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Gabrielle Bright. Grade 5: Bruno Pellaschiar, Vanessa Shaw/ Tamara Patel & Stefany Nemet. Grade 6: Jacelle Cablao, Helen Kennedy &

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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: EAL/New Arrival: Irene Jurista

Education Support: Joe Sirianni Library: Jenny Bistricki & Rita Zammit Business Manager: Sue Smart

Administration Staff: Mandy Huong & Stefani Richardson Community Hub Leader: Adella Howard

Cleaners: June Balatbat & Maria Attard School Maintenance: Peter Buttigieg



<u>Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South</u>

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A Blessing Prayer for Father's Day (By Greg Sunter)

God of Kindness and Compassion, we are your children and you are Father to us all. We give honour and thanks to those who reflect your fatherly example: those who are dads and grandads; step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-in-law; those who are coaches, leaders and mentors; and those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities. We look to these men for strength of body and strength of character. We look to them to pass on skills and pass on stories. We look to them to protect and provide. We look to them for care and compassion. We look to them to be co-creators and stewards of the world. For all those who embrace their role as father, we give thanks.

For those who struggle with being fathers, give them strength.

For those who are distanced from their children, give them comfort.

JOSEPH

For those who have passed from this world, give them peace.

Bless these men that we call father.

SAINT

Bless them in their strength and in their weakness.

Bless them in their joy and in their sorrow.

Bless them in their work and in their play.

And bless them, Father, for being fathers.

We make this prayer through the one who taught us to call you Our Father: Your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

<u>Príncípal's Message:</u>

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

Yesterday we celebrated "Book Week" with a dress up day. This was an opportunity for our children, parents and staff to show how creative they can be. It was wonderful to see that so many people put so much effort into celebrating the day and more importantly, recognising that reading is an essential part of learning.

Last Monday, our school was honoured with a visit from our local Member of Parliament, Ms Natalie Suleyman. Natalie spoke with the Year 6 students and staff about her roles and responsibilities as a Member of Parliament, sparking the interest of the entire group. The students were inspired to ask many questions which she kindly answered. Ms Conte and I were afforded some time with Natalie to discuss the future building plans at our school. Natalie was a major support to Holy Eucharist School in applying for and successfully obtaining a government grant for the building project. Natalie also asked about ways in which she could offer further support to our school and we discussed our need for a school crossing on Chedgey Drive. Natalie assured us that she would look into this for us.

September 4th, begins National Child Protection Week 2022. Since the implementation of the new Ministerial Order 1359 and the 11 New Child Safe Standards, all Victorian schools have undertaken much work in this space. Holy Eucharist School continues to reflect, review and improve on our child safety strategies. Wellbeing and child safety is everyone's responsibility. As always, we welcome your comments and would be happy to discuss any ideas or concerns you may have regarding the matter of student safety.

Finally, if you have a child who attends kinder this year and will be going to school in 2022, you will need to enrol them at the office as soon as possible. At the moment, it looks as though we will have 3 Prep classes next year. If you know of family friends who are also seeking a placement for their child, could you please let them know to contact the school office on 8312 0900.



Father's Day Breakfast: 2nd September 8am-9am- All Welcome!

God Bless,

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Mr Michael Bonnici

EDUCATE

SCHOOL REVIEW

Last Friday we had a School Closure Day to prepare staff for our School Review. In Victoria, schools are reviewed to make sure they are meeting the minimum standards and other requirements for registration. The review is a requirement by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA). Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne take part in the review process every 4 years. The School Review is used to support deep learning and ongoing monitoring of improvement throughout the four-year continuous improvement process within the School Improvement Framework. School Review supports schools and the wider system to foster improvement in an ongoing and continuous way, as well as ensuring schools continue to meet external legislative and regulatory requirements. School Review has two main dimensions – **Improvement** and **Compliance**. The Review team will be at Holy Eucharist School in early Term 4.

MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS (MACSSIS)

Throughout each year, we pause to listen to our students, families and staff to gauge how our learning community is travelling. This feedback is invaluable to our progress as effective school communities and is backed by evidencebased research and best practices.

