

#### Principal:

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**Mass Times** 

Saturday: 5pm (English),

6:30pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm (English)

12pm (Vietnamese)

**Prep:** Mary James, Natalie Lucchiari,

Carla Lolicato & Samenta Ganeshanantham,

Grade 1: Jo Dragovic, Angela Lopez-Dee, Elise Ring &

Crystal Carmuciano/Maryanne Camilleri.

<u>Grade 2:</u> Jackie Dabal/Clare Christie, Thy Tran, Dion

Xuereb & Juliana Bizjak.

<u>Grade 3: Thilini Nanayakkara, Jane Hurren</u>

& Vivian Faraj/Christine Saunders.

<u>Grade 4:</u> Jennifer Khong, Kathryn Barrie, Julie

Murnane & Rose Barnes/Gabrielle Bright.

Grade 5: Bruno Pellaschiar, Vanessa Shaw/ Michelle

Cvetkovska & Stefany Nemet.

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

**Education in Faith:** Vanessa Shaw

**<u>Learning & Teaching</u>**: Anne-Marie Conte

<u>Literacy Leader:</u> Bernadette Parnis

**Literacy Intervention:** Charise Gibbs,

**Literacy Tutoring:** Allison Borg

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

Maths Leader/Tutoring P-6: Erin McNally Maths Intervention: Maryanne Camilleri

<u>Learning Diversity/Wellbeing:</u> Julie Semcesen

Speech Pathologist: April Jones

Family & Community Engagement/Wellbeing:

Clare Christie

<u>School Counsellor</u>: Edward Faraci <u>Digital Technology/ICT:</u> Vivian Faraj

Visual Arts: Shobha Hickey

Performing Arts-Music: Damian O'Bree

Physical Education: Harry Herrera

**LOTE:** Yvonne Rosevear

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

Learning Support Officers: Nirmen Beshara, Nu Cuai,

Ester Dawt Thluai, Catherine Hoang, Erica (Thao) Le, Neama Mikhael, Juliet Nakhla, Chau Nguyen,

Trang Nguyen, Thi Phan, Kerri Puccio, Dianne Punicki, Rosemarie Slater, Caitlyn Tamchai, Mostyoka Tran, Kelly Triantafillidis, Frances Wulf, Mary Xuereb,

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

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## Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

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# <u>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C</u> A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke (Lk 18:1-8)

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist

October is the Month of the Rosary in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?' **The Gospel of the Lord.** 

#### Principal's Message:

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

Welcome to Term 4, a term which promises to be filled with so many exciting events and activities. Last week was a very eventful week! We started the week with our School Review (VRQA and Child Safety Standards) and the Grade 4s attending camp at Sunnystones in Merrimu. The Grade 4 students and staff had an enjoyable time at their overnight camp. I was fortunate enough to join them on Tuesday evening for dinner and the campfire. The students sang songs led by Mr O'Bree and the rest of the teachers whilst roasting marshmallows over the embers. I would like to thank all the teachers who gave up their time to sleep-over and look after our students. I am sure the experience was very valuable for all concerned.

On Thursday last week, we also had our 'Turning of the Sod Ceremony' to mark the beginning of the construction of our new building. We were again honoured with a visit from our local Member of Parliament, Ms Natalie Suleyman. We also had other special visitors such as Mr Craig Carlan, Regional Consultant from Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools, Ms Mel Walton Senior Associate from MINX Architecture, Mr Adam Whelan from Gemcan Construct, Fr Vincent Pham our Parish Priest and members from the School Advisory Council, who joined in the celebration to mark the beginning of the project. Over the school holidays, the builders commenced work by preparing the site. They have placed temporary fencing around the perimeter of the new building site and have placed their meeting site cabins and amenities in the staff car park!

Next week, will be moving into the next phase of the School Review process. The reviewer will be onsite for 2 consecutive days and will be engaging with students, staff, parents and members of our school community, to establish clear improvement directions for the school. The reviewer will then examine the findings from the observations and interviews and will return later in November. During the next visit, the reviewer will present key findings/directions and recommendations which will assist in formulating our School Improvement Plan for the next 3 years.

Wishing you a restful weekend. God Bless!



