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LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME  
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# Editorial

**A**s the curtains fall on yet another academic year, we bring to a close, another issue of the Holy Name Times. It has been a bulletin that has reached out to the readers with news that informs, views that educate, ideas that can be shared and stories that entertain. The year has been full of firsts - the first time an Annual Day was celebrated with the participation of every single student, the fellowship meal of the staff for the first time, the whole teaching & non-teaching staff dancing on stage on S.S.C. Farewell Day, the first time a President of a country and that too, the United States of America, visited a school in Mumbai, and the first time Holy Name was chosen for such a huge honour, we must remind you that one of the reasons Holy Name won the selection was because of the bulletins we bring out. The one entitled, 'Care for Creation', was much appreciated by the White House authorities both for its unique content and creative style.

We also had touching moments of joy - the Thanksgiving Celebrations where everyone joined hands in giving gratitude for all our blessings, especially the extraordinary number of our students who won Inter School Competitions.

This Special Issue exemplifies the spirit of unity and solidarity that our school stands for, and captures vividly, the many memorable moments of the year gone by. Gathering all the information that fills these pages, putting them all together in amazing articles was possible only because of the committed team effort of students, teachers and parents. But inspiring us all to rise to ever-greater heights has been our Principal, Father Michael Pinto. It is his example of dedication, determination and devotion that we have tried to follow in all our activities.

This edition is also a herald of change, change that is a visible sign of growth and progress. It is in embracing this change that each of us can attain and achieve our dreams. We hope you relish the articles in this bulletin with the same joy that we had when we put it together. Here's wishing each one of you, Happy Holidays. May you come back revitalized and revived.

*Delilah Antao, Pansy Noronha*

**A**s I write to you today, I am filled with gratitude and appreciation to God for having granted me an opportunity to serve all of you as Principal of Holy Name High School for the last three years. But now the call to move on has come. I must obey, in a spirit of cheerful obedience. After all, life is a journey and we are all travellers. All our halts are temporary and not one place can be our destination. And we must always be in readiness to leave. And yet, before I look forward into the future, I must look back, to give thanks for many things the people I have met and the lessons I have learnt.

The three wonderful years that I have spent here, have made me not only a better teacher but also a more considerate person. More than anything else, I have learnt that every human being is born with potential, and has talents that are often hidden. The Annual Day function wherein every single child participated, many coming onto the stage for the very first time, proved this point. It was a moving experience for all of us.

What I also learnt, through my varied experiences, was the power of mutual collaboration and co-operation. From the smallest child to the most experienced teacher, when everyone got together, wonders could be worked. Every event that has been co-ordinated, every activity that has been organized is a tribute to the spirit that animates Holy Name High School - the spirit of united endeavour. All this was especially evident during the visit of President Barack Obama, when our school became the centre of international attention and we won acclaim for our extremely successful efforts at entertaining him and his wife. That visit has been the highlight of my tenure as Principal, as it showed me just how capable children and teachers were, of rising to an occasion.

As adults and administrators, we tend to be bogged down with responsibilities. Often we forget to enjoy the lighter moments of life. On Thanksgiving Day, as I watched the entire staff of Holy Name, teaching and non-teaching staff, dancing together, I realized that moments like these are provided to us to come together in a spirit of joy and fulfillment. They teach us to live in the moment, to know that disappointments are temporary, that hope is permanent.

I take this opportunity to congratulate all those who have won prizes, brought laurels to the school. They have shown that with dedicated effort no peak is too high to climb. Yet, learning is not merely from textbooks or for examinations. Learning is for life. Through the varied educational clubs, I was able to see the initiatives that children took to make a difference to the world in which they lived. Through plays and posters, visits and activities, they took a stand for honesty and dedication, they expressed care and compassion. And I was amazed at their energy and enterprise.

If I have cultivated talent, raised the bar for achievement, if I have made lives better, it is because I have submitted to the will of God and prayed that He walk with me. But this success needs to be shared by many. First by my most wonderful manager, Father Caesar. In all my endeavours, he has stood by me like a rock. But I also acquired my immense confidence, because behind the scenes, the non-teaching personnel worked quietly and painstakingly to aid and assist me. They have proved to be my anchor and my support.

As for my teachers, words cannot convey the deep debt of gratitude I owe to them. They have willingly participated in every experiment of mine to make learning more interesting, they have enthusiastically endorsed my numerous initiatives, they have worked far beyond the call of duty. They have been the wind beneath my wings, and have made my stay at Holy Name as memorable as it has been challenging.

