



Holy Eucharist School

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Mass Times

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm

Vietnamese Mass at 12pm

Friday, 15th November 2019

Newsletter No. 18

English

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents, Guardians and Care Givers,

I hope you had a great Melbourne Cup weekend and spent some quality time with your family. This week the dental van has visited our school and the mobile dentists have checked the teeth of many of our students. It is a great resource and the school appreciates the service and the work that the dentists have done and will continue to do at our school.

Our Pre-Prep program started this week and the children were very happy to be at school. The program assists the children in transitioning into school and it is hoped that the children feel comfortable when they attend in 2020. The program also provides our new parents with an opportunity to meet each other and to learn more about the school. Thank you to all the school staff who have assisted with the program.

On Monday 18th November, the school will be hosting a Cyber Safety night for parents of Grade 5 and 6 students. The session begins at 6:00 pm and will conclude by 7:30 pm. This session is important as it will assist parents in understanding the risks associated with children being on-line. Hope to see you there.

There are far too many children not being picked up on time. School finishes at 3.15pm. Any child not picked up on time will be placed with a Teacher in the school yard, and if not picked up by 3.40pm they will be taken directly to After School Care. Children will no longer remain in the School Office.

Enjoy the weekend.

God Bless

Mr. Jeffrey Parker
Principal

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Lk.21:5-19)

Your endurance will win you your life.

'When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Administration News

RE-ENROLMENT FOR 2020 OVERDUE

There a quite a number of students who have not confirmed their re-enrolment for 2020. Payment of \$80.00 is OVERDUE.

We will not be able to place your child in a class if you have not confirmed that they are returning.

If your child is not returning in 2020, you are to advise the school immediately as we have a number of students on our waiting list.


OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES

All fees should have been finalised by now. If you still have outstanding school fees, please contact Mrs Sue Smart to discuss.

CENTREPAY FAMILIES

Please be advised that there are new forms for 2020 deductions which will be able to be used for the duration of your child being enrolled at Holy Eucharist School. This form will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. All you need to do is sign and return the form to start up for 2020.

REMINDER DATES

Sat 16 th & Sun 17 th Nov	Monday 18 th	Tuesday 19 th	Wednesday 20 th	Thursday 21 st	Friday 22 nd	Sat 23 rd & Sun 24 th	Monday 25 th
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 	Cyber Safety Information Night for Parents of Grade 5 & 6 & Staff 6pm in MacKillop Bldg		Pre Prep Program	Pre Prep Program <u>Whole School Mass</u> In Church 9am All Welcome	Pre Prep Program		Grade 6 Graduation Photos

LEARNING AND TEACHING

END OF YEAR REPORTS AND ASSESSMENT PORTFOLIOS

All Victorian government schools are required to report on student achievement against the Victorian Curriculum F-10 achievement standards for every student at least twice a year. Schools have the flexibility to determine the format of reports in partnership with students, parents and the local community. A single common report format is no longer mandated.

Therefore, a few changes have been made to our school reports. The Mid Year and End of Year Report will no longer have written comments under Literacy or Numeracy. The teachers have found that the written comments for Literacy and Numeracy, were basically repeating what was already indicated in the descriptors. We will now only have one general comment at the end.

Our student reports are issued to parents/carers using a five-point scale or equivalent to show student progress and achievement at the time of reporting. The five-point scale enables teachers to provide a greater level of detail to parents about how well the student has performed against the achievement standards



On Friday 6th December 2019 you will receive your child's formal report together with the Student Assessment Portfolio. The work samples inside the portfolio are collected by the teacher as evidence of what has been taught during the term. These samples support what has been documented in the topic outline and should be looked at in conjunction with your child's report.

Assessment Portfolios will need to be signed and returned to school by Wednesday 11th December. **The classroom teacher will pass these folders onto next year's teacher.** All work samples collected during the year will be placed inside a Holy Eucharist Assessment envelope and given to you to keep.

Religious Education

Overview:

During the unit, 'A Time of God's Generosity', students explored how stories of Jesus' ministry tell us that Jesus lived a generous life. They investigated the concept of how during Lent and Holy Week Christians participate in practices that live out and celebrate God's generosity and how people's beliefs and values influence how they practice generosity. In the unit 'The Seven Sacraments: Signs of God's Presence', students came to an understanding that sacraments are rituals of the Catholic Church that bring God's love. Sacraments help people to celebrate God's work in them and in the community. Each Sacrament focuses on important times in people's lives when they celebrate their relationship with God.

