#### Newsletter 4 - 12th March 2021



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# 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



# <u>Holy Eucharíst School - St Albans South</u>

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### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jn 3:14-21 God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him. Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.' The Gospel of the Lord

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

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## Principal's Message:

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the Parent/Teacher chats last Wednesday. The informal chats provided an opportunity for you and the teacher to get to know each other and for you to discuss valuable information about your child. Teachers then use this important information to tailor and differentiate their lessons according to individual needs. These conversations also help build better relationships, which in turn assists in improving students' learning outcomes.

I would also like to thank the parents/carers for their attendance at the Reconciliation Family Preparation Evening last week. Parental involvement is an important part in your child's faith development. This year we were very fortunate to have Nelson Graham (Learning Consultant at MACs) as our guest speaker. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday 16th March at 7.00pm in the church. We ask that the school community prays for our children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, that they will understand that God loves everyone, no matter what, even when we make the wrong choices.

Last Saturday morning, seven students who attend our school were Baptised in the Church and were welcomed in the community. I would like to congratulate:

- Ayen Kulang (5CS)
- Emerly Nguyen (5CS)
- Kevin Dang (5CS)
- Ben Tat (Prep MBo)
- Tra My Nguyen (5Pe)
- Simon Tat (5CS)
- Hai-My Nguyen (2JK)

Thank you to Fr Vincent, Fr Lovin, Mrs Shaw and the staff for preparing our students to receive the Sacraments.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

God Bless.

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#### PARKING

In last week's newsletter, I mentioned that I am really concerned about the parking situation around the school and outside the church. We have had reports that some of our parents have had their cars damaged when picking up their children through the church driveway. This is because some of the cars are illegally parked. Please remember that we have young children who enter and leave the school from the gate next to the church (Gate 2). Cars should not be parked on the zebra crossing or left unattended in the church driveway. When this happens, it blocks the people behind you and as a result, the cars in Oleander Drive are at a standstill. **Unfortunately, if this continues to happen we will have close the driveway next to the church. The safety of our students and families comes first**.

Also, the Brimbank City Council have placed new signage around the school (i.e. Chedgey Drive, Oleander Drive, Hibiscus Ave and O'Brien Drive). Please be vigilant when parking around the school premises. I urge you to take note of the parking restrictions, as there have been many complaints from parents and carers who are receiving fines. The school is unable to pay the fines for you so please obey the parking signs in the area to avoid infringements. The parking situation around the school is not ideal and we are working closely with the Brimbank City Council to improve the drop off and pick up areas around the school. I thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

#### PARKING SIGNS

#### No Parking Signs

If there is a 'no parking' sign, you can stop for 2 minutes in that area if:

- You are picking up or dropping off passengers or goods
- You stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

If you stop in, or partly in an area showing a no parking sign and you are not picking up or dropping off passengers or goods, <u>you are considered to be parked and can be fined.</u> This is the case <u>even if you stay in your vehicle</u>.

#### No Stopping Signs

If there is a 'no stopping' sign, you are not allowed to stop or park your car in, or partly in, that area for any reason. Dropping off or picking up passengers or goods in a 'no stopping' area is not permitted.

#### PARENTS AND CARERS PERMITTED ONSITE

As of this week, parents/carers are now permitted to enter the school grounds to drop off and pick up their children from school. However, we urge our parents/carers to maintain physical distancing regulations and to remember the following:

- Parents/carers will only have 10 minutes to be on the school grounds, otherwise we will be required to keep a register with names and phone numbers for the Department of Health.
- Parents/carers and students will need to enter and leave the school from the allocated gates (i.e. **Gate 1**: Gr Prep and Gr 3, **Gate 2**: Gr 1 and Gr 4, **Gate 3**: Gr 6 and **Gate 4**: Gr 2 and Gr 5).
- Parents/carers can drop off Grade Prep, Grade One and Grade 2 students at their classroom
- Grade Prep, Grade One and Grade 2 students must be picked up at their classroom door by a parent/carer or older sibling who is in Grade 3-6
- Gates will open at 8:30am in the morning and at 3:10pm in the afternoon.
- Gates will close at 9:00am in the morning and at 3:45pm in the afternoon.
- The Adventure Playground will be closed before and after school.

#### STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE EACH DAY

We still have a number of students who are coming to school very late in the morning. If students arrive after 9:15am, they will need to obtain a late pass from the school office. Each time a student is issued with a late pass, it is recorded on the roll, which then appears on the student's report card each semester.

Please remember that the whole school has a literacy block in the morning where students participate in intensive reading and writing activities. Students who are arriving late are missing out on instructions for given tasks and as a result, teachers are finding that they have to go through instructions again which in turn, is taking them away from teaching the rest of the class. We have also come to realise that many of our students are going to bed very late at night. As a result, they struggle to get out of bed in the morning and come to school feeling tired. Please remember, if your child is tired then they will find it difficult to learn!

#### **NAPLAN 2021**

This year, the students in Years 3 and 5 will be taking part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) on  $11^{th}$ ,  $12^{th}$  and  $13^{th}$  May 2021.



