



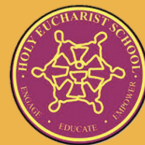
# HOLY EUCHARIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – SPECIAL EDITION (6)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020

### *Feast Of The Queenship Of The Blessed Virgin Mary (22<sup>nd</sup> August)*

The feast of the Queenship of Mary is a special feast day honoring Mary as the mother of Jesus. Although the feast day honors Mary, it is also a reminder of our own baptismal call to fully participate in the Reign of God—a call we received when we were baptised as priest, prophet, and king in Christ. Mary's "coronation" as "queen of heaven" points to the destiny that God wants for each of us: full participation in the glory of heaven.

*Rev 12:1*

*A great sign appeared in the sky:  
a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet,  
and on her head, a crown of twelve stars.  
The woman is Mary, the one God chose as the first to be  
purified by the blood of the cross;  
the one who said yes to God's Word,  
and the one in whom the Word became flesh;  
the one who carried Jesus in her womb, and in her arms, and in her heart;  
the one Jesus gave to us, saying, "Behold, your mother";  
and the one who leads us to say yes to her son,  
so that his Word becomes embodied in us.*



### Principal's Message:

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Term 3, Week 6 has come to an end and I cannot believe how quickly the term is passing us by. The work that you as parents are doing to assist your children is remarkable and very much appreciated. Keep up the good work! As I have said many times we must work in partnership to provide the best education possible for our children.

Last week the school celebrated the feast of the Assumption and it was great that so many of you were on-line participating in the liturgy. I would like to thank Father Lovin for leading us in the liturgy and to Mrs. Shaw and Mr. Bonnici for planning the liturgy.

In the coming weeks the Leadership Team members will be interviewing the Prep parents who have enrolled their children for 2021. If you have a child starting Prep next year and you have not enrolled, could you pick up an enrolment pack from the school office and return it as soon as possible.

On a sad note, this will be my last term as Principal at Holy Eucharist School. At the beginning of Term 4, I will be taking up a Principal role at St Dominic's School in Melton. This was a very difficult decision for me to make as I have worked at Holy Eucharist for the last fifteen years and the school and parish have been an important part of my life. However, it will be a new chapter in my career, which I am really looking forward to. Mr. Michael Bonnici will be my replacement until the end of the year. I wish Mr. Bonnici all the best as he takes on this very important role at Holy Eucharist School.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for having faith in my leadership and to all the children who made my time at Holy Eucharist very enjoyable. I hope that I will get the opportunity to see all of you before I leave. If not, I will be back in Term 4 to say goodbye to this very special community.

Thank you and God Bless!

Mr Jeffrey Parker

Principal

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## Deputy Principal's Message:

The last few weeks have proven to be most challenging for many people. With Level 4 restrictions in place, we have all had to re-adjust our lifestyles significantly. Please remember that the staff at Holy Eucharist is here to help, when and where we can. It has been difficult for many of us to understand and make sense of the world at this time, let alone our children who are trying to comprehend what is happening. When children see positive communication between their parents or carers and staff, they begin to learn it is important to build healthy relationships. Relationships turn into partnerships when schools and families work together. Therefore, family involvement in their child's learning, particularly during remote learning, is essential. If your child sees school and home working together, then that will be the true foundation of success through this pandemic and remote learning. 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](http://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au)

### ONLINE LEARNING AND STUDENT ATTENDANCE

**It has come to my attention that a number of students are going to bed quite late at night and are sleeping-in in the morning. As a result, many of our students are not logging in at 9:00am and are marked absent for the day. The teachers and administration staff are spending a substantial amount of time following up students who have not logged in online by 9:30am. They have also spent countless hours following up students who have not submitted their work.**

Please remember that it is a legal requirement for all students in Melbourne to complete the set tasks outlined by the teacher. Remote Learning is just like a "normal" school day and attendance is compulsory. All students are required to complete the daily set tasks during school hours.

Students in Grades 3 to Grade 6 are asked to login each day at 9:00am on Google Classroom, in order to complete the attendance log. Students in the Grades Prep to Grade 2 are required to login on Class Dojo and to complete their attendance. If a student does not login at 9:00am, they will be marked absent for the day and will be followed up with a phone call.

If a student is unable to take part in remote learning for any particular reason, the parent/carer is required to notify the teacher via email or can telephone the school office, explaining the reason for their child's absence. **All absences will also be recorded in the Semester 2 report.**

### ONSITE LEARNING

We will continue to offer limited on-site learning for those students who need to access this, including for students on days when they are not able to be supervised at home and no other arrangements can be made. **Please remember, if your child can stay at home, then they must stay at home!** Onsite supervision is available at Holy Eucharist for students in Prep to Year 6 in the following categories, based on the revised criteria:

- Children whose parents are permitted workers and for whom no other arrangements can be made (You must have a 'Permitted Worker' form signed and authorized by your employer).
- Vulnerable children including:
  - Children in out-of-home care
  - Children deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm
  - Children identified by the school as vulnerable (including via referral from a family violence agency, homelessness or youth justice service, or mental health or other health service)
  - Children with a disability where the family is experiencing severe stress.

