



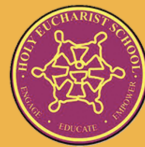
HOLY EUCHARIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – SPECIAL EDITION (8)

Thursday 17th September 2020

The Exaltation of the Cross

On Monday 14th September, we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. In the Christian liturgical calendar, there are several different **Feasts of the Cross**, all of which commemorate the cross used in the crucifixion of Jesus. While Good Friday is dedicated to the Passion of Christ and the Crucifixion, the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross celebrates the cross as the instrument of salvation. The entrance antiphon for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is: "We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free."



A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (Phil 2:6-11)

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

*The state of Jesus was divine,
yet he did not cling to his equality with God
but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are; and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.*

*But God raised him high and gave him the name
which is above all other names so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
The Word of the Lord.*

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

This is the last newsletter for Term 3 and this will be my last message as Principal of Holy Eucharist Primary School. It is very sad for me, as my time here has come to an end. Over the last 15 years, I have had the pleasure to work closely with so many of you and I am thankful for the support that I have received from the whole school and parish community. I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all our school families for having the faith and trust in me and my Leadership. The families in our school should be proud of all the hard work they do with their children. Holy Eucharist is an outstanding school, which provides excellent education to all our children and this is due to the hard work and dedication of every staff member. I thank all current and past staff for the collaborative and collegial manner undertaken, that has made my role as Principal a rewarding one.

The children at Holy Eucharist have provided me with my most treasured and memorable moments and I will miss each and every one of you from Prep to Grade 6. You have done a fantastic job by continuing to learn during these challenging remote learning times. Well done everyone!

In my time as Principal here, I have been supported by and worked alongside many Parish Priests. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Father Minh, Father Tuan, Father Peter, Father Patrick, Father Lovin and lastly Father Vincent. Their spiritual guidance has enabled me to fulfil my role and serve the Holy Eucharist School and Holy Eucharist Parish community and build strong relationships and partnerships.

In particular, I would like to express my gratitude to Father Vincent. Although we did not have the opportunity to work closely together this year, you have been a great support to me and the school, particularly, during these challenging times. Father Vincent, you have joined a really lovely, vibrant and multicultural community and I wish you all the best in your continued service with our school and parish community.

I will always fondly remember my time here at Holy Eucharist and I hold this place very close to my heart. I wish all children, staff, parents, clergy and parishioners all the very best for Term 4. I will miss you all dearly.

God Bless.

Mr Jeffrey Parker
Principal

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Friday 18th Sept
End of Term 3.
2pm Finish

Deputy Principal's Message:

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

The time has come for us to say goodbye to our Principal and our friend, Mr Jeffrey Parker. After 7 years as Principal at Holy Eucharist and 16 years as a classroom teacher, Mr Parker will be leaving us tomorrow to begin his principalship position at St Dominic's in Melton.

Looking back, Mr Parker has accomplished many milestones at Holy Eucharist and has much to be proud of. We are grateful for his hard work, his dedication and the many contributions he has made to our school and parish community.

During our online Liturgy of the Word on Thursday, we gathered together to celebrate and give thanks to God for our principal, Mr Parker. We also prayed that God would continue to guide and protect him as he continues on his mission to serve St Dominic's school and parish community.

Mr Parker, we cannot thank you enough for your kindness, generosity, and support. We wish you the best of luck at St Dominic's in Melton. We will all miss working with you.

Michael Bonnici

Deputy Principal/Learning and Teaching Leader



BACK TO SCHOOL – GRADE PREP, GRADE 1 AND GRADE 2

Students in Grades Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 will return to school on **Monday 12th October 2020** (2nd Week of Term 4). **All students in the grades Prep to 2 will be expected to attend school.**

Gates open: 8:40am

Starting Time: 8:55am

Finishing time: 3:00pm

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) – **Grades 3 - 6: Children at risk or children whose parents are Permitted Workers**
- **Gate 4** (O'Brien Drive) – **Grade 2**

Please note that classroom teachers will be in their rooms in the morning. The classroom teacher will take the students to the gate at home time and wait for students to be picked up. **If you have more than one child at school, you can drop off and pick up your children from a preferred gate** so long as you have one child who belongs to the year level specified at the gate.

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

TEMPERATURE MONITORING

A staff member will be taking the students' temperature at the gate. **Please note**, if your child has any symptoms like a sore throat, temperature, tiredness, loss of taste or smell, tummy pains or shortness of breath, they will be sent home. 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, particularly, if you are unable to pick up your child when 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.

GRADES 3, GRADE 4, GRADE 5 AND GRADE 6 – WHEN WILL THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL?

At this stage we are still waiting for the government to decide when it will be safe for our Grade 3s, 4s, 5s and 6s to return to school. As soon as a final decision is made, we will let the parents know.

