



Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

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Principal:

Mr. Michael Bonnici

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Deputy Principal:

Ms. Anne-Marie Conte

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Fr. Vincent Long Pham CSsR

Community Leader:

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Fr Vincensius Lolo CSsR

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, Natalie Lucchiaro, Carla Lolicato & Samenta Ganeshanatham.

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

Grade 2: Jackie Dabal/Claire 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): Miya 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

24th May Gospel for the Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

His mother and his brothers came looking for him, but they could not get to him because of the crowd.

He was told, 'Your mother and brothers are standing outside and want to see you.' But he said in answer, 'My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and put it into practice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

A Blessing for Families

Heavenly Father, please bless our families with Your everlasting love.

Give our families strength to overcome hardship and difficulties.

Give our families courage to admit our faults and forgive others.

Give our families joy to live life to the full and spread our joy to others.

May all families find comfort, support and guidance under Your loving care. Amen.



During May, CatholicCare Victoria celebrates Family Week. This helps them to highlight CatholicCare and the range of support services this organisation offers to families. Please visit <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/> for more information.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Fifth Week of Easter

15 May International Day of Families

18 May Saint John

20 May Saint Bernadine of Siena

21 May World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

Sixth Week in Easter

24 May The Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians
Day of Prayer for the Church in China

25 May Saint Gregory VII, Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Saint Bede

26 May Saint Philip Neri and National Sorry Day

27 May Saint Augustine of Canterbury

27 May – 3 June National Reconciliation Week

Principal's Message:

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

Last week, a very angry local resident confronted us at the office. He reported that parents from our school are blocking his driveway at hometime. I urge you please, not to block or park in people's driveways and to respect their private property. The residents in the neighbourhood have escalated their concerns to the local council and as a result, Brimbank Council have been patrolling the streets around the school. They have been issuing fines to people who are not obeying the law. Please remember, the school does not have the authority to cancel fines issued by the council.

On a brighter note, I would also like to congratulate our Year 5 and Year 3 students who took part in NAPLAN. The students participated enthusiastically and The NAPLAN data will be used to inform teacher practice and track student progress. This year was the first time our school participated in NAPLAN using the online portal. It has been pleasing to see that this transition occurred with ease. As mentioned in the previously, our students regularly take part in online assessments such as Pat Reading, Pat Maths and Essential Assessment Numeracy tasks. Ongoing assessment provides teachers with a more detailed and accurate picture of our students' progress which is used to target specific learning needs. We look forward to sharing the NAPLAN results with you when they arrive some time in August.

This week, our Grade 6 students finally had the opportunity to go to Camp Doxa in Malmsbury. Unfortunately, these students had missed out on camp for 2 years in a row due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The Grade 6s had a wonderful time and I would like to congratulate them for being so patient and for their behaviour whilst at camp.

Finally, I would like to thank the parents/carers and staff for their attendance at the Confirmation Family Preparation Evening. I would like to reiterate that parental engagement plays an important part in your child's faith development. We were very fortunate to have Pauline Cicutto (Learning Consultant at MACs) as our guest speaker. The Grade 6 students will be receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 28th May 2022 at 2pm. Please remember these students in your prayers.

Mr Michael Bonnici

Principal

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COVID-19 SCREENING UPDATE

RATs will continue to be distributed to you as they have been throughout this school year for the remainder of Term 2. However, from Monday 23 May 2022, we do not recommend that your child complete a RAT twice a week as previously advised.

RATs will continue to be required by students who are household contacts to attend school (five negative tests over a seven-day period) or who have symptoms.

The ongoing supply of RATs to families in our school will ensure that parents and carers have tests should they need them if their child is a household contact or has symptoms.

Families must continue to notify the Department of Health and the school if their child returns a positive RAT result. Additionally, you should inform us if any of your children are household contacts.

Thank you to all families who have gotten their child vaccinated. Vaccination continues to remain the best way to protect students and staff in our school.

Getting vaccinated is easy and bookings can be done via the Department of Health's website <https://portal.cvms.vic.gov.au>. If you have any questions about the vaccines, I encourage you to speak to your GP or a health practitioner.

Thank you again for your ongoing cooperation and support during this time

HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS

Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine. They may return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times during their 7-day period. They are required to notify the school that they are a household contact. Students aged 8 years and above who are household contacts are required to wear face masks when indoors at school unless they have a valid exemption. If a student household contact returns a positive RAT result, they must isolate for 7 days.

CHILDREN ARRIVING TO SCHOOL EARLY IN THE MORNING:

There are still a number of students arriving at school before 8am. Please note that teachers commence Yard Duty at 8:30am, however there are many students arriving much earlier. Students who arrive early to school are **not supervised** at this time. We have 'Before School Care' in the hall which commences at 7am.

All staff at our school have a Duty of Care. Therefore, staff have been instructed to direct all unsupervised children (who arrive at school prior to 8:30am) to go to Before School Care or to the Breakfast Club to ensure that they are safe.



NAPLAN 2022

The students in Years 3 and 5 took part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) this week. NAPLAN is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy.

