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Mass Times:

Saturday: 6pm (English),

7:30pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday: 8:45am, 10.00am, 6pm (English)

12pm (Vietnamese)

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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. Jessica Di Pietro, 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 Triantafillidis, Frances Wulf,

Mary Xuereb,

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Blessings for Mother's Day

Mary said, 'Do whatever Jesus tells you.'

A reading from the Gospel of John (2:1-11)

Jesus and his mother, together with his disciples, were invited to a wedding in a town called Cana. There was food to eat and wine to drink, and the celebrations carried on throughout the evening.

Then Mary came to Jesus and said, 'Son, there is no more wine for the guests to drink.' 'Why do you ask for help when my time has not yet come?' Jesus asked. But Mary turned to the servants and said to them, 'Do whatever Jesus tells you.'

Nearby stood six very large water jars, and Jesus told the servants to fill them with water. 'Now pour some out and take it to the head waiter,' he said.

The water had been changed to wine, and when he had tasted it the head waiter went to the bridegroom and said, 'Sir, you have certainly saved the very best wine until last!'

This was the first miracle Jesus performed and it happened in Cana in Galilee. His disciples had witnessed his glory and believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Principal's Message:

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a lovely Easter and a restful holiday. It has been quite busy since we have returned. On Monday, our Grade 3 students had an overnight stay at 'Urban Camp' in Parkville. The students were very fortunate to visit Melbourne Aquarium, Federation Square, Melbourne Skydeck and Melbourne Museum. I had the pleasure of joining the Grade 3s on Monday night at Urban Camp. A big thank you to all the students and teachers who were involved.

Last term, we began the process to implement a Student Representative Council (SRC) at the school in Years 3-5. The aim of the SRC is to provide all students with a voice. The SRC consists of a group of students who were elected by their peers to represent the wider student community. The students in Years 3 to Year 5 researched what it means to be on the SRC. Members of the SRC are active participants in the school and broader school community. They discuss issues that concern students, raise awareness of broader social issues and aim to improve not only our school as a place of learning but also the world in which they live. Last week, I interviewed the students who were chosen to be members of the SRC and yesterday, during our school assembly I presented these students to our school community: Mymy 3JK, Lina 3VF, Hayden C 3CL, Jason 3D/C, Narcissa 4KB, Michael 4JM, Emily 4JD, Amath 5JH, Edison 5SN, Jayden 5TN and Sandra 5BP. I would like to congratulate these students and I look forward to working with them throughout the year.

Next week we will be having a number of activities at school in preparation for Mother's Day. On Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th May 2023, we will be having a Mother's Day Stall at school. The prices for these gifts range from \$2 up to \$6. On Thursday, 11th May 2023, we will be having a special celebration for our mothers at school. We will begin the day with a Liturgical service that will be viewed in each classroom at 9:10am. All our mothers are invited to sit with their child in their classroom to participate in this prayer celebration. Following this, the students will be engaging in a Mother's Day craft activity and our mothers are also invited to take part in this activity with their child in their classroom. Following on from this, we will be hosting a Mother's Day morning tea on the school grounds to celebrate all the special motherly figures at Holy Eucharist from 10:00am to 10:30am. We hope that you can join us. A big thank you to Mrs Carmuciano, Mrs Shaw and Mrs Howard for organising the Mother's Day activities for next week.

Wishing all our Mums a very Happy Mother's Day on Sunday 14th May - Keep warm and God

Mr Michael Bonnici

Principal

EDUCATE

♦ EMPOWER

CHILDREN ARRIVING TO SCHOOL EARLY IN THE MORNING:

There are still a number of students arriving at school before 8:30am. Please note that teachers commence Yard Duty at 8:30am, however there are many students arriving much earlier. Students who arrive early to school are **not supervised** at this time. We have 'Before School Care' in the hall which commences at 7am. Camp Australia is contracted by the school to provide this service from 7am each day until 8:30am. All staff at our school have a Duty of Care. Therefore, staff have been instructed to direct all unsupervised children (who arrive at school prior to 8:30am) to go to Before School Care to ensure that they are safe. Teachers begin supervision on the school grounds at 8:30am when the gates open.



<u>After School Care</u> 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.

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.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Holy Eucharist School, Breakfast club operates from **Monday to Friday from 8.30am until 8.45am** in the Grade 4 Wet Area (Entry is via Miss Murnane's classroom (Room 9). Breakfast will be provided for all our students who may have not had breakfast before coming to school. Breakfast consists of toast with butter and/or jam or vegemite. All students are welcome.



EASTER BONNET PARADE AND EGG RAFFLE

The students did a wonderful job designing and making their Easter Bonnets for the parade. We gave out several prizes on the day to students in each year level.

