



Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

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Ms. Anne-Marie Conte

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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 Ogenovski, 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): Miyi Sun

EAL/New Arrival: Irene Jurista

EAL: Gabrielle Bright

Education Support: Joe Sirianni, Anita Bison

Library: Jenny Bistricki

Business Manager: Sue Smart

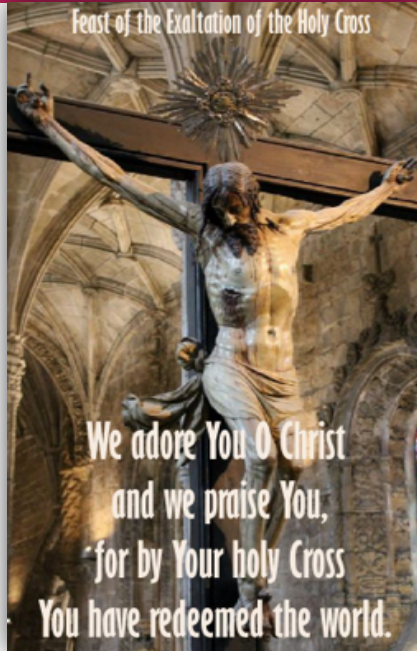
Administration Staff: Connie La Macchia,

Mandy Huang

Community Hub Leader: Adella Howard

Cleaner: June Balatbat & Maria Attard

Maintenance: Barry Lynch



Events in this Week's Catholic Liturgical Calendar:

The Exaltation of The Holy Cross (14/9)

(Pictures courtesy of anastpaul.com)

Our Lady of Sorrows (15/9)

St Cornelius & Cyprian (16/9)

Thanksgiving - End of Term Three

God of wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school term.

We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school term, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us,

and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace.

We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

(Adapted from Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers Revised Edition USCCB)

Dear Families and Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, carers, staff and students for their patience and resilience during this very unusual time. COVID-19 has continued to provide many challenges and has disrupted almost every part our lives, including the education of our children. However, as a school we have accomplished lots of amazing things together.

At this stage, we have not received any further information as to what Term 4 will look like for our school community. We anticipate that in the coming days that we will have a clearer direction so that everyone can prepare for what is ahead. There is no doubt, that all our students are missing their social connections and all the exciting learning experiences they usually have at school. As soon as we are provided with any information in regards to students returning to school, we will communicate this to all families via ClassDojo and on the School Website. I urge you to please keep checking these platforms regularly for any updates. Also, if you have not been vaccinated, I encourage you to seek medical advice and then make an informed decision about whether or not to be vaccinated. The constant message we are hearing from our leaders through the media is the need for us to get vaccinated. Only then will lockdowns and restrictions start to ease.

We have many exciting events organised for Term 4 and we are once again hopeful these scheduled events can take place. However, we need to be realistic about what can be achieved and what is permissible, as we must abide by the directives given by the Health Department and Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS). Again, I thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding as we journey through this together.

Last Friday was R U OK? Day. This national day of action is there to remind us to check-in with those around us by asking, "Are you OK?" With many of us being encouraged to physically distance and in lockdown, it has never been more crucial to check in on friends and family especially at this time. I encourage you all to call someone this weekend just to check-in to see if they are ok. It's not always easy to keep the conversation going when someone says they are not OK, but it could change a life.

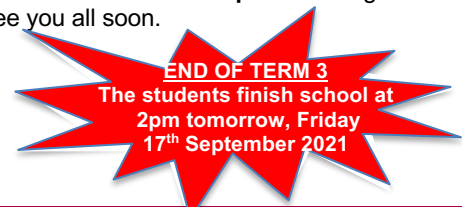
Finally, **tomorrow (Friday 17th September) is the last day of Term 3.** Students who are onsite as well as those students who are taking part in remote learning will **finish school at 2pm.** Wishing all our students, families and staff a restful holiday and we hope to see you all soon.

Please stay safe and God Bless,

Mr. Michael Bonnici

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TELEPHONE UPGRADE

The phones in the Administration Building have recently been upgraded. This new phone system will ensure that all calls are directed to appropriately in order to minimise waiting time and to free the phone lines for incoming calls. When visitors call they will be provided with the following options:

- To report a student as being absent, please press 1
- To speak to someone in the office, please hold....