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#### TURNING OF THE SOD CEREMONY

The construction of a new, 2 storey learning centre was marked with a sod-turning ceremony on Thursday 6 October. State Member of Parliament, Ms Natalie Suleyman, Mr Craig Carlan, Regional Consultant from Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools, Ms Mel Walton Senior Associate from MINX Architecture, Mr Adam Whelan from Gemcan Construct, and Fr Vincent Pham the Parish Priest joined the Holy Eucharist School community last week to celebrate the beginning of the project. The \$4.7-million project will include 8 classrooms, maker spaces, a teacher planning room, a new toilet block, a PE storage room and a learning deck,

Ms Suleyman congratulated the school community and said that she looks forward to working with us on future projects for our school

Back in January 2021, I wrote to our local MP, Ms Natalie Suleyman and to the Minister of Education, (who was Hon James Merlino at the time), asking them to support my application for our school to receive much needed funding for a new building. I had mentioned in both letters that our enrolments had grown from 372 students in 2015 to 535 students in 2022.

In August last year, I received a phone call from Ms Natalie Suleyman with some good news. She rang to tell me that our school was successful in our application to receive \$2 Million from the third round of the Non-Government Schools Capital Grant fund.

This money, together with the school's contribution 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.

The breakdown of costs is as follows:

 Schools Capital Grant:
 \$2,000,000

 School Cash Reserves:
 \$1,400,000

 CDF Loan (20 years):
 \$1,300,000

 TOTAL:
 \$4,700,000

I would like to thank Ms Natalie Suleyman for her support with our successful application and to Mr James Merlino who granted this application whilst still in office. This news brought a much-needed smile to everyone in the Holy Eucharist community.

I would also like to acknowledge the guidance and support with this project from Mel Walton, Ms Yvonne Karneij and Mr Craig Carlan.

We look forward to a successful partnership with Gemcan Construct who are builders and seeing how this project will enhance the lives of the Holy Eucharist school community.



#### **WELCOME**

This term two new staff members have commenced at our school. Ms Michelle Cvetkovska is sharing the class with Mrs Shaw in 5 P/S for the remainder of this year and Signora Yvonne Rosevear is teaching Italian from Grade Prep to Grade 6. Please join me in welcoming Ms Cvetkovska and Snora Rosevear into our school community.

#### **SCHOOL HATS IN TERM 4**

In 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. School hats are now available for purchase at the school office.



#### PARENT/GUARDIAN/CARER CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

At Holy Eucharist School we believe that Parents/Guardians/Caregivers play a key role in the education of their children and should act in the best interest of students, their families, staff, and the school community. Our utmost responsibility at our school is to create a child-safe school environment. It is a dynamic process that involves active participation and responsibility by the whole school community.

Holy Eucharist School, in partnership with families, will ensure children and young people, are engaged and active participants in decision-making processes, particularly those that have an impact on their safety. This means that the views of staff, children, young people and families are taken seriously, and their concerns are addressed in a just and timely manner.

In order to remain true to our commitment, we have developed Parent/Guardian/ Caregiver Code of Conduct Policy which highlights the school's key expectations of both staff and parents/caregivers with regard to respectful relationships and behaviours. It also specifies the school's position with regard to unacceptable behaviours that breach our culture of respect. Please take some time to familiarise yourself with this policy.

You can collect a copy from the Administration office or you can downloaded it by clicking onto the following link: <a href="https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/wp-">https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/wp-</a>

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#### Application

It is expected that every parent/guardian/carer will

#### PRE-PREP 2023

All Prep 2023 families will be receiving information from the school office outlining the dates for the Pre-Prep Program and Orientation Day. It is very important that this letter is kept handy, as it details your child's scheduled pre-prep sessions, as well as Orientation Day. The whole school Orientation Day will be held on Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 2pm. It is vital for a smooth transition, that your child attends all Pre-Prep sessions and Orientation Day. If your child cannot attend these sessions for any reason please inform the school office.

