



## Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

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**Principal:**

**Mr. Michael Bonnici**

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**Deputy Principal:**

**Ms. Anne-Marie Conte**

**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

**Prep:** Mary James, Shalini Dos Santos

Bianca Gomez & Mikaela Borg.

**Grade 1:** Tania Gatt, Jo Dragovic, Angela

Lopez-Dee & Elise Ring.

**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, Jacelle Cabla

& Helen Kennedy.

**Education in Faith:** Vanessa Shaw

**Learning & Teaching/Literacy Leader:**

Bernadette Parnis

**Learning Diversity/Staff Wellbeing:**

Julie Semcesen

**Student Wellbeing:** Anne-Marie Conte

**Literacy Intervention:** Charise Gibbs,

Jackie Dabal, Kristine Lorenc.

**Reading Recovery:** Karen Colman &

Cassie Renfrew

**Maths Leader/Tutoring P-6:** Erin McNally

**Maths Intervention:** Maryanne Camilleri

**Family School Partnership /Wellbeing:**

Clare Christie

**School Counsellor:** Edward Faraci

**Digital Technology/ICT:** 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

### Feast of St George Preca - 9<sup>th</sup> May

The Preca Community have served Holy Eucharist parish for many years. They help spread the Word of God and assist those within the parish who wish to receive the Sacraments.

*God our Father,*

*in Saint George Preca you gave a light  
to your faithful people.*

*You made him a pastor of the Church  
to feed your sheep with his word  
and to teach them by his example.*

*Help us by his prayers to keep the faith he taught  
and follow the way of life he showed us.*

*Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen*



### Principal's Message:

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

Last Sunday we celebrated Mother's Day. I hope all our mums, aunts, grandmothers and women who care for us, had a wonderful day. Mother's Day is celebrated in various parts of the world to acknowledge our mums and to thank them for all they do for us. Last Thursday, the students in Grade 4 JK prepared and led our Mother's Day Liturgy in the church. The students read during the Liturgy of the Word, and led us in prayer during the Prayers of the Faithful. They also helped us reflect and pray for all our mothers. After Mass we had a special morning tea at the back of the church which was organised by Miss Christie and Mrs Howard. Yesterday the students in Grade 1 JD prepared the Liturgy for the first time and read confidently and expressively.

It has been a very busy time at Holy Eucharist. Last week, the Grade 6 students attended PGL Camp in Campaspe Downs, which is set amid 180 acres of natural bushland in the Macedon Ranges. The students participated in various problem-solving activities, developed new skills and had a wonderful time together. A big thank you to all the students and teachers who were involved. This week some of our Middle and Senior students participated in the Cross-Country event and the Grade 3 and Grade 5 students completed NAPLAN.

Next week, 10 students from Grade 4 will be representing our school at the Bicentenary Mass which will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral at 10:30am. In 2021, Catholic schools and parishes are celebrating 200 years of Catholic education in Australia. The Mass will also be live streamed so that all schools in the Archdiocese will be able to participate. At the beginning of this term all students received a prayer card featuring Our Lady of the Southern Cross to commemorate the occasion.

A few weeks ago, I sent an invitation to some parents/carers to complete the Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI) survey. The school usually participates in ECSI survey every four years. Its purpose is to measure and guide us in how we enhance our Catholic identity through learning and teaching, prayer, liturgy, and the general culture of the school. If you have not completed the survey and you require assistance, please contact us at the office. Alternatively, if you have not received an invitation and would like to complete the survey, please let me know. We value your input and appreciate your assistance. Please remember that all surveys need to be completed by Friday 21st May 2021.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend – Keep warm and God Bless!

Mr Michael Bonnici

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## PARKING

Please make sure that you obey the parking restrictions around the school, as there have been many complaints from parents/carers who have received parking fines. Please note that Brimbank Council are issuing these fines to people not obeying the law and not the school. Therefore, the school cannot cancel or pay for these fines.

Please ensure that you adhere to the following road rules:

- **Do not** leave your car unattended in the church driveway
- **Do not** block or park in neighbouring driveways
- **Do not** double park. Even if it is for a few seconds.
- Only those persons with **DISABLED** stickers are permitted to park in the disabled parking bays at front of school.
- **Do not** park on people's nature strips.

The parking situation around the school is not ideal and I have been liaising with Brimbank Council to come up with ways to improve the parking situation around the school.



## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 and **students will finish school at 12pm**. Formal reports together with your child's Assessment Portfolio will be sent home on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021. We regard Parent/Teacher interviews, Assessment and Reporting as a vital part of our school program. There will be more information provided in the coming weeks.



## CHILDREN ARRIVING TO SCHOOL EARLY IN THE MORNING:

There are still a number of students arriving at school before 8am. Please note that teachers commence Yard Duty at 8:30am, however there are many students 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 and 'Breakfast Club' in the Grade 1 Wet Area at 8:15am.

All staff at our school have a Duty of Care. Therefore, staff have been instructed to direct all unsupervised children (who arrive at school prior to 8:30am) to go to Before School Care or to the Breakfast Club to ensure that they are safe.



