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Holy Eucharist Parish

Parish Priest-

Fr. Tuan Anh Do CSsR.

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Mass Times

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm

Vietnamese Mass at 12pm

Thursday, 12th December 2019

Newsletter No. 20

English

Principal's Message:

The 2019 school year has come to an end and this is the last newsletter for this year. We now look forward to what will even be a better and more exciting year in 2020.

At the end of this year we say farewell to 6 of our teachers who are leaving Holy Eucharist School. We say farewell to Mrs Bison who is leaving us after 30 years at Holy Eucharist, to enjoy her retirement. I am sure I speak on behalf of the numerous children and parents that she has worked with over the years when I wish her all the best in her retirement. Mrs Ognenovski is leaving us for a short period of time to have her baby. I wish her and her husband Alex all the best in the next coming weeks. Mrs Stead is leaving us to work at St Francis School. Mrs Stead has been the Religious Education Leader at Holy Eucharist and she has worked tirelessly to raise the profile of Religious Education within the school. Mrs Johnson is leaving us after a year at our school teaching Grade 3. I thank her for her hard work and dedication over the year. Our two Reading Recovery Teachers are leaving our school. Mrs Valentino-Pamment and Mrs Steinbring will continue to work in other schools next year. Their Literacy Intervention has been very valuable for our students.

On behalf of the Holy Eucharist Community I would like to extend my thanks to all these teachers for their dedication and hard work and would like to wish them the best of luck for the future.

We also say farewell to our Parish Priest, Father Tuan. Father Tuan is moving on to Kew where he will be involved in the formation of trainee priests. On behalf of the school community I would like to express my thanks to Father Tuan for his spiritual leadership and support that he has provided over the last 4 years.

Last Thursday the school held its annual Christmas Carols and I would like to thank everyone who attended and supported their children. Also, a big thank you to all of the parents, adults and children who supported our Christmas Raffle. Thanks to the generosity of everyone we raised just over \$700.00. A massive effort! This will go towards the next stage of our Adventure Playground.

An afternoon tea was organised today by Adella Howard, our Community Hub Leader, for our school volunteers. I would personally like to thank the volunteers for their tireless work over the year and would hope that they continue their great work at the school in 2020. The work done by the volunteers is very much appreciated by myself and the rest of the teaching staff.

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents, guardians and care givers for their support over the year. I wish all our families a safe and happy Christmas and a very enjoyable holiday. See you in 2020.

God Bless

Mr Jeffrey Parker
Principal

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A



Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Mt 11:2-11)

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Administration News

Holidays in 2020 - If your child/ren are going to be away at the beginning of the year – 29th January 2020, for Vietnamese New Year or a family holiday, you must inform the school office before Monday 15th December.

Fees 2020 - Due to the change over to the new ICON system, the office will be able to start **receiving fees from 11th February, 2020.**

CSEF - Just a reminder that if you now have a Health Care Card or Pension Card, please come into the school office the first week of Term 1 next year and speak to Mandy Huong.

Sue Smart

Administration/Business Manager

REMINDER DATES

Friday 13 th	Sat 14 th & Sun 15 th	Monday 16 th	Tuesday 17 th	Wednesday 18 th	Thursday 19 th	Friday 20 th	Monday 16 th
Last Day of Term 4 Students finish school at 2.00pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A	Hand over Planning Day for Staff	Last Day for Staff	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays

LEARNING AND TEACHING

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.

HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL IN 2020 – GRADE PREP

Next year we will have approximately 95 Preps attending Holy Eucharist school. During Orientation Day, the students met all the prep teachers and fellow prep students, however they were not assigned to a class or a teacher for 2020. In order to accommodate for all of these students and to cater to their individual needs, prep students will be allocated a grade and teacher in mid 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. By Friday 14th February 2020 classlists should be ready and teachers will be able to advise parents as to who will be their child's grade prep teacher.

