



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
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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): 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 Huong

Community Hub Leader: Adella Howard

Cleaner: June Balatbat & Maria Attard

Maintenance: David Lathouras

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Reflection:

Last Sunday we celebrated the end of the Liturgical Year, known as the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We begin our new journey towards his goal, with Advent which begins this coming Sunday.

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to

me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice". (Jn. 18:33b-37)

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may have heard on the news that Victoria will soon have 90% of eligible persons fully vaccinated. As a result, the Victorian Government lifted nearly all remaining restrictions state-wide for fully vaccinated people. However, schools are still required to implement COVID safe practices in line with the Schools Operation Guide as the vast majority of our students are under the age of 12 years and are not vaccinated. Please note that our school is guided by directives issued by the Department of Health, the Department of Education and Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS).

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding over the past week. Unfortunately, last week we had to phone a number of parents to collect their child from school as they were considered a 'close contact'. These students were required to get a COVID (PCR) test and were required to quarantine until they received a NEGATIVE result. The good news is, students can now return to school as soon as they receive a NEGATIVE result. However, it is recommended that students have a Rapid Antigen Test for 7 days. We pray that the children/families who did test positive make a speedy recovery and return to school soon. Thank you again for your patience as we navigate through this challenging time together. If we work together, we will get through this.

The school year is rapidly drawing to an end; however, we still have lots happening. Next Thursday 2nd December we will be having the school Carols during the day and will be livestreamed for parents/carers to see at home. The students are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation and to wear casual clothes with a Christmas theme (i.e. green and red, Santa hat, reindeer t-shirt, etc). On Friday 3rd November we will be having a Fun Day for all students from Prep to Grade 6. We will also be having a free Sausage Sizzle for lunch. On Tuesday 7th December we will be having Orientation Day which will commence at 2pm. The students will get the opportunity to meet their class teacher for 2022.

Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King which was also the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Next Sunday, we will enter a time of waiting called Advent. During the Season of Advent, we are reminded to live in hope and to think about the coming of Jesus into our lives.

Please stay safe and God Bless,

Mr. Michael Bonnici

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COVID-19 CASES AT HOLY EUCHARIST

Quite a number of classes were sent home last week after the school was notified that there were students who had tested positive to COVID-19. The school had to call parents to pick up their child to get them tested (PCR test) for COVID-19 and to quarantine until they received a NEGATIVE result.

If a student has attended school and later tests positive, it is our responsibility to ensure that parents/carers of other students who are then considered a 'close contact', are notified. This means that the students who have been exposed will need to get tested as soon as possible and will need to quarantine.

If the student receives a NEGATIVE result whilst in quarantine, then they will be allowed to come back to school. However, it has been recommended that the students receive a Rapid Antigen Test for the next 7 days.

Students who return to school after receiving a NEGATIVE result, will need to enter the school via GATE 3 next to the office. The parents/carers will also need to provide evidence that their child has received a negative result.

IS YOUR CHILD UNWELL?

IF YES...PLEASE KEEP THEM AT HOME!

Staff members and students must stay at home if they are unwell or if they may have been exposed to COVID-19. If a child stays at home because they are sick, this can prevent an entire class or the rest of the school having to quarantine.

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 details are up to date. It is also essential that your emergency contact person 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

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

This week you would have received a letter seeking permission for your child to participate in the Christmas concert which will be live streamed on Thursday 2nd December 2021. Our Christmas concert will look a little different this year as it will be held during school hours. Unfortunately, we are unable to have families onsite to view the performances due to the latest regulations outlined in the Schools Operating Guide. However, 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. If you do not wish your child/ren to be filmed, then unfortunately they cannot 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 indicate this on the permission form and will need to return this to school without delay.



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.



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 HATS IN TERM 4

There are still quite a number of students at our school who do not have a school hat. In Australia we have "one of the highest rates of melanoma diagnoses in the world...two in three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70" (SunSmart, 2019). The good news is that almost all skin cancers are preventable. It is recommended that staff and students use a combination of sun protection measures (i.e. sun hat, sunscreen, clothing, shade and sunglasses when outdoors, avoid deliberate and extended sun exposure) when UV index levels are 3 or above (generally from mid-August to the end of April in Victoria). In Term 1 and Term 4 all students and teachers are required to wear a hat when they are outside. It is an expectation and school policy that all students wear their school hat and their correct school uniform at all times.



GRADUATION

The Grade 6s will be having their Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday 8th December 2021. This will take place at 6pm in the Church and will be led by Fr Vincent and the Grade 6 Leaders. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the students' wonderful achievements. Due to the current restrictions, only parents/guardians of the Year 6 students (who are fully vaccinated) can attend the ceremony in the church. More information will be provided in the coming days.



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The School Advisory Council met on Tuesday 16th November 2021. During the meeting we elected the Chair and the Secretary. Congratulations to Charlie Dong who is the Chair and to Jane Koesasi who is the Secretary. The School Advisory Council members are as follows:

- Charlie Dong (**Chairperson**)
- Jane Koesasi (**Secretary**)
- 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**)



INSTALLATION OF ROAD HUMPS ON CHEDGEY DRIVE

Recently I had contacted Brimbank Council and Natalie Sulleyman MP, requesting for road humps to be installed on Chedgey Drive. Many cars are speeding along Chedgey Drive during the day whilst our children are at school. Many cars have driven into trees and street signs along the nature strip due to the speed in which they are travelling. Houses in the surrounding area will have received the following letter from the council about this. I ask for your support by contacting the council in regard to this request.

