



Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

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Fr. Vincent Long Pham CSsR

Community Leader:

Fr Peter Ly Trong Danh CSsR

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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,
Stephani Ogneovski, 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 Huang

Community Hub Leader: Adella Howard

Cleaner: June Balatbat & Maria Attard

Maintenance: Barry Lynch

Remembrance Day is also called Armistice Day. The Armistice was when World War 1 ended on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918. Each year on this day Australians observe one minute's silence at 11 am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Loving God,

You sent us your Son to bring your peace to the world.

Help us to work for peace in our homes, our school, our city and our world.

Protect all soldiers who are at war and bring them home safely to their families.

Grant peace and consolation to the family members of soldiers

who are grieving the loss of a loved one due to wars.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Dear Parents and Carers,

This year World Teacher's Day happened to fall during the school holidays. As a result, we celebrated World Teachers day throughout Victoria on Friday 29th October. In 2021, teachers throughout Victoria demonstrated resilience, leadership and adaptability throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The teachers had to be flexible which meant that they had to adapt their learning environment to support all students. We are so lucky at Holy Eucharist to have dedicated, passionate and enthusiastic teachers who work tirelessly to care for your child. The teachers strive to ensure that the students have every opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Last week the students in Year 4, 5 and 6 finally received another Sacrament of Initiation. The Year 4s and the Year 5s received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and the students in Year 6 received the Sacrament of Confirmation. I would like to congratulate our students and ask that you continue to pray for them on their faith journey.

Can you believe that we are in November? November is traditionally the month in which the Church remembers those who have died. On the 11th November of each year, we celebrate Remembrance Day. At 11am on this day, we observed a minute of silence to remember all those who fought and died in the war. Remembrance Day is held on November 11 each year, the same date the war ended and 11am was the time when the fighting stopped.

A couple of weeks ago, just as the restrictions had started to ease, we invited our new Preps for 2022 and their families to take part in a Meet and Greet Drive Through. Miss Christie and Mrs Howard organised showbags and snack packs for our future students and the Prep teachers got to see their new students from a distance. At present we have 75 preps enrolled for next year.

Our Pre-Prep program commenced this week online. Next week, we will slowly begin to have small groups of children attending Pre-Prep onsite. The program has been developed to assist the children with their transition to school. This program also enables the teachers to identify specific learning needs which they cater to, as soon as the students commence Prep. Thank you to all the school staff who have assisted with the program.

Please stay safe and God Bless,

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Students enjoying the new sandpit



Meet and Greet. Drive Through



The new Prep students receive a showbag



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 4s, 5s and 6s

Last week our Year 4s and Year 5s received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and our Year 6s received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Father Vincent with the main celebrant and Fr Lovin was the concelebrant.

I would like to thank the Year 4 teachers (Ms Khong, Ms Barrie, Mrs Borowik and Mrs Barnes), The Year 5 teachers (Mr Pellaschi, Mrs Shaw, Miss Patel and Mr Nicholl) and the Year 6 teachers (Miss Cablao, Mr Antonowicz and Ms Kennedy) for preparing our students on their spiritual journey. Our students made us feel very proud on the day.

A big thank you to Mrs Shaw for organising the Sacraments for our students and for supporting the staff along the way. She did an amazing job despite all the hurdles we encountered this year (and last year) because of the COVID-19 restrictions.

Also, big thank you to all the teachers, to Fr Vincent and Fr Lovin for preparing and supporting our students along their faith journey. Father Vincent was provided with a delegation to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation by the Bishop and the Year 6 classroom teachers had agreed to act as a proxy for Confirmation Sponsors. It wasn't easy, but we finally managed to celebrate the Sacraments.



YEAR 4 – FIRST COMMUNION



YEAR 5 – FIRST COMMUNION



YEAR 6 – CONFIRMATION



DESIGNATED GATES:

Students in Grades Prep, 1 and 2 are at school from 8:55am to 3:10pm.