After the Easter Bonnet Parade we drew the Easter Raffle. We managed to put together more than 40 Easter Egg Hampers! What an amazing effort!

A big thank you to all our families for the Easter Egg donations and for supporting our Easter Raffle. We raised \$1807.00 Well done everyone!

This money will be put towards purchasing new Chromebook for our students to use in the classroom.

Thank you Mrs Crystal Carmuciano, Mrs Adella Howard and Mrs Julie Semcesen for organising the raffle tickets and for putting the Easter hampers together.

FAREWELL FR LOVINK

Assistant priest, Fr Vinsensius Lolo CSsR (Fr Lovink) will be leaving our parish this week. Fr Lovink has been part of the Holy Eucharist community for over three years,

Father Lovink has celebrated many of our school liturgies and has assisted us during the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. He will be missed by the students, staff and families at our school. We thank Fr Lovink for supporting us during his time at Holy Eucharist and wish him all the best. Fr Lovink will be moving to the Redemptorist Monastery in Perth.



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 2, 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

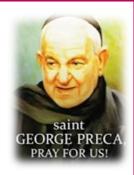


FEAST OF ST GEORGE PRECA 9TH MAY

The Society of Christian Doctrine also known as Preca Community was founded by Saint George Preca in 1907. It is formed of a community of lay brothers where they live under a rule and a constitution written by George Preca himself. It was canonically approved by the Archbishop of Malta in 1932.

Fr Preca was born in 1880 in Valletta, the capital city of Malta. He was ordained a priest in 1906. By that time, he was already deeply inspired to find an effective way to deepen the Catholic faith of the Maltese people. His charismatic personality was from an early age immersed in prayer and was constantly open to God's inspiration.

He gathered around him a small group of lay men, and later lay women to instruct them thoroughly in the Catholic faith so that they will be able to teach others the Catholic faith. He based his inspiration on St Paul's words to Timothy; "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others". (2 Tim 2, 2)



Fr Preca enthused this group with zeal to spread the Word of God through good instruction throughout the Islands of Malta and Gozo. The acrostic M.U.S.E.U.M, *Magister Utinam Sequatur Evangelium Universus Mundus*, expresses St George Preca's prayer, "Divine Teacher, may the whole world follow the Gospel". He sent the first six brothers in 1956 in Australia to continue his mission. Though sickly himself, he continued to teach by the spoken and written word. In fact, he wrote 140 books and booklets, which some are translated in various languages even in English.

His humility and right intention were his eminent virtues throughout his long apostolic life. Fr Preca died on the 26th July 1962 just when the Church at the Second Vatican Council was going to approve his vision of the lay apostolate in the Catholic Church. The feast day of Saint George Preca is on the 9th May when he was beatified by the St John Paul II.

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.



SWIMMING PROGRAM

The Swimming Program for students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will commence on Monday 29th May until Friday 2nd June 2023. During our last School Advisory Council, I spoke about the rising cost of the swimming program and the challenge we have in sustaining the program in Prep to Year 6.

Unfortunately, due to the rising cost of the swimming venue and transportation, we have had to put the swimming program on hold for students in Prep to Year 2 in 2023.

In 2021 and in 2022 we were fortunate to receive a grant for \$11,760.00 (due to COVID-19). This grant went towards the swimming program in Prep to Year 6. However, this year we did not receive a grant and as a result we have had to put the swimming program in Prep to Year 2 on hold. Please see below:

- Cost of swimming for Prep to Year 6 in 2022 \$42,370.59 \$11,760.00 = Total cost \$30,610.59
- Cost of swimming for Prep to Year 6 in 2023. Total cost \$44,714.00

Students in Prep to Year 2 will receive an alternate sporting program this year at a lower cost.

CONGRATULATIONS

A big congratulations to Mr Charlie Desira (Parish Representative on the School Advisory Council), for being awarded an Order of Australia (OAM).

Charlie has served our Parish Community for many years and has been a driving force behind the Loaves and Fishes Foodbank at the parish. The Foodbank has over 700 people registered for assistance. Every Friday approximately 300 people arrive at the Parish Foodbank for assistance.

Charlie and his team assist the refugees living in the local area and deliver food to people who are housebound. Congratulations Charlie and God bless.



NEW BUILDING

During the school holidays the concrete footpath outside the toilet block was completed. This was removed in order for the workmen to connect to sewer and water pipes. The pavers leading to the footpath have been repaired. New asphalt over existing trenches were also repaired.

Last Wednesday I attended the fortnightly site meeting. During the meeting the builder and supervisor mentioned that they have removed the supporting frames on the ground floor and that the carpenters have begun putting up the wall frames. We were told during the meeting that they will commence building the timber mould for the spiral staircase so that the concrete can be poured.