Unfortunately, it does take some time for students to receive their NAPLAN results. Even though this is the case, please remember that all class teachers are continually assessing students' work throughout the year. Ongoing assessment provides us with a more detailed and accurate picture of our students' progress which is used to drive teaching and learning.



SEMESTER 1 REPORTS AND PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Semester 1 Reports together with your child's Assessment Portfolio will be sent home on Friday 24th June 2022.

We anticipate that Parent/Teacher interviews will be held early in Term 3. They will hopefully take place on Wednesday 13th July 2022 (depending on the government advice/regulations at that time). The **students will finish school at 12pm on this day**. There will be more information provided in the coming weeks.



HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL CANTEEN - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Holy Eucharist School is seeking a proposal from suitably qualified applicants to provide an onsite canteen service to its students and staff from the premises at 1A Oleander Drive St Albans, which the applicant will lease for an approved rent.

The canteen proposal must:

- Be based on a 12-month agreement (Commencement in Term 3, 2022)
- Include the business name of the company utilizing/managing the facility.
- Include the certificate registration as an approved Food Premises (Brimbank Council approval)
- Provide for approximately 600 people (530 students and 70 staff)
- Include counter service during lunch and recess breaks from Monday to Friday
- Cater for lunch orders from Monday to Friday (orders online and in person)
- Provision to service Vietnamese school on Saturdays (3 breaks between 1.00pm – 3.15pm)
- Nominate the Hire/Rental Fee (inclusive of the cost of services required to operate the Canteen)
- The number of Staff rostered/required to service the canteen on a daily basis
- The menu options available for purchase (Must include: a number of healthy options, food allergy and intolerant options, vegetarian options)
- Public liability Insurance information
- Include processes for monitoring Vaccination and Working With Children Check requirements.

Written Expressions of Interest are to be delivered by 4.00pm on Friday, 3rd June 2022 (Closing Time) to the Principal, Mr Michael Bonnici, 1A Oleander Drive St Albans, or by email to principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

CATHOLIC EDUCATION ELECTION REPORT CARD ON MAJOR PARTIES

Catholic education has released a federal election report card assessing the responses from the major political parties on education priorities.

The report card assess the Coalition, Labor and Green's responses to the priorities of:

- Genuine school choice through fair funding and ensuring affordable contributions from families
- Enabling faith-based education through religious protections
- Improving capital funding
- Support for delivering national priorities such as quality teaching, early childhood education, mental health and wellbeing programs and Closing the gap initiatives for Aboriginal and Torres Islander students

National Catholic Education executive director Jacinta Collins said the report card shows the Liberal National Coalition and Labor are on par in addressing Catholic education's priorities, particularly on school choice.

"We are fortunate that both major parties continue to support genuine school choice in Australian education and are committed to families who choose a Catholic education for their children," Ms Collins said.

Responses sought from key independent candidates are also being evaluated.

The full report card and major party responses is available via www.ncec.catholic.edu.au/federal-election-2022

Authorised by J Collins, National Catholic Education Commission, Level 3, 156 Gloucester Street, Sydney.

M Bonnici - Principal

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all our Grade 6 students as well as our past students in Year 8 and the students from The Precate Centre who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 28th May at 2pm. The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of Initiation in our Catholic faith – the other two are Baptism and Eucharist.

Most Reverend Martin Ashe, who is the Auxiliary Bishop to the Western Region, will be celebrate this sacrament in our parish next weekend.

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.



THE COFFEE VAN

The staff at Holy Eucharist School would like to welcome all our parents/carers back onto the school grounds. Therefore, we will be having the Coffee Van on the school grounds on Wednesday 25th May from 8:30am – 9:30am. We invite all our parents and carers to come and say hello to our staff and to enjoy a free coffee. All welcome!



PROJECT COMPASSION

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone in our school community for contributing to this year's Project Compassion. This year we raised **\$2539.29!** What an amazing effort!

The money has been sent to Caritas Australia. Caritas Australia works hand in hand with the most marginalised communities in Australia and overseas, to confront the challenges of poverty. **Well done Holy Eucharist!**

Mr Michael Bonnici
Principal

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Important dates for Sacrament Preparation: Term 2

The Sacrament of Confirmation	
The Sacrament of Confirmation (Holy Eucharist Church)	Saturday, 28 th May at 2pm (Candidates to be seated by 1:45pm)
The Blessed Sacrament of First Holy Communion - Grade 4	
First Communion Family Faith and Information Evening, Holy Eucharist Hall - COMPULSORY	Monday, 30 th May at 6.30pm
First Communion candidates Presentation Mass, Holy Eucharist Parish Church	Sunday, 5 th June at the 10.30am Mass
The Blessed Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Holy Eucharist Church.	Sunday, 19 th June at the 10.30am Mass

Mrs Vanessa Shaw

Religious Education Leader/Gr 5 Teacher

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School Dental Initiative

1 FILL IN FORM The dental health van is visiting our school to actively find and prevent dental decay early! Please fill and return this form to school.

2 THE VISIT Students can receive a full check-up, preventative and general dental care at school. If your child needs further treatment, you will be called for consent.

