



## Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

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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 Cablaa

& 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

Nov 1 -  
All Saints' Day

Nov 2 -  
All Souls' Day

Let us not forget  
to remember and  
pray for our  
dearly departed  
loved ones



*Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.*

*Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.' The Gospel of the Lord...*

### GOSPEL (Mt 5:1-12)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*  
*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:*  
*'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*  
*Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.*  
*Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.*  
*Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.*  
*Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.*  
*Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.*

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been so wonderful to hear that all the students will be returning to school next week. During the transition period to onsite learning, I had the opportunity to observe the students and was amazed at how they settled back so quickly. I was also surprised to see how much the students have grown during lock down! Throughout the lockdown our staff were rostered to supervise students who were onsite. Even though we had a small number onsite, the school wasn't the same, we missed you!

Since our transition back, it has been great to see so many students wearing their facemasks. A few weeks ago, the Chief Health Officer issued instructions to all school principals throughout the State of Victoria regarding the wearing of facemasks for students in Years 3 - 6. Wearing facemasks can be a struggle, even for us as adults. However, the students and parents have been so accommodating and I wish to thank everyone for their efforts.

During our transition to onsite learning, our students and teachers have spent time reconnecting with each other. The teachers have also allocated their time to focus on wellbeing. We need to be reminded that our students can only do their best learning when they feel happy, safe, connected and optimistic.

During the course of remote learning the teachers had dedicated some time to collect data and evidence for assessment and reporting. When the students return to onsite learning, the teachers will continue monitoring student progress in order to gauge where they are at in relation to the curriculum standards.

Last week, Mrs Semcesen, Ms Conte and I visited the Year 6 students and presented them with a graduation wincheater. The logo design on the windcheater says, "Have Courage, Be Kind!" This was taken from the following quote in the movie Cinderella and is very appropriate.... "I want to tell you a secret, a great secret that will see you through all the trials that life can offer. You must always remember this.... Have courage and be kind."

Please stay safe and God Bless,

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**PLEASE REMEMBER**  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – School Closure  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Public Holiday  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – All Students return

## YEAR 6 – WINDCHEATER PRESENTATION



### RETURN TO ONSITE LEARNING:

All students will be returning to school on **Wednesday next week**. Please remember that:

- **Monday 1st November is a School Closure Day** - Staff will use this day for Planning/Report Writing
- **Tuesday 2nd November is a Public Holiday** - Melbourne Cup.
- **Wednesday 3rd November** - All students will return to onsite learning at school.



### DESIGNATED GATES:

Students in Grades Prep, 1 and 2 are school from 8:55am to 3:10pm. Students in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 are school from 8:55am to 3:15pm. Each grade level will continue to use the designated gates to enter/leave the school. The gates are as follows:

- Gate 1 (Next to the hall) – Grade Prep and Grade 3
- Gate 2 (Next to the church) – Grade 1 and Grade 4
- Gate 3 (Admin gate) – Grade 6
- Gate 4 (O'Brien Drive) - Grade 2 and Grade 5

#### Please remember:

- Gates will be open from 8:30am until 9am. (Please remember the 1.5 metre physical distancing rule and masks must be worn)
- At this stage, parents/carers are not permitted on the school grounds.
- All classroom teachers will be in their rooms in the morning at 8:45am.
- The classroom teacher will take the students to the gate at home time and will wait for students to be picked up. The gates will be open from 3:10pm until 3:45pm.
- If you have more than one child at school, you can drop off and pick up your children from a preferred gate, so long as you have one child who belongs to the year level specified at the gate. Please note that the same gate must be used at pick up time to avoid confusion

G A T E 1	<b>GRADE PREP</b> (Oleander Drive - next to the hall) From Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November • Classrooms Open: 8:45am • School Starts: 8:55am • Finishing time: 3:10pm	<b>GRADE 3</b> (Oleander Drive - next to the hall) From Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November • Classrooms Open: 8:45am • School Starts: 8:55am • Finishing time: 3:15pm	
	G A T E 2	<b>GRADE 1</b> (Gate next to the Church) From Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November • Classrooms Open: 8:45am • School Starts: 8:55am • Finishing time: 3:10pm	<b>GRADE 4</b> (Gate next to the Church) From Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November • Classrooms Open: 8:45am • School Starts: 8:55am • Finishing time: 3:15pm
G A T E 3		<b>GRADE 6</b> (Chedoke Dve - Office Gate) From Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November • Classrooms Open: 8:45am • School Starts: 8:55am • Finishing time: 3:15pm	
G A T E 4	<b>GRADE 2</b> (O'Brien Drive - Laneway Gate) From Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November • Classrooms Open: 8:45am • School Starts: 8:55am • Finishing time: 3:10pm	<b>GRADE 5</b> (O'Brien Drive - Laneway Gate) From Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November • Classrooms Open: 8:45am • School Starts: 8:55am • Finishing time: 3:15pm	