I need to also mention here, those who make our work possible in the first place - the parents. They have not been mute spectators to the events in the school. Instead, they have been active participants. They have encouraged their children, involved themselves in events, and in every way, made it possible for us to achieve rare heights.

But most important of all, are the precious stars that make our existence worthwhile - our students. They have, through their eager excitement made every day an adventure. They have worked hard, taken risks, explored the unknown, achieved the impossible. To see them grow into accomplished young men and women makes every sacrifice seem small. They have overcome failures, embraced success and yet remained rooted in the values we have imparted to them. As I have witnessed their blossoming, I have taken courage from their optimism and patience from their efforts. I have learnt to control my expectations and encourage my dreams. And I have learnt that in truth, my students are my teachers. More than any of the others, I will miss them.

This school has been an unforgettable step in my onward journey. I have nurtured and been nurtured by it, as if we were one big family.

Let me conclude with a prayer,

*May God give you...  
For every storm, a rainbow,  
For every tear, a smile,  
For every care, a promise,  
And a blessing in each trial.  
For every problem life sends,  
A faithful friend to share,  
For every sigh, a sweet song,  
And an answer for each prayer.*

I will not say goodbye. I will only say, God bless, till we meet again.

*Fr. Michael Pinto*

# REPUBLIC DAY

Our 62<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day was celebrated in a grand manner at our school. Each Class represented a State of India and displayed beautifully the culture, traditional costumes and achievements of their respective States. The diversity of these Indian regions merged to form a very colourful, energetic and exemplary programme. Our 'Unity in Diversity' was displayed amazingly through this event and made this Republic Day celebration unique for all of us.

- Seher Pathan



# SPORTS DAY

Sports Day, at Holy Name High School, was celebrated in a distinctive way this year as an entire week of sporting events was organized for the students.

Sports like Lawn Tennis, Tennikoit, Kabaddi, Hockey and Badminton were introduced for the first time.

The week ended with a grand Closing Ceremony during which winners of various sporting events were awarded their trophies, prizes and certificates.

The Chief Guest at this occasion was Miss Diana Eduljee, ex-Captain of the Indian Women's Cricket Team.

- Seher Pathan



# CLUBS

## GET-TOGETHER

To acknowledge and appreciate the school Clubs for their work throughout the year, we at Holy Name High School organized a get-together.

The club members with their teacher-mentors were invited to assemble in the school hall. Representatives from each club spoke on the various activities and achievements of their respective clubs. A quiz competition on the accomplishments of the clubs, dances and Dodge ball were some of the activities that promoted interaction between the clubs.

Snacks were served and gifts were given to all.

- Rajani Solanki



It was the most awaited day in the life of the little ones! Tikuji-ni-wadi was for them the place where there were no books, no sitting in one place just freedom and enjoyment galore for one and all. The most alluring swimming pool enticed the children to eat their breakfast and then change into their swimming costumes in a jiffy. For those who did not enter the swimming pool, there were many rides and a vast place for them to play as much as they wanted to. The entire picnic spot was filled with children shrieking with laughter.

It was the most exciting and enjoyable day for all.

-- Ms. Florin Martis

# KG SPORTS DAY

The Junior and Senior Kindergartens' Sports Day was held on February 26, 2011.

The tiny tots competed in different fancy events such as Bunny hop, Threading the Beads, Frog Race and so on. These little ones were very excited to be able to run on the ground and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The winners were given their prizes, certificates and Holy Name High School photo frames, on the Annual Day.

KG Sports Day was unforgettable because the children had a whale of a time and freedom from lessons!

*- Noreen D'Souza*

## CELEBRATION OF NATURE

In India, Holi is the joyous celebration which welcomes Spring. Sadly, non-eco-friendly practices have seeped into the celebrations resulting in a potential future hazard for Mother Earth. So, our Nature Club decided to set an example to one and all by marking Holi in an innovative way.

Planning and preparation ensured that only eco-friendly colours were used which incorporated items from the kitchen. for example : turmeric, besan flour and rice powder.

March 19, 2011 was picked as the day for celebration. Members from the various clubs and the School Council were invited to participate in the colourful festivity in an eco-friendly style.

The entire celebration was held in a spirit of togetherness cutting across caste, creed and religion.

*- Ms. Janet*



# Chotu PICNIC



*Out in the garden, one fine day,  
we left the school and went out to play,  
with tiny tots all happy and gay,  
making merry all the way.*

The kindergarten kiddies enjoyed the picnic as there was lots of fun and excitement. The slides and swings going up and down, the beautiful flowers with greenery around, not only gave them freedom from books but also gave them the chance to know each other better and become smarter.

