



HOLY EUCHARIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – SPECIAL EDITION (2)

Friday 15th May 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A

This Sunday is the sixth Sunday of Easter. As we approach the feast of Pentecost, the Church invites us to celebrate the coming of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. The Church calls us to celebrate the Spirit of truth who strengthens us in the proclamation of the Good News. The message we bear is not false, rather, it comes from the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

*Good Living and gracious God,
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ
you have brought us out to a spacious place
where we are called to live as those redeemed.
Empower us by your spirit to keep your commandments,
that we may show forth your love
with gentle word and reverent deed
to all your people. Amen.*



**The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send
in my name, will teach
you everything, and remind
you of all that
I have said to you.**

John 14:26

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

This term has produced so many challenges for all of us. The staff, students, parents, carers and guardians have all had an added element of stress due to the Coronavirus. It is really important that we all stay safe and follow the laws introduced by the Andrews Government. The school will officially open for Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 on Tuesday May 26th. On Monday May 25th, the school will be closed for the teachers to prepare for the opening on Tuesday May 26th. **NO STUDENTS ARE TO ATTEND SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.** School will open for children in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Tuesday 9th June. These grade levels will continue to learn remotely until 9th June.

To follow the social distancing rules, the students will enter and leave the school at different gates depending on their grade level. These gates and grade levels will be outlined later on. Also, the starting and finishing times have been adjusted to avoid children and parents from gathering together. At no time are parents allowed to enter the school grounds. If parents need to speak to a teacher or administration staff they must make an appointment by calling the office on **8312 0900**.

All of these changes are needed to meet the criteria set out by the State Government and to keep all of us safe.

God bless and keep safe.

Mr Jeffrey Parker

Principal

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Deputy Principal's Message:

Thank you to all our parents for their patience, support and positive feedback during the last few weeks. I would also like to thank all the teachers and staff for their dedication during this period of significant change. While this has been a challenging and difficult time, it has also provided us with the opportunity to discover new ways of working with our students, our families, our colleagues and our communities. One of the exciting tasks ahead is to continue working together to ensure what we have learnt, is captured, refined and shared.

In the coming weeks, remote learning will be drawing to a close. In the meantime, please remember to visit our school website to access student work and to keep up to date with important information in regards to COVID-19. Please do not forget that you can access Learning Packs for each year level from our school website in the "COVID-19" folder, by visiting www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

BACK TO SCHOOL

Holy Eucharist School will commence with a staggered return from remote and flexible learning from Tuesday 26th May 2020. In order for staff to prepare for this transition, Monday 25th May 2020 will be a **student-free day**. The student-free day will enable staff to plan for a successful transition to school. The return to school will take place in two stages. These are as follows:

➤ **Stage 1: Tuesday 26th May – Friday 5th June 2020 (Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2)**

Starting Time: 8:40am – 9:00am

Finishing time: 2:50pm

School Entrance and Pick up Zone: Each grade level will have a designated gate to enter/leave the school.

In the first stage, students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 will **return to school from Tuesday 26th May**. Remote and flexible learning will continue for all students in Grades 3 to Grade 6 until Tuesday 9th June.

During Stage 1, the existing model of onsite schooling for students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children will remain in place.

➤ **Stage 2: Tuesday 9th June 2020 (Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 6)**

Starting Time: 9:05am – 9:20am

Finishing time: 3:15pm

School Entrance and Pick up Zone: Each grade level will have a designated gate to enter/leave the school.

All other year levels will return to school from Tuesday 9th June. All students will be expected to attend school as normal. Outdoor education schools and camps, leadership schools, tech schools, maths and science specialist centres, the Victorian School of Languages (VSL) and community language schools (CLSs) will remain closed for face-to-face provision (with the exception of the VSL and CLSs for VCE students). This is to avoid extensive contact between students from different schools. Further advice will be provided about their operation in the week of 1st June 2020.

There will be more information provided in the coming weeks.

