



## Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

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**Deputy Principal:**

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Fr Vincensius Lolo 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, Natalie Lucchiari, Carla Lolicato & Samenta Ganeshanatham,

**Grade 1:** Jo Dragovic, Angela Lopez-Dee, Elise Ring & Crystal Carmuciano/ Maryanne Camilleri.

**Grade 2:** Jackie Dabal/Clare Christie, Thy Tran, Dion Xuereb & Juliana Bizjak.

**Grade 3:** Thilini Nanayakkara, Jane Hurren & Vivian Faraj/Christine Saunders.

**Grade 4:** Jennifer Khong, Kathryn Barrie, Julie Murnane & Rose Barnes/ Gabrielle Bright.

**Grade 5:** Bruno Pellaschiar, Vanessa Shaw/ Tamara Patel & Stefany Nemet.

**Grade 6:** Jacelle Cablao, Helen Kennedy & Adam Nicholl.

**Education in Faith:** Vanessa Shaw

**Learning & Teaching:** Anne-Marie Conte

**Literacy Leader:** Bernadette Parnis

**Literacy Intervention:** Charise Gibbs,

**Reading Recovery:** Karen Colman & Cassie Renfrew.

**Maths Leader/Tutoring P-6:** Erin McNally

**Maths Intervention:** Maryanne Camilleri

**Learning Diversity/Wellbeing:**

Julie Semcesen

**Speech Pathologist:** April Jones

**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

**Education Support:** Joe Sirianni

**Library:** Jenny Bistricki & Rita Zammit

**Business Manager:** Sue Smart

**Administration Staff:** Connie La Macchia,

Mandy Huang

**Community Hub Leader:** Adella Howard

**Cleaner:** June Balatbat & Maria Attard

**Maintenance:** David Lathouras

### Reflection



International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking

**An economy without human trafficking**

The 8th February, was the **Feast of St Josephine Bakhita**, the patron saint of the survivors of human trafficking and enslaved people. In 2015, Pope Francis designated this day to be observed throughout the Universal Church as the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking.

*Scripture Luke 4:18-19*

*"The Spirit of our God is upon me: because the Most High has anointed me to bring good news to those who are poor. God has sent me to proclaim liberty to those who are held captive, recovery of sight to those who are blind, and release to those in prison – to proclaim the year of our God's favour."*

### Principal's Message:

Dear Families and Friends,

It has been wonderful to see the bright and happy smiling faces as the students enter the gates in the morning. As I walk around the classrooms it is wonderful to see how quickly all the students and staff have settled back into a school routine. Our new Prep students have made a tremendous start and have also settled in with ease. As of next week, the Prep students will be at school on a full-time basis.

The teachers have commenced assessing the students in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. The assessments are 1:1 and the data obtained will be used to inform teaching and learning. These assessments have also provided an opportunity for the teachers to get to know their students and vice-versa.

Yesterday morning, we celebrated our Opening School Mass for 2022. We were fortunate enough to celebrate Mass outside on the oval. Father Vincent celebrated Mass for us which was prepared by Mrs Shaw. The Year 6 leaders assisted during the celebration and Mr O'Bree led the singing. During the celebration we formally introduced our new staff and we welcomed all our students back to school.

In March 2022, Holy Eucharist Parish will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Holy Eucharist began way back in 1971, when Father Anthony Guelen was appointed to build a new church and school in St Albans South. On 19th March 1972, Mass was celebrated for the first time at Holy Eucharist Church (which is now the parish hall). Mass was offered for all the parishioners in the new parish. Holy Eucharist School was later established in 1975. From these humble beginnings grew a parish and school that we know today. A parish which is inclusive, hospitable and a place of mission and service, and a school, where strong professional relationships create successful teaching and learning opportunities within the Australian Catholic tradition. There will be a Mass to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Parish on Sunday, March 20th at 10.30am. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

God Bless,

Mr. Michael Bonnici

Principal

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Holy Eucharist Parish Centre -1972



Holy Eucharist School-1974

## STARTING AND FINISHING TIMES.

All students start school at 8:55am. Grades Prep, 1 and 2 will finish at 3:10pm and Grades 3-6 will finish at 3:15pm

### PREPS

#### ➤ **Week Beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

- From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February the Preps are full time and will finish school at 3:10pm.
- Prep parents will need to collect their child from GATE 1.

### GRADE 1 to GRADE 6

- Students in Grades 1 to Grade 6 will commence school at 8:55am (Gates will open at 8:30am).
- Students in Grade 1 and Grade 2 (and Preps week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> Feb) will finish school at 3:10pm
- Students in Grades 3-6 will finish school at 3:15pm.
- All teachers will take their class to the allocated gates at home time.