Little ones all happy and cheery enjoyed their picnics on 2nd and 5th February, 2011 at the Kamala Nehru Park (Hanging Gardens) and returned to school safe and sound with sweet memories.

-Ms. Civetta Almeida



# Women's Day

*We salute the queens who rule  
our hearts and homes*

March 8, 2011 was the day when all the single mothers and their children, students of Holy Name High School, were invited to a special function in the school hall.

The function commenced with a prayer offered by Ms. Ancila. This was followed by a talk by the Counsellor Ms. Seher, through which she appreciated the single mothers and emphasized that they need our support and encouragement in raising their children in the right spirit.

Single mothers poured their hearts out and admitted to how much their children miss their fathers and how mothers had to play a dual role, filling in the void and making their children's lives meaningful.

A PTA member thanked Fr. Michael Pinto, Principal, for his gesture in arranging this function.

- *Scarlet Fernandes*





# INTER SCHOOL COMPETITIONS 2010 - 2011

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| 1. Swetha Nikhalje:<br>(Science & Tech.<br>for challenges in<br>life) | Gold Medal at National World<br>Funakshi Shotokan Karate<br>championship in under 16 girls<br>Kumite Event.    |
| 2. Ashish Kadka<br>(Science & Tech<br>for challenges in<br>life)      | Silver Medal at the State Level<br>Championship.   |
| 3. Tanuj Dayal  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize in Inter School Chess<br>Competition.  |
| 4. Scarlet Fernandes  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize at the Elocution for teachers<br>at the A.B. Ward 29 <sup>th</sup> Science<br>Exhibition |
| 5. Band Group   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize at the 29 <sup>th</sup> A B Ward Science<br>Exhibition                                   |
| 6. Singing Group<br>(Seniors)   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize at the 29 <sup>th</sup> A B Ward Science<br>Exhibition.                                  |
| 7. Folk Dance<br>(Seniors)  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize at the 29 <sup>th</sup> A B Ward Science<br>Exhibition.                                  |
| 8. Senior Science<br>Project  | Today for Tomorrow-won the 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize<br>at the A.B.Ward Science Exhibition                         |
| 9. Rhythms Talent<br>Festival.  | Holy Name won the first position.  |
| 10. Under 14 girls  | Won the Murli Deora Football Trophy<br>Won the Mumbai Gymkhana<br>Inter-School Rugby Cup                       |

*Congratulations on being  
on the path to greatness!  
We are proud of you.*

## SECONDARY PICNIC

A picnic was organized by Holy Name High School for the secondary section ,on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011. It was a great pleasure that we teachers were getting a chance to enjoy with our students.

By 10 0' clock we all reached Shangrilla Water Park, We got a variety of breakfast at the start, after which time was ours to feel ,to understand and to see our students enjoying, which we really miss in our daily routine .Some teachers also became kids ,enjoying with the students in water. There was no burden, no restriction, just enjoyment!

We returned to school by 6.30 pm. It was a very joyful experience. I am sure the students will have sweet memories of the picnic.

*- Mrs .Veena Saldanha*



The children of Std III were all too excited to jump into the bus explore the real places that they heard of and only read from their text books. They went on a tour around Mumbai and were told about and shown important buildings and places like the Mantralaya, Air-India Bldg, Mahalaxmi Race Course, Planetarium. Marine Drive etc. They were careful not to damage the Old Lady's Shoe at the Kamala Nehru Park and admired the flowers and butterflies at the Hanging Garden. They were filled with awe at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Vastu Sangrahalaya. On seeing the life size wild birds, reptiles and animals along with their habitat and breeding habits, our little historians were quick to draw sketches of things that caught their attention. After all only memories remain.

*- Ms. Thelma Dias*

# THANKSGIVING DAY



**H**oly Name High School held their Annual Thanksgiving Day on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011. This event, like so many events that the school has organized during the year, was a treat for the human eye. The entire programme was so enthralling that one did not wish to leave the hall right from the time it began till it ended.

In keeping with the standard norm, there were Chief Guests, the school benefactors, ex-teachers and other such dignitaries. The audience comprised, mainly the parents whose children played an important part in the school and the activities during the year.

Fr. Michael Pinto introduced the dignitaries to the audience and gave them a brief of the schedule. The programme had various items all staged by the children which clearly showed that the school had left no stone unturned to mentor and guide their students not only academically but also in other cultural spheres.

