



# Holy Eucharist School

St Albans South

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## Holy Eucharist School

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**Deputy Principal:**

Mr. Michael Bonnici

## Holy Eucharist Parish

**Parish Priest**

Fr. Vincent Pham Van Long CSsR

**Community Leader:**

Fr Peter Ly Trong Danh CSsR

**Assistant Priest:**

Fr Vincensius Lolo CSsR

Fr Patrick Corbett CSsR

Fr Christoforus Matutina CSsR

(P) 9366 1310

## Mass Times

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm

Vietnamese Mass at 12pm

## Education in Faith:

Vanessa Shaw

**Prep:** Sharon Bonnici,

Mary James, Shalini Dos Santos &

Bianca Gomez.

**Grade 1:** Tania Pufek, Mikaela Borg

& Gwen Laughlin.

**Grade 2** Julie Murnane, Jessica Kerlin,

Thy Tran & Vivian Faraj

**Grade 3:** Natalie Kranjec,

Angela Lopez-Dee/Hania Borowik

& Thilini Nanayakkara

**Grade 4:** Jacelle Cabla, Jennifer

Khong & Katherine Barry

**Grade 5:** Bruno Pellaschiar, Clare

Christie & Adam Nicholl

**Grade 6:** Wally Antonowicz, Vanessa

Shaw/Erin McNally & Tamara Patel

**Learning Diversity/Wellbeing:**

Julie Semcesen.

**Family School Partnership**

/Wellbeing: Jo Dragovic

**School Counsellor:** Edward Faraci.

**Library:** Jenny Bistricki.

**Digital Technology:** Allison Borg.

**Art:** Shobha Hickey.

**Music:** Damian O'Bree.

**Literacy Leader:** Charise Gibbs

**Intervention Leader:** Hannah Power

**Literacy Intervention:** Jackie Dabal

& Kathleen Bezzina

**Reading Recovery:** Karen Colman

**Maths Intervention:** Anne Ablinger

**Maths Leader P-6:** Erin McNally

**EAL/New Arrival:** Irene Jurista

**Physical Ed:** Harry Herrera

**Education Support:** Joe Sirianni

**LOTE:** Linda Hyunh & Miyi Sun

**Business Manager:** Sue Smart

**Administration Staff:**

Connie La Macchia, Mandy Huong &

Rosemarie Slater.

**Community Hub:** Adella Howard

**Cleaner:** June Balatbat

**Maintenance:** Barry Lynch

**OSHP:** Register on the Camp Australia

website.

## Beginning of the School Year Prayer

*Father in Heaven,  
Creator of all and source of all goodness  
and love,*

*Please look kindly upon us and receive  
our heartfelt gratitude in this time of  
giving thanks.*

*Thank you for all the graces and blessings,  
you have bestowed upon us. Our faith and  
religious heritage, our food and shelter,  
our health, the love we have for one  
another, our family and friends.*

*Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity.  
Please grant us continued graces and  
blessings throughout the coming year.*

*This we ask in the name of Jesus. Your Son  
and our Brother.*

*Amen.*



## Support those affected by bushfires

[catholic.org.au/bushfires](http://catholic.org.au/bushfires)

Eternal God,  
In wisdom and love, you created our earth  
to sustain us and give us life.

Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires,  
those who have lost family, friends, property and stock.

Protect our volunteer firefighters  
and all members of essential services.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,  
Mary, help of Christians –  
Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop –  
Pray for us.

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

As this is the first newsletter for 2020, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back everyone to another exciting year at Holy Eucharist School. I hope all of 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 am sure you will find our school is a very welcoming and dynamic place.

The children have settled in well and are enthusiastic to be back at school. This year we have employed six new staff members to join our school community. I would like to welcome our new staff members: Tania Pufek (Grade 1), Thy Tran and Vivian Faraj, (Grade 2), Adam Nicholl, (Grade 5), Karen Colman (Reading Recovery) and Miyi Sun (LOTE). I would like to wish them the best of luck for 2020 and beyond.

I would also like to welcome our new priests to Holy Eucharist Parish. Our new Parish Priest is Father Vincent Pham Van Long and assistant priests are Father Vincensius Lolo and Father Christoforus Matutina. We are looking forward to working closely as a school and parish community.

