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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 Oggenovski &
Carla Lolicato

Grade 4: Jennifer Khong, Kathryn
Barrie & Hania Borowik/Rose Barnes.

Grade 5: Bruno Pellaschiari, Adam
Nicholl, Clare Christie/Vanessa Shaw

Grade 6: Wally Antonowicz/Erin
McNally Jacelle Cablaio & 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): Miya 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



Newsletter 2 - 12th February 2021

Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

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Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (JB)

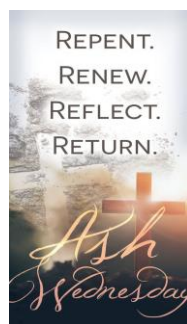
Jesus said to his disciples:

Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday 17th February
(Fast and abstinence)



Principal's Message:

Dear Families and Friends,

Last Sunday, Holy Eucharist staff celebrated their Commissioning Mass in the Church. They were presented to the community and were given a special blessing by Fr Vincent. We also had the opportunity to officially say goodbye to our ex-principal and friend Mr Jeffrey Parker. As you all know, 2020 was an extraordinary year and we were not able to say goodbye to Mr Parker as a community, due to the COVID-19 restrictions. I thanked Mr Parker on behalf of the school community and we presented him with a small token of thanks.

On Thursday morning this week, we celebrated our Opening Mass for the school year. We were fortunate enough to celebrate Mass outside on the oval. During the celebration, the 2021 School Student Leadership Team was presented to the school community. I would like to congratulate the 12 leaders who have been chosen to represent our school. I am looking forward to supporting and working in collaboration with them this year.

Our Prep children have made a tremendous start. This week was their first full week at school. It has been wonderful to see the bright and happy smiling faces each morning as the children enter the gates at their new school. As I walk around the classrooms it's wonderful to see how quickly the students (and staff) have settled back into a school routine. The teachers in the Junior School have commenced assessing the students in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. The data obtained from these assessments will be used by the classroom teachers to inform teaching and learning. The assessments are administered 1:1, which has provided an opportunity for the teachers to get to know their students and for the students to become familiar with their teacher.

Please be reminded, that although there has been some easing of restrictions; we need to remember to remain vigilant and to follow COVID safety protocols. 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.

Please remember that next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

God Bless,

Mr Michael Bonnici

Principal

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ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Fees for 2021

School Fees for 2021 are \$930.00 per family.
Per Capita fees for 2021 are \$130.00 per child.
Excursion Fees for 2021 are \$35.00 per child.

Camp Fees for 2021

Grade 6 Camp fees are \$100.00 per child
Grade 5 Camp fees are \$90 per child.
Grade 4 camp fees are \$45 per child.
Prep breakfast, Gr. 1 dinner, Gr. 2 breakfast/dinner, Gr. 3 stay over will be at no cost.
The cost for Sacraments for Grade 3, 4, and 6 are included in the fees.

CAMP, SPORT, EXCURSION FUND

A reminder that if you have a new student who commenced at our school and have a current Health Care Card or Pension Card you may be entitled to CSEF from the Government. Please come to the school office and Mrs Mandy Huong will check to see if you are eligible.

The Annual Student Medical survey went out last week. Please fill in this form and send it back to the office as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please contact Mandy Huong on 83120900.

Mrs Sue Smart
Business Manager

STARTING & FINISHING TIMES – GRADE PREP TO GRADE 6

All students from Prep to Grade 6 will be starting school at 8:55am and finishing at 3:15pm.

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.

JUNIORS	SENIORS
8:30am	Teachers are expected to be at school
8:45am	Bell - Teachers open classroom doors.
8:55am	Meditation and Prayer. *Roll attendance must be taken up to 9:15am. Students obtain a late pass from 9:15am onwards
9:00am	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 Toilet 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
3:15pm	Dismissal

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	
G A T E 1	• Gate is open: From 8:30am until 9am
	• Classrooms Open: From 8:45am
	• School Starts: 8:55am sharp Students will need to collect a late pass from the office after 9:15am.
	• Finishing Time: 3:15pm (NB: Prep finish at 12:15pm daily until Friday 5 th February) • All Gates Close: 3:45pm
	
GRADE 1 & GRADE 4	
G A T E 2	• Gate is open: From 8:30am until 9am
	• Classrooms Open: From 8:45am
	• School Starts: 8:55am sharp Students will need to collect a late pass from the office after 9:15am.
	• Finishing Time: 3:15pm • All Gates Close: 3:45pm
	
GRADE 6	
G A T E 3	• Gate is open: From 8:30am until 9am
	• Classrooms Open: From 8:45am
	• School Starts: 8:55am sharp Students will need to collect a late pass from the office after 9:15am.
	• Finishing Time: 3:15pm • All Gates Close: 3:45pm
	
GRADE 2 & GRADE 5	
G A T E 4	• Gate is open: From 8:30am until 9am
	• Classrooms Open: From 8:45am
	• School Starts: 8:55am sharp Students will need to collect a late pass from the office after 9:15am.
	• Finishing Time: 3:15pm • All Gates Close: 3:45pm
	

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
- cough
- shortness of breath
- loss or change in sense of smell or taste.
- chills or sweats
- sore throat
- runny nose

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.