The school children staged items, including the famous Koli Dance that was enacted for President Obama of the USA and his wife. But, the highlight of this programme was the staff of Holy Name High School who turned out in numbers to put up a brilliant dance for the dignitaries, parents and children. The staff danced their hearts out and this brought the audience to their feet, applauding the performance that they were witnessing on the stage. Even Fr. Michael danced with so much elan and vigour. Head Boys, Captains, Monitors and the like were all felicitated. Prize winners who had represented the school in various inter school competitions were also appreciated for their efforts in doing the school proud.

In keeping with the essence of a Thanksgiving Day, Fr. Michael Pinto said a few words and thanked God, the staff and all those who had helped to make the Holy Name School what it is today. We must thank God for the blessings He has showered on Holy Name High School, its Principal, Staff



and Students. However, we must not forget that at the end of the day our thanksgiving should go more to the Principal and Staff of the school who actually play a critical part in taking care of the children and grooming them for a bright future. We must not forget that the child spends more time in the school than at home and it is the school that provides them with an environment which is basically a home away from home. It is a privilege for every parent whose child is studying in this school to be a part of this institution that has stood out in whatever it has done, even to receiving world recognition through the visit of the President of the USA and his wife, who chose Holy Name High School from the myriad educational institution in Mumbai.

*- Ms. June Pimenta  
(PTA Member)*



# Some Thoughts of our Students...

Our school gate is made beautiful by putting lovely pictures of the Holy Name of Jesus. When we look at those pictures, we get peace, joy and happiness.

I thank the student council members for organizing a whole week of teacher's day celebration with various competitions and games.

I thank the school for the beautiful A.C. hall

During the season of lent the Christian students had their way of the cross where they reflected on the death and suffering of the Lord. The most beautiful part was when the Principal washed the feet of the students, reminding us that we must be humble and reach out to others.

The workshops conducted by NIE on Personality development, communication skills and Public speaking were great. Thank you English Club for organizing them

The boys of Holy Name did not miss the chance of celebrating Gokul Ashtami in school. They formed pyramids and broke pots hung at a height.

It was a breathtaking sight to watch everyone swaying & swirling in ethnic garb during Navratri, to the lively band of Dandiya Raas. Thank you Art and Culture Club.

We thank the school for the opportunities and Jam session conducting after exams and during festivals celebration.

We thank the Cardinal for attending our Thanks giving day and felicitating the domestic staff and physically challenged students.

I thank and appreciate the sports club members for organizing games not only for students but also for the physically challenged children, street children etc.

All the club members had a wonderful time watching the movie "RIO" with their club representatives at the Inox theatre. It was amazing to watch it on 3D graphics.

The cyber club members are grateful to the school for giving them the opportunity of having the tech zone where they can excel in computer knowledge, reference work and prepare their projects.

The Educom installed in our classroom has made learning more enjoyable and interesting.

I enjoyed the Holy Name Idol held in our school. It was very well organized by the Art and Culture Club members and the singing of Joseph Alam was great.

We are fortunate to have teachers, who are not only excellent in academics, but have versatile talents in various co-curricular activities like singing, dancing, acting, arts and craft.

## Silver Jubilee

A Silver Jubilee is a momentous occasion and should be celebrated as such. 26<sup>th</sup> March was celebrated as Thanksgiving Day in our school. His Eminence, Cardinal Oswald Gracias, graced the occasion. We are indebted to Almighty God for Ms. Priya Pillai, Head Clerk of our institution who celebrated her silver jubilee, on this auspicious day, with the blessings of our Cardinal.

A Silver Jubilee is a time to look back and thank every person who has contributed and also to pause and reflect on all the good work done. This is what Ms Priya summed up in a few words. May God lead and guide her in all that she does. We thank Priya for her dedication, devotion and her loyalty to the school.





## True leader of the Masses

All Indians should unite and support Anna Hazare in his fight against corruption. I thank all those who came to Anna's support but its not enough, this revolution needs support from all sections of Society.

We need to come out of our houses and bring the nation to a stand still to make the change happen or else our future generations will never see a corruption free nation.

We should have a subject in our schools where we can reflect on topics like corruption, politics etc. I appeal to all schools to support the call of Anna Hazare. Let us be the change. Let us support our national Hero, "Anna Hazare" who is performing an important task to make our country corruption free.

- Rupesh Pawar



## Raksha Bandhan

This most memorable of festivals celebrating the mutual love and trust between

### Brother And Sister

was celebrated throughout the school with the girls tying bands around the boy's wrists, and the boys promising protection in return.

