



Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

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Mass Times:
Saturday: 6pm (English),
7:30pm (Vietnamese)
Sunday: 8:45am, 10.00am, 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

The 5th of March is the Second Sunday of Lent



Liturgical Calendar

7 March - Saints Perpetua and Felicity
8 March - Saint John of God
9 March - Saint Frances of Rome

Thank you for continuing to support Project Compassion, Caritas Australia.

The 8th of March is International Women's Day



God, whose love and goodness gathers us in:
we pray for women all over the world,
especially those challenged by poverty and other injustice.
Stir us to know women's dignity.
Quieten us to listen to women's voices.
Awaken us to see women's realities.
Strengthen us to stand for women's rights.
Fill us with hope to make a better future together.
Amen. (Prayer from Caritas Australia website)

Principal's Message:

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,
Our Family Picnic was a huge success. It was so wonderful to see so many people attend our picnic which was held on Shrove Tuesday. I would like to thank all our students and families for supporting this event. We raised \$2400! I would also like to thank Ms Crystal Carmuciano, Mrs Adella Howard, Mrs Sue Smart, Mrs Mandy Huong, Ms Anne-Marie Conte, Mrs Julie Semcesen, Mr June Balatbat, Mr Peter Buttigieg and Mr Harry Herrera who worked behind the scenes to prepare for the event and to all our staff who stayed back after school to assist. Well done!

Last week was Ash Wednesday. This marked the beginning of Lent which lasts for forty days. Lent is a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The students in Grades 1 to Grade 6 commemorated the day by attending Mass in the church, which was celebrated by Fr Vincent, our Parish Priest. Mrs Vanessa Shaw prepared the liturgy, and our Student Leaders led us in prayer. During the celebration we were sprinkled with ashes, to remind us that we are now on our Lenten journey.

Next Wednesday (8th March 2023), we will be having our Parent/Teacher Chats at school. The students will be finishing school at 12pm on this day. After School Care will be available in the hall, however parents/carers will need to book beforehand. By now, all students will have received their appointment times. We ask that parents/carers arrive on time and that they adhere to the 10-minute time frame. We look forward to seeing you then.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

God Bless,

Mr Michael Bonnici
Principal
principal@hestalbandsst.catholic.edu.au

EASTER EGG DONATIONS

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



The Easter Egg Raffle will be held at the end of Term 1, during our Easter Hat Parade.

Thank you for supporting our school fundraising.

PARENT/TEACHER CHATS.

Holy Eucharist School will be hosting our annual Parent/Teacher Chats on **Wednesday 8th March 2023** from 12:10pm until 6:00pm. 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.



Parent-Teacher Chats

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/cares arrive on time and that they adhere to the 10-minute time frame.

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**. Each student has been given individual order forms. If you would like to order photos, you will need to go online to place your order and to make your payment. 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?_af=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

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.

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

SCHOOL HATS IN TERM 1

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.



EASTER EGG RAFFLE

We are asking each family to please donate an easter egg towards our Easter Egg Raffle. The money raised from the Easter Egg Raffle will go towards purchasing resources/equipment for the school.

The Easter Egg Raffle will be held at the end of Term 1, during our Easter Hat Parade. There will be more details to follow in the coming weeks. Thank you for supporting our school fundraising.

NAPLAN 2023

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Year 3 and Year 5 will commence on Wednesday 15th March until Friday 17th March 2023. Students who are absent from 15th - 17th March will have the opportunity to complete the catch-up tests (for most subject areas) the following week.



NAPLAN is a nationwide measure through which parents, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

For more information regarding NAPLAN 2023, please visit <https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/assessment/f-10assessment/naplan/Pages/parents/index.aspx>

NAPLAN (Cont'd)

Last week the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) published the 2022 NAPLAN testing Data on the 'My School' website. NAPLAN (the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is the only national assessment that all Australian students are required to undertake. This assessment provides comparable data about student performance in literacy and numeracy nationally and over time.

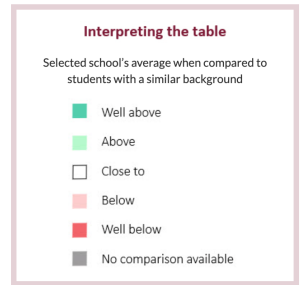
The table below shows the average student results at Holy Eucharist School for the selected year. The cell colour shows how the school's results compare to those of students with a similar background.