RE: Chedgey Drive, St Albans – Consideration to install Road Humps.

Your feedback is important - Please email Brimbank Council

Concerns have been raised with Council regarding speeding traffic and road safety issues along Chedgey Drive, between Chestnut Drive and Mulhall Drive, abutting Holy Eucharist Primary School, St Albans.

To improve road safety and reduce vehicle speeds, Council is considering the installation of road humps along this section of Chedgey Drive. The proposed road humps will help reduce traffic speeds along this section of Chedgey Drive and will improve the overall safety of motorists and particularly school children.

The proposal may result in a road hump to be constructed in front of any property and it should be noted that road humps may require the existing lighting to be upgraded or the installation of new street lights to supplement the road humps (Please contact Michael at the school office if you wish to see the Council plan showing where the proposed road humps are to be considered).

If the proposal to install road humps is supported by a clear majority of residents, a business case will be developed detailing the proposal and submitted to Council's Capital Works Panel for funding consideration in future works programs. This does not guarantee funding, as this project will be assessed yearly on its priority compared with similar proposals across Brimbank. The installation of the road humps cannot proceed until such time as the funding is approved and included in the budget.

Council invites your comments on this proposal. Please email info@brimbank.vic.gov.au by Friday 3rd December 2021.

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

ORIENTATION DAY

On Tuesday 7th December at 2pm, the students in Grades Prep to Grade 6 will meet their new class teacher and fellow classmates for 2022.

Next year, we have a few new staff members joining our school. Next year we welcome back Mrs Natalie Lucchiari who will be returning from maternity leave as well as 2 new staff members: Ms Samenta Ganeshanatham from Holy Cross, New Gisborne and Ms Juliana Bizjak from St Martin de Porres in Avondale Heights. I would like to welcome them to our community and hope they settle in well at our school.

HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL IN 2021 AND 2022

The last day for Term 4, 2021 will be on Thursday 16th December 2021, at 2pm. School will resume for Term 1 in 2022, on Monday 31st January 2022. At this stage, students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 will finish school at 3:10pm and students in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will finish school at 3:15pm. All students will still be required to enter and leave the school via the designated gates. Please see below:

- 8:30am Gates open
- 8:45am Students enter the classroom
- 8:55am Classes begin
- 3:10pm School finishes for Prep, 1 and 2 and 3:15pm for Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6

Students from each grade level will still need to enter via the designated gates around the school when entering/leaving the premises. The gates for each level are as follows:

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please pencil these dates into your diary regarding Sacraments at Holy Eucharist for 2022.

More information will be provided to families in due course.

Year 3 Reconciliation: Tuesday 8th March 2022, at 6.30pm

Year 6 Confirmation: Saturday 28th May, at 2.00pm

Year 4 First Holy Communion: Sunday 19th

June 2022, at the 10.30am Parish Mass

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Your child will be participating in an incursion at school facilitated by FunFit on Friday 3rd December 2021. During this incursion the Prep to Grade 6 students will participate in two different activities: an interactive circus performance show and a circus workshop which will be led by FunFit instructors. The students will be supervised by their classroom teachers and the staff. The purpose of this event is to give our students a fun and unique experience that encourages them to be physically active in their everyday life. The students will not be out of the school for this activity. They will need to wear their sports uniform on this day. We look forward to your child's participation in this event.

NEWS FROM CAMP AUSTRALIA

2021 is nearly over! It was very exciting to see all the regular and new faces at Camp Australia OSHC the past few weeks. Each week the program is centered around children's learning and wellbeing. We offer a variety of experiences, from outside play, nature observations, science experiments, building, imaginative play, arts and crafts. Following please find couple of examples from this month's favourites.

What's been happening?

Amongst various experiences that took place while celebrating Halloween were the following building a castle, monster shadowing and making playdough. Whilst building and decorating the castle the children explored imaginative play, they built on teamwork working together with their peers also their problem solving skills strengthened overcoming barrier for example needing to support the castle.



Children were taught how shadows are formed, how the shadows change and why. Shadow observation encourages scientific investigation.

Playdough strengthens the children's fine motor muscles assisting the children to improve penmanship. It also fosters their social skills and encourages children's language, literacy, science and Maths skills.

Remembrance Day was acknowledged by drawings and making poppy's and discussing why and who we remember. It opens the children to wider community and teaches compassion and respect for others.

Wellness also has been a focus especially coping strategy. Yoga was provided which has many benefits Yoga helps children manage their anxiety, improves children's emotional regulation, boosts children's self-esteem, increases children's body awareness and mindfulness. Yoga also enhances children's concentration and memory and develops children's strength and flexibility.

So many more experiences occurred as you can see below in many more photos.

We also would like to remind you that we are offering a personalised service to any family who requires assistance with registering and booking their child/children into the program. This service will be held monthly, and bookings need to be made in advance via the school office. The next session will be on:



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.**

