



# Holy Eucharist School

St Albans South

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## Holy Eucharist School

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### Acting Deputy Principal:

Ms. Allison Borg

## Holy Eucharist Parish

### Parish Priest

Fr. Vincent Long Pham CSsR

### Community Leader:

Fr Peter Ly Trong Danh CSsR

### Assistant Priest:

Fr Vincensius Lolo CSsR

Fr Patrick Corbett CSsR

Fr Christoforus Matutina CSsR

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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



22<sup>nd</sup> November is the Final Sunday of the Liturgical Year:  
The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.  
(Christ the King)



A Prayer from Psalm 23 – "The Lord is my Shepherd"

*The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.  
You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes,  
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.  
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.*

Amen

### Acting Principal's Message

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

Last week, Fr Vincent announced that I have been appointed Principal of Holy Eucharist School in 2021. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr Vincent, the panel and everyone from Holy Eucharist School and Parish community for their encouragement, well wishes and messages of support. I am so blessed and thrilled to be given the opportunity to take on the role as Principal of Holy Eucharist in St Albans South. Both Holy Eucharist School and the Parish community have always been close to my heart. I ask for your continued prayers and support.

We are already coming towards the end of November. November is traditionally the month in which the Church remembers those who have died. On the 11th November of each year, we celebrate Remembrance Day. At 11am on this day, we observed a minute of silence to remember all those who fought and died in the war. Remembrance Day is held on November 11 each year, the same date the war ended and 11am was the time when the fighting stopped.

This Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and on the following Sunday, we will enter a time of waiting called Advent. During the season of Advent we are reminded to live in hope and to think about the coming of Jesus into our lives.

Just a reminder, that on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, the students will be having their school photos. The students will need to wear their summer uniform and black shoes. Please remember to fill in the Schoolpix order form online prior to photo day as Schoolpix will not be accepting any money on the day.

Be good, be kind, stay safe and God Bless,

Mr Michael Bonnici

Acting Principal

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### Administration News

Our Re-Enrolment process for 2021 has begun and all families were issued with a Re-Enrolment Form for 2021. If you need any further copies please contact the school office. All School Fees are to be finalized before the Re-Enrolment Fee can be accepted. Final Statements were sent out this week with payment options, however, if any family is experiencing any financial concerns, please contact Connie on 8312 0900.

Mrs Sue Smart,  
Business Manager

Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> / Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> / Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov
<b>FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING</b> 	<b>SCHOOL PHOTOS</b> Full Correct Uniform must be worn 	2021 Prep Meeting via Zoom 	2021 Prep Meeting via Zoom 	Administration Pre Prep Parent Information Session via Zoom  Whole School Liturgy 9.20am		1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  Year B	Kinder Visits begin this week

## ACTING PRINCIPAL/ LEARNING AND TEACHING

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken this coming Monday (23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020).

#### • **UNIFORM**

All students need to wear their full Summer Uniform and black school shoes.

#### • **COMPOSITE PHOTO**

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 (Please see below). This means that all students **will only have their individual portrait taken** and then it will be placed to form a whole group photo, using the individual pictures.

#### • **ONLINE PAYMENTS ONLY**

With the ongoing threat of COVID-19 and the risks that have been associated with the handling of cash SchoolPix has made the decision that they will **NOT BE ACCEPTING CASH PAYMENTS**. The order form which you received does not allow for cash payments, it only contains information on their packages and on how to order using our Online Ordering system.

**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.

#### • **GRADE 6 GRADUATION PHOTO**

The individual photos taken on photo day will also be used for the Grade 6 Graduation photo.

#### • **SIBLING PHOTOS:**

Parents are asked to remind their children if they wish to get a sibling photo taken on photo day. This is important this year as order forms have been delayed and the cutoff is 8am on photography day.

If you need any more information, please feel free to contact Mr Bonnici.



*An example of a "Composite" group photo)*

### STAGERRED TIMES

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 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.

### STUDENTS WHO ARE UNWELL

Please remember that if your child is feeling unwell, please keep them at home. 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 IN TERM 4

There are still quite a number of students at our school who do not have a school hat. In Australia we have "one of the highest rates of melanoma diagnoses in the world...two in three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70" (SunSmart, 2019). The good news is that almost all skin cancers are preventable.

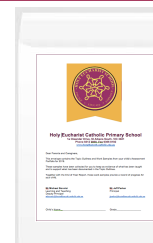
In Term 4 all students and teachers are required to wear a hat when they are outside. It is an expectation and school policy that all students **wear their school hat and their correct school uniform at all times**. If students are not wearing the correct uniform they are required to have a written letter from their parents explaining why they are out of uniform. Please 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**.



### ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING – SEMESTER 2

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020 parents/carers will receive their child's formal report as well as their child's Assessment Portfolio. The work samples inside the portfolio are collected by the teacher as evidence of what has been taught during the term. These samples support what has been documented in the topic outline and should be looked at in conjunction with your child's report.

Assessment Portfolios will need to be signed and returned to school by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The classroom teacher will pass these folders onto next year's teacher. All work samples collected during the year will be placed inside a Holy Eucharist Assessment envelope and given to you to keep.



### GRADUATION

The Grade 6s will be having a virtual Liturgy and Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

This will take place via Zoom at 6pm and will be led by Fr Vincent and the Grade 6 Leaders. It's a wonderful opportunity for parents, guardians and families to join with the Holy Eucharist teachers and staff to reflect on and celebrate the students' wonderful achievements. More information will be sent to families closer to the date.



### 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.

## CLASSES FOR 2021

This year our students have had lots of interruptions due to the restrictions and have not spent enough time together in their grades. It has taken a while for some students to re-adjust at school and to establish new friendships.

Seeing that our students have now settled back into routine, the staff thought that it would be a good idea to keep the existing class groups for 2021, instead of regrouping the students. This will mean that the students will move up to their new grade level as a group, the only difference is, that the students will have a new teacher. We are hoping that this process will enable our students to settle in more easily when returning next year.

## PRE PREP FOR 2021

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to have our 2021 preps onsite. The staff have had to prepare alternative online sessions for our new prep children and their families. Therefore, we have organised the following to take place:

- **Story time and Song with Prep teachers 2021** - will be conducted online via Zoom on Tuesday 24th November and Wednesday 25th November.
- Prep Parent Information Session and Q&A Session via Zoom – The session will be on Thursday 19th November at 1:00 pm via zoom.
- **Zoom Administration Session** -The session will be conducted via Zoom on Thursday 26th November. (*Time to be advised*)
- **2021 Prep Teachers Kinder visits** - Prep teachers will be visiting our kinder children in their kindergarten settings, Week Beginning: Monday 30th November, 2020.
- **2021 Prep Meet and Greet the Teacher Drive Thru** - Parents and children will be allocated a time between 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm on Thursday 3rd December to meet with Prep teachers via the drive thru.

Please see below for more information.

## ORIENTATION DAY

Orientation Day will be held on Tuesday 1st December. The students at Holy Eucharist school will meet their new class teacher and fellow classmates for 2021 from 2:00pm until 2:50pm. Unfortunately due to the restrictions, our new Preps and all new families for 2021 will not be able to take part. The new preps will have their Orientation Day at the start of next year (*More information to follow*).

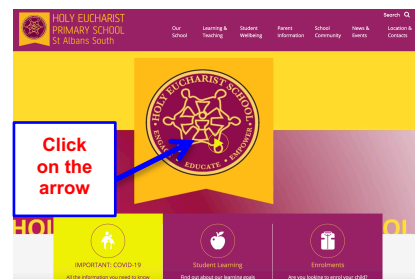
In order to accommodate Orientation Day the bell times (*after midday*) will need to be adjusted and will be as follows:

<b>Grades Prep, 1 and 2 (Lunch)</b>	<b>Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Recess)</b>
12:35 Eating time	1:25 Recess
12:45 Lunch time	1:52 Toilet Bell
1:22 Toilet Bell	1:55 Bell ( <i>2021 Teachers announced to the students</i> )
1:25 Session 3	2:00pm Orientation begins
1:55 Bell ( <i>2021 Teachers announced to the students</i> )	2:50pm Orientation ends
2:00pm Orientation begins	3:15pm Home time – Middle/Senior school
2:50pm Orientation ends	
3:00pm Home time – Junior School	

## VIRTUAL TOUR OF HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL

During these uncertain times of COVID-19, school life has been interrupted. At the moment, it is not possible for families to see our amazing school. Therefore, we invite you to take a brief tour of our school by visiting our school website or by clicking on the following link <https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/#home-video>

We hope that this presentation will provide you with some insight into this vibrant school at a time when you cannot visit. If you would like further information, please call our school office on 8312 0900 or please email [principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au)



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## PREP STUDENTS 2021

Our Prep Transition Program is designed to help familiarise our future preps and parents with our school, meet the prep teachers and experience engaging and fun learning activities that will introduce them to the environment and the structure of school. These programs enable our students to familiarise themselves with their new school. However, due to the COVID-19 restrictions we have had to prepare alternative online sessions for our new prep children and parents. We have come up with this schedule for our new preps and their families.

