



Holy Eucharist School

St Albans South

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Mass Times

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm

Vietnamese Mass at 12pm

Learning & Teaching

Michael Bonnici

Education in Faith:

Vanessa Shaw

Prep:

Sharon Bonnici,
Mary James, Shalini Dos Santos
& Bianca Gomez.

Grade 1: Tania Pufek, Mikaela
Borg & Gwen Laughlin.

Grade 2: Julie Murnane, Jessica
Kerlin, Thy Tran & Vivian Faraj

Grade 3: Natalie Kranjec,
Angela Lopez-Dee/Hania
Borowik & Thilini Nanayakkara

Grade 4: Jacelle Cabla, Jennifer
Khong & Kathryn Barrie

Grade 5: Bruno Pellaschiar, Clare
Christie & Adam Nicholl

Grade 6: Wally Antonowicz,
Vanessa Shaw/Erin McNally &
Tamara Patel

Learning Diversity/Wellbeing:
Julie Semcesen.

Family School Partnership

/Wellbeing: Jo Dragovic

School Counsellor: Edward Faraci.

Library: Jenny Bistricki.

Digital Technology: Allison Borg.

Art: Shobha Hickey.

Music: Damian O'Bree.

Literacy Leader: Charise Gibbs

Intervention Leader: Hannah Power

Literacy Intervention: Jackie Dabal

Reading Recovery: Karen Colman

Maths Intervention: Anne Ablinger

Maths Leader P-6: Erin McNally

EAL/New Arrival: Irene Jurista

Physical Ed: Harry Herrera

Education Support: Joe Sirianni

LOTE: Linda Hyunh & Miyi Sun

Business Manager: Sue Smart

Administration Staff:

Connie La Macchia, Mandy Huong

& Rosemarie Slater.

Community Hub: Adella Howard

Cleaner: June Balatbat & Maria Attard

Maintenance: Barry Lynch

OSHP: Register on Camp Aust website



Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Mt 22:34-40)

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, "Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?" Jesus said, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also."

The Gospel of the Lord

Acting Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been so wonderful to see the students at the gate and to welcome them back to school. Over the past few days I have had the opportunity to observe our students onsite, and it has been great to see the progress that so many of them have made whilst learning at home. It was also pleasing to see that the children have settled back to school really well.

Since we have returned to onsite learning our students and teachers have spent time reconnecting with each other. Teachers in Grades Prep to Grade 6 have also dedicated lots of time to focus on student wellbeing. We need to remember that our students can only do their best learning when they feel happy, safe, connected and optimistic.

Our next priority will be learning and teaching. During remote and flexible learning some students continued to make progress in their learning whilst others have maintained their rate of progress. However, some, despite their best efforts and the efforts of their families and teachers, have found remote and flexible learning difficult. In the coming weeks we will continue supporting those who have fallen behind, whilst those who have made significant progress, will be further extended in their learning.

Please remember that all students should be back at school and that the only reason for your child to be absent from school is if they have a severe medical condition or if they present with COVID symptoms. If your child does have a severe medical condition and the doctor has given consent for them to stay at home, then you will need to let us know.

As mentioned previously, October is known as the month of the Rosary. Praying the rosary is a beautiful Catholic devotion. As a school community we have been praying a decade of the Rosary every Thursday, during the month of October. During each week we have meditating on the Glorious Mysteries. The five meditations in the Glorious Mysteries help us to remember the wonderful triumphs in Jesus' life that he shared through Mary. We hope that you will continue joining us each Thursday morning at 9:20am via Zoom. *(The link is posted each week on Class Dojo).*

On a final note, during the week I have received an email from the local police as well as from the Brimbank City Council in regards to parking and road safety. There are many parents and carers who are taking serious risks and driving in an unacceptable manner, putting themselves and others in danger. I urge you please to take more care in and around school zones. If you are dropping off or collecting children please leave yourself enough time to find a parking spot so that you can safely attend to your children *(Please see attached for more information)*. I thank you in advance for your patience, co-operation and care.

Have a great long weekend and God Bless.

Mr Michael Bonnici

Acting Principal

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Fri 23 rd Oct	Sat 24 th / Sun 25 th Oct	Mon 26 th Oct	Tues 27 th / Wed 28 th Oct	Thurs 29 th Oct	Friday 30 th	Sat 31 st / Sun 1 st Nov	Monday 2 nd Nov	Tuesday 3 rd Nov
AFL Grand Final PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL							Report Writing Day NO School	Melbourne Cup Holiday NO School

ACTING PRINCIPAL/ LEARNING AND TEACHING

Please remember that the students will continue to have staggered starts and finishing times to minimise the risk of congregation at school entry and exit points. The students also have staggered breaks throughout the day. Please see new bell times below:

STARTING TIMES: GRADE PREP, GRADE 1 & GRADE 2

Gates open: 8:40am
Classrooms Open: 8:45am
Starting Time: 8:55am
Finishing time: 3:00pm

STARTING TIMES: GRADE 3, GRADE 4, GRADE 5 & GRADE 6:

Classrooms Open: 9:00am
Starting Time: 9:10am
Finishing time: 3:15pm

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
2:02 pm - Toilet Bell	2:32pm - Toilet Bell
2:05pm - Session 3	2:35pm - Session 3
3:00pm - Dismissal	3:15pm - Dismissal

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 also remember the 1.5 metre distance rule when lining up at the gates during drop off and pick up times. In the morning, the prep teachers will collect their student from the gate. However, all other classroom teachers will be in their rooms to let the students in. All classroom teachers will take the students to the gate at home time and will 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.

TEMPERATURE MONITORING

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 with the parent/guardian. **Also**, students will be sent home if they present with symptoms such as a sore throat, temperature, tiredness, loss of taste or smell, tummy pains or shortness of breath. 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.

CAMP AUSTRALIA

Camp Australia have new operating hours in order to accommodate our staggered starts and finishing times. Camp Australia will be operating Before School Care each morning until 8:40am and After School Care from 3pm after school.

SCHOOL HATS

School hats are compulsory at Holy Eucharist School during Term 1 and Term 4. Hats need to be worn during recess, lunch and during Physical Education (PE). Our School Policy stipulates... No hat... no play...

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 want all students to have the opportunity to have a 2020 school photo taken. They have made a decision not to offer a traditional group photo 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 1. 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).

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.

BRIMBANK CITY COUNCIL – SCHOOL CROSSING

Brimbank City Council have implemented a few changes to the way the School Crossing Supervisors work during Covid-19. Keeping safe during this time is paramount for everyone in our community. Social distancing must be followed by those in the workforce as well as those who are moving around the community.

The following is a list of changes being implemented by Brimbank City Council:

- Compulsory wearing of masks – WHISTLES WILL NOT BE USED
- **Hand signals** and **voice commands** will be used to instruct pedestrians in place of the whistle
- To maintain social distancing, all supervisors will stand on the opposite side of the crossing to where pedestrians approach
- Morning shift: School Side location
- Afternoon shift: Opposite side to school

VICTORIA POLICE - SAFE PRACTICES AT SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Senior Constable Cassie Norman from the Proactive Policing Unit, has advised schools in the area that there are many parents and carers who are taking serious risks and driving in an unacceptable manner, putting themselves and others in danger.

Already this week they have seen numerous near misses involving primary aged children nearly being struck by vehicles as well as a number of collisions. It is imperative that children are dropped off and collected from school in a safe and legal manner.

Some of the things that the police are seeing are things including; dropping off and picking up children whilst stationary at a school crossing, parking illegally, performing u-turns in front of oncoming traffic and blocking private driveways. All of this behaviour and more is unacceptable.

The police are asking all road users to take greater care in and around school zones. If you are dropping off or collecting children please leave yourself adequate time to find a parking spot so that you can safely attend to your children.

Over the coming weeks Police will be patrolling these areas and will show a zero tolerance to any offending. Please for the welfare of everyone, take care.

Please find below some common offences and their penalties which police will be targeting;

Offence	Penalty	Demerit Points
Speeding	\$207 - \$826	1-3 points & up to 12 months loss of licence
Fail to give way to pedestrian	\$289	3 points
Fail to stop and remain stationary at children's crossing	\$413	3 points
Parking Offences	\$33 - \$165	-
Use mobile phone whilst driving	\$496	4 points
Seat belt offences	\$330 - \$372	3 points

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Holy Eucharist School has a Uniform Policy. It is an expectation that all students are wearing the **correct school uniform at all times**. If students are not wearing the correct uniform **they are required to have a written letter from their parents** explaining why they are out of uniform. Please find an explanation of the school uniform listed below. Alternatively, you can visit our school website to view our school uniform policy <http://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/files/School%20Uniform%20Policy.pdf>

Girls - Summer:

Maroon Check Dress
White socks / Black shoes – **no runners**
Woolen jumper with school logo – **not the PE tracksuit top**
School Hat – In Term 1 and Term 4

Girls- Winter

Maroon check pinafore or Maroon slacks
Yellow skivvy or yellow polo shirt with logo
White socks / Black shoes - **no runners**
Woolen jumper with school logo - **not the PE tracksuit top**

Girls – Sport (Only on Sport Days)

Maroon shorts or Maroon skirt/skort
Maroon tracksuit with school logo on top
Gold polo shirt with school logo
White socks and runners

Boys - Summer:

Grey Shorts
Gold polo shirt with school logo
Grey socks / Black shoes - **no runners**
Woolen jumper with school logo - **not the PE tracksuit top**
School Hat – In Term 1 and Term 4

