



Holy Eucharist School

St Albans South

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Holy Eucharist School

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Deputy Principal:

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Holy Eucharist Parish

Parish Priest-

Fr. Tuan Anh Do CSSR.

Assistant Priest:

Fr Peter Ly Trong Danh CSSR

Fr Patrick Corbett

(P) 9366 1310

Mass Times

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm

Vietnamese Mass at 12pm

Religious Education:

Joanne Stead

Prep: Sharon Bonnici,

Mary James, Shalini Dos Santos
& Bianca Gomez.

Grade 1: Anita Bison,
Heribert Herrera, Mikaela Borg
& Gwen Laughlin.

Grade 2 Julie Murnane,
Kathryn Barrie & Jessica Kerlin.

Grade 3: Natalie Kranjec,
Nancy Johnson, Joanne Stead &
Jackie Dabal.

Grade 4: Thilini Nanayakkara,
Jacelle Cablaio & Stephani
Ogenovski

Grade 5: Bruno Pellaschiar,
Jennifer Khong, Jo Dragovic & Erin
McNally.

Grade 6: Wally Antonowicz, Hania

Borowik & Vanessa Shaw

Learning Diversity/Wellbeing:

Julie Semcesen.

Wellbeing: Jo Dragovic

School Counsellor Edward Faraci.

Library: Jenny Bistricki.

STEM/Community Partnership

Allison Borg.

Art: Shobha Hickey.

Music: Damian O'Bree.

Literacy Leader: Charise Gibbs

Literacy Intervention:

Hannah Power & Kathleen Bezzina

Reading Recovery: Mary Valentino-
Pamment.

Maths Intervention: Anne Ablinger.

Maths Leader P-6: Erin McNally

EAL/New Arrival: Irene Jurista.

Physical Ed: Clare Christie.

Education Support: Joe Sirianni.

LOTE: Linda Hyunh & Sue So.

Business Manager: Sue Smart

Administration Staff:

Connie La Macchia, Mandy Huong &
Rosemarie Slatter.

Community Hub: Adella Howard

Cleaner: June Balatbat

Maintenance: Barry Lynch

Out of Hours Care:

Kelly Triantafyllidis 0402 390 969

A Prayer to Begin the New School Year



*Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as
we begin this new school year. Allow
us to experience Your presence in the
many blessings
You put before us.*

*Open our eyes to the new challenges
and exciting opportunities that this
new school year brings.*

*Open our heart and mind to new
friends and new teachers.*

*Give us a generous spirit to be
enthusiastic with our studies and
courage to accept new opportunities.
Help us to be attentive to one another
and let us experience Your presence
in our new friends.*

*Jesus, inspire us to do our best this
year! Amen*

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone to what will be a very exciting year at Holy Eucharist School. I hope you had a great holiday and a fantastic beginning to the New Year.

A special welcome to all our new families and prep children. I'm sure you will find our school a very welcoming and exciting place.

The children have settled in well and are extremely excited to be back at school. I would like to welcome our new staff members Mikaela Borg Grade 1, Gwen Laughlin Grade 1, Kathryn Barrie Grade 2, Nancy Johnson Grade 3, Damian O'Bree Music and Charise Gibbs Literacy Leader. I wish them the best of luck for 2019 and beyond.

There have been a few problems with parents ordering lunches for their child/children before school starts. All lunch orders must be placed in the class lunch order tub as there has been confusion when it comes to lunch time. The canteen opens at 8:55 am every morning.

The Lunar New Year was celebrated at the Parish on Monday evening and the Asian community welcomed in the Year of the Pig. I would like to wish all the school families a very happy and prosperous Lunar New Year.



I am looking forward to working in partnership with you to provide the best education possible for your child/children.

God Bless.

Mr. Jeffrey Parker
Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY 2019

Sat 9 /Sun 10	Monday 11 th	Tuesday 12 th	Wednesday 13 th	Thursday 14 th	Friday 15 th	Sat 16 /Sun 17	Monday 18 th
5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 	•Preps finish school at 3:15pm from now on.		•Preps are not at school today.	•Beginning of the year Mass at 9am. Gr 6 B. School	•	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 	• Prep Health Questionnaire is due back at school today.

LEARNING AND TEACHING

WELCOME:

Welcome to another exciting year at Holy Eucharist. Our pupils have settled into their new classes and the teachers have also established classroom rules and expectations.

We are all looking forward to working with you and your child in 2019. We recognise that in order for students to achieve success, our children need support from both the home and school community. We know that a strong partnership with you will make a great difference to your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

If you have any queries regarding Curriculum at Holy Eucharist, please feel free to come and see me (*Michael Bonnici*).

UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCE: NOTIFYING PARENTS

A review of the Attendance Guidelines for schools was undertaken by the Victorian Minister for Education in 2017. As a result the Attendance Guidelines now stipulate that: 'schools must advise parents/guardians of unexplained absences, on the same day, as soon as practicable, including for post-compulsory aged students'.

These Attendance/Notification changes will help ensure the safety of school-aged children during school hours and that schools are supported in their duty-of-care obligations. The changes in the Attendance Guidelines were introduced at the beginning of last year and schools were required to have these guidelines implemented by the end of Term 2, in 2018.

What does this mean?

From now on....

- If your child is absent, you (*the parent or caregiver*) **must phone the school office explaining why your child is absent** from school.
- If your child **is not at school by 9:15am**, the classroom teacher is to notify the school office.
- If the parent/caregiver has not contacted the school to provide an explanation on the day of their child's absence, **the school must attempt to contact the parent of the student**. The school must record the absence and reason for the child's absence.

What if my child is late for school?

- If your child is late for school, they will be required to report to the office. Students in Grades Prep to 2 need to be escorted to the office by an adult. Students will be given an **orange card** as an indication that their attendance has been recorded as 'late for school'. Students in Grades Prep to Grade 2 will need to be escorted to the classroom by the parent/guardian. The child will then give the **orange card** to the classroom teacher.
- If children are late and go to the classroom without an **orange card**, teachers are required to send them to the office, otherwise their late attendance will not be recorded.

What if I need to pick up my child before 3:15pm?

- If parents need to pick up their child before 3:15pm, parents will need to report to the office. Students will be called to the office with their bag. If your child is at Sport/Art/ICT, then parents will be given a **white authorisation card** to give to the teacher with the child's name and grade. Office staff will record early leavers on the school attendance roll.
- If parents/guardians wish to pick up their child after 3pm they will need to collect a **green card** from the office. If parents do not have a **green card** teachers will direct you to the office so that your child's name is recorded.

ASSESSMENT PORTFOLIOS

All students at Holy Eucharist School have an Assessment Portfolio. This portfolio enables teachers to have a consistent approach throughout the school in collecting data and evidence of your child's work.

This Assessment Portfolio will be sent home **at the beginning** and **at the end of each term**.

At the beginning of each term the folder will contain a Term Outline.

Term Outline

- The Term Outline has a summary of what is going to be covered in your child's year level, across all curriculum areas for that term.
- The Term Outline will go home at the **beginning** of each term inside the Assessment Portfolio and **parents will be required to read and sign the sheet**. The **Term Outline** needs to be **returned** to school **inside** the Assessment Portfolio.

At the end of each term the folder will contain Work Samples (evidence).

Work Samples

- Throughout the term, teachers will collect samples of your child's work. These samples are collected as evidence of your child's achievements and as an indication of what has been taught.
- The samples collected should also correlate with what has been documented on the Term Outline sheet.
- The work samples are corrected by the teacher and should have relevant comments to support what the student has achieved.

Parents are invited to **look through the Assessment Portfolio with their child**. Parents are requested to **write positive comments** in the space provided (on the yellow cover sheet) and to sign it.

Term outlines/Assessment Portfolios **will go home on Friday 22nd February** and need to be returned by **Wednesday 27th February**.

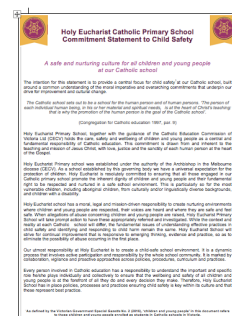
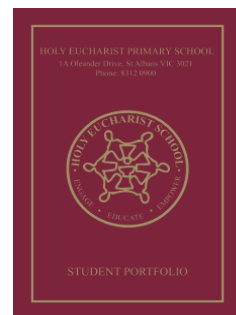
COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

All Assessment Portfolios will contain a copy of Holy Eucharist School's Commitment to Child Safety in English and in Vietnamese. The purpose of Holy Eucharist School's commitment statement is to demonstrate our strong commitment to the care, safety and wellbeing of all students at our school. It provides an outline of the policies, procedures and strategies developed to keep students safe from harm, including all forms of abuse in our school environment, online and in other locations provided by the school.

This commitment takes into account relevant legislative requirements within the state of Victoria, including the specific requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards as set out in Ministerial Order No. 870. This commitment statement applies to school staff, clergy, school employees, including volunteers, and contractors.