## BREAKFAST CLUB

Holy Eucharist School Breakfast club will resume as of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May. It will operate from Monday to Friday from 8.15am until 8.45am in the Grade 1 Wet Area (Entry is via Miss Lopez's classroom (Room 22). Breakfast will be provided for all our students who may have not had breakfast before coming to school. Breakfast will consist of toast with butter and/or jam or vegemite and a glass of milk. All students are welcome.



## NAPLAN 2021

The students in Years 3 and 5 took part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) this week. NAPLAN is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy.

Unfortunately, it does take some time for students to receive their NAPLAN results. Even though this is the case, please remember that all class teachers are continually assessing students' work throughout the year. Ongoing assessment provides us with a more detailed and accurate picture of our students' progress which is used to drive teaching and learning.



## HEADLICE

Please check your children's hair **thoroughly and regularly** and treat if you find evidence of lice. We can only eradicate this problem with everyone's co-operation. Getting into the habit of checking and combing as part of your routine is the only way to achieve this. If your child has head lice, you should let the school know. Hair which is shoulder length or longer, **must be tied back at all times** (in line with our Head Lice Management Policy).



## ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY (ECSI) SURVEY

Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne aim for continuous school improvement. An essential element of this improvement is understanding how students, parents and staff perceive the Catholic identity of our school and what they might like Catholic identity at Holy Eucharist School to look like in the years ahead.

Students, parents and staff have an important voice in our planning. All students in Years 5 and 6, parents as well as the staff have participated in the Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI) Survey. The responses to the survey will assist us in better understanding how our Catholic identity is expressed. The results will contribute to a reliable picture of our school's Catholic identity, which we will use to inform our school improvement for the next four years.

A number of parents have also been invited to complete the online survey. So far, the school has received 10 out of the 60 surveys. If you have not completed the survey and you need assistance, please let us know. We value your input and would appreciate your help. Surveys will need to be completed by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021.



## 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 Grade Prep in 2022.

We will begin interviewing our new enrolment applicants in the coming weeks.



### 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 partnerships with families where we aim to build a strong relationship between school and family.*

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Engage Educate Empower

## VIRTUAL TOUR OF HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL

We are in the process of organising small group tours for families to see our amazing school. In the meantime, 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. 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)



## FEAST OF ST GEORGE PRECA 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY

The Society of Christian Doctrine also known as Preca Community was founded by Saint George Preca in 1907. It is formed of a community of lay brothers where they live under a rule and a constitution written by George Preca himself. It was canonically approved by the Archbishop of Malta in 1932.

Fr Preca was born in 1880 in Valletta, the capital city of Malta. He was ordained a priest in 1906. By that time, he was already deeply inspired to find an effective way to deepen the Catholic faith of the Maltese people. His charismatic personality was from an early age immersed in prayer and was constantly open to God's inspiration.

He gathered around him a small group of lay men, and later lay women to instruct them thoroughly in the Catholic faith so that they will be able to teach others the Catholic faith. He based his inspiration on St Paul's words to Timothy; "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others". (2 Tim 2, 2)

Fr. Preca enthused this group with zeal to spread the Word of God through good instruction throughout the Islands of Malta and Gozo. The acrostic M.U.S.E.U.M, *Magister Utinam Sequatur Evangelium Universus Mundus*, expresses St George Preca's prayer, "Divine Teacher, may the whole world follow the Gospel". He sent the first six brothers in 1956 in Australia to continue his mission. Though sickly himself, he continued to teach by the spoken and written word. In fact, he wrote 140 books and booklets, which some are translated in various languages even in English.

His humility and right intention were his eminent virtues throughout his long apostolic life. Fr Preca died on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 1962 just when the Church at the Second Vatican Council was going to approve his vision of the lay apostolate in the Catholic Church. The feast day of Saint George Preca is on the 9<sup>th</sup> May when he was beatified by the St John Paul II.

Few inspirations from Fr Preca:

- Thank you, Lord God, and forgive me Lord God.
- Be friends of the Gospels
- In this world everything passes, joy and grief, honours, insults, strength, and illness.
- We live in God, like a fish lives in water.



## SCHOOL CLOSURE

Please note that there is **no school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021** (Queen's Birthday -Public Holiday).



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## National Simultaneous Reading

National Simultaneous Story time is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.



This year NSS takes place on **Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 11:00am** from the International Space Station. This year the picture story book that will be shared is *Give Me Some Space* written and illustrated by Philip Bunting. Everyone can join NSS, it doesn't matter whether you are at home, at school, at a public library or even at a university library. The purpose is to promote the value of reading and literacy, the value and fun of books, an Australian author and simply for everyone to get involved and enjoy the occasion.

It is free to participate. So, I have registered our school. The Year 4 students will be joining the event and reading the book along with over 1 million other students around Australia. And, all at the same time! I look forward to seeing the students enjoying story time.

## Celebrating Learning

In Year 3 the students have been composing persuasive texts. The purpose of a persuasive piece of writing is to convince the reader to take the side of the writer. This style of writing needs to follow a structure as well as include language features that are specific to the text. The writer uses a number of techniques such as stating the point of view, putting forward arguments and using examples to support, along with using rhetorical questions to get the reader to stop and consider the idea.