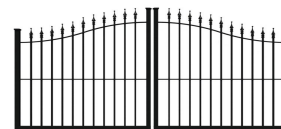


### DESIGNATED GATES:

Students from each year level will still need to use the designated gates around the school when entering/leaving the premises. **The students in Years 3-6 must wear a face mask and will need to sanitise their hands when entering the gates in the morning.**

The gates for each level 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) – Grades 6
- Gate 4 (O'Brien Drive) - Grade 2 and Grade 5



Please note that 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. 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.

**NB: At this stage, parents/carers are not permitted to enter the school grounds.**

### 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.

### FACE MASKS

All adults and staff are required to wear a mask unless a medical exemption applies. Students in Year 3 to Year 6 are required to wear face masks when indoors on school premises (including Before/After School Care), unless an exemption applies, exemptions must be in writing. It is also highly recommended students in Prep to Year 2 wear face masks when at school or when attending Before/After School Care.

### RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

A new set of Rapid Antigen Tests will be available next Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at the school office. It is recommended that students and staff administer the Rapid Antigen Tests at home twice a week (i.e. on Monday and Wednesday). Any positive test results need to be reported to the school. You do not need to inform the school of negative test results, only inform the school if your child receives a positive test result.

If staff or students receive a positive test result at any time, they must also report this through the Department of Health system on the website or via the Coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398.

Parents/carers must also report a positive result to the school by phone or by written notification so the school can provide support and to record that the student will be absent (whilst in isolation) for 7-days. The school will then need to notify the rest of the school community that there has been a positive case onsite and that they should monitor for symptoms.

Please note, that all staff and students must report a positive result to their school on the day they received a positive test result.

All students and staff who return a positive result from a rapid antigen test should also follow the latest advice at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests>.

Information about how to do a test, including a how-to video translated into 33 languages, is available at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-testing-schools>.



### STUDENT VACCINATIONS

Helping your child to get vaccinated is one of the most important steps we can all take to give children direct protection against COVID-19.

Almost 97% of all 12 to 18 year olds have now had their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and more than 93% are fully vaccinated. This is a phenomenal rate of protection for our older students, who couldn't have done it without the support of their families. We now want to see as many of our primary school students achieve that same level of protection. For those who haven't yet done so, you are invited to book your child's vaccination as soon as possible.

COVID-19 vaccines have been tested and shown to be safe and effective in protecting against serious illness and reducing the likelihood of COVID-19 spreading. High rates of vaccination also mean there is less chance of school closures – meaning more time for face-to-face learning, more time for fun activities and more time for children to be with their friends.

## STUDENT VACCINATIONS (Cont'd)

### How it works

Vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 are delivered at two appointments, eight weeks apart. The time between the first and second doses can be shortened to three weeks for children at higher risk of severe COVID-19, such as children with underlying medical conditions.

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has advised that this includes children with:

- Down syndrome
- cerebral palsy
- muscular dystrophy
- severe disability that requires frequent assistance with daily living, which includes some autistic children and children with rare genetic disorders
- heart disease and chronic lung disease, including those regularly hospitalised for asthma
- cancer and survivors of childhood cancer.

### How to book an appointment

There are lots of convenient options to get your child vaccinated, including statewide vaccination clinics, your local GP or pharmacy, and pop-up clinics at some primary schools.

You can book your appointment in a few different ways, including:

- online: [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine)
- by phone: 1800 675 398 (Coronavirus Hotline)
- in person: talk to your local pharmacy, GP or a family-friendly vaccination centre.

### Need help?

Call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398 for booking or vaccination questions.

### Need a translation?

Refer to the information about COVID-19 vaccines in languages other than English.

### What to bring to the vaccine appointment

For information on what to bring to a vaccine appointment, please visit the Checklist: before your COVID-19 vaccination.

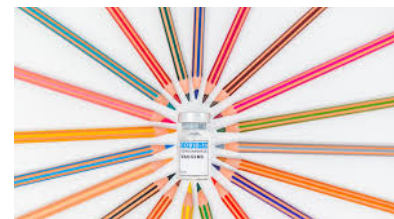
These resources can help you and your child prepare for the vaccination:

- Needle phobia – The Melbourne Vaccine Education Centre (MVEC)
- Tips to help a child afraid of needles and stop it becoming a phobia – ABC Everyday
- COVID-19 vaccination social scripts – Amaze (autism resource)
- The ABCs of COVID vaccines – Sesame Street
- ATAGI advice on the safety of the paediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

Extra support for children with disability or special requirements

Dedicated vaccination centres (pop-up clinics) are available to parents and carers who need help for their child to get vaccinated.