### IS YOUR CHILD UNWELL?

Please remember, when your child returns to onsite learning, it is vital that **they do not come to school** if they have any of the following symptoms:

- sore throat,
- temperature,
- tiredness,
- loss of taste or smell,
- tummy pains
- shortness of breath.

If the students show any of the above symptoms they will be sent home immediately.

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.

### 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.

It is also essential that you notify the school immediately if you have been informed by the Department of Health that you, or a family member is COVID-19 Positive. This allows us to ensure that school's COVID Safe plan is followed which will mean that



your child will need to isolate whilst on-site.

In the event that a child needs to isolate, please be reassured that we will do so in a caring, supportive and respectful manner, prior to the child being collected and taken home. Thank you for your co-operation and for abiding by the current COVID guidelines.

### GUIDELINES REGARDING FACEMASKS FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Recently, the Chief Health Officer issued instructions to all school principals throughout the State of Victoria regarding the wearing of face masks by students in primary school settings. The latest Schools Operations Guide (released on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October) stipulates the following:

- School staff must wear face masks while teaching wherever practicable, except where removal of a face mask is necessary for effective communication.
- Students in Year 3 to Year 6 to wear face masks when indoors on school premises, unless an exception applies.
- Recommends that all other children wear face masks when at school, attending an OSHC program, or when travelling to and from school on public transport, taxis or ride share vehicles.



## 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.

## VENTILATION IN SCHOOLS

Schools are required to increase fresh air flow into indoor spaces (including shared spaces, staff areas and thoroughfares) whenever possible and to maximise the use of outdoor learning areas or environments. Schools have been advised of the following:

### **Natural ventilation**

- Keep all windows, doors and vents open as much as possible.
- Keep these openings clear of any obstruction to air flow.
- Door jams should be used to keep doors open.
- Aim to open windows and vents that are higher or towards the ceiling during poor or windy weather.
- The use of mechanical ventilation (such as air conditioning units and heaters) with opened windows, doors and vents is encouraged to maintain a comfortable temperature and increase ventilation.
- Take measures to maintain thermal, noise and other comfort, such as flexible uniform and seating arrangements.

**Please make sure your children bring their jumper or jacket to school – They may feel cold if the windows/doors are open.**

### **Mechanical ventilation**

- Air recirculation should be eliminated or minimised by setting air conditioning units to use external air rather than recycling, where possible.
- Demand-controlled ventilation controls that reduce air supply based on occupancy or temperature should be disabled.
- Air conditioning filters should be maintained according to maintenance plans, checked and cleaned.
- An additional measure schools may consider to further increase the utility of mechanical ventilation, where available and practicable, is to run systems when rooms are unoccupied, and ideally two hours before and after use of a space.

### **Use of fans**

- Fans are only recommended to be used with other natural and mechanical methods in place.
- Ceiling fans should be operated on the winter setting (where possible) and lowest speed.
- Other fans, such as pedestal fans, should not be directed to blow air from one person directly past another and should be set to the lowest speed.

### **Air Purification Devices**

We are currently waiting for Air Purification Devices to arrive at school. The devices will remove potentially infectious particles – like coronavirus – from higher risk areas in schools including staffrooms, sick bays, music rooms and other high-traffic areas. Increased ventilation through the use of open windows and doors will also be used to improve air quality.

## ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING - SEMESTER 2

The Semester 2 report will look a little different to Semester 1. The disruption in Semester 2 has meant that there may have been less curriculum content covered than was initially planned. Despite all of this, the teachers have used a broad evidence-base to make their own balanced assessments of your child's progress. Such evidence includes student-led conversations and teacher observations, Semester 2 assessments, notes and work samples.