## EDUCATIONAL CLUBS

### A BOON FOR THE STUDENTS

The introduction of educational clubs was a very innovative idea in our school. Students could interact with each other irrespective of what standard they are in. Through these clubs, talents and potentials of students were explored to maximum. Thanks to the teachers and Fr. Michael Pinto for confiding in their students and giving them a free hand so that they could shoulder the responsibilities given to them successfully. This has enabled students to become confident and bold. They learnt to work in a team and so all these values are inculcated in them. All events organized have definitely benefitted us. Thanks to the Club Teachers in charge for guiding and directing the children whole heartedly.

- Rose Mary



## PERSONALITY COMPETITIONS

Schools are not merely centers for learning a set syllabus .Today they are character and personality builders .That is why, we insist that our young adults require poise as much as marks, bearing as much grades. And to test this ability in our children we organized the Personality Competition. On display were the children's wit as well as style, as each one walked and talked with style.

# NANA NANI DIVAS

I enjoyed the Nana Nani Divas held on 1<sup>st</sup> October. The programme was beautifully organized by the Interact Club members. It was touching to see our grandparents singing, dancing and playing games. They were also given gifts and snacks.

- Nazneen



## A TOUCHING FAREWELL

A wonderful decade came to an end on 23<sup>rd</sup> March for the students of standards X<sup>th</sup>. The programme was well organized by the IX<sup>th</sup> and X<sup>th</sup> standard teachers and student council. It commenced with a short prayer followed by cutting of the cake by the Head's of the three sections, teachers of standard Tenth, head of non-teaching staff, the Head Boy and the Head Girl. This was followed by a short and lovely speech by our Head boy and Head girl. We enjoyed the personality contest and the lovely games and dances. The programme continued with a special dance performance by our Principal and other staff members. Awards were then given to the Best Student the most helpful student, the best dancer, the best compere, the best sportsman and best sportswoman. The S.S.C. students presented each teacher with a lovely cup. The evening was at its peak with a jam session much awaited by the students. It reminded of Harrow's song which was sung by boys when they first joined the famous old school on the Hills.

The time will come, as the days go by When your eyes will fill at the thought of the hills, and the wild regret of the last, GOOD-BYE.

- Mamta Chauhan



# Graduation Day



The students of Sr.KG were given a grand farewell marking a mini convocation Ceremony where by students graduated from the K.G. to the Primary Section with their Convocation Costumes. The school wished and prayed that they continue to carry the torch of wisdom so as to raise the school to greater heights.

## FELLOWSHIP MEAL

What is more appropriate than to conclude the academic year with a fellowship meal! The entire teaching staff, office and support staff of Holy Name High School happily came together to partake in a fellowship meal. There was a reading from the Bible, Hymns were sung & then the whole staff recited 'Our Father' holding hands. Mouth watering food like Kadai chicken, chana masala, briyani, Russian kebabs, hot, hot roties were on the menu all made by the staff. Organic salad, tangy dahi raita, fluffy dhoklas with chutney, juicy gulab jamuns, hot pickles creatively decorated and displayed on the table were a sight to see. Ice-cream and fresh fruits like the king of fruits Mango were items that added more color. The hall was filled with the aroma of food, fruits and flowers .

The whole staff along with the manager Fr. Caesar D'Mello as one big family partook in the meal, thanking God for all his blessings showered upon Holy Name.

- Mrs.Shalini. C.Kundan



## Jai Ho Team India

The world cup victory is a result of excellent Team work, great sportsmanship and perfect leadership by Captain M.S.Dhoni .

Well done ! We are proud of India.

We are also proud of Holy Name High School and its staff who have worked together as a team and have taken Holy Name to great heights.



## Spreading Love & Cheer

### STAFF PICNIC

The staff of Holy Name went for a picnic to Awas near Alibaugh on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April. The ferry ride from Gateway was enjoyable and after breakfast at Shivangali Resort the teachers went to the beach. After a fun filled time at the beach, a tasty lunch was waiting for us at the resort. Post lunch the teachers played games and some lazed around in the swimming pool. It was a well spent day, with the beauty of nature and water.

- Ms. Sheila & Ms. Rohini

During the year the members of the Interact Club visited the Remand Home, Homes for the Destitute, Slums and also the homes of the less fortunate. During all the major festivals and Women's Day, we visited the slums of Colaba and distributed sweets, soaps and other needy articles. These visits exposed our students to a totally new world, so different from their sheltered and comfortable existence. They saw people who lived without the bare necessities of life, people crippled by tragedies. They saw the lonely and aged who longed for a word of love and they learned many lessons. They saw and understood how fortunate they were to have all their wishes fulfilled. But they also realised how important it was to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate than themselves. Most important of all, they understood the need to give not only in material terms, like money, clothes and food, they learned to give some valuable commodities - time and love. They fed the children, wiped the tears of the aged, they listened with patience, they brought joy to the ill. Through all this, they saw the nuns and helpers give of their service and care. They saw sacrifice and devotion in action.