**Please remember**, if your child is attending school during remote learning, it is vital that **they do not come to school** if they have any symptoms like sore throat, temperature, tiredness, loss of taste or smell, tummy pains or shortness of breath. They will be sent home if they show any of these symptoms. All children attending school will have their temperature taken upon arrival. Any child who registers a temperature of 37.5 or more, will be sent home. It is important that your emergency contact is available, if for any reason you are unable to pick up your child if we ring you. The constant message is for all of us to be responsible in the actions we take. By keeping yourself safe, you are keeping your families, your colleagues and your friends safe.

### REMOTE LEARNING PACKS

During Stage 4 restrictions we have had to cease the collection of Remote Learning Packs from the hall. If your child has completed allocated tasks, these can be uploaded onto Class Dojo or onto Google Classroom. Alternatively, if you are having difficulty uploading the work onto Class Dojo/Google Classroom, you may email these to the teacher by sending the work as an attachment.

### VISITOR ACCESS

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

### 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**.

### FACE COVERINGS/MASKS

Face coverings are mandatory for people aged 12 and over. These measures will slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) and help protect our school community. Students who attend primary school for onsite supervision will not be required to wear a face covering. Students who are aged 12 by Year 6 will not be required to wear face coverings. The Victorian Chief Health Officer has advised that it is not practical to require some primary school students to wear face coverings while others are not required to.

Parents, guardians and carers will be required to wear face coverings whenever they leave the house, including for school drop-off and pick-up. Students or staff who have a medical condition – including problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability or a mental health condition – are not required to wear a face covering.

The Department of Health and Human Services website has [advice about face coverings](#), including:

- Which different types can be used.
- How to make your own.
- How to safely wear one/safely remove it.

### SCHOOL LITURGIES AND ASSEMBLY ONLINE – VIA ZOOM

Thank you to Fr Vincent and Fr Lovin for leading us in our online whole school Liturgies of the Word to celebrate the various feast days. Thank you also to all the students, families and staff for taking part by connecting onto Zoom.

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has disrupted daily life for all of us in our school and the parish community and has posed many different challenges. However, it is important during these difficult times, to remain optimistic and to stay connected with each other, in order to draw strength and to remain positive.

We will continue celebrating the special feast days online and will be hosting regular whole school assemblies via Zoom. All students and their families will be invited to attend these. Please look out for the regular invitations posted by me (Mr Bonnici) on Class Dojo.



### SUNDAY MASSES

St Patrick's Cathedral will continue to broadcast Sunday Mass (live) via online streaming and also on C31 (digital channel 44). Broadcasting Sunday Mass on television and online continues to enable the faith community to gather and pray remotely, during the COVID-19 lockdown. In particular, the television service is essential, especially for those in our community with limited internet access. Sunday Mass at 11am will continue to be televised free-to-air. All daily Masses however, will be available online via the Archdiocesan website and YouTube channel. For more details, please visit: <http://melbournecatholic.org.au>

To access Mass from St Patrick's Cathedral via live streaming, please visit <http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

- Monday – Friday 1.00pm.
- Saturday – 8.00am.
- Sunday – 11.00am OR Sunday – 11am free-on-air C31 (digital channel 44).

Fr Rob Galea also broadcasts Mass each Sunday morning at 10am. Please visit <https://www.frgministry.com/>

Please take care and stay safe,

**Mr Michael Bonnici**

Deputy Principal/Learning and Teaching Leader

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### FAMILY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Holy Eucharist Primary School recognises the importance of continuing Family School Partnerships during COVID-19. We see it as a perfect time to bring people together through a Virtual Afternoon Tea, which will be hosted on a fortnightly basis.

All you need to do is:

1. Make yourself a cuppa (tea, coffee, whatever you fancy) and a slice of cake, a muffin or biscuits.
2. Connect to zoom with parents/carers and have a chat and catch up while still practicing social distancing.
3. Join the Zoom Meeting by following a link.

If you need more information in regards to our fortnightly Zoom Afternoon Tea gatherings, please feel free to contact Jo Dragovic on 8312 0900. It will be lovely to see you. Hope you can join us.

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### CAROLINE CHISHOLM – YEAR 7 2022

Enrolments for Year 7 at Caroline Chisholm for 2022 are open until 9th October 2020. If you wish to secure a place at the Catholic college for Year 7 in 2020, please visit [cccc.vic.edu.au](http://cccc.vic.edu.au)



## Every day is Open Day

Visit our updated website [cccc.vic.edu.au](http://cccc.vic.edu.au) to learn about our College facilities and programs.



### IMPORTANT DATES:

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| • Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> September                   | <b>-Father's Day</b>                                  |
| • <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>            | <b>-Our Lady's Birthday</b>                           |
| • Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September                  | -End of Term 3  |
| • Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October                     | -Beginning of Term 4                                  |
| • Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October                     | -Caroline Chisholm's Year 7 Enrolments for 2022 close |
| • Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October                    | -School Photos  |
| • Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> –Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> October | -Children's Book Week                                 |