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:

- Wear a mask when onsite, when physical distancing cannot be maintained
- Practice social distancing of 1.5 metres.
- 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 **not permitted to enter the school grounds**. 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.

SCHOOL NURSE PROGRAM 2021

All Prep children received an envelope from the Primary School Nursing Program – State Government. This envelope contains a questionnaire about your child's health and development. This questionnaire is distributed to all Victorian children enrolled in their first year of school.

The questionnaire enables you to raise any concerns you may have regarding your child's health and development. Parents are asked to complete the questionnaire, sign it and return it back to the teacher, sealed in the envelope **by Friday 19th February 2021**. **The school nurse will be visiting the school in March.**

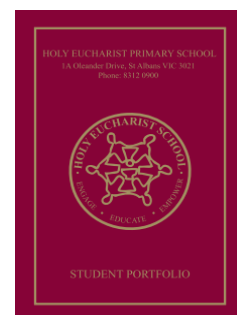
ASSESSMENT PORTFOLIOS

All students at Holy Eucharist School have an Assessment Portfolio. This portfolio enables teachers to have a consistent approach throughout the school in collecting data and evidence of your child's work. This Assessment Portfolio will be sent home **at the beginning** and **at the end of each term**.

At the beginning of each term the folder will contain a Term Outline.

Term Outline

- The Term Outline has a summary of what is going to be covered in your child's year level, across all curriculum areas for that term.
- The Term Outline will go home at the **beginning** of each term inside the Assessment Portfolio and **parents will be required to read and sign the sheet**. The Term Outline needs to be **returned** to school inside the Assessment Portfolio.



At the end of each term the folder will contain Work Samples (evidence).

Work Samples

- Throughout the term, teachers will collect samples of your child's work. These samples are collected as evidence of your child's achievements and as an indication of what has been taught.
- The samples collected should also correlate with what has been documented on the Term Outline sheet.
- The work samples are corrected by the teacher and should have relevant comments to support what the student has achieved.

Parents are invited to **look through the Assessment Portfolio with their child**. Parents are requested to **write positive comments** in the space provided (on the yellow cover sheet) and to sign it.

Term outlines/Assessment Portfolios **will go home (Friday 19th February)** and need to be returned by **Wednesday 24th February**.

FAMILY PICNIC

Unfortunately, due to the COVID restrictions, we are unable to have our Family School picnic this year.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on **Monday 1st March 2021**. All students need to wear their **full Summer Uniform and black school shoes**. In the coming weeks, each student will be given individual order forms. If you would like to order photos, you will need to fill in the order form, pay the correct amount and return it to your class teacher on **photo day**. Alternatively, you can order photos online up to 2 days after photo day. **Please note that cash orders will not be accepted.**



CANTEEN

The Canteen is now open. The operator at the Canteen has put together a new healthier menu which we will be closely monitoring. If the students need to go to the Canteen they will be required to keep their distance and will need to stand on the markings on the floor. **Please note: Students are not permitted to order their lunch in the morning at the canteen window.** **Students need to prepare their lunch orders at home and to place them in the lunch order boxes in their classrooms.**

COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

All Assessment Portfolios will contain a copy of Holy Eucharist School's Commitment to Child Safety in English and in Vietnamese. The purpose of Holy Eucharist School's commitment statement is to demonstrate our strong commitment to the care, safety and wellbeing of all students at our school. It provides an outline of the policies, procedures and strategies developed to keep students safe from harm, including all forms of abuse in our school environment, online and in other locations provided by the school.

This commitment takes into account relevant legislative requirements within the state of Victoria, including the specific requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards as set out in Ministerial Order No. 870. This commitment statement applies to school staff, clergy, school employees, including volunteers, and contractors.

All present and future staff at Holy Eucharist School will be required to read and sign a copy of the School's Commitment to Child Safety as well as the School's Code of Conduct. We also urge all parents and caregivers to read and sign our Commitment Statement to Child Safety inside the Assessment Portfolio.

If you require any further information, please contact me (Michael Bonnici) at the school office.



IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

- 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

- Mon 1st Mar -School Photos
- -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
- Tues 16th Mar -Grade 4 Reconciliation at 7pm

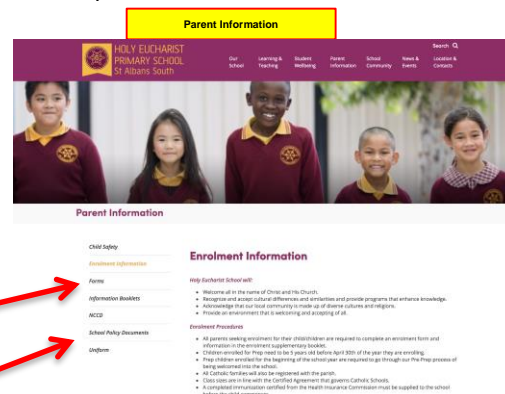
- Wed 17th Mar -St Patrick's Day
- Fri 19th Mar -Feast of St Joseph
- -National Day Against Bullying & Violence
- Sun 21st Mar -Harmony Day
- Sun 21st Mar -Fifth Sunday of Lent
- Thurs 25th Mar -Feast of the Annunciation of Mary
- Fri 26th Mar -Assessment Portfolios go home
- Sat 27th Mar -Earth Hour
- Sun 28th Mar -Palm Sunday
- Mon 29th Mar -Holy Week
- Wed 31st Mar -Assessment Portfolios are due back

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school policy section on the Holy Eucharist School website is continually updated. Please take some time to familiarise yourself with these policies. Some of these policies contain (new) important forms which you are able to print and submit.

The School Policy drop down menu contains the following:

- Our Commitment to Child Safety
- Additional Needs – Students with Disabilities
- Anaphylaxis Policy
- Assessment and Reporting
- Attendance Policy
- Bullying Policy
- Child Protection and Reporting (2.19)
- Code of Conduct
- Counselling Policy
- Discipline Policy
- Engagement of Volunteers
- Enrolment Policy
- First Aid Policy
- Grievance Policy for Parents/Carers
- Headlice Policy
- Homework Policy
- ICT eSmart Policy
- Mobile Phone Policy
- Onsite Supervision of Children Policy
- Out of School Activities Policy
- Parent/Caregiver Code of Conduct Policy
- Parent Information Booklet (English/Vietnamese)
- Pastoral Care Policy
- Police and DHHS – Protocols
- Privacy Policy
- School Child Safety Policy
- School Uniform Policy
- Standard Collection Notice
- Student Safety with External Providers Policy
- SunSmart Policy
- Values for Australian Schooling
- Visitors Policy
- Working with Children Policy



Policies

In the 'Forms' drop down menu you will find:

- ASCIA – Action Plan – Allergic Reactions
- ASCIA – First Aid Anaphylaxis Plan - Generic
- ASCIA – Action Plan – Anaphylaxis – EpiPen
- ASCIA – Action Plan – Anaphylaxis – Generic
- ASCIA – First Aid Anaphylaxis Plan - EpiPen
- Asthma AU – Care Plan for Education and Care Services
- Asthma AU –Victorian School Action Plan Bricanyl Turbuhaler
- Asthma AU – Victorian School – Action Plan – Puffer Alone
- Asthma AU – Camp and Excursion Plan
- Asthma AU – Victorian School – Action Plan – Puffer and Spacer

For more information, please visit our school website: www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

Michael Bonnici – Principal

Project Compassion



Next week, the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box for their donations or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: lent.caritas.org.au

Saint Oscar Romero is our inspiration for Project Compassion 2021, so in his words let's "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."



Sunshine Softball Batter Up 2021

Venue: More Park, Esmond St, Ardeer VIC 3022

Dates: Monday 15 Feb - Monday 29 March 2021

Times: 5:00pm - 6:00pm **Ages:** 4 - 8

Contact: Jo Ingram **Ph:** 0407 230 360

Email: sunshine.softball2012@gmail.com

Register: <https://www.softballbatterup.com.au>

Cost: \$60.00

Softball Australia's national participation program, Softball Batter Up, is designed to be fun, flexible and engaging for children from kindergarten age to Year 6, focusing on fun activities while learning basic throwing, catching and striking skills.

Every registered participant receives an Official SBU Starter Kit to begin their softball journey.



Tai Chi Classes, Yang Style 24, Focusing on Low to Moderate Intensity Exercises
 When: Thursday Nights – 6.30pm
 Starting on the 4th February 2021
 Classes will be held at the
 Holy Eucharist Hall,
 1a Oleander Drive, St Albans
 All welcome. Gold Coin Donation.
 Please wear comfortable clothing and footwear

Southwold Street Kindergarten

4 Year old Kindergarten is **FREE** this year

Going to Kindergarten is a vital step for your child. It will help them learn skills that they will build on throughout their life. These early year programs and services support the development and health of young children.
 Call 9366 1523 NOW and speak to one of their friendly staff.



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