

Principal: Mr. Michael Bonnici principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

Acting Deputy Principal: Ms. Allison Borg

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 (P) 9366 1310 **Mass Times** Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm Vietnamese Mass at 12pm Prep: Mary James, Shalini Dos Santos Bianca Gomez & Mikaela Borg. Grade 1: Tania Pufek, Jo Dragovic, Angela Lopez-Dee & Natalie Lucchiari. Grade 2: Julie Murnane, Jessica Kerlin, & Thy Tran. Grade 3: Thilini Nanayakkara, Vivian Faraj, Stephani Ognenovski & Carla Lolicato Grade 4: Jennifer Khong, Kathryn Barrie & Hania Borowik/Rose Barnes. Grade 5: Bruno Pellaschiar, Adam Nicholl, Clare Christie/Vanessa Shaw Grade 6: Wally Antonowicz/Erin McNally Jacelle Cablao & Helen Kennedy. Education in Faith: Vanessa Shaw Learning & Teaching/Literacy Leader: **Bernadette Parnis** Learning Diversity/Wellbeing: Julie Semcesen Literacy Intervention: Charise Gibbs and Jackie Dabal Reading Recovery: Karen Colman & TBA Maths Leader P-6: Erin McNally Maths Intervention: TBA Family School Partnership /Wellbeing: **Clare Christie** School Counsellor: Edward Faraci Digital Technology: Allison Borg Visual Arts: Shobha Hickey Performing Arts-Music: Damian O'Bree Physical Education: Harry Herrera LOTE (Mandarin): Miyi Sun EAL/New Arrival: Irene Jurista **EAL:** Gabrielle Bright Education Support: Joe Sirianni Library: Jenny Bistricki Business Manager: Sue Smart Administration Staff: Connie La Macchia & Mandy Huong Community Hub: Adella Howard Cleaner: June Balatbat & Maria Attard Maintenance: Barry Lynch



Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

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A Prayer to begin the New School Year

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends, new teachers and new staff. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with all our work and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year! Amen

Principal's Message:

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Holy Eucharist School. I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and a great start to the New Year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students, families, and staff. I am sure you will find our school community a very welcoming and caring environment.

In 2021, we have grown to just over 535 students! We have approximately 85 new Prep children and some new enrolments are still being processed in other year levels. The new Prep children and teachers have settled in well and have had a great start. Over the next two weeks, the Prep children will be located in the hall where they will be engaged in many social and academic activities.

The students and staff in Grades 1 to Grade 6 have also settled in well and are extremely happy to be back at school. Due to our increase in numbers, our team of staff has also increased. This year we welcome Ms Carla Lolicato (Grade 3), Mrs Rose Barnes (Grade 4), Ms Helen Kennedy (Grade 6), Mrs Bernadette Parnis (Literacy/Learning and Teaching Leader) and Mrs Rita Zammit (LSO). We also welcome back from Maternity Leave, Mrs Stephani Ognenovski (Grade 3), Mrs Gabrielle Bright (EAL) and Mrs Juliet Nakhla (LSO). I wish them and all staff the best of luck for the New Year.

As you are aware, we are living in a COVID world. COVID is still around which means that we will need to continue doing things differently. Some practices that we have introduced at the school may not be ideal, but they are there to keep everyone in our school and parish community safe and I seek your full cooperation.

As the new Principal of the school, it is both a great honour and privilege to lead and serve the Holy Eucharist community. I am looking forward to continue working in partnership with you in order to 'engage, educate and empower' our students. I also look forward to continue building "community", a sense of belonging and connectedness between students, families, staff and the wider parish, inspired by the teachings of Christ and led by His Spirit.

God Bless,

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Mr Michael Bonnici Principal principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

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EDUCATE

STARTING AND FINISHING TIMES – GRADE 1 TO GRADE 6

All students from Prep to Grade 6 will be starting school at 8:55am and finishing at 3:15pm. (*The preps will be starting school at 8:55am in the hall and finishing school at 12:15pm from the 28th January to 5th February*).

In order to utilise the outdoor space to our advantage and to continue engaging in safe practices, we have decided as a staff to keep the staggered recess and lunch breaks. The staggered breaks have enabled the junior students (P-2) to have access to the oval. Similarly, this also enables the middle and senior students (3-6) to have access to the Adventure Playground.