Learning Area	Prep/Asst	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Assessment
Religious Education								At Student
Religious Education								
Formulates a prayer using the appropriate structure.								✓
Analyses a scripture story and how it impacts on their own lives.								✓
Explains the events of Holy Week and the importance of Easter in their Christian lives.								✓
Explains the meanings of Gifts of the Holy Spirit and identifies them in everyday life.								✓
Analyses the message of the life of a Saint and relates it to their own life experience.								✓

ORIENTATION DAY

Orientation Day will be held on Tuesday 3rd December. The students at Holy Eucharist school will meet their new class teacher and classmates for 2020 from 2:00pm until 3:00pm. All new families for 2020 (including Prep families 2020) are asked to assemble in the hall by 2pm. Please note the following:

- **Grade 6s are not required to come to school on Orientation Day.**
- **Recess will be held from 1:15pm until 1:45pm on this day.**

Due to the large number of Preps beginning in 2020, Orientation day will be held in the hall (similar to last year). In 2020 we will have 95 Preps attending Holy Eucharist school. In order to accommodate and to cater to the individual needs of each prep child, the children will be introduced to the four prep teachers during Orientation Day. However, the new prep children **will not be allocated their grade and teacher until Friday 14th February 2020.** This will enable the teachers to get to know the students and to evenly distribute students across the four grades according to their needs.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION PHOTO

School Pix will be at Holy Eucharist School on Tuesday 26th November to take the Grade 6 Graduation photo at 9.00am. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform. This includes **black school shoes.**



GRADE 6 GRADUATION

The Grade 6s will be having a special "Day Out" excursion to celebrate their Graduation. This will take place on Friday 6th December (*more information to follow*). The Grade 6 Graduation Mass will be held on Tuesday 10th December at 6.00pm in the Church.

PRE-PREP 2020

All Prep 2020 families should have received information from our school office outlining the dates for the Pre Prep Program and Orientation Day. It is very important that this letter is kept handy, as it details your child's scheduled pre-prep sessions, as well as Orientation Day. It is vital for a smooth transition that your child attends all the sessions. If you cannot attend for any reason please inform the school office.

The second week of Pre Prep Program is as follows:

- **Wednesday 19th November** (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm, 1:30pm – 3pm)
- **Thursday 21st November** (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm, 1:30pm – 3pm)
- **Friday 22nd November** (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm, 1:30pm – 3pm)

THE 2020 SCHOOL YEAR – LITERACY AND NUMERACY TESTING

Literacy and Numeracy testing provides teachers with important data to inform teaching and to enable teachers to target specific student needs. Over the past few years, Literacy and Numeracy testing took place at the beginning of Term 1 prior to the students commencing school. Last year we had moved the Literacy and Numeracy Testing to the end of Term 1, due to the large number of students who travel overseas with their families to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

As Term 1 in 2020 is only 8.5 weeks, we have decided as a staff to move the Literacy and Numeracy Testing to March, just before the Labour Day weekend. This will enable the teachers to have their data earlier and will allow them with sufficient time to submit it to Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM).

The changes for 2020 are as follows:

- **Students in Grade 1 to Grade 6** will commence school on **Wednesday 29th January 2020 at 8:55am – 3:15pm.**
- **Students in Grade Prep** commence school on **Thursday 30th January 2020 at 8:55am – 12:15pm.**
- **Preps will finish at 12:15pm until Friday 7th February 2020. (Preps have no school on Wednesdays in February).**
- **Preps** are at school from **8:55am to 3:15pm from Monday 10th February 2020.**
- **Literacy and Numeracy Testing** will be held on **Thursday 5th and Friday 6th March 2020** (Students will be given an appointment time – School Closure Days).
- **Parent/Teacher Chats** will be held on **Wednesday 18th March 2020.** (All students finish at 12pm).

Testing in the middle of Term 1 will mean that:

- Students and their families will have arrived back from their overseas holiday.
- Students will have had the opportunity to settle into their new grades and will have met their teacher.
- Class teachers will have had the opportunity to meet parents in order to assist students in their class.
- Teachers have sufficient time to submit Literacy and Numeracy testing to CEM.

SCHOOL HATS IN TERM 4

There are still quite a number of students at our school who do not have a school hat. These students have been spending their lunchtime in the office with Mr Bonnici. In Australia we have "one of the highest rates of melanoma diagnoses in the world...two in three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70" (SunSmart, 2019). The good news is that almost all skin cancers are preventable.

In Term 4 all students and teachers are required to wear a hat when they are outside. It is an expectation and school policy that all students wear their school hat and their correct school uniform at all times. If students are not wearing the correct uniform they are required to have a written letter from their parents explaining why they are out of uniform. Please note: If students are **not wearing the correct school uniform, a note will be sent home** informing the parent/guardian. This note will need to be signed by the parent/guardian and the **name of the student will be recorded at the school office.**



BOOK COVERING – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have recently purchased some brand new books for the library as well as teacher resources from Pearsons for the Junior, Middle and Senior school at a total cost of **\$7666.00**. These new books are currently being processed by Mrs Bistricki in the library and will need to be covered before students and teachers can use them in the classroom. If you are able to assist with book covering please contact Michael Bonnici, Jenny Bistricki or Adella Howard. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



ABC MUSIC GROUP

We are very excited to let you know that the ABC Music students will be performing at our School Assembly on **Thursday 28th November at 2:30pm in the hall.** They will be playing songs they have learnt on the keyboard/violin. They have been practicing their concert songs and we are looking forward to hearing them perform! We hope you can make it.



Mr Michael Bonnici

Learning and Teaching/Deputy Principal

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2019 Christmas Concert



The children are getting very excited for our Christmas concert on Thursday 5th December at 7pm in the hall.