For more information, refer to the Vaccine information for people with a disability or special requirements.



## ALL VISITORS

Visitors to school are limited to essential school services and operations. To support contact tracing, all visitors must scan the QR code at the office in accordance with the school's COVID Safe Plan and present their vaccination certificate. All visitors will also need to sign in/out at the office.

## ASSESSMENT PORTFOLIOS

All students at Holy Eucharist School have an Assessment Portfolio. This portfolio enables teachers to have a consistent approach throughout the school in collecting data and evidence of your child's work.

This Assessment Portfolio will be sent home **at the beginning** and **at the end of each term**.

**At the beginning of each term the folder will contain a Term Outline.**

### Term Outline

- The Term Outline has a summary of what is going to be covered in your child's year level, across all curriculum areas for that term.
- The Term Outline will go home at the **beginning** of each term inside the Assessment Portfolio and **parents will be required to read and sign the sheet**. The **Term Outline** needs to be **returned** to school **inside** the Assessment Portfolio.

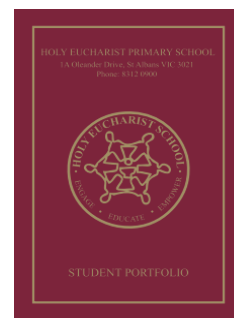
**At the end of each term the folder will contain Work Samples (evidence).**

### Work Samples

- Throughout the term, teachers will collect samples of your child's work. These samples are collected as evidence of your child's achievements and as an indication of what has been taught.
- The samples collected should also correlate with what has been documented on the Term Outline sheet.
- The work samples are corrected by the teacher and should have relevant comments to support what the student has achieved.

Parents are invited to **look through the Assessment Portfolio with their child**. Parents are requested to **write positive comments** in the space provided (on the yellow cover sheet) and to sign it.

Term outlines/Assessment Portfolios **will go home (Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February)** and need to be returned by **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February**.

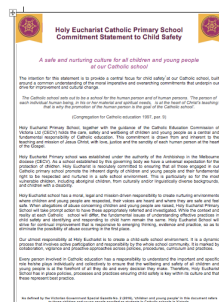


## COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

All Assessment Portfolios will contain a copy of Holy Eucharist School's Commitment to Child Safety in English and in Vietnamese. The purpose of Holy Eucharist School's commitment statement is to demonstrate our strong commitment to the care, safety and wellbeing of all students at our school. It provides an outline of the policies, procedures and strategies developed to keep students safe from harm, including all forms of abuse in our school environment, online and in other locations provided by the school.

This commitment takes into account relevant legislative requirements within the state of Victoria, including the specific requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards as set out in Ministerial Order No. 870. This commitment statement applies to school staff, clergy, school employees, including volunteers, and contractors.

**All present and future staff at Holy Eucharist School will be required to read and sign a copy of the School's Commitment to Child Safety as well as the School's Code of Conduct. We also urge all parents and caregivers to read and sign our Commitment Statement to Child Safety inside the Assessment Portfolio.**



## SCHOOL NURSE PROGRAM – PREP 2022

All Prep children received an envelope from the Primary School Nursing Program – State Government. This envelope contains a questionnaire about your child's health and development. This questionnaire is distributed to all Victorian children enrolled in their first year of school.

The questionnaire enables you to raise any concerns you may have regarding your child's health and development. Parents are asked to complete the questionnaire, sign it and return it back to the teacher, sealed in the envelope **by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022**. **The school nurse will be visiting the school late February/ early March.**

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021**. All students need to wear their **full Summer Uniform and black school shoes**. In the coming weeks, each student will be given individual order forms. If you would like to order photos, you will need to fill in the order form, pay the correct amount and return it to your class teacher on **photo day**. Alternatively, you can order photos online up to 2 days after photo day. **Please note that cash orders will not be accepted.**



## SCHOOL HATS IN TERM 4

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.



M Bonnici –Principal

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2022

A letter will be sent home to Year 3 families to enrol for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week.

Please note that the date for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Holy Eucharist baptised students in Year 3 has changed and it will now be held during school hours on **Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022**. This is in the interests of the safety of our students and the community. Families are welcome to join the school Liturgy of the Word for the sacrament on Zoom, commencing at **9.10am**. The link will be provided on Class Dojo earlier that week.

The families of students in Years, 4, 5 or 6 who are baptised Catholics and have not yet received the Sacrament of Reconciliation but would like to do so, should contact Vanessa Shaw at Holy Eucharist School as soon as possible.