Compare to ● Students with similar background ● All Australian students



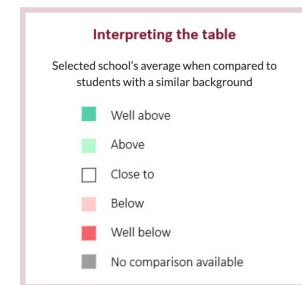
	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar	Numeracy
Year 3	419	424	439	423	388
Year 5	518	511	533	516	492

NAPLAN participation for this school is 99%
NAPLAN participation for all Australian students is 95%



The table below shows the percentage of students at Holy Eucharist School who achieved above average progress, compared to students of a similar background and who had the same starting score on their previous NAPLAN test.

	2012-2014	2013-2015	2014-2016	2015-2017	2016-2018	2017-2019	2019-2021
Reading	47	45	53	45	43	54	55
Writing	69	63	54	65	58	51	64
Numeracy	53	61	66	58	58	69	63



^{NB} In 2020 education ministers decided that NAPLAN testing would not proceed that year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, there is no 2018-2020 and 2020-2022 student progress available.

Due to the cancellation of NAPLAN in 2020, we are unable to show student growth from 2020 to 2022 for each of the domains. However we are able to show the average NAPLAN score for all students at the school in each domain over time, compared to the average score of students with a similar background.

The colour of the diamonds show how the school's results compared to those of students with a similar background. The whiskers around the diamond show the margin of error at 90 per cent level of confidence.

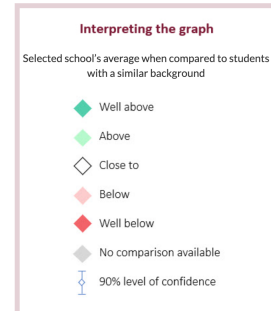
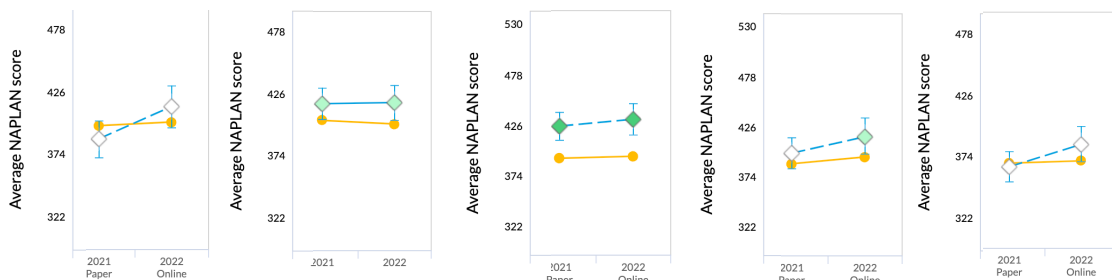
Year 3 Reading

Year 3 Writing

Year 3 Spelling

Year 3 Grammar & Punctuation

Year 3 Numeracy



Key:

- ✔ Holy Eucharist School
- ✔ Students with similar background

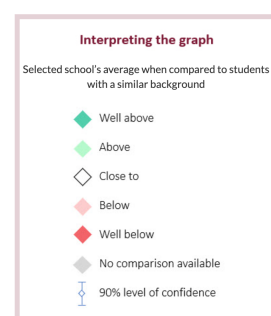
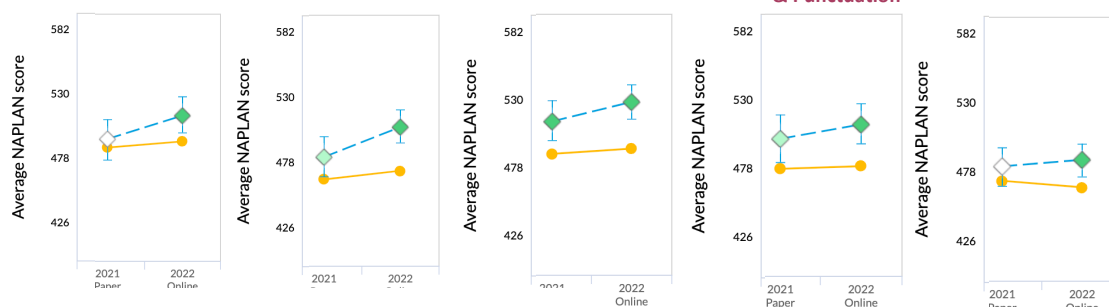
Year 5 Reading

Year 5 Writing

Year 5 Spelling

Year 5 Grammar & Punctuation

Year 5 Numeracy



Key:

- ✔ Holy Eucharist School
- ✔ Students with similar background

Please visit the My Schools website for more information. <https://www.myschool.edu.au/school/46014/naplan/results>

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>



HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH NEWS

New Mass Times:

The Holy Eucharist Parish will be implementing new weekend Mass times. The changes will commence on Sunday 26th March 2023 and the new times for Sunday Mass are as follows:

- English - 8.45am, 10.00am
- Vietnamese – 12.30pm
- English - 6.00pm

Multicultural Day:

Holy Eucharist Parish will be hosting a Multicultural Day on Sunday 26th March 2023. The day will commence with Mass at 10am. There will be more information to following the coming weeks.

