



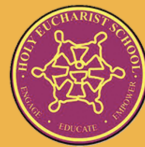
HOLY EUCHARIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – SPECIAL EDITION (9)

Thursday 8th October 2020

October - The Month of the Holy Rosary

On the 7th October we celebrated the feast of 'Our Lady of the Rosary'. The month of October is also dedicated to the Rosary and so, as a school, we will be praying a decade of the Rosary each Thursday, for five weeks.

As a school we will be meditating on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. The five meditations in the Glorious Mysteries help us to remember the wonderful triumphs in Jesus' life that he shared through Mary. Please join us each Thursday in October at 9:30am via Zoom, as we focus on the Glorious Mysteries,

The First Glorious Mystery, The Resurrection of Jesus

(Matthew 28:5-6)

After the Sabbath Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb of Jesus. An angel appeared to them and told them that Jesus had risen from the dead.

The angel said to the women "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come see the place where he lay."

Acting Principal's Message:

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Welcome back everyone. We missed you! All the teachers and staff are looking forward to seeing you again! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students, parents and staff for their patience and support over the past few months. Remote and flexible learning has been a challenge for us all, however, through our collective efforts, our students have continued to make valuable progress in their learning.

During Term 4, Miss Allison Borg and I have taken on new roles until the end of the year. Miss Borg has been appointed Acting Deputy Principal and I have been appointed Acting Principal. We are both feel very privileged to be taking on these positions and we are looking forward to working in partnership with you and the staff to **Engage, Educate and Empower** our students.

The Victorian Government has allowed schools to re-open on **Monday 12th October 2020**, for students in **Grade Prep to Grade Six**. The students will have a staggered start and finishing time to allow for social distancing and to avoid congestion. Please note that from this time onwards, **remote learning will cease to continue for these year levels**.

As mentioned previously in my letter to the community, our school will endeavor to support any student who may have fallen behind. However, our main focus for this term is to make sure that every student is supported in their wellbeing, as well as in their learning and transition needs.

During the term break, a number of projects commenced in and around the school. We had the second phase of our playground installed. A number of trees have been cut down for safety reasons and to allow for the new shades to cover the new play areas. We have also had our running track and synthetic grass repaired on the oval. All the lino in the corridors and in the wet areas have been stripped and polished and our computer lab is currently being converted into a classroom for next year.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sara (1MB), Pio (4JC) and Tolotea (3LB) for taking part in a short video clip organised by the parish, to pray for those affected by the Coronavirus and to share their message of hope. Well done to these students.

Hope you all have a wonderful term back at school. God Bless.

Mr Michael Bonnici

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Learning and Teaching:

BACK TO SCHOOL

From 12th October all Prep to Grade 6 students will return to on-site learning. Students will have a staggered start and finishing time. **Please note that remote learning will not continue in Grades Prep to Grade 6.**

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).

Gates open: 8:40am

Classrooms Open: 8:45am

Starting Time: 8:55am

Finishing time: 3:00pm

BACK TO SCHOOL – GRADE 3, GRADE 4, GRADE 5 AND GRADE 6

Students in Grades 3, Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 6 will return to school on **Monday 12th October 2020** (2nd Week of Term 4).

Classrooms Open: 9:00am

Starting Time: 9:10am

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

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.

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 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
CHIME	BELL
8:55am - Session 1	9:10am - 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
3:00pm - Dismissal	3:15pm - Dismissal

LATE ARRIVAL

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

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.

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**.

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.

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos this year have been postponed a number of times due to the COVID-19. Hopefully our school photos **will be taken on Monday 23rd November 2020**. All students need to wear their full Summer Uniform and black school shoes. SchoolPix wants all students to have the opportunity to have a 2020 school photo taken. They have made a decision not to offer a traditional group photos for the remainder of the year. Instead they will take a portrait photo of each student and then create a "composite" group for each class using the portrait images. This will enable everyone to adhere to social distancing rules.

Please note that some parents have already paid for their photographs online in Term If you are not sure if you have already paid, you can contact SchoolPix on 1300 766 055. If you need any more information, please feel free to contact me (Michael).



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. We will continue celebrating the special feast days online and will be hosting regular whole school assemblies via Zoom. Please note that in October (on Thursday mornings at 9:30am) we will be praying a decade of the Rosary. All students and their families will be invited to attend online. 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 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/>

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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



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 9th October | -Caroline Chisholm's Year 7 Enrolments for 2022 close |
| • Monday 12 th October | -Students in Grades P-6 resume |
| • Friday 23rd October | -Public Holiday (Grand Final Eve) |
| • Monday 23rd November | -School Photos |
| • Mon 26th –Fri 30th October | -Children's Book Week |

Acting Deputy Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I would like to start by introducing myself to everyone. My name is Allison Borg and I am Acting Deputy Principal for the rest of this year. I have had the privilege of meeting many of you over the 11 years I have worked at Holy Eucharist Primary School. I have taught many of your children, worked closely with families and in various leadership roles throughout the school. I am very happy to be working very closely with Mr. Bonnici and the rest of the Holy Eucharist Staff this term, to sustain a happy and safe learning environment for your children.

I would like to thank everyone in our community for their efforts with the changes that were put into place due to COVID-19 so far this year. This has been an unfamiliar situation for everyone but I am amazed by the resilience that has been shown by our staff, students and families each day. Our classroom teachers and support staff are delighted to have the students back to school beginning next week.

Allison Borg

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.

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.

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.

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.

RETURNING CHROMEBOOKS IN TERM 4

All Chromebooks and chargers that were borrowed from the school will need to be returned on **Monday 12th October 2020.**

Students will need to take these to their classrooms and they will then be collected by myself during the day for cleaning and distributing into the correct learning area.

We require these Chromebooks and chargers in the school for the children to use in the classroom, Thanks.

UPDATED POLICIES

The Standard Collection Notice for Schools and School Privacy Policy have been updated. Please find the updated policies on the school website.

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