



Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

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Fr. Vincent Long Pham CSsR

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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, Stephani Ognenovski, Carla Lolicato & Dion Xuereb

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

Grade 5: Bruno Pellaschiar, Adam Nicholl, Vanessa Shaw/Tamara Patel.

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 and Community Engagement

/Wellbeing: Clare Christie

School Counsellor: Edward Faraci

Digital Technology/ICT: Vivian Faraj

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, Anita Bison

Library: Jenny Bistricki

Business Manager: Sue Smart

Administration Staff: Connie La Macchia, Mandy Huong

Community Hub Leader: Adella Howard

Cleaner: June Balatbat & Maria Attard

Maintenance: Barry Lynch

YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.



DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021
catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph

Father's Day: Faith Reflection for Sunday 5th September 2021

Many Australians observe Father's Day on the first Sunday of September. It is a day for people to show their appreciation for fathers and father figures. Father figures may include stepfathers, fathers-in-law, grandfathers, guardians (e.g. foster parents), uncles and family friends.

This is also a fitting time to remember that this is the 'Year of Saint Joseph'.

In the Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," December 8, 2020- December 8, 2021.

To all father figures in our community, including our priests, Holy Eucharist School sends you our warmest blessings.

Dear Families and Friends,

As we begin Week 9 of Term 3 and the fifth week of lockdown, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work that our parents, guardians, grandparents and staff are doing, ensuring that the students from our school are learning safely at home. Please remember that the staff at Holy Eucharist are here to help, when and where we can.

It has been difficult for many of us to understand and make sense of the world at this time, let alone our children who are trying to comprehend what is happening. It is so important that we stay strong, resilient and hopeful during this lockdown. I implore everyone to stay home and to stay safe. If we can all work together to do this, our community will be safer, and our students will be able to return onsite soon.

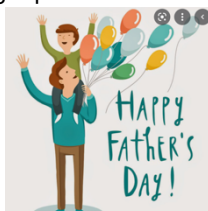
During this time of the year, we usually celebrate Father's Day with our annual Father's Day breakfast. Unfortunately, we are unable to celebrate together again, due to the current lockdown. To all the fathers, grandfathers, uncles and priests in our parish, I would like to wish you a Happy Father's Day and I hope that you have a great day on Sunday with those around you.

Finally, if you have a child who attends kinder this year and will be going to school in 2022, you will need to enrol them at the office as soon as possible. Next year we will again have four Prep classes and they are almost at full capacity. If you know of family friends who are also seeking a placement for their child, could you please let them know to contact the school office on 8312 0900.

Please stay safe and God Bless,

Mr. Michael Bonnici
Principal

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NAPLAN REPORTS

The Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN reports arrived at school on Tuesday. However, we have decided that we will hold onto these until the student return onsite. Despite all the lockdowns and remote learning last year and earlier this year, the data demonstrates that most of our students have made significant growth in the areas of Reading, Writing and Numeracy. I would like to congratulate our students and our dedicated teachers and staff for their perseverance and hard work.

Please remember that many secondary schools are now requesting a copy of the student's Year 5 NAPLAN report as well as students' Mid/End of Year report when enrolling for Year 7. It's important that parents, caregivers and students look after these reports as schools can only print a summary of the NAPLAN data (and not the full report).

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.

REMOTE LEARNING PACKS:

The teaching staff will provide work for your child online via Google Classroom and Class Dojo during remote learning. Each week during remote learning, the teachers will also put together a remote learning pack for those students who cannot access the work online. These remote learning packs will be placed in tubs under the marquee outside the school office usually on Fridays after 12pm.

Please remember, before entering the Administration gate, to ensure that you are wearing a facemask and that you sanitise your hands before picking up the packs from the tubs.

Don't forget, you can also access the remote learning packs online via the school website and on Class Dojo. During remote learning your child can also do the following:

- Practise their reading,
- Work on a piece of writing,
- Draw about an experience and write about it
- Exercise outdoors and play family games.



REMOTE LEARNING - JUNIORS

During the week, I had the opportunity to visit many junior classes whilst they were online. It was wonderful to see the students' faces. I have to say that I was very impressed with the Preps, Year 1s and Year 2s who were navigating on their own (with parent supervision) whilst on Zoom.