That is why, when our students stepped out of the portals of their educational institution, they came back happy and enriched. They came back with a true understanding of the meaning of education for education is not merely learning from books and appearing for examinations. It is not in being familiar with concepts and answering papers. It is compassion and caring, empathy and understanding. We need to show our younger generation that they must and they can make a difference to the world in which they live, that is far more important to give rather than grab. Only then can we hope to build a better, brighter tomorrow.

- Interact Club

## FAREWELL OF STD-IV

The students of STD IV were given a grand farewell marking a mini convocation ceremony, where by students graduated from Std IV to the secondary section. The programme began with a prayer service. The hall was packed with fun and excitement. The programme included an enthralling performance which included a dance and a personality contest and awards. The day was at its peak with a jam session much awaited by the students snacks were distributed. At the end each student was given a farewell gift.

- Ms. Dolorosa Pereira



# HOLY NAME ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATIONS



The most important event of the academic year- The Annual Day function of the K.G section was held on 19<sup>th</sup> march 2011. The parents & other guests assembled at 9 am in the school hall. The programme began with a prayer & welcome song. Prizes for academic excellence were given to the prize winners who waited with great anticipation.

After every item which followed, prizes for sports & spot prizes were given.

The Zulu dance stole the show where the children dressed in colourful costumes made with leaves & ribbons danced to the tune "The Cannibal King" & a jungle scene. The Chief Guest gave the Best Student Trophy to Master Zaid Seemarwala of Sr. K.G. C. She also gave a short speech appraising the function & providing encouragement to the kids. Mrs. Shobha Nair who helps the weak students also spoke to the parents on how to deal with weak children.

To end the show the children sang "Vande Mataram" the parents were happy to see all the children on stage. They went home with a smile as they had a marvellous time.

- Ms. Claudine Coutinho



## PRIMARY Std. 1 & 2

The programme commenced with the recitation of the universal prayer "The Our Father" by std 2 followed by choral recitation "Good Morning" by std 1 C. The tiny tots of std 1 A, B & D performed the action song "He's got the whole world" which left the audience spellbound. In the meantime scholarships & prizes were given to the students who had excelled in studies. The western dance on the "Ketchup song" presented by std II was amazing. The young dancers enticed the audience. Spot prizes & the talk

on effective parenting added joy to the celebration. The programme ended with the "National Anthem" staged by std 1. Every child contributed their bit in making this day a day to remember for all.

- Ms. Mariya Attarwala & Ms. Sweety



## Std. 3

It started with a Prayer dance performed gracefully by class III D which was then followed by a dance on the song Oh! Carol performed by III-C which gave to all the message on love. We, then experienced or imagined the Choral recitation on the poem Animal Talk by class III B, was very impressive with voice modulation. Lastly but not the least the School Anthem recited by the students of class III A, honouring the Holy Name High School with great pride and honour. In the meantime prizes and scholarships were awarded to the students who excelled in studies. Lastly, not to miss the smiles and excitement on the faces of the parents and teachers who took a lot of effort in putting up such a successful event.

- Ms. Pansy Noronha



**Std. 4** The Primary children celebrated their Annual Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011 with great zeal & pomp!. The theme for the event was “ Every child is special”. Thus, every child, went up on the stage, to display their talents. The parents witnessed, “ A prayer dance- My life is in you Lord” & “ It's a great day to praise the Lord” by std 4<sup>th</sup> D, followed by Choral Singing by std IV A which emphasized on “ Light”- Let us be the guiding light to shine for all to see, was the song. The poem “ Biba the beetle” was recited & depicted by std IV B. The fascinating creatures of nature were showcased in the mystical world of flora & fauna. The school anthem “ Praise Honour Glory Be To Holy Name” was sung by std IV C glorifying the name of Jesus, our patron. The programme ended with the Awards in Excellence in Academics.

*Ms. Rashida Topiwala*

**Std. 7** Class 7 A began with prayers of different faiths, namely the Hindus, Muslims , Christians & the message sunk in, that though we pray differently, we all are children of GOD. Next came class 7 B with their skit which emphasized the importance of Education. Class 7 C with their choral recitation of the poem “The Cataract of Ladore” mesmerised the audience with their actions, diction & voice modulation. The last item of the programme was the school anthem sung in unison by the students of class 7 D. The Annual Day showcased the talent of every child.