Students in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 are at 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 class teachers will be in their rooms in the morning at 8:45am
- The class 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.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING COVID TESTS

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.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE 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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

I am pleased to announce that we are able to go ahead with our Christmas concert this year. It will look a little different this year however, as the concert will be held during school hours. The concert will be held on Thursday 2nd December 2021. In line with our COVID-safe regulations we are unable to have families onsite to view the performances. We are engaging the services of a professional to film the concert and make it available for families to view at home.

The students will perform with their classes and the entire class will be filmed at the same time. Unfortunately, if you do not wish your child/ren to be filmed they will not be part of the performance on the day. They will still however, learn the song with their class.

Parents/Carers who do not wish their child/ren to be filmed must let us know as soon as possible as rehearsals will begin soon.

Next week a permission note will be going home. Please complete the form indicating whether you do or DO NOT wish your child/ren to be filmed during the 2022 Holy Eucharist School Christmas Concert.



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 Religious Education and Inquiry:
 - student achievement information represented on a continuum of learning;
 - progress made since the last time the curriculum areas were reported on;
- for English/EAL 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 Specialist Subjects, i.e. LOTE, Music, PE and Visual Arts
 - 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 participation.

Assessment and Reporting

The reports will be going home on Friday 10th December together with the Assessment Envelope which will contain the samples from the Assessment Portfolio.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The School Advisory Council will be meeting this coming Tuesday (16th November) at 7pm. 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

During our meeting we will be electing the Chair and the Secretary. The School Advisory Council members are as follows:

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



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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.**



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



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November 2021

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|----------|
| October 31 Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time | 1 All Saints' Day Term 4, Week 5 School Closure Day (Report Writing) | 2 All Souls Day Melbourne Cup Public Holiday | 3 Whole school returns to onsite learning 9.30am Yr 4 First Eucharist Pre-Prep Transition session (Zoom online) | 4 9.30 am Yr 5 First Eucharist Pre-Prep Transition session (Zoom online) | 5 9.30 am Yr 6 Confirmation Pre-Prep Transition session (Zoom online) | 6 |
| 7 Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time | 8 | 9 6pm- Yr 6 Puberty Education Family Night (Zoom online) | 10 Pre-Prep Transition session (onsite) | 11 9.10am Liturgy online Zoom Remembrance Day Pre-Prep Transition session (onsite) | 12 Year 6 Excursion- Victoria Market Pre-Prep Transition session (onsite) | 13 |
| 14 Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time | 15 | 16 7pm -School Advisory Council Meeting | 17 Pre-Prep Transition session (onsite) | 18 9.10am Liturgy online via Zoom Pre-Prep Transition session (onsite) | 19 Year 3 Incursion - Science Discovery Dome Pre-Prep Transition session (onsite) | 20 |
| 21 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE | 22 | 23 | 24 Pre-Prep Transition session (onsite) | 25 9.10am Liturgy online via Zoom Pre-Prep Transition session (onsite) | 26 Year 2 Excursion- Museum Pre-Prep Transition session (onsite) | 27 |
| 28 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C | 29 | 30 | December 1 9.10am Liturgy online Zoom Pre-Prep Transition session (onsite) | December 2 Christmas Carols (during school time - online) Pre-Prep Transition session (onsite) | December 3 Whole School FUN DAY! Pre-Prep Transition session (onsite) | Dec 4 |

IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER:

- Tuesday 7th December - Orientation Day
- Wednesday 8th December - Grade 6 Graduation at 6pm
- Friday 10th December - Reports go home
- Thursday 16th December - Last day for students - 2pm finish

PLEASE REMEMBER:

SCHOOL HATS ARE COMPULSORY AT HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL DURING TERM 1 AND TERM 4.
HATS ARE TO BE WORN DURING RECESS, LUNCH AND DURING PHYSICAL EDUCATION ...NO HAT... NO PLAY!