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Kelly Triantafillidis, Frances Wulf, Mary Xuereb, <u>Cleaners:</u> June Balatbat & Maria Attard <u>School Maintenance:</u> Peter Buttigieg



# <u>Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South</u>

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# The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (1:46-56)

(Mary proclaims the glory of God)

Mary saíd, "My heart praíses the Lord;

My soul is glad because of God my saviour,

For God has remembered me, his lowly servant!

From now on all people will call me happy,

Because of the great things the Mighty God has done for me. God's name is holy; from one generation to another God

shows mercy to those who honour God.

God has stretched out a mighty arm and scattered the proud with all their plans.

God has brought down mighty kings from their thrones, And lifted up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things,

And sent the rich away with empty hands.

God has kept the promíse made to our ancestors,

And has come to the help of God's servant Israel.

God has remembered to show mercy to Abraham

And to all his descendants for ever."

The Gospel of the Lord!

# Príncípal's Message:

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

Time seems to be flying by, and we are amazed that we are already halfway through this busy term. There's been a lot happening at our school, and we're excited to share some of the highlights with you.

We had the privilege of coming together as a school for a whole-school Mass on Tuesday to commemorate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. It was a beautiful occasion, and we were grateful to have the opportunity to celebrate this special feast as a united school community.

We are also delighted to introduce three new staff members at our school. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Ms Nawares Bahnam and Mrs Elizabeth Sant, who will be serving as Learning Support Officers (LSOs). Additionally, we are thrilled to welcome Mrs Colleen Azzopardi, who will be working with us three days a week as a Literacy Tutor. We wish Nawares, Elizabeth and Colleen all the best in their new roles at Holy Eucharist.

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023, we will be celebrating Book Week at our school! The students (and staff) are encouraged to embrace their favourite book characters and come dressed in creative costumes. To make the day even more special, we'll be having an assembly in the hall at 9am. We extend a warm invitation to all parents and carers to join us for this occasion.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we announce the passing of the mother of Ms Frances Wulf (LSO). Frances' mother passed away after a long illness. May she Rest in Peace. Please remember Frances and her family in your prayers during this time of loss.

Keep warm and God Bless,

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

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#### SCHOOL CROSSING

I want to share an important update regarding our ongoing efforts to enhance safety and convenience in and around Holy Eucharist School.

Over the past several months, I have been actively engaged in discussions with both our local council and our local Members of Parliament. Our goal has been to advocate for the installation of a school crossing right outside our administration office on Chedgey Drive. Additionally, we've been pushing for improved parking facilities around the vicinity of the school.

Last Friday, I received an email from Ms. Natalie Suleyman MP (*Member of the Victorian Legislative Assemb ly*), who expressed her support for our cause. Ms. Suleyman addressed our concerns and highlighted the need for a school crossing at Holy Eucharist School during a parliamentary session. You can find the transcript of her discussion below.

In addition to Ms. Suleyman's efforts, I also received correspondence from Mr. Trung Luu MP (*Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs*). He has also taken our concerns to the Parliamentary level. Mr. Luu presented our case at a parliamentary level and read the letter I sent him emphasising our urgent request for improved safety measures. Mr. Luu has shared a recording of his presentation, capturing the essence of our concerns and the importance of addressing them promptly.

While we await further updates and actions, we remain hopeful that our call for a school crossing and enhanced parking will resonate with the appropriate authorities and lead to positive changes for the benefit of our entire school community. Please rest assured that we will keep you informed of any new developments.



### EXTRACT FROM PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

HANSARD



Ms Natalie Suleyman MP 03 August 2023

"Good afternoon Michael,

I hope you are well.

Last week in Parliament, Minister Suleyman spoke about Holy Eucharist Primary School.

Please find attached a copy of Natalie's Members Statement..."