All Grades have been busily practising and are very much looking forward to the performance.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Grade Prep Incursion: African Djembe and Dance Workshop

Last Friday, the grade prep students were involved in a fun and engaging incursion that included African Djembe Drumming and Dance. Each student had the opportunity to have a go playing the drums and so did the teachers! We all had such an amazing time!



BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Come and join in the fun at Before and After school care. Learning through play is fun. Before care 7am-8:30am, breakfast is served before 8:15am. After care is from 3:15pm-6pm. A snack is provided with fruit every day for afternoon tea.



Activities on offer are; active group games in the hall, arts and crafts- painting, drawing, models, beads, science experiences. A chance to do homework and socialize with the other children during free play time.

All children MUST be registered before they attend the program. Registration is FREE. All bookings are to be made through the website at www.campaustralia.com.au

If your child is absent from school and will not be attending the after school program, you are to contact me direct on 0402 390 969 or cancel the booking online before the session as it causes confusion on the day when I'm expecting the child to be there.

Ms Kelly Triantafillidis

After School Care Coordinator

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THE CYBER SAFETY PROJECT PARENT EVENT

Focus: Safe online and social media practices

For children today, growing up digital is a whole new world. Learning safe practices and strategies for maintaining a positive digital reputation starts in the home. It takes a village to raise a child, so understanding what your children are learning at school is crucial in ensuring the messages are consistent and ongoing.

This session aims at providing parents with the insights and important information about popular social networking and online gaming platforms for young people today. Building a positive and healthy family environment where digital use is encouraged but managed effectively can be a tough balance. We will discuss ways you can ensure your children stay safe through making use of an application's privacy settings and help them to build positive digital habits through your family's digital user agreement.



WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- ✓ Discover the ins and outs of YouTube, Instagram, Snapchat & Tik Tok
- ✓ Uncover mobile apps and games that can be potentially harmful
- ✓ Managing and monitoring gaming and promotion of self-regulation
- ✓ Explore strategies that foster positive digital experiences for children
- ✓ Discuss ways to manage digital wellbeing for children at home

SPEAKER



SAM MACAULAY
Educator & Cyber Safety
Curriculum Specialist



EVENT DETAILS

DATE: Monday 18th November
TIME: 6:00pm – 7:30pm
LOCATION: Staffroom (enter via School Office)

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

- Mon 18th Nov -Cyber Safety Project: Information night for parents and staff 6-7:30pm
Tues 19th Nov -Pre-Prep: 9- 10:30am, 11:30-1pm, 1:30pm-3pm.
Thurs 21st Nov -School Mass at gam – All Welcome
-Pre-Prep: 9- 10:30am, 11:30-1pm, 1:30pm-3pm.
Fri 22nd Nov -Pre-Prep: 9- 10:30am, 11:30 – 1pm, 1:30pm-3pm.
Tues 26th Nov -Grade 6 Graduation Photos
Thurs 28th Nov -School Mass at gam – All Welcome
-Assembly 2:35pm (hall) – All Welcome

DECEMBER

- Sun 1st Dec -First Sunday of Advent
Mon 2nd Dec -Open Classroom 2:45pm-3:15pm
Tues 3rd Dec -Orientation Day for 2020
Thurs 5th Dec -Whole School Mass in the Church at gam – All Welcome
-School Carols at 7pm in the hall

DECEMBER (Cont'd)

- Fri 6th Dec -Reports and Portfolios are sent home.
-Gr 6 Graduates' Celebration at the Beach Sun
8th Dec -Second Sunday of Advent
-Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Tues 10th Dec -Human Rights Day.
-Gr 6 Graduation Mass at 6pm
Wed 11th Dec -City Excursion - Grade 1 visiting 'Santaland'
-Portfolios are due back at school
Thurs 12th Dec -Whole School Mass in the Church at gam – All Welcome
-Assembly at 2:35pm in the hall
- All Welcome
Fri 13th Dec -Last Day of Term 4
(Students go home at 2pm)
Sat 14th Dec -Holy Eucharist Parish Carols on the School Oval at 7pm. All Welcome

DECEMBER (Cont'd)

- Sun 15th Dec -Third Sunday of Advent
Sun 22nd Dec -Fourth Sunday of Advent
Tues 24th Dec -Christmas Eve
Wed 25th Dec -Christmas Day
Thurs 26th Dec -Feast of St Stephen (Boxing Day)
Tues 31st Dec -New Year's Eve

JANUARY 2020

- Mon 27th Jan -Australia Day – Public Holiday
Tues 28th Jan -Staff back at school
Wed 29th Jan -Students in Gr 1 - 6 back at school
Thurs 30th Jan -Preps commence at gam - 12:15pm

FEBRUARY 2020

- Wed 6th Feb -Preps – No school on Wed's in Feb.
Mon 10th Feb -Preps at school 'til 3:15pm from now on
-Gr 6 attending Camp Don Bosco 'til 12th Feb

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community. The Holy Eucharist Commitment to Child Safety and Reporting Process are on display in the Administration foyer of the School and School Policies are available on the website at www.hestalbandsstcatholic.edu.au