Over the holidays our library was flooded due to the massive storm that we had. The library will have new carpet laid in the coming weeks. Also, our new music room is now being used for lessons. The new music room is located in the old administration building.

There has been a lot of panic due to the Coronavirus outbreak through the media. All Catholic Schools have been following the guidelines and advice from the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV). As we receive information regarding the virus, we will update you immediately.

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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Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> /Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> / Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb
	Preps at school until 3.15 pm	Safe Internet day	NO PREPS AT SCHOOL TODAY	Opening Mass for the School Year 9am in the Church	St Valentine's Day		

## LEARNING AND TEACHING

### WELCOME TO HOLY EUCHARIST:

Welcome to another busy and exciting year at Holy Eucharist Catholic Primary School. We trust that all our families had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. All students and teachers have settled into their new classes and are ready for another year of learning. We are all looking forward to working with you and your child in 2020. We recognise that in order for students to achieve success, they need the support from 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

Back in 2017, the Victorian Minister for Education reviewed the 'Attendance Guidelines for Schools'. As a result, schools are required to 'advise parents/guardians of unexplained absences on the same day, as soon as practicable, including for post-compulsory aged students...'

These Attendance/Notification changes assist in ensuring the safety of school-aged children during school hours and that schools are supported in their duty-of-care obligations.

#### What does this mean?

- 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 9:00am**, the classroom teacher is required to mark the child absent on the Attendance Register.
- 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/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 Grade Prep, 1 and 2 need to be escorted to the office by an adult. Students will be given an **orange card** to indicate that their attendance has been recorded as 'late for school'. Students in Grades Prep to Grade 2 will need to be escorted back 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**. The office will change the roll entry from 'absent' to 'late for school'.

#### 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/LOTE, then parents will be given a **white authorisation card** to give to the specialist teacher with the child's name and grade. Office staff will record early leavers on the school attendance roll.

### 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 21st February** and need to be returned by **Wednesday 26th February**.

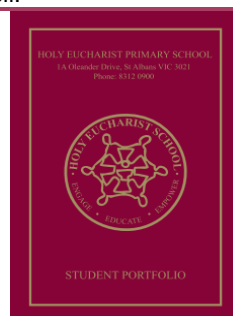
### COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

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 95 Grade Preps attending Holy Eucharist school. In order to accommodate and to cater to the students' individual needs, the preps will not be allocated a class/teacher until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. This will allow sufficient time for the four prep teachers to get to know the students and to evenly distribute students across the four classes according to their needs. From the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020** 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 a number of questions, eg: *Where was your child born? When did they arrive in Australia? What is their first language? What languages are spoken at home? etc.* These questions will enable staff to support students and to target specific needs. 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.

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. In the coming weeks, you will receive more information and will be invited to choose your preferred time.

## 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. 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. However, this year, Term 1 is only 8.5 weeks in duration. Therefore, we have had to move the Literacy and Numeracy Testing to March, just before the Labour Day weekend. This will allow sufficient time for data to be submitted before the end of term to Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM).

Literacy and Numeracy Testing will be held on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. Each student will be allocated **45 minutes** to complete a series of tests with their class teacher. In the coming weeks parents/caregivers will be invited to choose a time-slot on either the Thursday or the Friday. Students will then be given an appointment time and are **only required to be at school for 45 minutes to complete the testing**. When the testing is completed, **students must return home**. Please ensure that students are not left unsupervised at school, as there are **no classes on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**.

**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 NURSE PROGRAM 2020

This 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 Community Room on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 9am – 10am** to assist parents in completing the questionnaire. If you have any queries regarding this questionnaire, please contact me (Michael Bonnici) at the office. **All questionnaires need to be returned to school by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020. The school nurse will be visiting the school in March.**

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**. All students need to wear their **full Summer Uniform and black school shoes**. In the coming weeks, each student will be given individual order forms. If you would like to order photos, you will need to fill in the order form, pay the correct amount and return it to your class teacher on **photo day**. Alternatively, you can order photos online up to 2 days after photo day.