A significant and formal way in which we engage and gather data is through MACSSIS, the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys. One of the main goals of the MACSSIS survey is to identify the strengths and areas for improvement within our school. We believe it is important that you have a voice in order to contribute to shaping the ongoing improvement of Holy Eucharist School.

The survey will be accessible online, from Monday 29th August and will need to be completed by Friday 16th September 2022. The survey will be available in English and in various other ARCHDIOCESE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

MACSSIS Imagine if, in about 20 minutes, you could help improve your child's school.

The MACSSIS family survey is open Monday 29 August – Friday 16 September 2022.

languages and dialects. All participation is invited, welcomed and 100% voluntary. The surveys are not a test; they are an inclusive way to inform the work we are already doing to improve our school. Everyone has the right to refuse to participate, or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey. Please notify the school if your child (Years 4-6) does not wish to participate. If you would like more information, please free to contact Michael or Anne-Marie at the office.

NATALIE SULEYMAN MP

On Monday, Natalie Suleyman (MP for St Albans) visited Holy Eucharist School. Natalie visited our Year 6s. She introduced herself to the students and staff and spoke about what her role entails. The students were keen to ask questions about politics and about her role as MP. Natalie also spoke about Book Week and about her favourite book. The students were also given a bookmark to commemorate Book Week.

Natalie has been great support for our school and parish community. Natalie supported my application to secure a grant of \$2 Million (from the School Capital Grant), which will be put towards our new building. This money, together with the school's contribution (as well as a loan), will be put towards our new 2 storey building which will comprise of 8 classrooms, maker spaces, a teacher planning room, a new toilet block a PE storage room and a learning deck.

I would like to thank Natalie Suleyman MP for her ongoing support and to the Victorian Labour government for granting our application.



There are still a number of parents/carers who are leaving their cars parked unattended along the church driveway. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR PARKED IN THE DRIVEWAY NEXT TO THE CHURCH TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD/REN!** When this happens, the people behind you become angry and frustrated because they are blocked and cannot leave.

The church driveway should work just like a Kiss & Go Zone. This means that:

- The Kiss and Go Zone is a "No Parking" area.
- The driver should remain in their vehicles at all times.
- When you leave home you need to ensure that your child is in their seats with their bags with them.
- Your child must use the footpath side of the door when getting in and out of the car.
- The driver must never double park.
- If the Kiss & Go Zone is full or you wish to get out of the car, please park in an area away from the Kiss & Go Zone.
- When crossing the driveway, please use the Zebra Crossing. We need to set good examples for our children.
 Do not park in the Staff Car Park to Drop Off or Pick Up Children.

Please make sure that you obey the parking restrictions around the school, as there have been many complaints from parents/carers who have received parking fines. Please note that Brimbank Council are issuing these fines to people not obeying the law and not the school. Therefore, the school cannot cancel or pay for these fines.

Please ensure that you adhere to the following road rules:

- Do not leave your car unattended in the church driveway
- Do not block or park in neighbouring driveways
- Do not double park. Even if it is for a few seconds.
- Only those persons with **DISABLED** stickers are permitted to park in the disabled parking bays at the front of the school.
- Do not park on people's nature strips.



One of the highlights of my job is visiting schools - meeting inspiring teachers and students!



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 have COVID-19.

Please remember, that your child should not come to school if they have a sore throat, a temperature, if they feel fatigued (tiredness), if they have a loss of taste or smell, tummy pains or shortness of breath. If the students show any of these symptoms whilst at school, they will be sent home immediately. 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.

COVID-19 UPDATES

COVID-19 safety measures may have changed; however, it is important that we maintain our COVIDSafe protocols so that our school is a safe environment for learning and teaching.

By following these simple steps during winter, we can reduce the transmission of any communicable disease and ensure our school is a safe and productive learning environment for all. Face Masks:

The Victorian Department of Health strongly recommends that face masks are worn in indoor settings. As a result, we are asking all students aged 8 and over and all staff in all schools across Victoria to wear masks

when in class (except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication) from now to the end of winter. Masks are not required to be worn outdoors, but can be worn when physical distancing is not possible. This expectation should not

constrain student participation in the full range of school activities, including music, sport and performances.

