Newsletter 10 – 25th *June* 2021



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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 Gatt, Jo Dragovic, Angela Lopez-Dee & Elise Ring. Grade 2: Julie Murnane, Jessica Kerlin, & Thy Tran. Grade 3: Thilini Nanayakkara, Stephani Ognenovski, Carla Lolicato & **Dion Xuereb** 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 Cablao & 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 & Vivian Faraj 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, Anita Bison Library: Jenny Bistricki

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ND YOU, MY CHILD, SHALL BE CALLED the Prophet of the Most High FOR YOU WILL GO BEFORE THE LORD TO PREPARE HIS WAY.

Gospel for the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. John is his name.

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel. The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Principal's Message:

Dear Families and Friends,

As Term 2 draws to a close, I would like to thank all the parents/carers, staff and students for their patience during the past few weeks. It has been great to see the students and families entering the gates after the recent restrictions. It is also pleasing to see that the children have settled back into school routine. Since returning to school the teachers in Grades Prep to Grade 6 have dedicated lots of time to focus on student wellbeing. We need to remember that our students can only do their best learning when they feel happy, safe, connected and optimistic.

Now that parents/carers are able to enter the school buildings, they will need to login to the Victorian Government website using the QR Codes which have been placed on the windows outside each classroom and in the Administration Building. It is also mandatory for all staff in schools and staff in various other Victorian workplaces to register their attendance by using the QR Code. This service by the government assists contact tracers to contain a COVID-19 outbreak. I urge all parents/carers to use these QR Codes when visiting classrooms (i.e., Parent/Teacher Interviews) or when entering the school office.

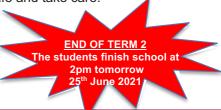
Term 3 already appears to be a very busy. On the first week back, we have our Parent/Teacher Interviews. On the second week back we have the Grade 5s going to Camp Doxa whilst the Prep, 1s and 2s take part in the swimming program. The Grade 3s, 4s, 5s and 6s will have their swimming in Week 3. Let's hope and pray that all these activities planned will be able to go ahead uninterrupted.

Please remember that the students finish school tomorrow (Friday 25th June at 2pm).

I hope you all have a restful school break. Please stay safe and take care.

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GOOD NEWS!

Brimbank City Council have listened to our request to replace the existing 'No Parking 8:00am to 9:15am on School Days' to 'One Hour Parking'. The proposed changes are for the east side of Chedgey Drive, in the area between Elm Street and Oleander Drive (opposite the school oval).



Residents in the area should receive a letter in the mail this week.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Recently the Department of Health (DH) conducted a COVID safe audit at our school. I am pleased to say that that the school did extremely well. The auditor from the department examined our Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), signage, hand santisers in rooms and accessibility, density limits, entry/exit points to the school and ventilation.

Since last year, we have had hand santiser accessible in all classrooms. Students and staff are required to sanitise their hands when entering a room and upon leaving the classroom. All rooms are disinfected with spray twice daily and electronic devices are wiped down with antibacterial wipes. Teaching staff have been provided with disinfectant spray bottles and rolls of paper which are to be used to clean and santise workspaces.

POTENTIAL TRANSMISSION LOCATIONS

The Government has listed sites identified as potential transmission locations. Any staff or student who have been at one of the sites at the identified times must follow COVID testing procedures. Any person who has any symptoms of cold or flu must not attend school. Stay home, get tested and if the test result is negative then returning to school is possible.

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.

QR CODES

The use of Service Victoria QR codes for electronic record keeping is mandatory for all schools to enable the effective contact tracing of any COVID-19 cases. The public health intent of including schools in the QR code check-in system for workplaces is to capture those visitors accessing school buildings or indoor facilities, but not those entering the school grounds for reasons such as school pick-up. QR codes will be required to be used by:

- all visitors, including contractors, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) and other external staff, and building and maintenance staff
 - all parents who enter buildings when on the school site.

QR code check-ins will not be required for staff or students, or parents who come onto school grounds for drop-off or pick-up, but do not enter buildings.

