



Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

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Mass Times:

Saturday: 6pm (English),

7:30pm (Vietnamese)

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

12pm (Vietnamese)

Prep: Mary James, Samenta Ganeshanatham & TBA

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

Grade 2: Thy Tran, Dion Xuereb, Juliana Bizjak,

Maryanne Camilleri/Christine Saunders

Grade 3: Vivian Faraj, Carla Lolicato, Jennifer Khong,

Jackie Dabal/Crystal Carmuciano

Grade 4: Kathryn Barrie, Julie Murnane & Janelle

Dumaguit

Grade 5: Bruno Pellaschiar, Jane Hurren, Stefany

Nemet & Thilini Nanayakkara

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.

Maths Leader/Tutoring P-6: Erin McNally

Maths Intervention: Maryanne Camilleri

Learning Diversity/Wellbeing: Julie Semcesen

Mental Health in Primary Schools Leader (MHIPS) /

School Counsellor: Edward Faraci

Speech Pathologist: April Jones

Family & Community Engagement/Wellbeing:

Crystal Carmuciano

Digital Technology: Allison Diaco

ICT: Vanessa Shaw

Visual Arts: Shobha Hickey

Performing Arts: Eboni Morrell

Physical Education: Harry Herrera

LOTE: Yvonne Rosevear

EAL/New Arrival: Irene Jurista

EAL Support: Gabrielle Bright

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: Nu Cuai, Ester Dawt

Thluai, Catherine Hoang, Erica (Thoa) Le, Juliet Nakhla,

Celia (Thoai) Nguyen, Chau Nguyen, Trang Nguyen, Thi

Phan, Dianne Punicki, Rosemarie Slater, Caitlyn

Tamchai, Mostyoka Tran, Kelly Triantafillidis,

Frances Wulf, Mary Xuereb,

Cleaners: June Balatbat & Maria Attard

School Maintenance: Peter Buttigieg



Colour: Purple

Duration: 6 weeks

Start: Ash Wednesday

Finish: Holy Thursday
(prior to Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Themes: prayer, fasting, repentance, almsgiving.

THE SEASON OF LENT

(Source: Liturgy Help, Brisbane)

This year, Ash Wednesday is on the 22nd of February.

Lent is a period of preparation in the Church's Liturgical Year that orients the community towards **Holy Week** and the Season of **Easter**. It is a time of **prayer, fasting and good works**. The season of Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday** and concludes on **Holy Thursday** Evening (the Vigil of Good Friday). **Ash Wednesday** is designated as an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence.

Gospel Acclamation (See Ps 94:8)

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Principal's Message:

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

We have had a wonderful start to the school year. It is great to see the bright and happy smiling faces as the students enter the gates in the morning. All the students and staff have settled back into a school routine and our new Prep students have adjusted to being at school full time.

The teachers have commenced assessing the students in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. The assessments are one-to-one 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 an online Liturgy of the Word. Our new Student Leaders were introduced to the school community, and they received their badge and a blessing from Father. Next week, the whole school will be going to the Church in the afternoon to celebrate Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. During Lent we prepare to remember and celebrate the Lord's Passion and Resurrection at Easter.

The day before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Tuesday). It is also the day of our Family Picnic. The Family Picnic will be held on Tuesday 21st February 2023, from 5pm until 7pm on the school oval (weather permitting). There will be 2 jumping castles, face painting, a balloon twister and a coffee van for the adults. We will also be fund raising on the day. We will be selling sausages, drinks and pancakes! We hope that you will join us for this special event.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

God Bless,

Mr Michael Bonnici
Principal

principal@hestalbandssth.catholic.edu.au

EASTER EGG DONATIONS

We are asking each family to donate an easter egg towards our Easter Egg Raffle.



The Easter Egg Raffle will be held at the end of Term 1.

More details to follow in the next newsletter.

GATES

Since the construction of our new building, our staff are now required to park on the rounders court. Temporary fencing has been installed on the rounders court to keep students safe and away from cars. **For the time being, 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).



PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL PREMISES

Brimbank Council are issuing fines to people who are 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
- **Do not** park on people's nature strips.



HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL - FAMILY PICNIC

Holy Eucharist would like to invite our school community to our Family Picnic on the oval. It will be held on **Tuesday 21st February 2023, from 5pm until 7pm** (weather permitting).

On the day, there will be 2 jumping castles and various activities on the oval. We also have face painting, balloons and a coffee van for the adults free of charge. Sausages, drinks, and pancakes (Shrove Tuesday) will be sold as part of our fund-raising initiative. We look forward to seeing you there.