Over the next few days, the workmen will be installing the steel lintels on the ground floor which will be placed above the windows and doors. The builder anticipates that the windows and doors will be delivered within the next 2 weeks followed by the steel for the roof on the first level.







LOTE - Italian

Buongiorno,

Congratulations to the following Grade 5 students for an outstanding effort during the Italian Poetry Recital.

- Arieane Cebrano 5BP
- Leroy Limkalan 5TN
- Sara Tonsic. 5TN

The students were able to memorise their Italian poems and presented them with accurate pronunciation, speed and expression. Well done! Siete bravissimi!

Signora Rosevear

Italian - LOTE Teacher

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

KEY DATES FOR THE HOLY EUCHARIST FAITH COMMUNITY

Tuesday 9th May at 6.30pm in the School Hall Confirmation Family Faith and Information Evening

The Fifth Week of Easter

10 May Saint John De Avila

11 May Mother's Day School Online Liturgy

12 May Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Saint Pancras

13 May Our Lady of Fatima

The Sixth Week of Easter

14 May Mothers Day

15 May International Day of Families

18 May Saint John I

20 May Saint Bernadine of Siena

15-21 May CatholicCare Family Week (National Families Week)



Please visit CatholicCare Victoria's website at https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/directory/services for a list of services they offer to support families and individuals, particularly during challenging times.

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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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.

PROJECT COMPASSION GO EURTHER TOGETHER

Thank you and blessings to the Holy Eucharist School Community

for your generosity towards our Project Compassion Lenten Appeal. Congratulations on contributing a grand total of \$1,790.00 which will help Caritas Australia to assist people in need around the world.





HOW DOES MUSIC BENEFIT CHILDREN?

- Improves academic outcomes and NAPLAN result:
- Improves memory, concentration and learning
- Helps underperforming students impre
- Builds confidence and self-esteem
 Improves teamwork and social skills
- Encourages self-expression AND IT'S FUN!



EXCEPTIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

We really do make music in schools as simple as ABC

Our teachers specialise in the most popular instruments and music styles and

- · Hold a university degree or a diploma in music
- · Have sound previous teaching experience
- Have a passion for music that's really inspirational



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





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.



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Các lớp học được tiến hành theo nhóm nhỏ với các bài tâp soan riêng cho mỗi học sinh. Để biết thêm chi tiết, vui long truy

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May 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23 April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	24 April TERM 2 BEGINS for staff NO STUDENTS PUPIL FREE DAY	25 April ANZAC DAY – Public Holiday	26 April Feast of St Mark, Evangelist TERM 2 BEGINS for students	27 April Classroom Liturgy	28 April ABC Music classes Interschool Sport (HOME)	29 April
30 April TOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		Grade 3 Camp- Urban Camp	3 Feast of St Phillip & 🔐	4 9.ooam Mass in the church Grade 6 Taster Day St Albans Secondary College	5 ABC Music classes Interschool Sport (AWAY) Portfolios go home	9
7 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	ω	9 6.30pm -Confirmation Faith Evening	10 Mother's Day Stall Portfolios due back to school	11 9.10 – Whole school Online Liturgy Mother's Day Stall Mother's Day Morning Tea at 10:30am	Mother's Day Stall Interschool Sport (AWAY)	13
14 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mother's Day	15 District Cross Country 19	16	71	18 9.00am Mass in the church 10.00am Confirmation & First Communion candidates Reconciliation after mass	19 Interschool Sport (AWAY)	20
ASCENSION OF THE LORD OF THE LORD 10.30 - Confirmation Presentation Mass	22 Grade 6 - Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Visit	23	24 Feast of Mary, Help of Christians Bishop Martin Ashe visit with Grade 6 National Simultaneous Storytime	25 9.ooam Mass in the church	26 National Sorry Day Interschool Sport (HOME) Grade 3 Incursion- Aussie Wildlife Displays 6.45pm - Year 6 Confirmation	27
28 PENTECOST SUNDAY	59	3o 6.30pm - First Holy Communion Family Faith Evening	Holy 31 Feast of The Swimming Program for Middle & Senior classes	1 June No Mass due to Swimming Program enior classes	2 June Interschool Sport (HOME)	3 June
4 June THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 10.00 -First Communion Presentation Mass	S June Grade 6 Camp- Tł	une 6 June Grade 4 – First 7 June Holy Communion Reflection Day Grade 6 Camp- The Island Accommodation, Phillip Island	7 June ation, Phillip Island	8 June 9.00am Mass in the church Holy Eucharist Feast Day	9 June	10 June