THE ROSARY

Pope Francis is encouraging everyone to pray the Rosary during the month of May, especially during the pandemic. The Rosary is a special prayer and devotion to Our Lady. It is also a church tradition to pray the Rosary on your own or with the family. Traditionally the church honours Mary – “Queen of heaven and earth” during the month of May.



CLASS DOJO

Class Dojo is an educational technology communication app and website. It connects primary school teachers, students and families through communication features, such as a feed for photos and videos from the school day, and messaging that can be translated into more than 35 languages and has been used in 180 countries.

Classroom teachers and specialist teachers (particularly in the junior school) have been using the Class Dojo app during Remote Learning to record lessons. Teachers will also be able to use this app to provide parents/guardians with (more recent) evidence of learning taking place in the classroom. The administration staff have also been able to use this app to send messages, latest updates and newsletters to parents/guardians.

The majority of our parents/guardians have already signed up for this app and are able to view information sent out by the school, directly onto their phone. If you need assistance with setting up Class Dojo, please contact Michael Bonnici at the office.

COMMUNICATION

Please note, that our Teaching Staff may not be able to respond to emails or telephone calls immediately. The school accepts that a response within 2 working days is acceptable. Our Parent Code of Conduct Policy stipulates that responses will not be made outside of working hours or during school holidays, with the exception of an emergency.

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

All Victorian schools are required to provide a Semester 1 report. The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV) has worked with other sectors in Victoria to develop a consistent approach to the reporting of student achievement and progress. It has been agreed that Semester 1 reports are still required during remote and flexible learning, and schools should:

- Provide a written report in an accessible form (print or digital) and easy for parents/carers to understand for Semester 1, 2020
- Provide an opportunity for parents/carers and students to discuss the report with teachers
- Include a commentary on student achievement and, where possible, progress.

Recognising that schools have adopted revised teaching and learning plans for Term 2, schools are required to provide:

- A description of the areas of the Victorian Curriculum F–10 taught
- A succinct descriptive assessment of student learning achievement, based on the Achievement Standards in the Victorian Curriculum F–10
- A comment on how the student has adjusted to the remote and flexible learning environment, with reference to the 'Personal and Social Capability' curriculum.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

If there are any families (new or old), who have recently received a new healthcare card or pension card, please contact the school office on 8312 0900, as you may now be eligible for the CSEF payment from the government. Please note, if you are no longer working due to the COVID-19, you may also be eligible for the CSEF payment from the government. Please contact the school office for more information.

HOLY EUCHARIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NOW ACCEPTING ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

Holy Eucharist Catholic Primary School is now accepting enrolments for 2021.

The school has:

- Achieved outstanding NAPLAN results
- High achievements in Literacy & Numeracy
- An excellent specialist program. The school offers visual Arts, Music, Physical Education, Digital Technology and LOTE.
- A violin and cello program with teachers from Mandeville Hall Toorak.

At Holy Eucharist we work in partnerships with families where we aim to build a strong relationship between school and family. For more information, please contact the school office on 8312 0900 or visit our website for more information www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

CAROLINE CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College will be hosting their first 'Virtual' Open day on Sunday 17th May 2020, via Zoom. To register for this event please email registrar@cccc.vic.edu.au There is also information provided by the Head of Admissions via YouTube. Please visit: https://youtu.be/V1V_zGZoogY.

ST ALBANS SECONDARY COLLEGE

St Albans Secondary College would like to offer families the opportunity to hear from the College Principal, find out about Transition and Year 7 programs and ask questions in a safe and interactive online environment. This online event is highly recommended for families considering Year 7 enrolment at the College. Please register your interest at www.stalbanssc.vic.edu.au Details of the event will be sent to the email address provided during registration. The Virtual Information Tour will be held on Tuesday 19th May at 6pm.

Please take care and stay safe,

Mr Michael Bonnici

Deputy Principal/Learning and Teaching Leader

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