



HOLY EUCHARIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

1a Oleander Drive, St Albans South VIC 3021.

(Entrance via Chedgery Drive)

Phone 8312 0900

www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – SPECIAL EDITION (4)

Thursday 4th June 2020

TRINITY SUNDAY

Trinity Sunday is a moveable feast celebrated a week after Pentecost Sunday. Also known as Holy Trinity Sunday, Trinity Sunday honors the most fundamental of Christian beliefs—belief in the Holy Trinity. The human mind can never fully understand the mystery of the Trinity, but we can sum it up in the following formula: God is three Persons in one Nature. There is only one God, and the three Persons of God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—are all equally God, and They cannot be divided (Richert, 2019).

*God our Father, who by sending into the world
the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification
made known to the human race your wondrous mystery,
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith,
we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory
and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen*



Principal's Message:

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Holy Eucharist School was closed on Monday and Tuesday of this week due to a confirmed case of COVID-19 in our school community. The positive result was confirmed on Friday evening and the school went into lockdown immediately. A cleaning company was called in on Saturday to begin a deep clean. The school was sanitised, sterilised and deodorised over a period of four days, which cost thousands of dollars. We are now safe to continue operating as normal.

The school has been working closely with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff is maintained.

The school will continue implementing infection control procedures including daily cleaning in accordance with enhanced cleaning protocols, the promotion of healthy hygiene habits and will make hand sanitiser available for staff and students to use while at school.

Some teachers and students of our school community have been identified as close contacts and have been asked to self-isolate for 14 days and not return to school until this time has elapsed.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is of paramount importance to us all times. As such we will continue to work closely with DHHS and implement their advice.

Further information on COVID-19 is available on the [DHHS](#) and [CEM](#) websites.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Jeffrey Parker

Principal

Jeffrey.Parker@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON:

- Friday 5th June - Report Writing Day
- Monday 8th June - Queen's Birthday

Deputy Principal's Message:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and staff for their patience and support over the past few weeks. I would also like to thank our parents for all the work they did with their children. I am pleased to report that a successful partnership between school and families was established during the remote learning period. It was evident that during these challenging times, we can all work together to rise to the challenge and achieve amazing things.

As of next week, all students will be returning to school. Please remember to continually check for updates on Class Dojo and to visit our school website to keep up to date with important information in regards to COVID-19. Please visit www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

BACK TO SCHOOL

All Prep to Grade 6 levels will return to school from Tuesday 9th June. **All students will be expected to attend school.** Students will have staggered breaks, as well as staggered starting and finishing times. **We strongly urge parents to observe these staggered times for safety reasons.**

For the time being, there will be **no** school camps, excursions, incursions, assemblies, Mass or Interschool sports. The community language schools and the Community Hub will also remain closed. This is to avoid extensive contact between students/parents from different schools.

Stage 2: Tuesday 9th 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. These are as follows:

- **Gate 1** (Next to the hall) – **Grade Prep**
- **Gate 2** (Next to the church) – **Grade 1**
- **Gate 3** (Admin gate) --
- **Gate 4** (O'Brien Drive) - **Grade 2**

A staff member will be taking the students' temperature at the gate. **Classroom teachers will be in their rooms in the morning. Classroom teachers will need to take students to the gate at home time and wait for students to be picked up.**

NB: If there is more than one child in the family, parents can drop off and pick up children from their preferred gate (as long as one child from that family is from the year level specified at the gate).

GRADE 3, GRADE 4, GRADE 5 AND 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. These are as follows:

- **Gate 1** (Next to the hall) – **Grade 3**
- **Gate 2** (Next to the church) – **Grade 4**
- **Gate 3** (Admin gate) – **Grade 6**
- **Gate 4** (O'Brien Drive) - **Grade 5**

A staff member will be taking the students' temperature at the gate. **Classroom teachers will be in their rooms in the morning. Classroom teachers will need to take students to the gate at home time and wait for students to be picked up.**

NB: If there is more than one child in the family, parents can drop off and pick up children from their preferred gate (as long as one child from that family is from the year level specified at the gate).

STAGGERED BREAKS, STARTS AND FINISHING TIMES

Schools are asked to manage drop-off and pick-up times to minimise the risk of congregation at school entry and exit points. All students' temperature will be taken upon entry to the school. Any student who has a body temperature above 37 degrees will need to go home with the parent/guardian.

As of next week students will have a staggered recess and lunch break. The Junior school will have a different lunch and recess at a different time to the Middle and Senior school. The new bell times are as follows:

BELL TIMES	
GRADES PREP, 1 AND 2	GRADES 3, 4, 5, 6
<u>CHIME</u>	<u>BELL</u>
9:00am - Session 1	9:20am - Session 1
10:45am - Recess	11:05am - Eating Time
11:12am - Toilet Bell	11:15am - Lunch Time
11:15am - Session 2	11:52am - Toilet Bell
1:15pm - Eating Time	11:55am - Session 2
1:25pm - Lunch Time	2:05pm - Recess
2:02pm - Toilet Bell	2:32pm - Toilet Bell
2:05pm - Session 3	2:35pm - Session 3
2:50pm - Dismissal	3:15pm - Dismissal

ACCESS

Parents are **not to enter the school grounds**. The school office will be closed and will be accessible by appointment only. The School Office will only allow 2 parents at any given time to enter. An admin officer will be at the door to provide hand sanitiser to these parents. If parents are required to be onsite, they must minimise their time and practise physical distancing.

LATE ARRIVAL

Students who arrive late to school will need to enter via the Admin Office Gate for a late pass.

CANTEEN

The canteen will be closed until further notice. If students forget to bring their lunch to school, parents will be called and will be required to drop it off at the school office.

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

In order to keep our students safe, the Adventure Playground will be off limits and closed until further notice.

DRINKING TAPS

All drinking taps on the school premises are out of bounds. Students will be required to bring their own water bottle from home.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND HYGIENE

Now that we are all at school, it is really important to remember physical distancing and strict hygiene measures continue to be observed. The following provides a summary of the key advice:

- Adjustments have been made to teaching and learning environments, including maintaining a distance of 1.5 metres between adults where possible, maximising airflow, using outdoor spaces and staggering break times.
- Staff meetings will be held remotely via Google Meet/Zoom.
- Attendance on school sites by non-essential visitors and parents should be limited.
- Hygiene requirements including hand washing should continue to be practised.
- Any member of staff or student who is unwell must not attend school onsite.

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.

Please take care and stay safe,

Mr Michael Bonnici

Deputy Principal/Learning and Teaching Leader

Michael.Bonnici@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au