



## 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 & Rebecca Howard

**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

**Literacy Tutor:** Gabrielle Bright

**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

**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, Sara Kasko, Erica (Thoa) Le,

Juliet Nakhla, Celia (Thoai) Nguyen, Chau Nguyen,

Trang Nguyen, Van Nguyen, Thi Phan, Dianne Punicki,

Rosemarie Slater, Caitlyn Tamchai, Mostyoka Tran,

Kelly Triantafyllidis, Frances Wulf, Mary Xuereb,

**Cleaners:** June Balatbat & Maria Attard

**School Maintenance:** Peter Buttigieg

**The Season of Easter**

Easter Sunday is on the 9<sup>th</sup> April this year, immediately after we finish Term One. When we return in Term Two, the Season of Easter will continue as it is a period of 50 days that celebrates the joy of the sacred Paschal Triduum, the three-day centre of the liturgical Year. It begins with the week-long celebration starting on Easter Sunday (called The Octave of Easter) and concludes with Pentecost Sunday.

During the Easter season, the Church rejoices in the resurrection and ascension of the Lord, and the bestowal of the Spirit. It is a period of renewal and commitment to that same mission taken up by the early Christian communities. For those who have been newly initiated, it is a time to reflect on their experiences and is oriented towards spiritual growth and entering more fully into the life of the community.

This Easter, may we rejoice in the Lord by continuing the mission of Christ through the choices we make in our lives, in order to bring about justice, peace, compassion and love in our world today.

**Principal's Message:**



Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

We have almost come to the end of Term 1 and the school holidays are around the corner! It has been an extremely busy term, where students have been engaged in class activities and lots of learning has taken place. However, over the past few weeks, I have noticed that a number of students are arriving at school very late in the morning. Please remember that the whole school has a Literacy block in the morning where students participate in intensive reading and writing activities. When students arrive late, they are missing out on instructions and as a result, teachers have to go through instructions again, which in turn, is taking them away from teaching the rest of the class. The staff have also come to realise that many of our students are going to bed very late at night. As a result, they struggle to get out of bed in the morning and come to school feeling tired. If your child is tired in the morning, they may find it difficult to learn!

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, we celebrated Catholic Education Week. As part of this celebration, our Vice Captains Mya and Vibeshan, our School Captains Cecilia and Harkeerat, together with Ms Cablao and Mrs Xuereb went to St Patrick's Cathedral to take part in the annual St Patrick's Day Mass. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2023 is 'Forming lives of faith, hope and love in the light of Christ'. There were many student representatives from Catholic schools in the Melbourne archdiocese who took part in this celebration.

Last Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, Holy Eucharist Parish celebrated its annual Multicultural Day with Mass followed by a sausage sizzle. Vy from Grade 6 JC represented our school during the liturgy and read during the Prayers of the Faithful. It was lovely to see so many of you at the celebration.

Next week is Holy Week. On Thursday the whole school will be taking part in the Stations of the Cross. Thank you to Ms Morrell for preparing the Grade 6 students. The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross, enables us to recall and meditate on the events of Jesus' death and resurrection. At 12:30pm, we will be having our end of term assembly as well as our Easter Bonnet Parade on the oval. Parent and Carers are welcome to attend. We will be giving out prizes to students in each year level. Please remember that Thursday is also Casual Day (*gold coin donation*) and that the students will be finishing school early (that is, 1:55pm for students in Prep to Grade 2 and at 2 pm for students in Grades 3 to Grade 6).

Please remember that the students will return to school for Term 2 on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023. **The school will be closed on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023**, as the staff will be participating in Professional Learning on Autism. **The school will also be closed on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023**, as it is a public holiday for ANZAC Day.

I hope you all have a very happy Easter and a safe and restful break. I look forward to seeing you all in Term 2, which will commence on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

God Bless,

Mr Michael Bonnici

Principal

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**End of Term 1 - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Prep to Grade 2 - Finish at 1:55pm**  
**Grades 3 to Grade 6 - Finish at 2pm**  
**School Closure Day - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April**  
**ANZAC Day Holiday - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Term 2 Begins - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

### ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL EACH DAY...

We have a number of students who are coming to school **either very early, or very late** in the morning. **The students should not be left outside the gates before 8:30am as they are unsupervised.** If you need to drop off your child at school early because of work commitments, then students will need to go to **Before School Care**. Camp Australia is contracted by the school to provide this service from 7am each day until 8:30am. **After School Care** is also available from 3:10am until 6pm. Parents/Carers will need to enrol their child prior to their child attending the service, which will incur a fee. Teachers begin supervision on the school grounds at 8:30am when the gates open.