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NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken every vear in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy

Key Dates:	Tuesday 11 May	Wednesday 12 May	Thursday 13 May
Year 3	Language conventions: 45 minutes Writing: 40 minutes	Reading: 45 minutes	Numeracy: 45 minutes
Year 5	Language conventions: 45 minutes Writing: 40 minutes	Reading: 50 minutes	Numeracy: 50 minutes

#### CHILDREN ARRIVING TO SCHOOL EARLY IN THE MORNING:

There are a number of students arriving at school before 8am. Please note that teachers commence Yard Duty at 8:30am, however students are arriving much earlier. Students who arrive early to school are **not supervised** at this time. We have 'Before School Care' in the hall which commences at 7am. Teachers have been instructed to direct all unsupervised children (who arrive at school prior to 8:30am)



to go to Before School Care for their safety. We also have a number of students who are not picked up on time after school. Some students are still at school at 3:45pm. From now on these students who are not picked up by 3:30pm will be taken to After School Care and will be sent an invoice for payment.

#### **HEAD LICE**

The school was informed by a parent that their child had head lice. It is common for young children to get head lice particularly at school. Anyone can get head lice including adults. We encourage parents to check their child's head and hair carefully and regularly. Pharmacies have lotions and shampoos to treat head lice.

Our School Uniform Policy states that 'Hair which is shoulder length or longer must be tied back at all times'.

#### 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 https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/uniform/

#### 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.

#### **ENROLMENTS 2022**

#### Enrolments are now open for 2022

We have already had a number of enquiries at the office from new families who wish to enrol their child for Grade Prep in 2022.

It is really important that our current parents register their child/ren at the office if they wish to enrol them for Grade Prep in 2022.

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#### 2022 Enrolments Now Open This school has

- Achieved outstanding NAPLAN results
- High achievements in Literacy & Numeracy · An excellent specialist program including

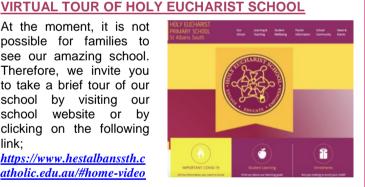
Physical Education, Music, Visual Arts & LOTE · A violin program with Mandeville Hall Toorak. At Holy Eucharist we work in parti aim to build a strong relationshi artnerships with families whe nship between school and fan





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.c atholic.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

As mentioned in previous newsletters, I have handed in a submission to the Australian Government Capital Grants and another to the State Capital Fund. Even though two submissions were completed, the school will only be eligible to receive one grant if successful.

The Australian Government Capital Grants and State Capital Fund submissions require schools to submit a Master Plan. Therefore, I had appointed Minx Architecture on behalf of the school to design a Master Plan that is tailored to the needs of our school community.

I had asked the architect to included 8 new learning spaces to be built next to the MacKillop Building as part of Stage 1 in the submission. The building will need to be a 2 storey building in order to fit onto the site. The estimated cost of the new classrooms will be around \$4M. Please note that in order for the school to be successful in the submission, the school had to commit a specified amount towards the cost of Stage 1.



I have placed an updated copy of the Master Plan in the school foyer. Minx Architecture have taken into consideration the feedback from parents and staff. Thank you to those who have contributed to this project so far. With your support and prayers we hope that we will be successful in our application.





The National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence and Harmony Day 2021

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence (NDA) is an important day to mark Australian school communities standing together against bullying and violence. On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 the whole school will be celebrating and supporting the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence and Harmony Day.

#### <u>Students are invited to dress in their cultural clothes, or the</u> colours of the flag of their heritage, or ORANGE - the colour of harmony Day.

Harmony Day falls close to the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence each year. The day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity and is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone, themes that link directly to the anti-bulling focus of National Day of Action.



#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

MARCH       Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar       -Fourth Sunday of Lent         Tues16 <sup>th</sup> Mar       -Grade 4 Reconciliation at 7pm         Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar       -St Patrick's Day         Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar       -Feast of St Joseph -National Day Against Bullying & Viole	APRIL • Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> April -Holy Thursday -End of Term 1 (Students go home at 2pm) • Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> April -Good Friday • Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> April -Easter Sunday ence -Daylight Savings Ends	• Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> April	-Feast of St Mark -Heart Week -Gr 4 Overnight Camp -Term 2 Outlines/Portfolios go home
<ul> <li>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Mar</li> <li>-Harmony Day</li> <li>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Mar</li> <li>-Fifth Sunday of Lent</li> <li>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Mar</li> <li>-Feast of the Annunciation of Mary</li> <li>-Assessment Portfolios go home</li> <li>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Mar</li> <li>-Earth Hour</li> <li>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Mar</li> <li>-Palm Sunday</li> <li>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Mar</li> <li>-Holy Week</li> <li>Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Mar</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April -Easter Monday – School holidays</li> <li>Sun 11<sup>th</sup> April -2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</li> <li>Sun 18<sup>th</sup> April -3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</li> <li>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April -Term 2 begins</li> <li>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> April -International Earth Day</li> <li>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> April -School Closure Day (Staff Professional Learning: Seven Steps to Writing) – No School</li> <li>Sun 25<sup>th</sup> April -4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter -ANZAC Day</li> </ul>	MAY • Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> May • Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> May • Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> May • Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> May • Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> May	-Feast of St Joseph the Worker -5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter -Grade 6 Camp (Campaspe Downs – 2 nights) -Portfolios are due back -Shine a Light on Road Safety -6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter -Mother's Day

#### 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>