Schools can permit parents to enter buildings on site for student pick-up and drop-off, provided that parents/carers use the QR codes provided. They can be found:

> On the window next to the door of each classroom

- > On all site entry and exit points
 - On all building entrances.

Our school already has in place a signing-in and signing-out process. We will continue to use this process to record all visitor attendance onsite.

We must all play our part in limiting the spread of COVID-19 in the community now that it has returned. If we work together and follow all of the safety precautions we can once again manage the Coronavirus.

REPORTS AND ASSESSMENT PORFOLIOS

The Semester 1 Reports went home last Friday. Unfortunately, we were unable to have Assessment Portfolios ready in time because of the recent lockdown. Therefore, the Assessment Portfolios will now be sent home on Monday 12th July (First day back in Term 3). The Assessment Portfolios will contain the work samples collected in Term 2 as well as the Term 3 Outline. Please remember to look at these carefully and to bring them along with you to the Parent/Teacher Interviews.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

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A big thank you to all the families who returned their Parent/Teacher Interview slips. By now everyone should have been given an appointment time. We regard Parent/Teacher Interviews and Assessment and Reporting as a vital part of our school program.

Parent/Teacher Interviews are a great opportunity to communicate with your child's teacher about your child's progress. However, they are also a great way to discuss any concerns or questions you may have regarding your child. It is important that you take the time to think about the things you would like to discuss with your child's teacher, to ensure you make the most of your allocated time.



The Parent/Teacher Interviews will be approximately 15 minutes in length – just enough time for you and your child's teacher to meet and communicate. Please remember to be on time as we are unable to accommodate changes on the day. Specialist and intervention teachers will also be available should you wish to discuss your child's progress.

Please remember that the Parent/Teacher Interviews will now take place in Term 3 on Thursday 15th July 2021. The students will be finishing school at 12pm on this day.

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.

Unfortunately, due to the restrictions we have had to postpone interviewing our new enrolment applicants. Hopefully we will be able to conduct the interviews in the coming weeks.



VIRTUAL TOUR OF HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL

Unfortunately, due to the new restrictions we are unable to have small group tours for families to see our amazing school. However, 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 <u>principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au</u>

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Please note that school resumes for Term 3 on Monday 12th July 2021
- Assessment Portfolios will go home on Monday 12th July 2021
- Parent/Teacher Interviews are on <u>Thursday 15th July 2021</u>. Students will finish school at 12pm on this day. After school care will be available.
- Grade 5 are going on Camp to Doxa on the 19th July until 21st July 2021
- Swimming Week for Grade Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 from the 19th July until 23rd July 2021

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ADMINISTRATION NEWS - CAMP, SPORT, EXCURSION FUND – 2ND ROUND APPLICATIONS FOR TERM 2

Dear Parents

A third eligibility date, 12th July, means that if you have a card dated up until the 12th July you may be eligible for CSEF. If you have a <u>new</u> Health Care/Pension Card dated up to 12th July, bring your card/new card to the school office as soon as possible and see Mrs Mandy Huong. Mrs Huong will then process your application for this fund.

Mrs Sue Smart Business Manager suzanne.smart@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

NEWS FROM OUR LITERACY LEADER

End of term reflection

As this term comes to an end I encourage all students to reflect on their learning journey so far this year. With Reports having gone home last Friday this is a great opportunity for each student to consider setting a goal or two based on the suggestions made by their teacher. If you haven't done so already please take a few minutes to read the Mid Year Report with your child/children, discuss with them and allow them to share their thoughts on how they feel about the comments and progression points allocated. Students have six months of learning left this year. This is a significant amount of time to work on any areas of learning that need improvement.

Reading and writing during the holidays

The school holidays are a great time to relax and have fun. However, it can also be enough time for children to forget some of the important skills they have learnt during the term. To avoid this, children can read and write for their own enjoyment. The holidays could provide an opportunity for your family to visit the

local library and borrow books to read at home. Another fun activity could be for children to write a letter to their friends and extended family members, put it into an envelope and then walk down to a red street-posting box. Reading and writing helps keep children thinking.