All present and future staff at Holy Eucharist School will be required to read and sign a copy of the School's Commitment to Child Safety as well as the School's Code of Conduct. We also urge all parents and caregivers to read and sign our Commitment Statement to Child Safety inside the Assessment Portfolio.

If you require any further information, please contact me (*Michael Bonnici*) at the school office.



HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL IN 2019 – GRADE PREP AND GRADE 1

This year we have 72 Grade Preps attending Holy Eucharist school. In order to accommodate for all of these students and to cater to their individual needs, the preps will not be allocated their grade and teacher until Friday 15th February. This will enable the four prep teachers to get to know the students and to evenly distribute students across the four grades according to their needs. From the 11th February the Prep students will commence school at 8:55am until 3:15pm. **Please remember that Prep students do not have school on Wednesdays in the month of February. School hats are compulsory in Term 1 and Term 4.**

PARENT/TEACHER CHATS

To help us better engage your child in learning and to develop your child holistically, we need to involve you as our key partners in education. To do that, we will be having **Parent - Teacher Chats** on **Wednesday 13th March 2019** from 12:10pm until 6:00pm.

Students will be finishing school at 12pm on this day.

During this meeting your child's teacher will be asking questions which will provide the teacher with information to help your child. eg: *your child's birthplace, date of arrival in Australia, first language/s spoken, etc.* The Parent – Teacher Chats will be approximately **10 minutes in length** – just enough time for you and your child's teacher to meet and communicate.

Next week you will be asked to choose your preferred time and to return it to your child's teacher.

Parent-Teacher Chats are a great opportunity to communicate with your child's teacher and to hear about how your child has settled into their new class. However, they are also a great way to discuss any concerns or questions you may have regarding your child. It is important that you take the time to think about the things you would like to discuss with your child's teacher, to ensure you make the most of your allocated time.

LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH (LOTE) – MANDARIN

Learning another language in addition to English extends student's literacy repertoires and their capacity to communicate. It also builds on their understanding of the nature of language, culture, and the processes of communication.

This year at Holy Eucharist School, Chinese (Mandarin) will be taught from Grade Prep to Grade 6. Mandarin is also taught at neighbouring secondary schools where students can continue learning about the language and culture.

Learning an additional language at school "broadens students' horizons about the personal, social, cultural and employment opportunities that are available in an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world" (Victorian Curriculum, 2019).

The purpose of having an additional language at school is to enable students to:

- communicate in the language they are learning
- understand the relationship between language, culture and learning
- develop intercultural capabilities
- understand themselves as communicators.

Please note that Vietnamese is taught at the school on weekends. This program aims to assist students in maintaining their first language. However, having an additional language such as Mandarin, enables students to develop their "intercultural capability, including understanding of and respect for diversity and difference, and an openness to different experiences and perspectives" (Victorian Curriculum, 2019).

SCHOOL NURSE PROGRAM 2019

Last week all Prep children received an envelope from the Primary School Nursing Program – State Government. This envelope contains a questionnaire about your child's health and development. This questionnaire is distributed to all Victorian children enrolled in their first year of school.

The questionnaire enables you to raise any concerns you may have regarding your child's health and development. Parents are asked to complete the questionnaire, sign it and return it back to the teacher, sealed in the envelope.

Interpreters will be available in the library on **Tuesday 13th February 2pm- 3pm** to assist parents in completing the form. If you need assistance in completing this form, **please contact the office. All forms need to be returned to school by Friday 18th February 2019. The school nurse will be visiting the school in March.**

CLASSES 2019

JUNIOR SCHOOL		MIDDLE SCHOOL		SENIOR SCHOOL	
Grade Prep	-Mrs Mary James -Miss Sharon Bonnici -Miss Shalini Dos Santos -Miss Bianca Gomez	Grade 3	-Miss Natalie Kranjec -Mrs Nancy Johnson -Mrs Joanne Stead/ -Mrs Jackie Dabal	Grade 5	-Mr Bruno Pellaschiar -Miss Jennifer Khong -Mrs Jo Dragovic/ -Miss Erin McNally
Grade 1	-Mrs Anita Bison -Mr Harry Herrera -Miss Mikaela Borg -Mrs Gwen Laughlin	Grade 4	-Miss Thilini Nanayakkara -Miss Jacelle Cablao -Mrs Stephani Ogdenovski	Grade 6	-Mr Wally Antonowicz -Mrs Hania Borowik -Mrs Vanessa Shaw
Grade 2	-Miss Julie Murnane -Miss Kathryn Barrie -Miss Jessica Kerlin				

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2019:

FEBRUARY 2019

Fri 1st Feb	-Preps in the hall until 12:15pm -Preps have no school on Wednesdays in February
Mon 4th Feb	-Parish Lunar New Year festival on the oval at night.
Tues 5th Feb	- 'Safer Internet Day'
Fri 8 th Feb	-ABC Music classes begin
Mon 11th Feb	-Preps at school until 3:15pm -Preps have no school on Wednesdays in February.
Thurs 14th Feb	-Opening Mass for the school Year – Grade 6 Borowik.
Fri 22nd Feb	-Term 1 Outlines/ Assessment Portfolios are sent home.
Mon 25th Feb	-Letter sent home for parents regarding Parent/Teacher chats
Wed 27th Feb	-School Family Picnic Night 5pm- 7pm -Portfolios are due back at school

MARCH 2019

Mon 4th March	-School Photos – Students to wear full summer uniform/black shoes -Preps are full time from now on
Tues 5th March	-Shrove Tuesday
Wed 6th March	-Ash Wednesday – Mass at 9am (Day of Fast and Abstinence). Please note: No school mass on Thursday.
Mon 11th March	-Labour Day (Public Holiday)
Wed 13th March	-Parent Teacher Chats - Students go home at 12pm.
Fri 15th March	- 'National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence'
Sun 17th March	-St Patrick's Day
Mon 18th- 20th	-Grade 6 Camp
Tues 19th March	-Feast of St Joseph
Thurs 21st March	-Harmony Day / Multicultural Day
Mon 25th March	-Feast of the Annunciation of Mary
Fri 29th March	-Portfolios sent home.

Mr Michael Bonnici

Learning and Teaching/Deputy Principal

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ADMINISTRATION

Fees for 2019

School Fees for 2019 are \$900.00 per family.

Per Capita fees for 2019 are \$130.00 per child. This includes \$30.00 Sport Fees.

Excursion Fees for 2019 are \$35.00 per child.

Camp Fees for 2019

Grade 6 Camp fees are \$100.00 per child

Grade 5 Camp fees are \$90 per child.

Grade 4 camp fees are \$45 per child.

Prep breakfast, Gr. 1 dinner, Gr. 2 breakfast/dinner, Gr. 3 stay over will be at no cost. The cost for Sacraments for Grade 3, 4, and 6 are included in the school fees.

Camp, Sport, Excursion Fund

A reminder that if you have a new student who commenced at our school and have a current Health Care Card or Pension Card you may be entitled to CSEF from the Government. Please come to the school office and Mrs Mandy Huang will check to see if you are eligible.

The Annual Student Medical survey went out on Tuesday, please fill in this form and send it back to the office as soon as possible. If you have any queries please contact Mandy Huang on 83120900.

Mrs Sue Smart

Administration/Business Manager

suessmart@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

CAMP AUSTRALIA

BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before Care operates from Holy Eucharist School between 7.00am – 8.30am. After Care operates from 3.15pm -6.00pm. Students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 will be picked up and dropped off at bell times by a Camp Australia Staff Member. Please ensure that your child/ren is registered before they attend the program. To register call either Camp Australia on 1300 105 343 or Kelly on 0402 390 969 for enquiries.

Ms Kelly Triantafillidis

After School Care Coordinator

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HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL - FAMILY PICNIC

Our annual Holy Eucharist School Family Picnic will be held at the school oval on: **Wednesday 27th February 2019, from 5pm – 7:00pm.**

We will be having:

- Free jumping castle
- Sausage sizzle (\$2)
- Coffee van
- Drinks available (\$2)
- Activities for the kids



Please come along! We hope to see you there! All Welcome!

ICT / COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Family School Partnership

Thank you to the families who attended the Community Conversations towards the end of 2018.

We were thrilled to hear that you view Holy Eucharist as a welcoming school.

- You value the relationships between staff and teachers.
- You recognise the work our teachers and staff members put in to your child's education.
- You recognise the extra support that is offered including speech therapy, literacy and numeracy intervention.
- You were happy with the Junior Maths program Early Years Learning Framework in Number (EYLFIN).
- You enjoyed learning walks.

We listened to your ideas and have discussed the suggestions in the categories of communication, safety and curriculum. Please stay tuned for some of your ideas to be implemented in due time.

Miss Allison Borg

STEM/School Community Family Partnerships Leader

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COMMUNITY HUB

Learn English through Arts & Crafts

Free conversational English classes with arts and crafts activities. Classes resume 6th February and will run on Wednesdays and Fridays between 1.00pm – 3.00pm. Contact Mrs Adella Howard on 0423435331 for more Information.

Mrs. Adella Howard

Community Hub

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