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs):

The Victorian Government is providing up to three further deliveries of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) in Term 3 and again in Term 4 to schools. These will be available for collection from the school office for those who are symptomatic or who are household contacts.

Transport of children to school by positive cases:

Parents/carers who are COVID-19 positive can now leave self-isolation to transport children to or from school via private vehicle. However, the parent/carer must travel directly to and from the school only. They must remain in the vehicle at all times, unless it is reasonably necessary to leave the vehicle to walk the child to and from the entrance of the school safely. They must wear a face mask at all times.

Expanded eligibility for fourth COVID-19 vaccine dose:

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has updated its recommendations around fourth doses of COVID-19 vaccination. From Monday 11 July 2022, people over 30 years will be eligible for a fourth dose. ATAGI recommends that people aged 50 to 64 years should have their fourth dose, while those aged 30 to 49 years may choose to have a fourth dose. For further information see the ATAGI website

SCHOOL/MACS POLICIES - UPDATED

We are continually updating our Holy Eucharist /MACS policies on the school wehsite

There are features on our website to assist with navigating. Some of the new features include:

- Translations in 18 different languages **
- ✤ An 'Enrol' tab which now has the updated Holy Eucharist School/MACS enrolment forms for 2023
- A drop-down menu to assist in locating $\dot{\cdot}$ all the updated policies mandated by MACS

NEW HE School/MACS Policies New drop-down menu to locate policies **New HE/MACS Policies New Enrolment Forms** Select language

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Holy Eucharist School has a Uniform Policy. It is an expectation that all students are wearing the correct school uniform at all times. If students are not wearing the correct uniform they are required to have a written letter from their parents explaining why they are out of uniform. Please find an explanation of the school uniform listed below. Alternatively, you can visit our school website to view our school uniform policy https://www.psw.com.au/schools/holy-eucharist-school-stalbans.html? =1660168686498&product list limit=36&product list order=price

Girls - Summer:

Maroon Check Dress White socks / Black shoes - no runners Woolen jumper with school logo - not the PE tracksuit top School Hat - In Term 1 and Term 4

Girls-Winter

Maroon check pinafore or Maroon slacks Yellow skivvy or yellow polo shirt with logo White socks / Black shoes - no runners Woolen jumper with school logo - not the PE tracksuit top

Girls - Sport (Only on Sport Days)

Maroon shorts or Maroon skirt/skort Maroon tracksuit with school logo on top Gold polo shirt with school logo White socks and runners

Boys - Summer:

Grey Shorts Gold polo shirt with school logo Grey socks / Black shoes - no runners Woolen jumper with school logo - not the PE tracksuit top School Hat - In Term 1 and Term 4

Boys Winter

Long grey pants Yellow skivvy or yellow polo shirt with logo Grey socks / Black shoes - no runners Woolen jumper with school logo - not the PE tracksuit top

Boys - Sport Maroon shorts

Maroon tracksuit with school logo on top Gold polo shirt with school logo White socks and runners

Please note: If students are not wearing the correct school uniform, a note will be sent home informing the parent/guardian. This note will need to be signed by the parent/guardian. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school office.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – LITURGICAL CALENDAR



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LEARNING DIVERSITY/WELLBEING



National Child Protection Week will continue to embrace the overarching message that 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'. This year the messages will focus about shining a light on children growing up safe and supported. Children and young people thrive when they grow up safe, connected and supported in their family, community, and culture. They have the right to grow up in environments that support them according to their needs, now and into the future. During National Child Protection Week our school community will be looking at what works to keep children safe and supported and about how we create a supportive environment for every child. Some areas that help us to think about the many things that every child and young person needs in order to grow up safe and well. They include:

- feeling loved and safe
- having a positive sense of identity and culture
- having material basics
- being healthy
- learning
- participating.

PLAY YOUR PART PARENTS

NAPCAN PREVENT CHILD ABUSE

Parents play their part to protect and care for children and young people in their community by showing how to have respectful and supportive relationships.

Being a parent can be challenging. Accept offers of help (especially the ones where cooked meals are involved!)