The Pre-Prep Program will run for 2 weeks and have been scheduled for:

WEEK 1	WEEK 2
<ul> <li>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm, 1:30pm – 3pm)</li> </ul>	●Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm, 1:30pm – 3pm)
• Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm, 1:30pm – 3pm)	●Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm, 1:30pm – 3pm)
• Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm, 1:30pm-3pm)	•Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm, 1:30pm-3pm)

#### SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the school will be closed on the following days:

- Monday 31st October (Report Writing Day No school Camp Australia will be operating)
- Tuesday 1st November (Melbourne Cup Public Holiday)

#### PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL PREMISES

#### Please remember:

- TO OBEY THE ROAD SIGNS! 1.
- TO RESPECT OUR NEIGHBOURS!
- 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 is a Kiss & Go Zone. This means:

- The Kiss and Go Zone is a "NO PARKING" area.
  The driver should ALWAYS REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLES
- When you leave home, ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS SEATED WITH THEIR BAG.
- Your child must <u>USE THE FOOTPATH SIDE</u> of the door when getting in and out of the car.
- The driver must NEVER DOUBLE PA
- You need to USE THE PARKING BAY if the Kiss & Go Zone is full or if you wish to get out of the car,
- You need to USE THE ZEBRA CROSSING to cross the driveway. We need to set good examples for our children.
- You CANNOT BLOCK THE GATE!

Brimbank Council are issuing fines to people who were not obeying the law. The school is not authorised to cancel your parking infringements and will not pay for these!!!

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.



#### **GATES**

As mentioned last week, the construction of our new building has started. Construction site offices have been placed in the staff car park, which means that the staff can no longer park their cars in the staff carpark.

As of Monday 3rd October 2022, the staff will be required to park on the rounders court. Temporary fencing has been installed on the rounders court to keep students safe and away from cars.

Also, as of Monday 3rd October 2022, the pedestrian gate next to the hall (i.e. GATE 1, Gr Prep and Gr 3) will be permanently closed. Grade Prep will now need to enter/leave via the Church gate (GATE 2) and Grade 3 will need to enter/leave via the Administration gate (GATE 3).

#### Please remember:

- Gates will open for students at 8:30am
- Classrooms will open at 8:45am
- All students will start school at 8:55am
- Grade Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 will finish school at 3:10pm.
- Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 6 will finish at 3:15pm

NB: If there is more than one child in the family, parents/carers can use one gate to drop off and pick up their children (as long as one child from the family is from the year level specified on the gate. The same gate must be used for pick-up).



#### **COVID-19 UPDATES**

The Victorian Government has announced the end of the pandemic declaration and associated pandemic orders. New settings will apply from 11.59 pm on Wednesday 12 October 2022.

Requirements for close contacts, like continually testing negative on a rapid antigen test (RAT), will become strong recommendations – joining the strong recommendation to wear a mask indoors, which will remain in place.

#### **Changes to COVID-19 isolation requirements**

It is strongly recommended that **students**:

- who test positive for COVID-19 should stay home and isolate for five days
- should not attend school after five days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school.

Where **students** become symptomatic at school, they should:

- be collected by their parents/carers
- undergo testing for COVID-19.

It is strongly recommended that **staff**:

- who test positive for COVID-19 should stay home and isolate for five days
- should not attend school after five days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school.

#### **COVID-19 reporting requirements**

The Department of Health recommends that a person who tests positive for COVID-19 should inform those with whom they have recently been in contact, including their workplace, school and household.

Schools are therefore asked to continue reporting positive COVID-19 cases to Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS). Schools no longer have to alert the community of any positive cases.

#### Face masks

Staff and students who wish to wear a face mask should be supported to do so, and schools should continue to make face masks available for staff, students and visitors.

The Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 when leaving home.

Additionally, the department recommends that masks should be worn by a person who has COVID-19 for 10 days after a positive test when they need to leave home.

#### **COVIDSafe Plans**

Schools must keep their COVIDSafe Plan in place, which should be regularly reviewed and updated as required. Our COVIDSafe Plan is available on our school website

#### **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.

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School Review has two main dimensions – **Improvement** and **Compliance**.

### Rosary

During the month of October

Join the Holy Eucharist School community for the

Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.

The Zoom link and information is being provided weekly on Class Dojo



#### October: Mission Month

Holy Eucharist School is engaging students in activities to raise funds for Catholic mission and other local causes during Mission Month. We will have a Casual Clothes Day (Gold coin donation) on Thursday 27th October.