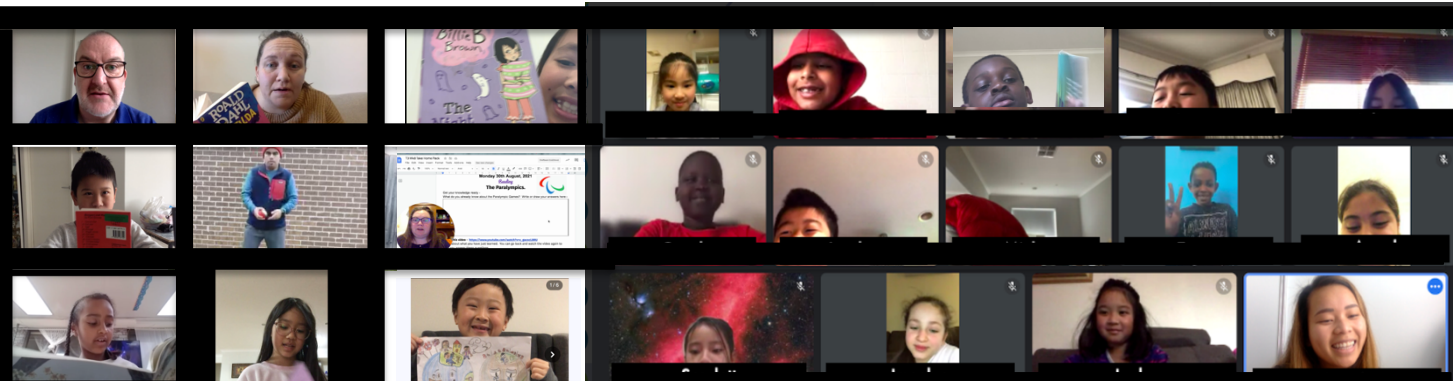
Many of the Prep and Year 1 students participated in Show and Tell. They also observed the teachers doing lots of cooking activities. The Prep teachers made Chocolate Balls as well as Fairy Bread! When I attended the Year 1 Zoom session, the students were dressed in their favourite book character. It was also wonderful to hear the Year 2 students reading their favourite book on Class Dojo.



GRADE PREP



GRADE ONE



GRADE TWO

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

At the beginning of the year, we had two school closure days for the staff to take part in Professional Learning. This was scheduled for 9th and 10th September; however, this has now been postponed due to the lockdown. Therefore, the school and remote learning will be operating as per normal on the Thursday 9th and Friday 10th September.

At this stage the two closure days have been moved to **Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd October**. Again, this will depend on the restrictions at the time.

MACS POLICIES

In 2021, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) became the new governor and operator of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. MACS is now responsible for developing and formulating policies that ensure schools are aligned with the vision, mission and strategic direction of Catholic education. Policies that apply to all MACS-governed schools such as Holy Eucharist, are now updated and are available on our school website. Visit <https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/new-he-school-macs-policies/>

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A School Advisory Council "is a living expression of the principle of subsidiarity in action and is informed by the theology and vision articulated in the Statement of Mission and Working Together in Mission charter. In this light, School Advisory Councils play such a crucial role in the governance framework of MACS that, by the end of 2021, every MACS school in the Archdiocese will need to have a functioning council.

The Parish Priest and school Principal hold distinctive roles of leadership in their parish and school communities, and therefore it is essential that they work collaboratively to ensure that the relationship between parish and school is central to providing the religious leadership necessary for the success of the mission (Working Together in Mission, p. 1).

At the request of the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS) board, our governing body, Holy Eucharist School is establishing a School Advisory Council to support the Principal, Parish Priest and Leadership Team of the school. No particular expertise is required except a desire to represent and give voice to the parent body in advising the principal about important matters particularly related to the school's ongoing desire to provide the best possible education for our children.

Therefore, we are calling on you to express your interest in being part of the School Advisory Council. If you are a member of the parish and/or have children in the school and wish to be part of this exciting development in our school, we welcome your application in writing to Mr Michael Bonnici (Principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au) by Friday 10th September 2021 (**Date has been revised**).



MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS (MACSSIS)

Throughout each year, we pause to listen to our students, families and staff to gauge how our learning community is travelling. This feedback is invaluable to our progress as effective school communities and is backed by evidence-based research and best practices.

A significant and formal way in which we engage and gather data is through MACSSIS, the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys. One of the main goals of the MACSSIS survey is to identify the strengths and areas for improvement within our school. We believe it is important that you have a voice in order to contribute to shaping the ongoing improvement of Holy Eucharist School.

Due to the significant interruptions posed to schools by the current COVID lockdown, and after careful consideration of several factors including extensive feedback from school communities, MACSSIS will be postponed to the period from Thursday 7 October to Thursday 28 October 2021. The survey will be available in English and in various other languages and dialects. All participation is invited, welcomed and 100% voluntary. The surveys are not a test; they are an inclusive way to inform the work we are already doing to improve our school. Everyone has the right to refuse to participate, or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey. Please notify the school if your child (Years 4-6) does not wish to participate. If you would like more information, please free to contact Michael or Anne-Marie at the office.