*- Mr. Jerome*

**Std. 8** We began with a prayer “This little guiding light of mine” followed by meditation, where parents were taught how to inhale & exhale together & bring in peace, followed by a song “ all things, bright & beautiful “ sang & enacted by children. The next item was a skit “ Heal the world”- song was played & children enacted how small, small acts & values help to make this world a better place to live in. We concluded with the school anthem Praise, Honour, Glory be to Holy Name.

*- Mrs. Shalini Kunder*

**Std. 5** The students of Std. V<sup>th</sup> began with singing praise to God - 'All things bright and beautiful' which was followed by the choral recitation 'Solution to Pollution'. It ended with the school anthem. In between the items scholarship prizes were given away to the previous year's achievers.

**Std. 6** The Annual Day began with the prayer by class VI B, who also sang the hymn, ' God still loves the world'. Up next was class VI A with their skit on environment titled 'God made the countryside and man made the city'. It definitely opened our eyes to the gifts of nature and man's selfishness towards it. Class VI C presented the choral recitation of the poem, ' Dad, the Cat and the tree' .Oh, how the audience enjoyed listening about dad's adventure ! The programme concluded with the students of VI D leading everyone in proudly singing the school anthem. In between the performances of each class, students were awarded for excellence in academics. It was truly a day which showed that 'Every child is indeed special'.

*- Mrs Rohini Shinde*

**Std. 9** The annual day of Holy Name High School was a memorable event that had never taken place before.

Each division had put up a programme & the whole class had participated. Every item that was put up by the students really touched the hearts of all present in the hall.

Std 9<sup>th</sup> C started with a 'Prayer' a lesson for everyone because the prayer was recited in all languages & different religions. Next was std IX D, a song & dance giving a message of love to the world. The dress code was red again which indicated love among themselves. The song “We are the world” was a tribute to the great singer Late Michael Jackson. The next item was a small skit mixed in Hindi & English based on importance of studies, activities & the role of parents. Last but not the least was the school anthem “Praise, Honour, Glory be to Holy Name” sung by std 9<sup>th</sup> A. They sang the anthem with pride, as Holy Name moulds every child to be a perfect citizen of this beautiful world.

*- Ms. Goolcher*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 8, 2010

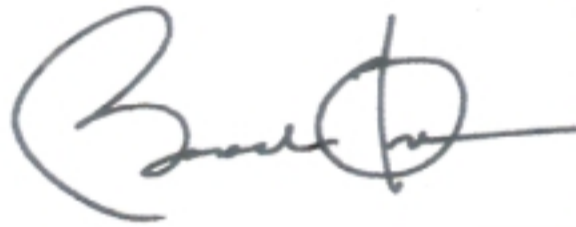
Father Michael Pinto  
Holy Name High School  
5, Convent Street  
Mumbai 400 001

Dear Father Michael:

Thank you for all that you did to make my visit to Mumbai, India a success. Your help was instrumental to my trip and much appreciated.

Again, I am grateful for your gracious assistance and wish you all the best.

Sincerely,



**WE WELCOME THE  
MOST POWERFUL  
MAN & LADY OF  
THE WORLD  
MR. & MRS. OBAMA  
TO OUR SCHOOL**



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Mumbai, India

November 15, 2010

Father Caesar D'mello  
Holy Name High School  
5, Convent Street  
Mumbai 400 001

Dear Father Caesar:

Please accept our enthusiastic thanks for Holy Name High School's amazing contribution to President and Mrs. Obama's visit to Mumbai. The program at your school was very successful and one of the highlights of the President's time here. We want to extend our thanks to all the Holy Name students, teachers and support staff who made this event possible.

Your school displayed a creativity and commitment that is truly impressive. We especially appreciate that all of you allowed us to disrupt your normal Diwali vacation in order to put on this special program for the President.

The exuberant joy of the children as they danced with President and Mrs. Obama was truly marvelous! You should be proud of the talents and dedication of all who participated from your school—the science students, dancers, teachers, etc. All the positive stories in the press only confirmed our positive experience with your school.

Again, please convey our appreciation to all the students and staff at Holy Name. We wish you much success in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Paul A. Folmsbee  
Consul General



## *Adieu To Our Dear Principal Fr. Michael Pinto*

You have been with us at HOLY NAME HIGH SCHOOL for the past three years, and we have reached the peak of our success with your hard work, love and affection towards the students and staff. You have been our backbone in achieving cent percent at the SSC board.

Our neat and tidy and painted school building and the AC hall stands out as one of the best in Colaba.