PARENT/TEACHER CHATS.

Holy Eucharist School will be hosting our annual Parent/Teacher Chats on **Wednesday 8th March 2023** from 12:10pm until 7:00pm. Please note that **students will be finishing school at 12pm.**

Parent/Teacher Chats are a great opportunity to communicate with your child's teacher and to hear about how your child has settled into their new class. However, they are also a great way to discuss any concerns or questions you may have regarding your child. It is important that you take the time to think about the things you would like to discuss with your child's teacher, to ensure you make the most of your allocated time.

The Parent /Teacher Chats will be approximately **10 minutes in length** – just enough time for you and your child's teacher to meet and/or communicate. During this meeting, your child's teacher will be asking questions which will provide them with important information. The information gathered will assist the class teachers when planning lessons teaching your child. *eg: your child's birthplace, date of arrival in Australia, first language/s spoken, etc.*

We ask that parents select their preferred time as soon as possible and to return their slips to their child's teacher without delay. If parents have more than one child at Holy Eucharist School, they are asked to add them to the same list as well.



Parent-Teacher Chats

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on **Monday 6th March 2023**. 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, cash orders will not be accepted.**



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 parent/carer** 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-st-albans.html?_id=1660168686498&product_list_limit=36&product_list_order=price

Girls - Summer:

Maroon Check Dress
White socks / Black shoes – **no runners**
Woollen 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**
Woollen 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**
Woollen 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**
Woollen 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 require any information or support in regards to the school uniform, please see Michael at the office.

SCHOOL HATS IN TERM 4

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



STAYING SAFE FROM MOSQUITOES

Recent wet and warm weather has increased mosquito breeding. Mosquitoes can carry diseases that may be passed on to people through mosquito bites. A range of mosquito-borne diseases have recently been detected in mosquitoes in northern Victoria. Mosquito-borne diseases can cause serious illness, including infections of the brain, with children particularly at risk.

The best way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases is to avoid mosquito bites.

In line with community health advice, families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- using insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin if outdoors when mosquitoes are observed, from October to March
- wearing long, loose-fitting clothing outdoors if possible if mosquitoes are around and covering exposed skin as much as possible. Summer school uniforms, including polos and shorts, can continue to be worn, but students should use insect repellent on exposed skin if mosquitoes are active
- limiting outdoor activity when mosquitoes are active.

Further information

- A [handy guide](#) to help protect you and your family from mosquito-borne disease
- Better Health Channel [information about preventing mosquito-borne diseases.](#)

UPDATE TO COVID-19 SETTINGS FOR TERM 1, 2023

COVIDSafe measures have changed, however schools are required to continue to implement important practices to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Schools must keep their COVIDSafe Plan in place and will need to review and update these as required.

Schools must continue to ensure air purifiers are used, external ventilation is maximised, good personal hygiene is encouraged, and face masks are made available for staff, students and visitors who wish to wear them.

It is recommended that rapid antigen tests (RATs) are used by students and staff if they:

- have symptoms of COVID-19 infection, no matter how mild
- are a household or close contact of someone who has COVID-19
- are a social contact of someone who has COVID-19.

The Department of Health recommends that all Victorians report their positive RAT result via the online form or by calling 1800 675 398. Principals are no longer required to inform their school community of a positive case associated with the school, and also, schools are no longer required to report COVID-19 case numbers to Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS).

RATs are available for all Victorians from council sites. Individuals can obtain two free packs (10 tests) for themselves and two free packs (10 tests) for each of their household members. People with disability and their carers can get up to four free packs (20 tests) in line with existing RAT distribution for people with disability.

Further information can be found on the Coronavirus Victoria website. Please visit <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/about-rapid-antigen-tests>



CAROLINE CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Enrolment for 2025 at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College are now open!

The college will be hosting an information session on **Thursday 30th March 2023** to support families when choosing a secondary school.

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College will also conducting regular tours and families will need to book online. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



Thursday, 30 March 2023 | 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Quin Auditorium, Caroline Chisholm Catholic College
Enter via Gate 3 on the corner of Churchill Avenue
and Darnley Street, Braybrook

Secure your seats via www.bit.ly/3YIUN5p or by scanning the QR code.
For any questions, please email registrar@ccc.vic.edu.au or call 03 9296 5311.