Whilst I was visiting 3VF two students shared their writing with me. Thank you Travis and Vivian for allowing me to share your writing with everyone. I wonder if you will convince parents to take your side. Well done!

### *Sunflowers are Better Than Roses*– Written by Vivian 06.05.2021

Sunflowers are better than roses because they do not prickle your hand, they smell better and they look better.  
Sunflowers will help our hand not to get hurt because roses will prickle you. Don't you want your hand to be safe?  
Sunflowers smell better than roses because we can make perfume from them. Don't you want to smell nice?  
Sunflowers look pretty because we can take them and put them behind our ear. Don't you want to take a pretty photo?  
Sunflowers are better than roses, you should buy them today.

### *Volleyballs are WAY more better than soccer balls*– Written by Travis 06.05.2021

Volleyballs are better than soccer balls because they are smooth, easier to throw and way more soft.  
Volleyballs are more smooth than soccer balls because if you ever feel a soccer ball and a volleyball, you would see that the soccer ball would be more rough which means if a soccer ball hits you it would hurt more than a volleyball hitting you. Don't you want to be safe?  
Volleyballs are way more easier to throw because they are lighter which means it will be easier to pass the ball to your teammates and that will make your teammates happy. Don't you want happy teammates?  
Volleyballs are **WAY** more softer than soccer balls. You won't even get hurt from a volleyball hitting you. Imagining getting hit by a hard soccer ball, it will make you cry.  
Volleyballs are **ABSOLUTELY** better than soccer balls! Everyone **MUST** get a volleyball **NOW** so that we can have a more safe and happy life.

Bernadette Parnis

**Learning & Teaching/Literacy Leader**

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## ADMINISTRATION NEWS - CAMP, SPORT, EXCURSION FUND – 2<sup>ND</sup> ROUND APPLICATIONS FOR TERM 2

Dear Parents

If you have a **new** Health Care Card or Pension Card issued between **28<sup>th</sup> January and 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2021**, you may be entitled to apply for CSEF (Camp, Sport, Excursion Fund) from the Government.

Please bring your card/new card to the school office as soon as possible and see Mrs Mandy Huang. Mrs Huang will then process your application for this fund.

Mrs Sue Smart

**Business Manager**

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## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

On Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, 2021 Holy Eucharist Primary School participated in the District Cross Country meet. 17 students represented Holy Eucharist from grade 4-5-6. Students competed in their age groups, running 2 to 3 kilometers depending on their age. Most of the Holy Eucharist students finished the race and were in the top 20. All the students showed great enthusiasm, sportsmanship and confidence at the Cross Country meet.

Congratulations to Cecilia Koesai 4JK, for finishing Third in Under 10 girls. In the last 500 meters she pushed herself to catch up to two runners and capture third place. Cecilia moves onto the Divisional Cross Country Meet which will happen in June.

Mr. Heribert Herrera

**Physical Education Teacher**

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## GENERAL NEWS

### MATHS TUTORING

#### MATHS TUTORING - 30% DISCOUNT FOR HOLY EUCHARIST STUDENTS

MPiR Tuition is a maths tuition centre located in Cairnlea that offers tutoring to students from Years 3 to 12. Our classes are conducted in small groups with specially designed classwork and homework books. Our weekly 80 minute sessions are run by VIT registered teachers. For more information please visit [www.mpirtuition.com.au](http://www.mpirtuition.com.au) or contact 0481 333 678.

#### ĐẠY KÈM TOÁN - GIẢM 30% HỌC PHÍ CHO SINH VIÊN TẠI TRƯỜNG HOLY EUCHARIST

MPiR Tuition là một trung tâm dạy kèm tại Cairnlea cung cấp dịch vụ dạy kèm toán cho học sinh từ Lớp 3 đến Lớp 12. Các lớp học được tiến hành theo nhóm nhỏ với các bài tập soạn riêng cho mỗi học sinh. Các buổi học được dạy bởi giáo viên có bằng cấp. Để biết thêm chi tiết, vui lòng truy cập [www.mpirtuition.com.au](http://www.mpirtuition.com.au) hoặc liên lạc 0481 333 678.



**Catholic Regional College Sydenham**

**2021**

**FAMILY TOURS WITH THE PRINCIPAL**

A tour of the College will provide a view of the incredible facilities we have on offer for every student every pathway.

For tour bookings  
<https://crccs.vic.edu.au/join-our-community/book-a-tour/>

**9:30am on the following dates:** Monday 10 May • Tuesday 18 May • Tuesday 27 July • Monday 13 September

*Every Student  
Every Pathway*

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> The Ascension of the Lord

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Family Night- First Communion

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> **Round 5 Interschool Sports**  
Last day to complete (ECSI) Survey

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Pentecost Sunday

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Grade 5 Excursion to the MCG / Gr.6 Confirmation Reflection Day

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Family Confirmation Night

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> National Sorry Day

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> **Biggest Morning Tea 10:30-12pm**

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> **Round 6 Interschool Sports-BYE**

Grade 2 Excursion to IMAX & Melbourne Museum

Grade 4 Excursion to Werribee Zoo

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### 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)