The juniors will follow the chime signal on the PA and the middle and seniors will have the bell signal.

GRADE PREP IN 2021 – CLASSLISTS

JUNIORS	SENIORS Teachers are expected to be at school Bell - Teachers open classroom doors. Meditation and Prayer. "Roll attendance must be taken up to 9:15am. Students obtain a late pass from 9:15am onwards			
<u>8:30am</u>				
<u>8:45am</u>				
<u>8:55am</u>				
<u>9:00am</u>	Whole School Literacy Block.			
10:45 Junior Recess	11:00am Eating Time			
11:12 Toilet Bell	11:15am Lunch Time			
11:15 Session 2	11:57am Tollet Bell			
1:05pm Eating Time	12:00pm Session 2			
1:20pm Lunch Time	2:05pm Recess			
2:02pm Toilet Bell	2:32pm Toilet Bell			
2:05pm Session 3	2:35 Session 3			
<u>3:15pm</u>	Dismissal			

This year we will have approximately 85 Preps attending Holy Eucharist school. In order to accommodate for all of these students and to cater to their individual needs, the new preps will commence the first couple of weeks of the year in the hall. This will enable the teachers to get to know the students and to evenly distribute them across the four grades according to their needs. By Friday 12th February 2021, the Prep classlists will be completed and the teachers will advise parents as to who will be their child's Grade Prep teacher.

GRADE PREP IN 2021 – START AND FINISH TIMES

All classes for Grade Prep, 2021 will commence at 8:55am in the school Hall. From Thursday 28th January until Friday 5th February all Prep students will finish school at 12:15pm and they will be required to bring their lunch on these days. From Monday 8th February the Prep students will be at school from 8:55am until 3:15pm. Parents/carers are asked to please drop off and pick up their prep child from the school Hall. **Please remember that the Prep students do not have school on Wednesday 3rd February.**

DESIGNATED GATES:

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 remember:

In the morning gates will be open from 8:30am until 9am.
(Please remember the 1.5 metre physical distancing rule)
At this stage, parents/carers are not permitted to enter the school grounds.

•In the afternoon gates will be open from 3:15pm until 3:45pm. (Please remember the 1.5 metre physical distancing rule)

All classroom teachers will be in their rooms in the morning at 8:45am. The classroom teacher will take the students to the gate at home time (3:15pm) 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. Please note that the same gate must be used at pick up time.



GRADE PREP & GRADE 3

COVID UPDATE

The Chief Health Officer and the 'CECV School Operations Guide' (Updated 21 January 2021) advises that all staff, parents and students to continue engaging in safe practices:

- Wash hands correctly and regularly
- Hand sanitise
- Sneeze and cough into elbow
- It is also advised that students who display the following symptoms must not attend school:
 - fever
 - chills or sweats
 - cough
 - sore throat
 - shortness of breath
 - runny nose
 - loss or change in sense of smell or taste.

Some people may also experience headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. If a child presents at school with any of these symptoms, parents or guardians will be contacted and directed to take the child home.

COVID UPDATE (Cont'd)

Staff are to:

- Ensure high touch areas are cleaned regularly (antibacterial wipes available)
- Where possible: enhance airflow by opening windows and adjusting air conditioning
- Carry masks, which are to be used, when physical distancing cannot be maintained
- Practice social distancing of 1.5 metres when able (or wear a mask)
- Be aware of density limits. 1 person per 2 square metres (signage will be adjusted around the school)
- Wear a mask whilst doing Before and After School Duty and bringing children to the gates.

All adults who are permitted onsite to carry out essential business are to:

- Carry masks, which are to be used, when physical distancing cannot be maintained
- Practice social distancing of 1.5 metres when able (or wear a mask)
- Be aware of density limits. 1 person per 2 square metres (signage will be adjusted around the school)

Please note, at this stage parents/carers/visitors are <u>not permitted to enter the school grounds</u>. The school office will only allow 2 parents to enter at any given time. Please wear a mask and use the hand sanitiser at the door before entering to the office. If parents are required to be onsite, they will need to sign the logbook, must wear mask, minimise their time and practise physical distancing.