Link in with services that support you – New Parent Groups and Playgroups can be fantastic.

Parenting isn't always easy. Share your experiences and skills with other parents – it can help you realise that you are not alone!

It's ok to reach out and ask for support, from family, friends, services, health professionals and so on.

Discover what helps reduce your stress and assists you to best care for your children.Listen to your children and involve them in planning things as a family.

Play with your children. It can be as simple as a game of "peek-a-boo" or reading to them. Playing with children helps build a positive relationship and connection and most of all it is fun!

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Take time out when you feel stressed or upset – look after yourself. Parenting can be positive – notice the good times too.

Make plans for enjoyable "family time" – this can help build close relationships.

Talk about safety with your children. Talk about what being unsafe might look and feel like at home, in their community, online or at school. Make plans about what to do if they feel unsafe.

Parenting courses can help you be the best you can be.

Celebrate your children, their achievements, values and interests and support them when times are tough. This will build a strong family that is loving and safe.

Get involved in your community. Joining groups such as for sporting activities will help you and your children to have fun and meet people.





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LITERACY NEWS- BOOK WEEK



Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success thanks to your support. The takings totalled over \$4500! This is fantastic as it means that Holy Eucharist will receive almost \$1000 to spend on books for our school Library. THANK YOU for valuing reading.

Book Week

The students have had great fun reading the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Shortlisted books with their teacher over the last couple of weeks. There has been some amazing learning and as a result excellent work produced to showcase this.

Earlier this year I purchased four copies of each book so there are plenty of books to go around. You as parents, guardians and caregivers will also get the opportunity to enjoy these beautiful books as the books will be available for the students to borrow very soon.

And now, for the official winners in each category, I can proudly announce:

THE PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR:	THE BOOK OF THE YEAR: YOUNGER READERS	THE BOOK OF THE YEAR: EARLY CHILDHOOD	THE EVE POWNALL AWARD	CBCA AWARD FOR NEW ILLUSTRATOR
<i>Iceberg</i> Author: Claire Saxby Illustrator: Jess Racklyeft	A Glasshouse of Stars Author: Shirley Marr	Jetty Jumping Author: Andrea Rowe	Still Alive Author: Safdar Ahmed	The Boy Who Tried to Shrink His Name Author: Sandhya Parappukkaran
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Stay tuned for more news about Book Week on Class Dojo and in the next Newsletter. I will have more photos of our Dress Up Day, winners of competitions, including the results of a poll to select the winning book from the view of our students at Holy Eucharist School.

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ENROLMENTS 2023

Enrolments are now open for 2023.

Children commencing Prep next year must be 5 years of age by 30th April 2023. We have already started interviewing our new applicants and places are filling quickly.

It is really important that our current families also register their child/children at the office if they wish to enrol them for Grade Prep in 2023.

Tours of the school are now taking place (after school) from 3:30pm every Tuesday. Please contact the office to make a booking.





Limited places available for YEAR 7 2023 Quý phụ huynh đã đăng ký cho con vào Lớp 7năm 2023 hay năm 2024 chưa? هام: هل سجلت طفلك

في الصف السابع لعام 2023 أو في الصف السابع لعام 2024



Friday 19 August 2022: Applications for Year 7 2024 close. Friday 21 October 2022: Offers of places are posted to families. Friday 11 November 2022: Final date for acceptance of offers made.

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Your OSHC.

Newsletter

Incursions this term

Join us this term for fun, engaging, physical and educational incursions in After School Care at Holy Eucharist Primary School To enrol your child into the incursion at no extra charge than their regular session fee, make sure you book the After School Care program before the date of

When: Monday the 05th of September 4:00pm-5:00pm What: HIP HOP Lesson Who: For all children booked into After School Care



Register for Your OSHC Once registered, you'll be able to easily ma and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Register now

The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 85% off your fees. Your eligibility is determined by your family's annual adjusted taxable income, the type of childcare you u and your activity level. To find out if you're eligible, contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.

Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

Register free and book now at www.campaustralia.com.au

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A At Holy Eucharist School, we are honoured 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