Please note, that there may be times when our staff are unable able to respond to telephone calls, Class Dojo messages or emails immediately. The school accepts **that a response within 2 working days is acceptable**. Our Parent Code of Conduct Policy stipulates that responses **will not be made outside of working hours or during school holidays, with the exception of an emergency**.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING COVID TESTS

This is an important message for students who are attending onsite learning and for all families once onsite learning begins. Please be reminded that if you are currently waiting for COVID test results, your child/ren CANNOT attend onsite learning until the results come back negative. This is to prevent our school from having to close down in the event that a result returns positive. Thank you for your co-operation and for abiding by the current COVID guidelines.

IS YOUR CHILD UNWELL?

Please remember, if your child is attending school during remote learning, it is vital that **they do not come to school** if they have any symptoms like sore throat, temperature, tiredness, loss of taste or smell, tummy pains or shortness of breath. They will be sent home if they show any of these symptoms. **It is important that your emergency contact is available if, for any reason you are unable to pick up your child if 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.

FACEMASKS

It has been recommended by the Victorian Chief Health Officer that children under 12 years of age and students at primary school wear facemasks when at school, or when attending an OHSC program. For communication purposes, teachers and education support staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching, but it is recommended that face masks be worn while teaching wherever practicable. A facemask must cover the nose and mouth. Face shields, scarves or bandanas do not meet these requirements.

POTENTIAL TRANSMISSION LOCATIONS

The Government continues to list various sites which have been 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.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Holy Eucharist School is establishing a School Advisory Council to support the Principal, Parish Priest and Leadership Team of the school. I would like to thank the members of our school and parish community who have accepted the invitation to be part of the Holy Eucharist School Advisory Council. At this stage, the School Advisory Council consists of the following members:

- Charlie Dong (**Parent Representative**)
- Jane Koesasi (**Parent Representative**)
- Yvette Markakis (**Parent Representative**)
- Phuong Vo (**Parent Representative**)
- Anne-Marie Conte (**Staff Representative**)
- TBA (**Parish Representative**)
- Fr Vincent Pham (**Custodian of Mission**)
- Michael Bonnici (**Principal**)



The Council will meet each term and will be an invaluable asset to our community. The School Advisory Council plays an important role in supporting the work of the Principal by:

- Articulating and enacting the school's Vision and Mission
- Promoting the school's Catholic ethos and culture
- Promoting faith formation and development
- Implementing school policies as required
- Giving advice to the Principal on issues such as enrolments, school improvement plans and enrolment trends
- Engaging in discussion with the principal about the annual school budget and other financial matters
- Giving advice to the Principal about the school Master Plan
- Capital resource planning and maintenance support to the principal

I look forward to our first meeting with our School Advisory Council early in Term 4.

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.



MACSSIS

Imagine if, in about 20 minutes,
you could help improve your
child's school.



SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

At the beginning of the year, we had allocated two school closure days in September for the staff to take part in Professional Learning. However, this has now been postponed due to the lockdown.

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.

NAPLAN REPORTS

The Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN reports arrived at school at the end of August. We have decided that we will hold onto to these until the student return onsite to ensure that they do not get lost in the mail. 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).

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

The screenshot shows the school website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Our School', 'Learning & Teaching', 'Student Wellbeing', 'Parent Information', 'School Community', 'News & Events', and 'Contact Us'. Below this is a large banner with the school logo and the motto 'EDUCATE • EMPLOYMENT • ENGAGE'. On the right side, there is a dropdown menu titled 'NEW HE School/MACS Policies' with options for 'Care Safety and Welfare of Students', 'Child Safety', 'Complaints Handling', 'Curriculum', 'Employment', 'Enrolment', and 'Infrastructure'. Below the banner, there are three buttons: 'New HE/MACS Policies', 'Select language', and 'New Enrolment Forms'. A fourth button, 'New drop-down menu to locate policies', is shown below the dropdown menu.

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.

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.

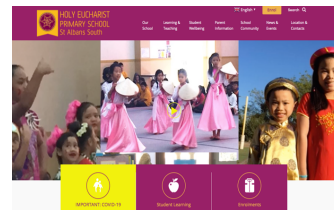
We are currently interviewing all our new families and preparing for next year.