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*



Grade Prep	JUNIOR SCHOOL -Mrs Mary James -Miss Mikaela Borg -Miss Bianca Gomez -Miss Shalini Dos Santos	Grade 3	MIDDLE SCHOOL -Miss Vivian Faraj -Ms Carla Lolicato -Miss Thilini Nanayakkara -Mrs Stephani Ognenovski	Grade 5	SENIOR SCHOOL -Mr Bruno Pellaschiar -Mr Adam Nicholl -Miss Clare Christie/ Mrs Vanessa Shaw
Grade 1 Grade 2	-Mrs Angela Lopez-Dee -Mrs Natalie Lucchiari -Miss Tania Pufek -Mrs Jo Dragovic -Miss Julie Murnane -Miss Jessica Kerlin -Miss Thy Tran	Grade 4	-Miss Jennifer Khong -Miss Kathryn Barrie -Mrs Hania Borowik/ Mrs Rose Barnes	Grade 6	-Mr Wally Antonowicz/ Ms Erin McNally -Miss Jacelle Cablao -Ms Helen Kennedy
STAFF IN 2	2021 pport Officers		<u>ucation</u> -Mrs Vanessa Shaw	Administration	

-Mrs Adella Howard (Hub) -Ms Catherine Hoang -Ms Chau Nguyen -Mrs Dianne Punicki -Ms Frances Wulf -Mrs Jenny Bistricki (Library) -Mrs Juliet Nakhla -Miss Kelly Triantiafillidis -Ms Kerri Puccio -Mrs Mary Xuereb -Miss Mostovka Tran -Mrs Nirmen Beshara -Ms Nu Cuai -Mrs Priya Rajasekhar -Ms Rosemarie Slater -Mrs Thi Phan -Mrs Trang Nguyen -Mrs Rita Zammit

Specialist Teachers Music -Mr Damian O'Bree <u>Visual Arts</u> -Mrs Shobha Hickey <u>Physical Education</u> -Mr Harry Hererra LOTE: -Miss Miyi Sun [P/T]

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-Ms Allison Borg

-Mrs Sue Smart -Mrs Connie La Macchia -Mrs Mandy Huong

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Cleaners

-Mrs Maria Attard -Mr June Balatbat

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 <u>www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au</u>



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IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

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- Mon 1st Feb -Preps at in the hall until 12:15pm Wed 3rd Feb -Preps have no school Sun 7th Feb -Staff Commissioning Mass/Mr Parker's Farewell 10:30am • Mon 8th Feb -Preps at school until 3:15pm (Preps full time from now on) Thurs 11th Feb -Opening Mass for the school year (If permitted - TBA) Fri 12th Feb -Lunar New Year Tues 16th Feb • -Shrove Tuesday
 - Wed 17th Feb -Ash Wednesday (Mass - TBA)
- Thurs 18th Feb -No school mass on Thursday Fri 19th Feb -Term 1 Outlines/Portfolios sent home •
 - Sun 21st Feb -First Sunday of Lent
 - Wed 24th Feb -Portfolios are due back at school.
 - Sun 28th Feb -Second Sunday of Lent
 - MARCH -School Photos
 - Mon 1st Mar
- -Students to wear full summer uniform • Tues 2nd Mar -Reconciliation Meeting
 - Sun 7th Mar -Third Sunday of Lent
 - Mon 8th Mar -Labour Day Public Holiday – No School
- Wed 10 Mar -Parent/Teacher Chats.
 - -Students finish at 12pm (TBA)

- Sun 14th Mar -Fourth Sunday of Lent
- Tues16th Mar -Grade 4 Reconciliation at 7pm
- Wed 17th Mar -St Patrick's Day

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- Fri 19th Mar -Feast of St Joseph
 - -National Day Against Bullying & Violence
- Sun 21st Mar -Harmony Day
- Sun 21st Mar -Fifth Sunday of Lent
- Thurs 25th Mar -Feast of the Annunciation of Mary
- Fri 26th Mar -Assessment Portfolios go home
- Sat 27th Mar -Earth Hour
- Sun 28th Mar -Palm Sunday
- Mon 29th Mar -Holy Week
- Wed 31st Mar -Assessment Portfolios are due back