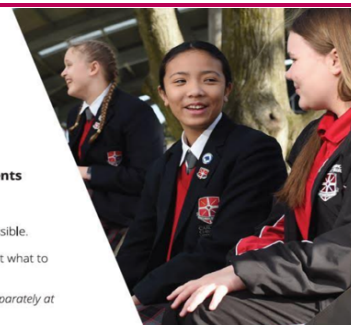
Choosing a Secondary School: Finding the right fit.

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College invites families with students in Grade 4 or 5 to join our information session*.

Choosing a secondary school for your child can be overwhelming. There are many factors to consider, and you should start your research as early as possible.

This session aims to assist families exploring secondary school options about what to consider when selecting a secondary school.

*Please note there is no tour associated with this session. Tours can be booked separately at www.cccc.vic.edu.au



NEW BUILDING

Last Tuesday, during our site meeting, I had the privilege of getting up onto the first floor of the new building. The view from the first floor / learning deck is going to be great!

The builders have made lots of progress and thankfully the weather has been on our side!

The workmen are currently preparing for the slab. I was told by the builder that there is approximately 40 tonnes of steel already resting on the first floor. The concrete slab will hopefully be poured in the coming weeks followed by the supporting columns and then the frame for the roof.

Mr Michael Bonnici

Principal

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**Holy Eucharist
Catholic Primary School**



Holy Eucharist Family Picnic 2023

Tuesday February 21st 5pm - 7pm
1A Oleander Drive, St Albans 3021

All are welcome!

Face Painting (free)
Jumping Castle (free)
Activities on the Oval
Coffee Van (free for adults only)

We will be selling:
Sausages
Pancakes
Drinks



HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL, ST ALBANS SOUTH PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2024 - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Expression of Interest Forms are now available for Prep 2024 at the school office.

Children commencing Prep next year must be 5 years of age by 30th April 2024. It is important that our current families also register their child/children at the office if they wish to enrol their child for Grade Prep in 2024.

Tours of the school are now taking place (after school) from 3:30pm upon request. Please contact the office on 8312 0900 to make a booking.

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We will also be fund raising on the day. We will be selling sausages, drinks, and pancakes (Shrove Tuesday).

We look forward to seeing you then.

MATHS & ENGLISH TUTORING - 30% DISCOUNT FOR HOLY EUCHARIST STUDENTS

MPIR Tuition is a tuition centre located in Cairnlea that offers tutoring to students from Years 1 to 12. Our classes are conducted in small groups with specially designed classwork and homework books. For more information please visit www.mpirtuition.com.au or contact 0481 333 678.

ĐÀY KÈM TOÁN VÀ ANH VĂN - 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 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. Để biết thêm chi tiết, vui lòng truy cập www.mpirtuition.com.au hoặc liên lạc 0481 333 678.



MPIR TUITION

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Fees for 2023

School Fees for 2023 are \$1,000.00 per family.

Per Capita fees for 2023 are \$140.00 per child. This includes \$30.00 Sport Fees.

Excursion Fees for 2023 are \$35.00 per child.

Camp Fees for 2023

Grade 6 Camp fees are \$150.00 per child

Grade 5 Camp fees are \$120 per child.

Grade 4 camp fees are \$65 per child.

Grade 3 Camp fees are \$55.00 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.

We look forward to seeing all our beautiful students back at school.

Sue Smart

Business Manager

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Learning Together Program

PARENT AND CHILD ENGLISH LITERACY PROGRAM

Learning Together Program offers:

- English classes for parents
- Early learning programs for children
- Playgroup for parents and children after the English class
- This program is free

Day & Time:

Mondays 9:30am - 12:30pm
(School Term)

Location:

Holy Eucharist Primary School
1A Oleander Dr, St Albans

Contact:

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Adella Howard 0423 435 331
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FAMILY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIPS/COMMUNITY HUB

Welcome back to School! The Community Hub is excited to start back with Zumba classes which are FREE beginning Wednesday, February 8th 9:30am - 10:30am in the hall and continuing every week for the remainder of the term.

Come along and get fit while having fun!

Stick around after for a cuppa afterwards to chat with other members of the school and community.

We look forward to offering more programs through the Community Hub in the coming weeks, stay tuned!

Adella Howard

Community Hub Leader

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Crystal Carmuciano

Family School Partnerships

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Enrolments Now Open YEAR 7 2025

Enrolments for current Grade 5 students are now open!

Applications close on August 18, 2023.

Visit www.cccc.vic.edu.au for more information or to apply online.



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.