## CLASSES IN 2020

### JUNIOR SCHOOL

Grade Prep

-Mrs Mary James  
-Miss Sharon Bonnici  
-Miss Shalini Dos Santos  
-Miss Bianca Gomez

Grade 1

-Miss Mikaela Borg  
-Mrs Gwen Laughlin  
-Miss Tania Pufek

Grade 2

-Miss Julie Murnane  
-Miss Jessica Kerlin  
-Ms Vivian Faraj  
-Miss Thy Tran

Grade 3

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
-Miss Natalie Kranjec  
-Miss Thilini Nanayakkara  
-Mrs Angela Lopez-Dee /  
-Mrs Hania Borowik

Grade 4

-Miss Jacelle Cabla  
-Miss Jennifer Khong  
-Miss Kathryn Barrie

Grade 5

**SENIOR SCHOOL**  
-Mr Bruno Pellaschiar  
-Miss Clare Christie  
-Mr Adam Nicholl

Grade 6

-Mr Wally Antonowicz  
-Mrs Vanessa Shaw/  
-Miss Erin McNally  
-Miss Tamara Patel

**Mr Michael Bonnici**

Learning and Teaching/Deputy Principal

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## Holy Eucharist School Open Day

Holy Eucharist Primary School gives an opportunity for parents and their children to visit this wonderful school.



**WHEN: WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

**TIME: 12:00PM - 2:00PM**

**WHERE: SCHOOL HALL: ENTER VIA OLEANDER DRIVE**

**Free jumping Castle & Balloon Animals for the children**



There will be activities and snacks for your children and it will give you a chance to have a look around the school. School tours will run throughout the afternoon and information about 2021 enrolment will be provided.

**An enrolment package will be available on the day.**

We look forward to you attending!



## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **Fees for 2020**

School Fees for 2020 are \$930.00 per family.

Per Capita fees for 2020 are \$130.00 per child. This includes \$30.00 Sport Fees.

Excursion Fees for 2020 are \$35.00 per child.

### **Camp Fees for 2020**

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 as soon as possible and Mrs Mandy Huang will check to see if you are eligible.

The Annual Student Medical Survey and Permission to Photo for 2020 has been sent out this week, please fill in the forms and send them both 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

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## **Holy Eucharist Annual Family Picnic**



We would like to invite our school community to our annual 'Holy Eucharist Family Picnic'. At the picnic you will get the chance to meet your child's classroom teachers, participate in fun activities and get to know other families at the school.

**WHEN:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

**TIME:** 5 pm – 7 pm

**WHERE:** Holy Eucharist Primary School oval

### **We will be having:**

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



Money raised from the sausage sizzle and drinks will be donated to the Bushfire Appeal. Families are welcome to bring a picnic rug or chairs.

**Please come along!**

**We hope to see you there! All Welcome!**

## **SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL**

The second hand uniform stall is looking for donations. If you have any uniform items that your children have grown out of, please consider donating them to the second-hand uniform stall.

If you are able to donate uniform items (including shoes) to the school, please **wash** and handed in at the office. The items must be in good condition.

A second hand uniform stall is set up outside the Mary MacKillop building every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 3.10 pm – 3.20 pm. We thank Susan Fatai for volunteering her time each day at school.



## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **FEBRUARY 2020**

Mon 10th Feb -Preps at school until 3:15pm  
-Grade 6 are at Camp Don Bosco  
(10th -12th Feb)

Tues 11th Feb -Safe Internet Day

Wed 12th Feb -No Preps at school today

Thurs 13th Feb -Opening Mass for the school year  
at gam in the Church-Gr 4 KB

Fri 14th Feb -St Valentine's Day

Wed 19th Feb -No Preps at school on  
Wednesdays in February

Wed 19th Feb -School Open Day for Kindergarten  
12pm-2pm  
- School Family Picnic Night 5pm - 7pm

Thurs 20th Feb -School Mass at gam – Gr 6TP  
-Assembly at 2:35pm in the hall

Fri 21st Feb -Term 1 Outlines/ Assessment  
Portfolios are sent home today.

Mon 24th Feb -Gr 5 at Camp Doxa (24th - 26th)

Tues 25th Feb -Shrove Tuesday

Wed 26th Feb -Ash Wednesday -Whole School Mass at gam – Gr 6WA  
-Portfolios are due back at school

-No Preps at school today

Thurs 27th Feb -No Whole School Mass today.

## **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](http://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au)