Premiers Reading Challenge

Please stay tuned. More information will come to you soon.

Looking forward to seeing everyone fresh and rested ready to begin learning again in Term 3. Wishing you all a relaxing and restful break from the school routine.

Mrs Bernadette Parnis Learning and Teaching/Literacy Leader bernadette.parnis@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au







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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you are aware the **Junior Swimming Program** will begin on **Monday 19th July** for Grades Prep, One and Two. The **Middle and Senior Swimming Program** will begin on **Monday 26th July** for Grades Three, Four, Five and Six. Their swimming lesson will take place at **Sunshine Leisure Centre**, at the same time each day throughout the one-week program. Please refer to the timetable below to see when your child will have their swimming lesson.

Please be aware that *Primary School Swimming Programs* are now mandated by the Victorian Government as a *Health and Physical Education* requirement. Therefore, participation in the full swimming program is strongly advised. Your child's safety is our number one priority at all times and the swimming program is designed to give your child lifelong skills to help them stay safe in the water.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Swimming Program please see Mr. Herrera, Mrs Conte and Mr Bonnici.

Many thanks,

Mr Harry Herrera Physical Education Teacher

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Junior Swimming Program Timetable 2021 Term 3 Monday the 19th of July to Friday the 23rd July 2021

| Swimming Session | Grades | Bus departure time | Swimming session times | Students return to school time | Grade/Teacher | | |
|---|---------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Session 1 | PMJ/PSD | 9:10 | 9:30 - 10:15 | 10:40 | P-James P- Shalini | | |
| Session 2 | PMB/PBG | 9:55 | 10:15 - 11:00 | 11:25 | P- Mikaela P- Gomez | | |
| Session 3 | 1JD/1TG | 10:40 | 11:00 - 11:45 | 12:10 | 1- Dragovic, 1- Gatt | | |
| Session 4 | 1AL/1ER | 11:25 | 11:45 - 12:30 | 12:55 | 1- Lopez, 1- Ring | | |
| SWIMMING INSTRUCTORS BREAK (12:30-1:00pm) | | | | | | | |
| Session 5 | 2JM/2TT | 12:35 | 1:00 - 1:45 | 2:05 | 2- Murnane, 2 - Tran | | |
| Session 6 | 2JK | 1:25 | 1:45 - 2:30 | 3:00 | 2 - Kerlin | | |

Middle & Senior Swimming Program Timetable 2021 Term 3

6JC Will split between Session 5 and 6.

| Swimming Session | Grades | Bus departure time | Swimming session times | Students return to school time | Teachers | | |
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| Session 1 | 3DX/3SO | 9:10 | 9:30 - 10:15 | 10:40 | 3Lolicato 3-Xuereb | | |
| Session 2 | 3CL/3TN | 9:55 | 10:15 - 11:00 | 11:25 | 3- Ognanovski, 3-Thilini | | |
| Session 3 | 4BB/4JK | 10:40 | 11:00 - 11:45 | 12:10 | 4- Khong, 4. Borowik/Barnes | | |
| Session 4 | 4KB/5BP | 11:25 | 11:45 - 12:30 | 12:55 | 4-Barrie 5-Pellaschiar | | |
| SWIMMING INSTRUCTORS BREAK (12:30-1:00pm) | | | | | | | |
| Session 5 | 5CS/5AN/ 6JC | 12:35 | 1:00 - 1:45 | 2:05 | 5-Shaw/ Christie, 5-Nicholl 6-Cablao (10 students only – students will be advised) | | |
| Session 6 | 6HK/6WA/ 6JC | 1:25 | 1:45 - 2:30 | 3:00 | 6-Antonowicz, 6- Kennedy 6-Cablao (7 students only – students will be advised) | | |



Parent/Teacher Interviews are on Thursday 15th July, 2021. Students finish at 12.00pm on this 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>