



Holy Eucharist School

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Mass Times

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm

Vietnamese Mass at 12pm

Friday, 29th November 2019

Newsletter No. 19

English

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

The year is quickly coming to an end and this is the second last newsletter for the year. On reflection, we have done so much over the year at Holy Eucharist School and the students have worked hard and achieved some great results. However, the year hasn't ended and there is still plenty of work to do before the end of the year.

On Tuesday 3rd December, we are having our Orientation Day where the children will find out their teacher, classmates and room for 2020. The teachers have worked tirelessly and have taken into account so many factors when placing the children in grades for next year. Therefore, I will not move children because they are not happy with their new class so parents, please do not approach me with a request to move them.

Last week one of the Grade 1 teachers was approached by an angry neighbour who had his driveway blocked by a parent from the school who came to the school to pick up their child. Please think of others when you are parking your car. This man was very upset and was taking out his frustration on one of the teachers. She did not deserve to be exposed to this behaviour. We have worked hard to build up a positive relationship with our neighbours and we would like to continue this relationship with them.

Thank you to those families who supported our sausage sizzle today. The money raised will go to helping out those families who lost their possessions in the recent bush fires.

Do not forget the school concert on Thursday 5th December at 7:00 pm. Hope to see all of you there.

God Bless

Mr Jeffrey Parker
Principal

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A



Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
(Mt 24:37-44)*

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Administration News

Re-enrolment / Returning to Holy Eucharist School in 2020

Re-enrolment for 2020 is nearly finalised but there is still a few families that have not informed the office if their child is returning or leaving the school. If your child is returning to Holy Eucharist next year you must come into the office and pay the **\$80.00 re-enrolment fee**. This amount will be deducted from next years' school fees. If any family has any queries or concerns regarding the re-enrolment for next year, please contact me on **8312 0900**. If your child is not returning to Holy Eucharist next year, please inform the school office as soon as possible as there are many families on our waiting list.

Sue Smart
Administration/Business Manager

**Term 4 finishes
on Friday 13th December 2019
at 2.00pm**

Children must be collected on time.

REMINDER DATES

Sat 7 th & Sun 8 th Sept	Monday 9 th	Tuesday 10 th	Wednesday 11 th	Thursday 12 th	Friday 13 th	Sat 14 th & Sun 15 th	Monday 16 th
1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT 1 Year A	Grade 6 Beach Day Out at Altona Beach 	 Grade 1 Excursion to City visiting 'Santa Land' Grade 6 Graduation Mass 6pm in the Church Human Rights Day	Portfolios Due Back at School 	End of Year School Mass 9am in the Church All Welcome Assembly at 2.35pm	Last Day of Term 4 Students finish school at 2.00pm SCHOOL FUN DAY	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8 Year A	

LEARNING AND TEACHING

VIOLIN STUDENTS

On Thursday 14th November the violin students in Grades 2 to Grade 6 took part in the 'String Spinners' workshop at Mandeville Hall. The students had a wonderful experience working along-side the students at Loreto in Toorak. They practised many songs together and performed in front of students who attend the Junior campus at Loreto.

We are very excited to let you know that our students who are part of the Mandeville Hall violin program will be performing at our School Assembly on **Thursday 12th December at 2:30pm in the hall**. They will be playing Christmas Carols on the violin. They have been practicing their concert songs and are looking forward to performing! We hope you can make it.

Mandeville Hall have funded the violin program at our school for almost 6 years. On behalf of all the staff and students at Holy Eucharist, I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to the staff at Mandeville Hall for all they do for our school community. Our school is so fortunate to have this wonderful connection with Loreto - Mandeville Hall. The violin program has become an important part of our school and is growing each year. We now have 33 students taking part, thanks to their generosity and commitment over the years. A big 'thank you' to Dr Susan Stevens (Principal of Mandeville Hall) and Michelle McCarty (Director of Mission) for supporting this program since 2013 and to all the families at Loreto who have donated violins and cellos over the years.

Last but not least, thank you to Mr David George (Director of Music), Ms Lia Boulton, Ms Jane Stewart and Ms Alice Gaynor (Violin Teachers) for their generous contribution to the program and for always making us welcome when we visit their school.



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.

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 practise 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	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Assessment
Religious Education								At Standard
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.								✓

HEADLICE – THEY'RE BACK!!!

Please check your children's hair **thoroughly and regularly** and treat if you find evidence of lice. We can only eradicate this problem with everyone's co-operation. Getting into the habit of checking and combing as part of your routine is the only way to achieve this. If your child has head lice, you should let the school know. **Hair which is shoulder length or longer, must be tied back at all times** (in line with our Head Lice Management Policy).



GRADE 6 GRADUATION

The Grade 6s will be having a special "Day Out" excursion to celebrate their Graduation. This will take place on Monday 9th December (more information to follow). The Grade 6 Graduation Mass will be held on Tuesday 10th December at 6.00pm in the Church.

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.

SCHOOL CHOIR

The students in the School Choir will be singing Carols at St Bernadette's Nursing Home in North Sunshine and at Grantham Green Nursing Home in St Albans. The students will be travelling by minibus to Bernadette's Nursing Home on Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 10:15am. The students will then make their way on the minibus to Grantham Green Reserve to have lunch at 12:00pm (Weather permitting). At 12:45pm the students will then visit Grantham Green Nursing Home in St Albans to perform at 1:30pm. The students should be back at school by 2:45pm. The students will be **required to have their school hat and will need to wear their full Summer uniform**. For more information please contact Mr Bonnici or Mr O'Bree.

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**.



Mr Michael Bonnici

Learning and Teaching/Deputy Principal

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Cyber Safety Project Parent Night

Thank you to the families and teachers that attended the Cyber Safety Project parent night last Monday. It was a very informative information session and it is essential that families keep up to date with what their children are accessing online.

For those who couldn't make it on Monday please visit the website below for tips for parents and activities to do over the holidays.

<https://www.cybersafetyproject.com.au/parents.html>

Thank you,

Miss Allison Borg



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!



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

FunFit Day

On Friday the 22nd of November, students from Grade 5 and 6 participated in a FunFit Day. During this incursion, the senior students completed six different physical activities throughout the day, including Hip Hop, Zumba, Breakdance, Acrobalance, Martial Arts and Yoga which were run by FunFit instructors.

Thank you to our Grade 5 and 6 students and teachers for their enthusiasm and participation on the day. Finally, thank you to the awesome team at FunFit for giving our students such a unique and memorable experience and inspiring them to be physically active in their everyday life.

Clare Christie

Physical Education Teacher

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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.

It is with a heavy heart to inform that I, Kelly Triantafillidis, have resigned from my duties as OSHC Coordinator for Camp Australia due to personal reasons. I want to thank every parent that has trusted me to care and educate their children for the last 11 years. To see each and every child grow and develop new skills has been an absolute pleasure and honour to be a part of. I am looking forward to still being a part of their lives, watching them grow and achieve goals in the school environment as a Learning Support Officer (LSO).



Holiday club bookings for the Summer holiday club are available online through the Camp Australia website at www.campaustralia.com.au

Ms Kelly Triantafillidis

After School Care Coordinator

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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 9am – All Welcome
- School Carols at 7pm in the hall
- 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

DECEMBER (Cont'd)

- Thurs 12th Dec -Whole School Mass in the Church at 9am – 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
- 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 9am - 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.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au