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 <http://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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – SACRAMENT UPDATE

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation for Year 6, 2020 and Year 6, 2021 candidates is currently scheduled for the afternoon of **Saturday, 6th November 2021** and will only take place, subject to Government restrictions. More information will be provided to families soon. An **on-line Information Session/Reflection evening** will be held on **Tuesday, 12th October at 7.00pm** and Parents/Guardians, Confirmation candidates and Confirmation Sponsors are strongly encouraged to attend the Information session.



The Blessed Sacrament of First Holy Communion

As soon as we are aware of when on-campus learning will resume for Years 4 and 5 students, we will communicate arrangements for candidates to make the Blessed Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Thank you to our families for your patience and understanding in the interests of the safety of our community.



Mrs Vanessa Shaw

Religious Education Leader/Year 5 Teacher

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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

LEARNING AND TEACHING/LITERACY NEWS

Thank you for your amazing work during this challenging time of Remote Learning. It certainly is a tricky balance. Thankfully together we are getting the job done! At Holy Eucharist we truly value the partnership we share with our families.

In order to support the development of literacy, more specifically reading, students at Holy Eucharist have access to a number of digital reading platforms available for use 24/7 easily accessible from the comfort of home. We have a number of active subscriptions for the students to choose from.

PM eCOLLECTION?

Pm eCollection is a digital reading platform that provides teachers and students with access to levelled books. There are over 400 titles available for use on any device. The books range from levels 1–30 and are designed specifically for guided and independent reading. This platform is being used in place of Take Home readers for Prep, Year 1 and a small group of Year 2 students. Students have been given their own unique username and password, which provides them with 24/7 access from any location providing internet connection is available.

Teachers are able to monitor students' reading activity and progress.

Students will only have access to the titles in the levels that have been selected for them by their teacher.

<https://app.pmeollection.com.au/login>

UPDATE - Last week I proudly reported on Class Dojo that students in Year 1 had read 598 books! As of Wednesday morning Year 1 students are still leading the way - 666 books have been read! Congratulations Year 1. Preps please get reading. So far 172 books have been read.

SUNSHINE ONLINE

As you are aware we have a subscription with Sunshine Online, levelled books as well as other sections that work on alphabet, spelling etc. All students in Prep, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 have individual logins in addition to using the school login details:

<https://www.sunshineonline.com.au/>

username heps3021 password heps3021

STORYBOX

Storybox is another digital platform that we have purchased. This subscription provides children with the opportunity to listen to the best stories being read aloud by storytellers. <https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/>

Our login details are: username – heps3021 password - heps3021.

COLLINS CONNECT

Collins Connect is one of our newest digital reading platforms. It offers over 1000 levelled ebooks and is easy to access and perfect for children to practise reading books at the right level at home.

Holy Eucharist school has one generic login for all years to make it as easy as possible. Once the school's name has been typed in, the next page requires you to enter the first letter of the last name - **enter A**, for date of birth - **enter 1**, for month - **select January**, and year group - **enter 1**. Next, select the Big Cat icon to see all the books that are available. Then enjoy reading :-)

<https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/defaultlogin.aspx>

ENGAGE ONLINE

Engage Online is another newly purchased reading platform. This interactive eBook package contains 136 Engage Literacy ebooks to match the levelled readers with audio. The books support your emergent, early and fluent readers with these interactive eBooks, levels 1-25. They are available 24/7 through any Internet connection, accessible at school and at home. And there is no limit to the number of students accessing 1 book at any time, so a whole class can read the same book at the same time. Please visit

www.mycapstonelibrary.com

Our login details are - Student Username: Holyeucharist3021 Student Password: pupil

If you would like any further information about any of these subscriptions please do not hesitate to contact me, or your child's teacher.

Wishing you all a restful and relaxing break.

Mrs Bernadette Parnis

Learning and Teaching/Literacy Leader

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FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING



Your time,
your words,
your presence



DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR HOOD



EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF



TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED



REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY

INTRODUCE THESE SIMPLE STRATEGIES INTO YOUR LIFE AND YOU WILL FEEL THE BENEFITS.