Vanessa Shaw

Religious Education Leader

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### Key dates/times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

<b>Family Faith and Information Evening (Families attend on-line)</b>	Monday, 21st February at 6.30pm on Zoom
<b>Liturgy of the Word for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Families attend on-line)</b>	Thursday, 10th March at 9.10am on Zoom
<b>The Sacrament of Reconciliation - Candidates only (we apologise that on this occasion, families are not permitted to attend)</b>	Thursday, 10th March during school hours at Holy Eucharist Parish Church

## ADMINISTRATION NEWS

### Fees for 2022

School Fees for 2022 are \$950.00 per family.

Per Capita fees for 2022 are \$140.00 per child. This includes \$30.00

Sport Fees.

Excursion Fees for 2022 are \$35.00 per child.

### Camp Fees for 2022

Grade 6 Camp fees are \$100.00 per child

Grade 5 Camp fees are \$100.00 per child.

Grade 4 camp fees are \$45.00 per child.

Grade 3 Camp fees are \$45.00 per child.

Prep breakfast, Gr. 1 dinner, Gr. 2 breakfast/dinner will be at no cost.

The cost of Sacraments for Grade 3, 4, and 6 are included in the school fees.

If there is any family that has any financial concerns or queries, please contact me on 8312 0900.

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Business Manager

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## MATHS TUTORING - 30% DISCOUNT FOR HOLY EUCHARIST STUDENTS

MPiR Tuition is a maths tuition centre located in Cairnlea MPIR TUITION that offers tutoring to students from Years 1 to 12. Our classes are conducted in small groups with specially designed classwork and homework books. Our weekly 80 minute sessions are ran by VIT registered teachers. For more information please visit [www.mpirtuition.com.au](http://www.mpirtuition.com.au) or contact 0481 333 678.

## ĐẠY KÈM TOÁN - GIẢM 30% HỌC PHÍ CHO SINH VIÊN TẠI TRƯỜNG HOLY EUCHARIST

MPiR Tuition là một trung tâm dạy kèm tại Cairnlea cung cấp dịch vụ dạy kèm toán cho học sinh từ Lớp 1 đến Lớp 12. Các lớp học được tiến hành theo nhóm nhỏ với các bài tập soạn riêng cho mỗi học sinh. Các buổi học được dạy bởi giáo viên có bằng cấp. Để biết thêm chi tiết, vui lòng truy cập [www.mpirtuition.com.au](http://www.mpirtuition.com.au) hoặc liên lạc 0481 333 678.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### FEBRUARY

- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Feb -Grade Prep are full time from now on
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Feb -Reconciliation Information Evening at 6:30pm (Zoom)
- 21st-23rd Feb -Year 6 Camp at Doxa Malmesbury (POSTPONED)
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb -Middle and Seniors Swimming Program STARTS TBC Keilor East

### MARCH

- Tues 1st Mar -Shrove Tuesday
- School Advisory Council Meeting (NEW DATE)
- Wed 2nd Mar -Ash Wednesday (Mass at 9am TBC)
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Mar -Middle and Seniors Swimming Program FINISHES TBC
- Round 5 Meadows v HE (AWAY Summer Interschool Sports)
- Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Mar -First Sunday of Lent
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Mar -School Photos (Students wear full summer uniform)
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Mar -Parent/Teacher Chats - Students go home at 12pm (TBC)
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Mar -Liturgy of the Word (Sacrament of Reconciliation families attend online at 9:10am – Zoom). The students then receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Church (Unfortunately families cannot attend)

### MARCH (Cont'd)

- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Mar -Round 6 St Augustine's v HE (AWAY) Interschool Sports
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Mar -Second Sunday of Lent
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Mar -Labour Day Public Holiday – No School
- Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Mar -Divisional Swimming (Oak Park Swim Centre)
- Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Mar -St Patrick's Day
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Mar -Red Nose Day
- Round 7 EAST v HE (AWAY) Summer Interschool Sports
- Feast of St Joseph
- Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Mar -National Day Against Bullying & Violence & Harmony Day
- Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Mar -Parish 50th Anniversary Mass/Third Sunday of Lent
- Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Mar -Grade 5 Camp at Gundiwindi (TBC)
- Mon 21st- 23rd Mar -Junior Swimming Program STARTS TBC Keilor East
- Mon 21st Mar -Feast of the Annunciation of Mary
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Mar -Junior Swimming Program FINISHES TBC Keilor
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Mar -FINAL Summer Interschool Sports - FINAL TBC
- Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Mar -Fourth Sunday of Lent
- Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Mar -Earth Hour

### 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

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