3 NO OUT OF POCKET COSTS The ADH Dental Initiative is funded by Australian Dental Health and the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. If your child is not Medicare eligible, ADHV will provide a FREE Dental Health Screening and tooth strengthening fluoride remineralisation.

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COOL SAFE

AUSTRALIAN DENTAL HEALTH - VICTORIA

Australian Dental Health Victoria will be visiting Holy Eucharist School in September. To prepare for this visit forms need to be signed by parents. Dental forms will go to every individual child next week.

Australian Dental Health Victoria will see every child regardless of eligibility and will continue to work beyond the CDBS (Child Dental Benefits Schedule) to ensure every Victorian child is receiving a fair go.

(Previous dental providers only see eligible kids, children who don't qualify for the grant will miss out. The ADHV will provide an opportunity for all children to be seen)

Australian Dental Health Victoria Procedure:

- Each child will receive a consent form, which the ADHV will provide to the school by an allocated school representative
- Students that return their consent form will be seen, if not eligible from Medicare students will be seen for Free by Australian Dental Health Victoria
- Australian Dental Health Victoria runs logistics, parental consent, oral health classes and manages all paperwork and class listings
- All refugee families are welcomed and always will be welcome regardless of Health care or Medicare card.

Forms will need to be returned by the END OF MAY. Any questions please email Mrs. Julie Semcesen or ring through to the office and ask to speak with Julie.

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 refer to the **Concessional Fee Policy** on our website or please contact the school on 8312 0900.

Sue Smart

Business Manager

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ENROLMENTS 2023

Enrolments are now open for 2023

We have already had a number of enquiries at the office from new families who wish to enrol their child for Grade Prep in 2023. **It is really important that our current parents register their child/ren at the office if they wish to enrol them Grade Prep in 2023.** We will begin interviewing our new enrolment applicants next month.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS READING

National Simultaneous Story time is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALEA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. This year the event will be celebrated all across Australia and New Zealand.

This year NSS takes place on Wednesday 25th May 2022 at 11:00am. This year the picture story book that will be shared is *Family Tree* by Josh Pyke and Ronjojoy Ghosh.

Everyone can join NSS, it doesn't matter whether you are at home, a school, or a public library. The purpose is to promote the value of reading and literacy, the value and fun of books, an Australian author and simply for everyone to get involved and enjoy the occasion.

It is free and anyone can participate. I have registered for Holy Eucharist to participate. The Year 4 students will be joining the event and reading the book along with over 1 million other students around Australia. I look forward to seeing the students enjoying story time. For further information you can visit the following website - <https://www.alia.org.au/nss>



ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

Last year the Department of Education with the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority released a revised version of the English as an Additional Language Curriculum. This curriculum is not inferior to the English Victorian Curriculum. It has been devised in order to provide students that speak a language other than English the best opportunity to develop their English in what is called modes - Speaking and Listening, Reading and Viewing and Writing. The revised version is now being implemented in all Department, Catholic and Independent schools.

As a result, teachers at Holy Eucharist have examined the information collected from you during parent teacher interviews at the beginning of the year, to decide which curriculum would best suit students' needs. Therefore, a number of students will now be following an EAL pathway and they will receive an EAL report to assess their Literacy skills. Teachers will advise you if this is the case. Please do not be alarmed. I reiterate, this curriculum is not inferior! Literacy is still taught in the same way but with more of an emphasis on developing proficiency/skills/knowledge, such as understanding grammar, learning new vocabulary, speaking correctly in full sentences etc.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like further information.

Mrs Bernadette Parnis

Literacy Leader

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HOLY EUCHARIST
PRIMARY SCHOOL
St Albans South

2023 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

At Holy Eucharist Primary School:

- We acknowledge and celebrate individual differences.
- We have achieved positive results in NAPLAN.
- Our specialist program includes Physical Education, Music, Visual Arts & LOTE.
- We work in partnership with families to build a strong relationship between school and family.

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FAMILY WEEK 2022

Join us in celebrating families

CatholicCare Victoria welcomes our school community to join them in celebrating, strengthening and nurturing families this Family Week!

CatholicCare Victoria works with families, individuals and communities to build strength and resilience, and to empower everyone to reach their full potential.

They deliver counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support, emergency relief and pastoral care services.

www.catholiccarevic.org.au/FamilyWeek



Marian College Year 7 2024 Information Evening

All prospective parents and students are invited to come along to our Year 7 2024 Information Evening at 7pm Tuesday 14 June, 2022.

The evening covers details around our range of extra-curricular and student leadership programs, along with opportunities to ask general questions about your daughter's transition into secondary school.

To register your attendance, please visit the College website www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au or phone our office on 9363 1711

Strong Futures. Gentle Hearts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



At Holy Eucharist School we are honored to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, the first and enduring caretakers of the land in which we work and live.

We pay our respects to the Traditional Elders, both past, present and emerging, who have walked this country for countless generations. We value the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritages and recognise the impacts of colonisation and pledge our ongoing commitment to reconciliation.



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