Our Semester 2 reports will be in line with government requirements and will provide parents/carers with:

- a description of the areas of the Victorian Curriculum Foundation to Level 10, including Towards Foundation Levels A to D, taught;
- for English and Mathematics:
  - student achievement information represented on a continuum of learning;
  - progress made since the last time these curriculum areas were reported on;
  - a five-point scale.
- for all other curriculum areas taught including English as an Additional Language (EAL) and Religious Education
  - student achievement information represented on a continuum of learning, progress made since the last time the curriculum areas were reported on, and a five-point scale; or
  - a short comment on progress and achievement across the semester.

More information about Assessment and Reporting will be provided in the coming weeks.

## SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the school will be closed on the following days:

- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November (Report Writing Day – No school)**
- **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday)**

## SUNDAY MASS

With the restrictions now eased, 20 people who are fully vaccinated can be in the Church until further notice. Our Parish Church will reopen on Tuesday 26 October 2021.

English Masses:

- Weekday Masses:  
9am from Tuesday to Friday
- Weekend Masses  
Saturday: 6pm  
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to attend by calling 93661310 or visit the parish website for more information.

<https://www.holyeuchariststalbans.org/>

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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## Upcoming Sacraments at Holy Eucharist

We ask the Holy Eucharist community to keep the First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates in your prayers, so that they may continue to grow in faith throughout their lives.

Loving God,  
 Pour out your blessing Upon our beloved children,  
 That during this time of Sacramental preparation  
 They may grow closer to you,  
 And come to know your special love for them.  
 May this time of preparation be a time of blessing  
 For our families and our community,  
 And unite us all in your great love.  
 Amen.



Year 4, 2021 Communion candidates	Wednesday 3rd November 2021, at 9.30am
Year 5, 2021 Communion candidates	Thursday 4th November 2021, at 9.30am
Year 6, 2021 Confirmation candidates	Friday 5th November 2021, at 9.30am

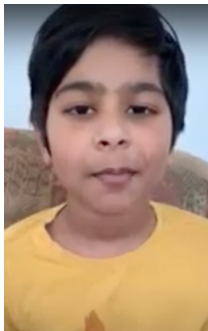
Mrs Vanessa Shaw  
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### eSafety is important at Holy Eucharist

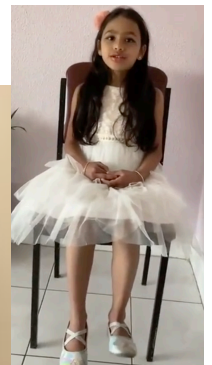
*If you are being bullied and feeling down, tell someone you trust to help you turn it around!  
 Cyberbullying it's just not right.*

In week 2 this term children were encouraged to learn more about being safe online and to engage with a song that can help them remember how to be e-safe. Many children did a great job at singing and I could see they enjoyed this activity. Congratulations and thank you to all the children who handed in their work and who had the courage to enter the competition.

The Holy Eucharist **Bully Song Competition** judges are happy to announce the Term 4 Week 2 - Digital Technology - **eSafety Bully Song Competition** winners.



- Vanya Malhi (1AL)
- Ruby Tran (1ER)
- Lucas Pham (1JD)
- Dion Vella (1TG)
- Athena Tran (2JK)
- Dhanuka Thilakarathna (2TT)
- Mia Huynh (3CL)
- Joey Niupulusu (3DX)
- Can Hing (4BB) and Susan Nuualiitia (4JK)
- Navnoor Gill (4JK)
- Ngoc Bao Vo (4KB)
- Rijuta Shrestha (5PS)



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### SUNSHINE LIONS CLUB – CHRISTMAS CAKES

Sunshine Lions has been supporting the Sunshine community for over 50 years. Each year, Sunshine Lions have donated \$100 to schools in the Sunshine, Albion, Ardeer and St Albans. Thanks to the Lions Club we have been able to award a deserving graduating student at the end of each year.

Once again, we will be assisting the club by taking orders for the Lions Club's Christmas Cakes. Delivery of cakes would be in the mid part of December.

Lion's Christmas Cakes include a 1kg Cake priced at \$13 and 1.5kg Cake at \$17. Please support this worthy cause. **Please contact the office to place your order.**



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 We Serve

### 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)