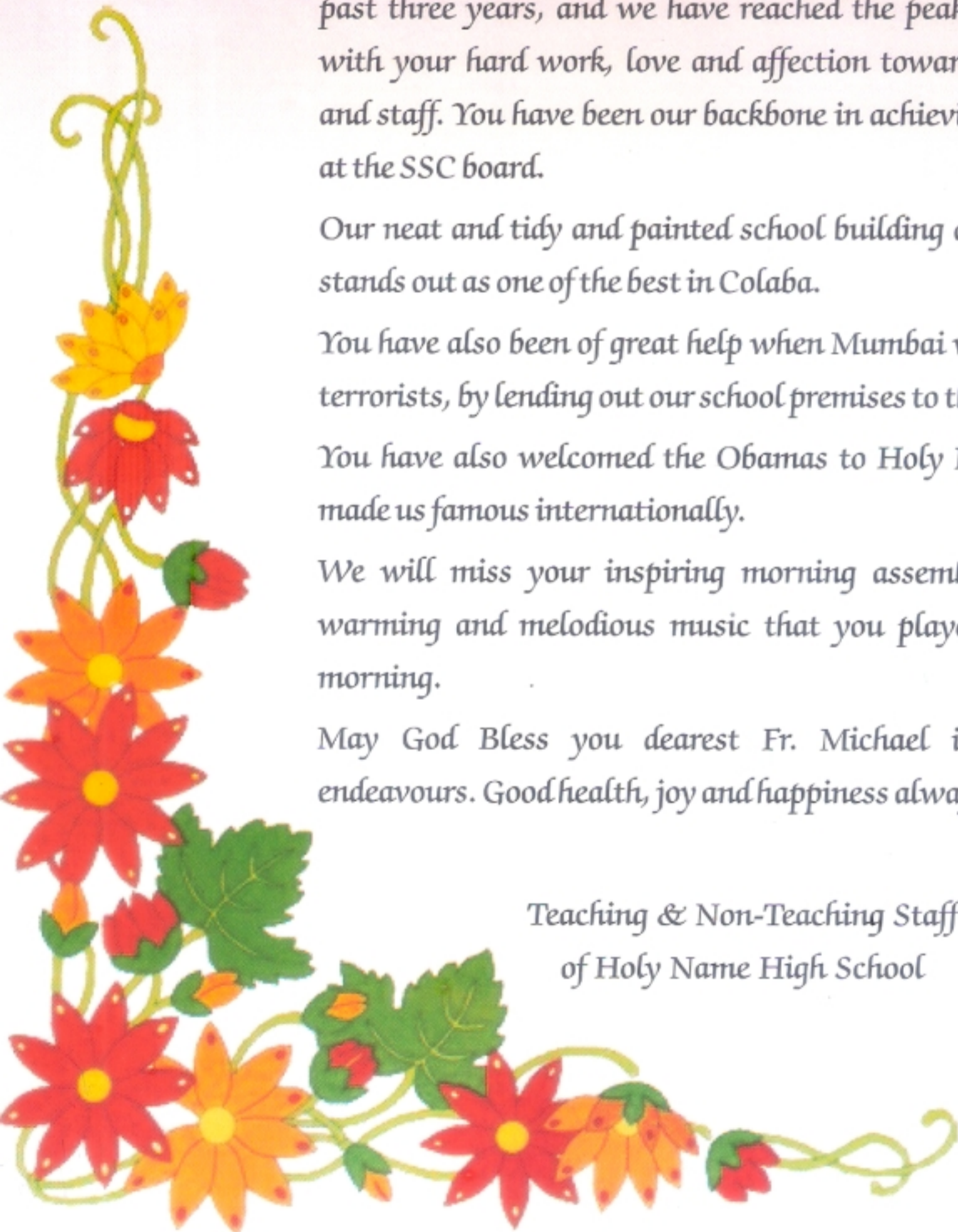
You have also been of great help when Mumbai was attacked by terrorists, by lending out our school premises to the commandos.

You have also welcomed the Obamas to Holy Name and have made us famous internationally.

We will miss your inspiring morning assemblies and heart warming and melodious music that you played for us every morning.

May God Bless you dearest Fr. Michael in your future endeavours. Good health, joy and happiness always.

Teaching & Non-Teaching Staff  
of Holy Name High School



# HOLY NAME DREAM TEAM

Solid as a team,  
committed in their mission  
to carefully shape the future  
of each and every student.

They worked hard  
and selflessly,  
to make a success of  
each & every occasion,  
each one of them deserve  
lots of love and admiration,  
for helping push Holy Name  
to the peaks of  
Success & Jubilation.



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