Boys Winter

Long grey pants
Yellow skivvy or yellow polo shirt with logo
Grey socks / Black shoes - **no runners**
Woolen jumper with school logo - **not the PE tracksuit top**

Boys - Sport

Maroon shorts
Maroon tracksuit with school logo on top
Gold polo shirt with school logo
White socks and runners

Please note: If students are **not wearing the correct school uniform, a note will be sent home** informing the parent/guardian. This note will need to be signed by the parent/guardian and the **name of the student will be recorded at the school office**. **NB: Hats are compulsory for all children and staff during Term 1 and Term 4.**

PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Friday 23rd October** – AFL Grand Final – **SCHOOL CLOSED (Public Holiday)**
- **Friday 30th October** – Day for Daniel – **Wear something RED**
- **Monday 2nd November** – Report Writing Day – **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- **Tuesday 3rd November** – Melbourne Cup - **SCHOOL CLOSED (Public Holiday)**
- **Monday 23rd November** – School Photos

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ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

A very warm welcome back to school for our students and also to all of our families. It has been a pleasure to welcome the students through the gates each morning. The students are very happy to be back to school with their friends and teachers. It has been delightful to see the students learning in the classrooms and playing in the school yard with their friends.

Thank you for your understanding when dropping off and picking up your children at the gates and being respectful of other families and children. Have a lovely long weekend.

CHROMEBOOKS

Thank you to all of the students that have returned their borrowed Chromebooks and chargers back to school. If you are yet to do this we need them back as soon as possible so that they can be used in the classroom. A few children have brought back the Chromebooks without the chargers so if you have these at home could I please ask for these back as well.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE SCHOOL GATES

One way to slow the spread of viruses, such as coronavirus, is physical distancing (also called social distancing). It is recommended that you stay 1.5m away from other parents/carers and children. The more space between people, the harder it is for the virus to spread. Please remember to maintain physical distancing from other parents and teachers when attending school, including when dropping off and picking up your children.

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ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Fees

All School fee statements have been sent home. If any family has any queries or concerns please contact me on 8312 0900.

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DAY FOR DANIEL



Wear Casual Clothes with a Touch of RED DAY

Friday 30th October, 2020 is Day for Daniel

GOLD COIN DONATION

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation was started in honour of Daniel Morcombe to make Australia a safer place for children. It was founded by parents Bruce and Denise after their son Daniel was abducted and murdered in December 2003 while waiting to catch a bus on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. The aims of the Foundation are to educate children and young people about how to stay safe in physical and online environments and to support young victims of crime. Day for Daniel is Australia's largest national day of action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and prevention.

Holy Eucharist will be hosting a Wear Red for Daniel Day. Students are asked to wear red and bring a gold coin donation which will be donated to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

What can you do at home?

- Discuss who they could talk to if they felt unsafe and what they could do
- Practice using stories and scenarios to problem solve. Do not always make these about strangers
- Reinforce basic safety messages and ensure children know the phone numbers of people they can call on for help or to talk to
- Explain that it is ok to say no to an adult or child if they are doing something that is not ok or makes the child feel unsafe. Let the child know they will not get into trouble if they tell you about an unsafe secret someone has asked them to keep
- Remind your child that it is always ok to talk to you, no matter what the issue, you care about them and want to help them to stay safe

Further information and resources please visit

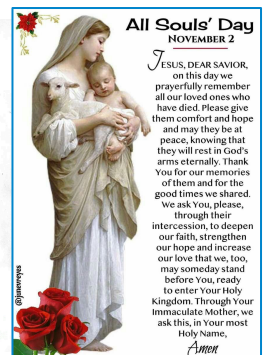
www.DanielMorcombe.com.au

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY 2020



Friday 30th October 2020 is World Teacher's Day. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and thank our Holy Eucharist Teachers for the important role they play inside our classrooms and out in the community. We are very proud of our teaching team and we thank them for their dedication and commitment to our students, especially this year during remote learning.

Parents/Carers we'd love you to get involved on Friday 30th October by saying a big thank you to your child's teacher or teachers and celebrate the bright future of teaching. You can do this by writing a personal message to thank them on World Teachers' Day. Thank you cards can be downloaded on the website <https://www.aitsl.edu.au/world-teachers-day/2020> under the heading 'Thank you cards'. The completed thank you cards can be given to your child/children to give to their teacher or you may like to make your own thank you card. Say a big thank you to teachers and celebrate the bright future of teaching.



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Reach out. Give life.

Thank you for participating in Holy Eucharist's World Mission Month initiative on Thursday 22nd October and supporting Catholic Mission.

God Bless our Holy Eucharist families for your generosity.

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community. The Holy Eucharist Commitment to Child Safety and Reporting Process are on display in the Administration foyer of the School and School Policies are available on the website at www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au