
Adieu!



A big 'thank you' to Mrs Damhuis and Mrs van Ryneveld for their dedication to Holy Rosary School and for the support they have given me throughout the year. Thank you to all our staff for their loyalty and hard work. With all the problems facing our country it has been a stressful year for everyone and I know that we are all looking forward to the Christmas break and spending time with our families.

I wish you all a peaceful and restful festive season, may the Lord protect you and bring you back safely for the start of another busy and exciting school year.

**MRS J. LUCAS**

Head Of School

Our final newsletter of the year is here. Christmas is around the corner, as is the new year. 2019 has come to an end. This year we have achieved many amazing goals in sports, culturals and academics. Our Holy Rosary family has followed our motto's advice: we have reached for the stars.

Les Brown said, "Shoot for the moon and if you miss you will still be among the stars." Perhaps not everything was achieved, as wished, but that is the joy of the New Year. We have a new start. The failures from 2019 will be the lessons we bring into 2020. If we didn't shoot for the moon, we wouldn't see the beauty in the stars. So, let us thank the Lord for a wonderful year.

These coming holidays should be spent with friends and family. Let us relax after a long year of hard work. I hope that the Holy Rosary Family all come back safely next year and ready for another year of laughter and learning.

We say goodbye to this decade with a smile and a tip of our hats. We step into the new decade with light feet, an open heart and a ready mind, and we ask the Lord to guide us and walk beside us.

May God's light shine bright upon you.

**Michela Ciccone**

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