**If your child arrives at school after 9am, they will need to enter via the Administration Gate, as all other gates will be locked. If your child arrives at school after 9:15am, they will need to obtain a late pass from the school office. Each time a student is issued with a late pass, it is recorded on the roll, which then appears on the student's report card each semester.**

Please remember that the whole school has a literacy block in the morning where students participate in intensive reading and writing activities. Students who are arriving late are missing out on specific instructions for given tasks. As a result, teachers are finding that they have to go through instructions again, which in turn, is taking them away from teaching the rest of the class.



### BEDTIME!

During our Parent/Teacher Chats, we were informed by parents/carers that many of our students are going to bed very late at night. As a result, they struggle to get out of bed in the morning and come to school feeling tired. Please remember, if your child is tired then they are going to find it difficult to learn!



### END OF TERM 1

**Just a reminder that the last day for Term 1 is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

- **The students in Grade Prep, 1 and 2 will be finishing school at 1:55pm (to alleviate the traffic congestion)**
- **The students in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be finishing at 2pm**
- **After School Care will be available.**

### BEGINNING OF TERM 2

**Term 2 resumes on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

**Please note:**

- **No School on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 is a School Closure Day (The Staff will have Professional Learning Onsite)**
- **No School on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 is ANZAC DAY - Public Holiday.**

### EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Last week, all families received a book of raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and will be drawn during our Easter Hat Parade on the last day of Term 1 (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023). **All raffle tickets and money will need to be returned to school by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April in time for the draw on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023.** Thank you for your support.



### EASTER BONNET PARADE

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April is the last day of Term 1. We will be having an Easter Bonnet Parade and drawing the Easter Egg Raffle at 12:30pm on the school oval (depending on the weather). All students are encouraged to put on their creative thinking caps and start designing and making an Easter hat to wear in the parade. There will be prizes awarded on the day for the most colourful and the most creative hats. It will also be a casual day (gold coin donation). All parents/carers are welcome.



### IS YOUR CHILD UNWELL? IF YES...PLEASE KEEP THEM AT HOME!

**Students must stay at home if they are unwell or if they may have been exposed to COVID-19. This can prevent an entire class or the rest of the school having to quarantine.**

**Please remember**, when your child returns to onsite learning, it is vital that **they do not come to school** if they have any of the following symptoms:

- sore throat
- temperature
- tiredness
- loss of taste or smell
- tummy pains
- shortness of breath.

If the students show any of the above symptoms they will be sent home immediately.

**It is important that your emergency contact details are up to date. It is also essential that your emergency contact person is available if, for any reason you are unable to pick up your child if we ring you.**

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.



### 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>

### SAFETY IN THE CARPARK

A number of our parents/carers are continually blocking the driveway next to the church and are parking their cars illegally. **Please remember that we have young children who enter and leave the school from the gate next to the church (Gate 2). Cars should not be parked on the zebra crossing or left unattended in the church driveway.** When this happens, it blocks the people behind you and as a result, the cars in Oleander Drive are at a standstill. **Unfortunately, if this continues to happen, we will have to permanently close the driveway next to the church.** The safety of our students and families comes first!

### HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH – LENTEN AND EASTER TIMETABLE

The Way of the Cross will be held at Holy Eucharist Parish on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00pm



### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

<u>Palm Sunday</u>	<u>Holy Thursday</u>	<u>Good Friday</u>	<u>Easter Saturday</u>	<u>Easter Sunday</u>
<i>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023</i>	<i>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023</i>	<i>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023</i>	<i>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2023</i>	<i>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023</i>
<b><u>Mass and Blessing of Palms</u></b>	<b><u>Mass of The Lord's Supper</u></b>	<b><u>Stations of the Cross</u></b>	<b><u>Blessing of the Food</u></b>	<b><u>English Masses:</u></b>
<b>English Mass:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6:00pm</li> </ul> <b>Vietnamese Mass</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7.30pm</li> </ul>	<b>English Mass:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•6.00pm</li> </ul> <b>Vietnamese Mass:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•8.00pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•10.00am</li> </ul> <b><u>Passion of the Lord</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•English: 3.00pm</li><li>•Vietnamese: 7.00pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11.00am</li><li>• 4:30pm</li> </ul> <b><u>Easter Vigil - Resurrection of the Lord</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English: 6.00pm</li><li>• Vietnamese: 8.00pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:45am</li><li>• 10:00am</li><li>• 6.00pm</li> </ul> <b><u>Vietnamese Mass:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 12:00pm</li> </ul> <b><u>Sudanese Mass:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3:00pm</li> </ul>
<b><i>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:</i></b> <b>English Masses:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8.45am</li><li>• 10.00am</li><li>• 6.00pm</li> </ul> <b>Vietnamese Mass:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 12:00pm</li> </ul> <b>Sudanese Mass:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3.00pm</li> </ul>	<b><u>NEW MASS TIMES:</u></b> Holy Eucharist Parish have implemented new weekend Mass times. The new times for <b>Sunday Mass</b> are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English - 8.45am, 10.00am</li><li>• Vietnamese – 12.30pm</li><li>• English - 6.00pm</li> </ul>			

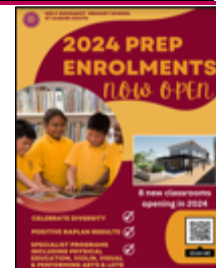
### PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2024 - NOW OPEN

Enrolments are now open for 2024.

Children commencing Prep next year must be 5 years of age by 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



### GRADE 5 CAMP

The Grade 5 students had a wonderful time at Camp Gundiwindi in Silvan. The students were very fortunate to have lovely weather during their stay. They got to experience the Flying Fox, the Giant Swing, Indoor Archery, an evening campfire, making damper, farmyard and animal feeding, bush walking, Puffing Billy and much, much more.

A big thank you to the following teachers for giving up their time to go on camp to supervise the students: Mrs Hurren, Mr Pellaschiar, Mrs Nemet, Ms Thilini, Mrs Semcesen, Mr Herrera, Mr Nicholls, Mrs Xuereb and Ms Kelly.



### NEW BUILDING

On Tuesday I met with the architect and builder for our fortnightly site meeting. I am pleased to report that the pouring of the concrete for the columns on the first floor are now complete. The builders will now begin removing the supporting frames on the ground floor so that the carpenters can begin next week. They will begin building the timber mould for the spiral staircase so that the concrete can be poured.

Over the holidays the scaffolding will be placed around the perimeter of the building so that the metal frame for the roof can be installed. The concrete outside the toilets and the asphalt over the trenches should be completed by the time we get back from the Easter break.



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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – READINGS DURING HOLY WEEK

<b>2 APRIL</b> Palm Sunday Of The Passion of The Lord	<b>Matthew 26: 14–27: 66</b> <i>The Passion and death of Jesus.</i>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>
<b>6 APRIL</b> Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper	<b>John 13: 1–15</b> <i>Jesus washes the feet of his disciples.</i>	<b>Thursday of Holy Week</b> The Lord's Supper
<b>7 APRIL</b> Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)	<b>John 18: 1–19: 42</b> <i>The Passion narrative.</i>	<b>Friday of the Passion of the Lord</b>
<b>8 APRIL</b> The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	<b>Matthew 28: 1–10</b> <i>The women meet an angel at the empty tomb.</i>	<b>The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</b> Easter Saturday
<b>9 April - Easter Sunday</b>	<b>The resurrection of the Lord</b>	

# PROJECT COMPASSION

## GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Thank you for showing the virtue of almsgiving through our Project Compassion Lenten Appeal. The money boxes are due back to school before the end of Term One. Your generosity will help Caritas Australia assist people in need around the world.

### 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.

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**NB: State funded, Positive Start program has been approved and will pay the cost of Years 3, 5, & 6 camps. Parents will not have to pay for these camps.**

### 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](http://www.mpirtuition.com.au) or contact 0481 333 678.

### DAY 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](http://www.mpirtuition.com.au) hoặc liên lạc 0481 333 678.

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MPIR TUITION



Pssst have you heard? We are having an Easter hat parade next week on the last day of term, Thursday, April 6th

The most creative hats from each year level will receive a prize!



HAPPY

# Easter



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# 2024 PREP ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN



8 new classrooms opening in 2024

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

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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](http://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.