- **Story time and Song with Prep teachers 2021.**

A **Story Time and Song** session will be conducted online via Zoom on Tuesday 24th November and Wednesday 25th November. Families will be sent information via email about the teacher who would run their story/games and songs session and the Zoom login details.

Prep Parent Information Session and Q&A Session via Zoom

Parent Information session will be on Thursday 19th November at 1:00 pm via zoom.

The Parent Information Session will cover topics such as:

General information about the school

Subject areas by the Curriculum leaders.

Time will be allocated for a Q&A session at the end.

The goal of the Parent Information Session presentation is to provide families with information about Holy Eucharist Primary School, prep curriculum and help answer questions that our parents may have.

We hope through this session all parents will benefit from the information shared and questions asked. Details for Parent Information Session will be emailed to families of our enrolled students in prep 2021.



- **ZOOM Administration Session**

Thursday 26th November. Time to be advised.

- **2021 Prep Teachers Kinder visits**

Week Beginning: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

Prep teachers will be visiting some of the kinder children in their kindergarten settings.

These visits will provide an opportunity for kinder teachers to discuss their educational program and the strategies they use to support the children's learning. It will also provide prep teachers with the opportunity to observe and interact with children in the kindergarten learning environment.

Children are often excited, and a bit daunted, by the experience of starting school. It is important to recognise that their expectations and experiences can impact on the success of transition from kinder to primary school. When children are given the opportunity to build positive relationships with prep teachers, they are likely to continue this positive engagement when they start school.

Providing time for children to interact with their prep teacher and build a relationship before starting school can reduce their anxiety and stress about starting school.

- **2021 Prep Meet and Greet the Teacher Drive Thru**

Date for meet and greet the Teacher Drive thru is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Parents and children will be allocated a time between 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm to meet with Prep teachers via the drive thru.

It is important our students have the chance to make a personal connection with the Prep teachers. Teachers will meet and greet both you and your child, but will not be able to have a long conversation as the line may be backed up. Please remain in your car during the meet and greet. The children will receive a Holy Eucharist show bag. For parents, this will also be a time for the Administration Staff to connect with you, as you will be handed documentation regarding start/finish times for 2021, calendar for February, Fee commitment form and Parent Information Booklet.

Entry to Meet and Greet the Teacher Drive Thru will be via the Holy Eucharist Church Driveway, Oleander Drive. Each family will be emailed an allocated time for the drive thru and a map for your convenience.

- **Virtual School Tour**

Come and have a look through Holy Eucharist Primary School. A video is available on the school website

<https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/> for parents to view, showing the highlights of our great school.

**Jo Dragovic**

Family School Partnerships Leader

### Religious Education News

#### Ready, Set, Pray! Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series

The Ready, Set, Pray! Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series on You-Tube has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel.

Each week includes an invitation for families to gather in their own prayer space to sing, hear the gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity. This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the Word format provided in many parishes, but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families in their homes.

The series is produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal and consists of weekly sessions of up to 20 minutes duration, running every Sunday until Christmas. You can search for it on You-Tube and a link will also be provided on Class Dojo.

**Vanessa Shaw**

Religious Education Leader



### Key Dates in the Catholic Liturgical Church Calendar:



**21 November: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

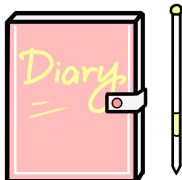
**22 November: The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**29 November: First Sunday of Advent**

**30 November: Feast Day of St Andrew, Apostle.**

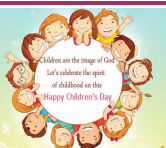
### Transition News

#### Important information for families of students commencing Year 5 in 2021 who are interested in applying to attend a Catholic Secondary School commencing in 2023.



The key application and enrolment dates for students enrolled in Year 5 in 2021 who will be starting Year 7 in 2023 are as follows:

- 27 January 2021: Applications will open for Year students starting Year 7 in 2023.
- 20 August 2021: Applications will close.
- 22 October 2021: Offers will be posted to prospective Year 7 applicants.
- 12 November 2021: Final date for parents/carers to accept offer made by school



### Happy World Children's Day: Friday 20th November

Today, November 20th is important because it is the date in 1959 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. It is also the date in 1989 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

### **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](http://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au)