SCHOOL WEBSITE – UPDATED

We have recently updated our school website and have added some new features to make navigating much easier. Some of the new features include:

- ❖ Translations in 18 different languages
- ❖ An 'Enrol' tab which now has all the current Holy Eucharist School/MACS enrolment forms
- ❖ A new drop-down menu to assist in locating all the new policies mandated by MACS

New HE/MACS Policies



Select language

New Enrolment Forms

NEW HE School/MACS Policies



New drop-down menu to locate policies

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.

If you have a child attending kindergarten this year and will be attending school next year, it is important that you enrol your child now to avoid missing out on a placement as we are running out of room.

We are currently interviewing all our new families and preparing for next year.

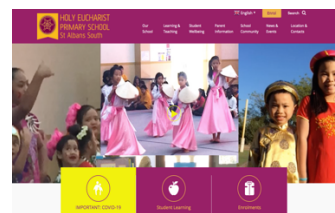
VIRTUAL TOUR OF HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL

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

principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au



SUNDAY MASS

Holy Eucharist Parish will continue to live stream Sunday Mass via Facebook. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/HolyEuchristChurch>

Mass times are as follows:

- 10.30am in English
- 12pm in Vietnamese

St Patrick's Cathedral will continue to broadcast Mass via online streaming on:

- Monday – Friday 1.00pm.
- Saturday – 8.00am.
- Sunday – 11.00am
- Sunday Mass (live) also on C31 (digital channel 44)

Please visit <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Fr Rob Galea also celebrates Mass via live streaming each Sunday morning at 10am. Please visit <https://www.frgministry.com/churchonline>



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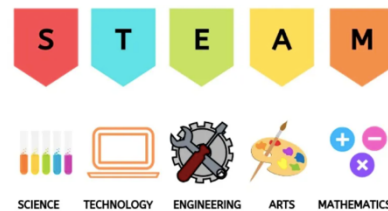
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HOLY EUCHARIST - LONGEST PAPER PLATE COMPETITION

How long can you make one paper plate by cutting it in some way?

Thank you to everyone who had a go at making the longest paper plate. You are all winners!

Every person who submitted an entry will receive a participation certificate for their great work. I will give these out once we are all back at school.



This activity involved problem solving, planning, designing and evaluating. It was inspiring to see the great responses and the creativity that was used by many. I think people realised that to make the longest plate, you needed to get the largest plate size you can and to cut it as thin as possible. Based on the entries that told me their measurements and showed me (by photo or video) their plate, here are the longest 10 plates made at Holy Eucharist:

Grades 2 - 6	Preps and Ones
Francis (4KB) – 1130cm	Evie (1AL) – 480cm
Mya (4BB) - 927cm	Olivia (1JD) – 414cm
Eliakim (4KB) – 907cm	Vanya (1AL) – 365cm
Bao-Vy (3TN) - 715cm	Charlotte (1JD) – 328cm
Henry (4JK) – 600cm	Isaac (1TG) - 290cm
Cecilia (4JK) – 580cm	Devika (1AL) – 227cm
Katherine (6HK) - 454cm	Simon (1AL) – 200cm
Harkeerat (4JK) – 426cm	Benjamin (Prep J) – 188cm
Isabel (4JK) – 400cm	Rebal (Prep J) – 150cm
Johnny (3SO) – 398cm	Milena (1ER) – 130cm



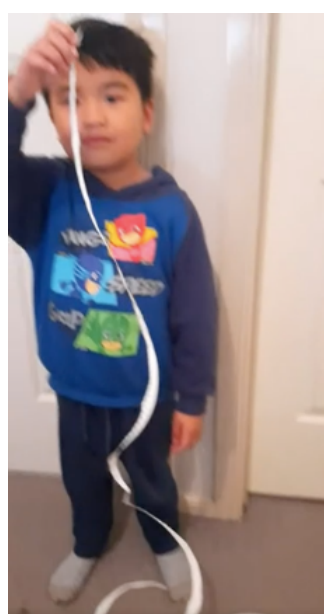
The hard work from the year 4s that attended onsite. I was told they had a great time doing this.



188cm



715cm



480cm

Ms Vivian Faraj
Digital Technology/ICT
vivian.faraj@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

Great Job Everyone! – Ms Faraj

**KEEPING CHILDREN
SAFE AND WELL
IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS**

**Together we can
help every child thrive**

We can all...

...speak up if we see something that is not safe for children

...talk respectfully with children and value and act on their ideas

...help children thrive by supporting families

...create places where children feel safe to live, play and learn

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

6th-12th September 2020

NAPCAN PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT
www.napcan.org.au

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