Mrs Vanessa Shaw
Religious Education Leader
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## Liturgical Calendar

#### 29th Week in Ordinary Time

17 Oct: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

17 Oct: St Ignatius of Antioch

18 Oct: Feast of Saint Luke. Evangelist

19 Oct: Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues

19 Oct: Feast of Saint Paul of the Cross

22 Oct: Saint John Paul II

#### 30th Week in Ordinary Time

23 Oct: World Mission Sunday

28 Oct: Feast of Saints Simon and Jude (Apostles)

## **Star Weekly**

#### School to grow

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Holy Eucharist Primary School principal Michael Bonnici and St Albans MP Natalie Suleyman turned the sod on a \$4.7 million

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Pupils at Holy Eucharist Primary School have taken a step closer to seeing their school expand after a turning-of-the-sod ceremony at the St Albans South site, on Thursday, October 6.

School principal Michael Bonnici said eight new classrooms, a staff planning room, a new toilet block, sport equipment room and a breakout room would be built as part of the \$4.7 million project.

"We're building to accommodate growth in student numbers," he said.

Mr Bonnici said the primary school had about 535 pupils and numbers were expected to increase to about 600 if it developed into a four-stream school.

He said the state government contributed \$2 million to the project whilst the school funded the rest.

Dora Houpis





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# Newsletter







Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to term 4, last term for 2022.

What's been happening at OSHC?

During Term 3 we celebrated National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Children's Day as well as international day of the Worlds Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Literacy Day, these celebrations teaches children about the past and present via books, crafts, sports and arts which further extends on the children's overall knowledge of our country.



Each child wrote a story about their cultural heritage, after, they shared their stories, which helps with public speaking as well as overall knowledge of other cultures. The children designed their own book cover page as well as bookmarks. Children observed book charaters in the clouds extending on observation skills. These activities and more were to celebrate Children's bookweek.

Science week saw us having heaps of fun with various experiments and sustainability projects like creating our own DIY plant growing greenhouse, growing seeds into plants, volcano clay exploxation this gives the childrens an opportunity to reflect on life saving work and STEM.

Father's Day we created a gift for our dad's or special person including origami cards, building and drawing paper holders and creating a puzzle to solve amongst other educational and fun activities.

This service also had a Hip Hop incursion at no extra cost for the children extending on the children's coordination and physical health. The coordinator helped the school during their fundraising activities during Athletics day and Hot dog day.

#### What's happening next?

This term we will be celebrating Spring, Halloween, Recycling week during the 07<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2022, Christmas amongst other very interesting, educational and challenge appropriate activities for all the children. Discussions around respect and what appropriate words to use, will be held on a constant basis.

#### Karen

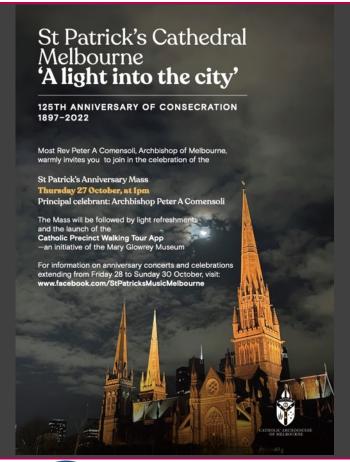
#### Co-Ordinator













Students use our piano/keyboards and guitars during the lesson at school! All other instruments should be provided by

For more information email our office or visil the FAQ page on our website.

- rivate **ZOOM** lessons available all yea

- on our **online shop**



#### CRC St Albans Year 7 2023 **Transition**

This is a message from Catholic Regional College (CRC) St Albans regarding Year 7 2023 Literacy and Numeracy Testing -Saturday 22 October 2022

Please contact Eileen Chalmers on 9366 2544 or email echalmers@crcstalbans.com.au to book a morning (10am-12pm) or afternoon (2pm-4pm) session.



#### **ENROLMENTS 2023 Now Open!**

**Children commencing Prep** 

next year must be 5 years of age by 30th April 2023. 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 3:30 pm every Tuesday. Please contact the office to make a booking.

# Pupil Free Day



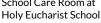
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Time: 07:00 to 18:00

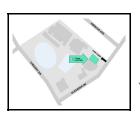


The Before and After Location: School Care Room at





\$60.10 Fees:







\*Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

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 use, and your activity level. To find out if you're eligible, contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.

Your OSHC.

Tailored before and after school experiences that children love.

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#### 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

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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.