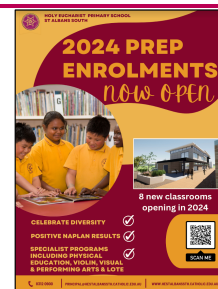
PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2024 - NOW OPEN

Enrolments are now open for 2024.

Children commencing Prep next year must be 5 years of age by 30th April 2024. We already have a number of applications for next year and we will begin interviewing families soon.

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 2024.

Tours of the school are now taking place after school. Please contact the office to make a booking.



NEW BUILDING

Last Thursday, the slab was poured on the first floor of our new building. The concrete will need to dry properly before the supporting frame on the ground floor can be removed. It will take the slab approximately 28 days to dry properly. In the next fortnight there will be more concrete used to create the supporting columns on level 1. When the concrete columns have dried the construction of the metal frame and roof will proceed. Next week, we should have our bricks delivered.



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LOTE – ITALIAN

Carnevale is a very old tradition that originates from ancient Rome.

The festival includes parades and elaborate costumes, masked balls, jugglers, magicians, singing and dancing. Students from Prep to Grade 2 learnt about the popular Carnevale characters and enjoyed creating their own Italian masks.

Ms Yvonne Rosevear
Italian Teacher

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March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 Feb FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 	27 Feb SCHOOL PHOTOS 	28 Feb Violin classes 	1 Parent/Teacher Chats Students finish at 12pm International Women's Day 	2 9am Mass 5BP (Grade 3-6 attending) 	3 ABC Music Interschool Sport (AWAY) 	4
5 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 	6 SCHOOL PHOTOS 	7 Violin classes 	8 Parent/Teacher Chats Students finish at 12pm International Women's Day 	9 Classroom Liturgy 	10 ABC Music Interschool Sport (AWAY) 	11
12 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 	13 Labour Day Public Holiday 	14 Violin classes St Albans Secondary Transition meeting 	15 NAPLAN-Grade 3 & 5 Writing & Reading 	16 Classroom Liturgy NAPLAN-Grade 3 & 5 Conventions of Print 	17 ABC Music Feast of St Patrick NAPLAN-Grade 3 & 5 Numeracy 	18
19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 	20 Feast of St Joseph Grade 5 Camp at "Gundiwindi" Mt Evelyn 	21 Violin classes 	22 	23 9am Mass 4KB (Prep – 2 attending) 	24 Interschool Sport (AWAY) ABC Music 	25 Feast of THE ANNUNCIATION of the Lord
26 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 	27 	28 Violin classes 	29 Holy Eucharist Open Day - Prep 2024 	30 9am Mass 6JC (Grade 3-6 attending) 	31 Portfolios & Work Samples go home ABC Music 	April 1
April 2 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Daylight Savings Ends 	April 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day 	April 4 Violin classes 	April 5 Portfolios & Work Samples returned to school Girls Soccer Gala Day 	April 6 HOLY THURSDAY Whole school Thanksgiving Mass TERM 1 ENDS 	April 7 GOOD FRIDAY 	April 8 THE EASTERN VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

PLEASE REMEMBER:

SCHOOL HATS ARE COMPULSORY AT HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL DURING TERM 1 AND TERM 4.

HATS ARE TO BE WORN DURING RECESS, LUNCH AND DURING PHYSICAL EDUCATION ...NO HAT... NO PLAY!



HOLY EUCHARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST ALBANS SOUTH

2024 PREP ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN



8 new classrooms
opening in 2024

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY ✓

POSITIVE NAPLAN RESULTS ✓

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS
INCLUDING PHYSICAL
EDUCATION, VIOLIN, VISUAL
& PERFORMING ARTS & LOTE ✓



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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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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, Grade 1 dinner, Grade 2 breakfast/dinner will be at no cost. The cost of Sacraments for Grades 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.

Sue Smart

Business Manager

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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.

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MPiR TUITION

**PLEASE DONATE
EASTER EGGS TO
HELP MAKE THE
PRIZE HAMPERS**

Give donations to the office

**Easter Raffle end of
Term 1**

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.hestalbanssst.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.