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.

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 remain 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.

BELL TIMES
GRADES PREP, 1 AND 2
CHIME
8:55am - Session 1
10:45am - Recess
11:12am - Toilet Bell
11:15am - Session 2
1:15pm - Eating Time
1:25pm - Lunch Time
2:02pm - Toilet Bell
2:05pm - Session 3
3:00pm - Dismissal

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.

ONSITE LEARNING

In Term 4, we will continue to offer limited onsite learning for those students in Grades 3 – 6 who need to access this. **Please remember, if your child can stay at home, then they must stay at home!** Onsite supervision will only be provided for these students in extreme circumstances. The safest place for a child to be supervised, is in their own home or with extended family. With this in mind, only those who fall under the following criteria will be provided with onsite supervision:

- Parent/s who are identified as a "permitted" worker based on the criteria outlined by the Chief Medical Officer and cannot work from home and alternative arrangements cannot be made for the supervision of their child/ren.
- Please note that it is incumbent upon all businesses to provide the employee with a "working permit" if they are required to work onsite.
- A child is in "out of home care" and is at extreme risk.
- A child falls under the disability category and cannot be supervised at home and who also fits into one of the above categories.

ONLINE LEARNING AND STUDENT ATTENDANCE

In Week 1 of Term 4, we will continue with remote learning from Prep to Grade 6. Students in Grades Prep to Grade 2 will commence school in Week 2 of Term 4 whilst students in Grades 3-6 continue with remote learning. 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 undergoing remote learning 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 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.**

GATHERINGS

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.

SACRAMENTS

At this stage, we are still unable to gather in large groups as directed by the State Government. Therefore, we are unable to make any plans to celebrate Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. As soon as we know anything we will communicate this with families.

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 – SEMESTER 2

As was the case in Semester 1, 2020, student reporting in Semester 2, 2020 will look a little different to previous years. Reports will reflect adjustments that schools have made to their local curriculum programs in response to the needs and aspirations of their school communities, and the disruption caused by COVID-19. In many cases, this will mean that less curriculum content was covered than was planned. Student reporting in Semester 2, 2020 should focus on what progress has been made and what has been achieved by each child. Schools are encouraged to keep reports simple but make them meaningful.

Schools must provide:

- A written report in an accessible form and easy for parents/carers to understand for Semester 2, 2020;
- The opportunity for parents/carers and students to discuss the school report with teachers, consistent with each school's usual end of year approach but subject to any relevant health advice

For English and Mathematics, schools must:

- Provide a short description of what was taught; and
- Report achievement by making a teacher judgement against the Victorian Curriculum F-10 achievement standards; and
- Report progress from the last time that curriculum area was reported on; and
- Include an age-related five-point scale.

For all other curriculum areas delivered, including Religious Education, schools must provide a short description of what was taught.

- In addition, schools must provide a teacher judgement against the Victorian Curriculum F-10 achievement standards

Schools must also provide a comment on student participation and engagement in the learning program offered in Semester 2 2020, with reference to the Personal and Social Capability in the curriculum.

FACE COVERINGS

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 all our students, families and staff for taking part in our online Liturgies and Assemblies. 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/>

PREP ENROLMENTS 2021

Just a reminder that Grade Prep enrolments for 2021 are almost full. If you wish to enrol your child for Prep next year, please do so as soon as possible. If you know of family friends who are also seeking a placement for their child, could you please let them know to contact the school office on 8312 0900.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PAST STUDENTS ATTENDING CRC – St Albans

Our past students who are currently attending Catholic Regional College St Albans have sent us a video to let us know that they are thinking of us during this difficult time. It was wonderful to see how much they have grown and changed since the end of last year. Congratulations and thank you Loya and Ana for producing such an uplifting video. Please click on the following link.

<https://youtu.be/O4aSTxslWDo>



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



Every day is Open Day

Visit our updated website cccc.vic.edu.au to learn about our College facilities and programs.



IMPORTANT DATES:

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| • Friday 18 th September | -End of Term 3 – Students finish onsite and remote learning at 2pm |
| • Monday 5 th October | -Beginning of Term 4 – Online learning P-6 resumes |
| • Friday 9 th October | -Caroline Chisholm's Year 7 Enrolments for 2022 close |
| • Monday 12th October | -Prep, Grade 1, Grade 2 and students whose parents are permitted workers return to school |
| | -Grades 3-6 continue with remote learning |
| • Mon 19 th –Fri 23 rd October | -Children's Book Week |
| • Friday 23 rd October | -Public Holiday (Grand Final Eve) |
| • Monday 23 rd November | -School Photos |

Please continue to stay safe and I hope you all have a restful break.

Mr Michael Bonnici

Deputy Principal/Learning and Teaching Leader

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