All Prep classes from Thursday 30th January until Friday 7th February will commence at 8:55am in the school Hall and will finish at 12:15pm. All Prep students will be required to bring their lunch on these days. Please remember drop off and pick up your prep child from the school Hall. From Monday 10th February Prep students will be at school from 8:55am until 3:15pm. **Prep students do not have school on Wednesdays in February. School hats are compulsory in Term 1 and Term 4.**

HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL IN 2020 – GRADES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Term 1, 2020 commences on Wednesday 29th January at 8:55am until 3:15pm. **School hats are compulsory in Term 1 and Term 4.** A calendar for the whole year will be issued to families in February 2020. Please note the following dates for January and February 2020 in your diaries:

JANUARY

Sat 25 Jan -Lunar New Year
Mon 27th Jan -**Australia Day Public Holiday**
Tues 28th Jan -Staff return to school (Mass at 9am)
Wed 29th Jan -**Term 1 begins - Gr 1 to Gr 6 return**
Thurs 30th Jan -**Preps begin in the hall until 12:15pm**
Fri 31st Jan -**Preps in the hall until 12:15pm**

FEBRUARY

Mon 3rd Feb -Enrolment Information for 2021 is available
-Preps are at school in the hall until 12:15pm (Preps - no school on Wed in Feb)
Tues 4th Feb -Preps are at school in the hall until 12:15pm
Wed 5th Feb -No Prep at school on Wed in February
Thurs 6th Feb -Assembly at 2:35pm in the hall - All Welcome
-Preps are at school in the hall until 12:15pm
Fri 7th Feb -Preps are at school in the hall until 12:15pm

Mon 10th Feb -Preps at school until 3:15pm
-Gr 6 are at Camp Don Bosco (10th -12th Feb)
Tues 11th Feb -Safe Internet Day
Wed 12th Feb -No Preps on Wed in February
Thurs 13th Feb -Opening Mass for the school year
Mon 17th Feb -Term Outlines to Michael
Wed 19th Feb -No Preps on Wed in February
Wed 19th Feb -School Open Day for Kindergarten 12pm-2pm
-Family Picnic Night 5pm-7pm
Thurs 20th Feb -Whole School Mass at 9am -
-Assembly at 2:35pm in the hall
Fri 21st Feb -Term 1 Outlines/Portfolios sent home.
-Letter sent home regarding Literacy/Numeracy Testing
Mon 24th Feb -Grade 5 at Camp Doxa (24th – 26th Feb)
Wed 26th Feb -Ash Wednesday – Whole School Mass at 9am
-Portfolios are due back at school
Thurs 27th Feb -No Whole School Mass today.

CLASSES AND STAFF ROLES IN 2020

	<u>JUNIOR SCHOOL</u>	<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>	<u>SENIOR SCHOOL</u>
Grade Prep	-Mrs Mary James -Miss Sharon Bonnici -Miss Bianca Gomez -Miss Shalini Dos Santos	Grade 3	Grade 5
Grade 1	-Miss Mikaela Borg -Mrs Gwen Laughlin -Miss Tania Pufek	-Miss Natalie Kranjec -Miss Thilini Nanayakara -Mrs Angela Lopez and Mrs Hania Borowik	-Mr Bruno Pellaschiar -Miss Clare Christie -Mr Adam Nicholl
Grade 2	-Miss Julie Murnane -Miss Jessica Kerlin -Miss Thy Tran -TBA	Grade 4	Grade 6
		-Miss Jacelle Cablao -Miss Kathryn Barrie -Miss Jennifer Khong	-Mr Wally Antonowicz -Mrs Vanessa Shaw/ and Ms Erin McNally -Miss Tamara Patel

CLASSES AND STAFF ROLES IN 2020 (Continued)

Specialists

Music -Mr Damian O'Bree
Visual Arts -Mrs Shobha Hickey
Phys Ed -Mr Harry Herrera
LOTE -Mrs Linda Huynh/Miss Sue So

Intervention Teachers

Intervention Leader: -Mrs Hannah Power
Intervention Support: -Mrs Jackie Dabal & Mrs Kathleen Bezzina
Reading Recovery: -Mrs Karen Coleman
Numeracy Intervention -Mrs Anne Ablinger.
School Counsellor (Thurs & Fri): -Mr Edward Faraci.
EAL/New Arrivals: -Mrs Irene Jurista.
Education Support: -Mr Joe Sirianni.

Administration

Business Manager: -Mrs Sue Smart
School Officers: -Mrs Connie La Macchia
 -Mrs Mandy Huong
 -Mrs Rosemarie Slater

Sphere/Curriculum Leaders

Education in Faith -Mrs Vanessa Shaw
Learning & Teaching - Mr Michael Bonnici
Learning Diversity/Wellbeing Leader
 -Mrs Julie Semcesen
School Community/Wellbeing/Prep Support
 -Mrs Jo Dragovic
Leadership & Management - Mr Jeff Parker
Literacy Leader -Mrs Charise Gibb
Numeracy Leader -Ms Erin McNally

School Maintenance

Cleaner: -Mr June Balatbat
Maintenance: -Mr Barry Lynch

Learning Support Officers

Mrs Jenny Bistricki (Library)
 Mrs Adella Howard (Community Hub)
 Ms Adriana Rastocic
 Mrs Catherine Hoang
 Ms Chau Nguyen
 Mrs Dianne Punicki
 Mrs Frances Wulf
 Mrs Golda Villegas
 Ms Kelly Triantafillidis
 Mrs Mary Xuereb
 Ms Mostyoka Tran
 Mrs Priya Rajasekar
 Mrs Thi Phan
 Mrs Trang Nguyen
 Mrs Kerri Puccio

Holy Eucharist Parish

Parish Priest: -Fr Vincent Pham Van Long CSsR
Assistant Priest -Fr Vincensius Lolo CSsR
Community Leader -Fr Peter Danh CSsR
Residing Priests -Fr Patrick Corbett CSsR
 -Fr Christoforus Matutina CSsR

MAP TO SHOW CLASSROOMS IN 2020



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2019 Holy Eucharist School Year 6 Graduating Class



ART COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to Tanya D'Souza from 5JK, for winning the first prize, in the Primary section, at the Caroline Chisholm College. Her portrayal of how the right and left side of our brain and their functions, were recognized in her painting. Tanya showed her right side to be connected to creativity, imagination and innovation.



Chelsea Nguyen from Grade 1MB won the runners up in the Primary section for her depiction of her family as shown in the Babushka dolls.



Mrs Shobha Hickey
Visual Art Specialist

In Appreciation

Thank you to the following stores who generously donated towards our Christmas Raffle.

- Chemist Warehouse, St Albans
- IGA, St Albans
- Supercheap Auto, Brimbank Shopping Centre
- Woolworths, Brimbank Shopping Centre
- Coles, Brimbank Shopping Centre
- Centre Management, Brimbank Shopping Centre



Congratulations to all our winners



ABC MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to all our students who performed brilliantly at the End of Year Concert! All of you have worked so hard to prepare for your performance, and you should all be proud of what you have achieved this year!



FOR 2020 NEW ENROLMENTS – please enrol through our website in mid-January 2020 to secure your spot for Term 1 lessons: www.abcmusicgroup.com.au/enrol-now/

For more information please contact the ABC office via email info@abcmusicgroup.com.au or call 0403 493 861

Please note that current students are automatically re-enrolled for the following year. If you wish to cancel, please contact us via email.

Our warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year!!

Follow us on social media for news and updates.


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BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE



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

If your child is leaving the school, call Camp Australia on 1300 105 343 to deactivate your account, as all existing bookings will rollover into the new year. All bookings and cancellations need to be done before the 7 day period to not incur any late fees.

Ms Kelly Triantafillidis
After School Care Coordinator
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St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2019

Thank you to all families who so generously donated to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. The baskets of donations were presented to Bernie from St Vincent de Paul at our End of Year School Mass on Thursday 12th December.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



PE wrap up

As this will be my final newsletter item in the role of Physical Education Specialist, I want to sincerely thank the Holy Eucharist school community for their support of the Physical Education program over the last two years. It has been a real privilege to be able to teach all the students from Grade Prep-Six about the importance of being active and healthy. I now pass the baton onto Mr Harry Herrera to take over the PE role but I am looking forward to teaching Grade 5 next year and being involved in Interschool Sports. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you in 2020!

Miss Clare Christie
Physical Education Teacher

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Teachers vs. Grade 6 Students Basketball match

The annual Teachers vs. Grade 6 Students Basketball match took place on Thursday the 28th of November. It was a very exciting match and was enjoyed by all the players and spectators on the day. The final score was 30 vs. 17 points with the teachers coming out on top thanks to our Most Valuable Player - Miss Cablao! Congratulations to all the students and teachers involved.

Grade 6 Beach Day Out

On Monday the 9th of December, the Grade 6 students had their Beach Day Out at Altona Beach. On this day students participated in a Multicultural Beach Program run by Surf Lifesaving Victoria, where students learnt life saving techniques and water safety messages through a series of fun activities. It was a fantastic experience for our students to learn how to be safe around open water and have so much fun in the process! Thanks to our Grade 6 teaching team and Mr Parker for their support on the day.



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.hestalbansth.catholic.edu.au