(Email received from the office of Ms Natalie Suleyman MP)



# **Holy Eucharist Primary School**

## The Hon. NATALIE SULEYMAN (St Albans – Minister for Veterans, Minister for Small Business, Minister for Youth) (09:55):

I rise today on behalf of my community in St Albans to raise an issue that is really important and has caused deep concern and distress. Holy Eucharist Primary School in St Albans is a great primary school, and it has over 550 students. We have invested \$2 million to upgrade their facilities, and it has been fantastic to see the progress of the building works. Over many months my office has been advocating to Brimbank City Council to establish a safe crossing out the front of the entrance to the primary school. The response continues to be unsatisfactory. This has caused much stress and anxiety for the school community, who have been dealing with council to secure a safe, supervised crossing for the children. We know when there is no safe crossing what the consequences can be, and that is why the students, parents and educators need to feel safe and have peace of mind when crossing to the school at this particular point. This has been deeply disappointing for the children and the school community, as I have indicated. It means that our local kids are still not safe while they are entering and exiting this primary school. I will continue to work to ensure a safe resolution for our kids, staff and parents at Holy Eucharist. I am urging Brimbank City Council to work with the school, the principal and the school community to ensure that the community is safe.

#### "Dear Michael,

I hope you are well.

I am writing to confirm that we received your email earlier this week regarding...the school crossing outside your school office. We are honoured to have represented you in Parliament, to able to give you a voice and be heard. By raising this matter in Parliament, we hope that this can help contribute to the safety of your students and to the community.

We are currently awaiting the Minister's response, but will let you know once we have an update..."

(Email received from the office of Mr Trung Luu MP)

MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS (MACSSIS)

Throughout each year, we pause to listen to our students, families and staff to gauge how our learning community is travelling. This feedback is invaluable to our progress as effective school communities and is backed by evidence-based research and best practices.

A significant and formal way in which we engage and gather data is through MACSSIS, the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys. One of the main goals of the MACSSIS survey is to identify the strengths and areas for improvement within our school. We believe it is important that you have a voice in order to contribute to shaping the ongoing improvement of Holy Eucharist School.

The survey will be accessible online in English and in various other languages and dialects, from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August and will need to be completed by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023. All participation is invited, welcomed and 100% voluntary. The surveys are not a test; they are an inclusive way to inform the work we are already doing to improve our school. Everyone has the right to refuse to participate, or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey. Please notify the school if your child (Years 4-6) does not wish to participate. If you would like more information, please free to contact Michael or Anne-Marie at the office.



#### SCHOOL GROUNDS

I am pleased to inform you that we have recently replenished the sand in the sandpit. This has brought new life to a beloved play area that students from all grade levels are thoroughly enjoying during both recess and lunch breaks. It's wonderful to see their creativity and imagination come to life as they interact with each other.

Furthermore, I would like to share some of the improvements made to our garden areas over the past few weeks. Mr Peter Buttigieg and Mr June Balatbat have been hard at work, enhancing the garden spaces around our school. Fresh red mulch has been carefully placed in the garden beds, providing a vibrant backdrop for the plants. To ensure the mulch stays in place and the garden beds maintain their neat appearance, we have added wooden edging.

In the coming weeks, we are excited to continue these improvements by introducing new plants to the garden beds. This will not only add beauty to our school grounds but also provide a hands-on learning opportunity for our students to engage with nature.

As we strive to create a safe and enjoyable environment for all, we kindly request that students refrain from entering the garden beds. While we encourage exploration and interaction with the natural world around them, keeping out of the garden beds will help preserve the newly added plants for everyone to enjoy.



#### **NAPLAN NEWS**

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic School (MACS) has several schools that consistently achieve 'well above' the expected relative gain in the Year Five NAPLAN Primary - Numeracy data, which is reported nationally on the 'My Schools' website.

Last week, I was informed that **Holy Eucharist School** has been identified as one of the six MACS schools identified.

This achievement is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our incredible staff at Holy Eucharist School. Their commitment to driving improved outcomes for our students has not gone unnoticed. It's their dedication that has led to this recognition, and I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each and every member of our staff and our students. Well done!





#### SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER!

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, <u>they are required to have a written letter from their parents</u> 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 <u>https://www.psw.com.au/schools/holy-eucharist-school-st-albans.html? =1660168686498&product list limit=36&product list order=price</u>

#### 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

<u>Girls – Sport (Only on Sport Days)</u> 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

<u>Please note:</u> If students are <u>not wearing the correct school uniform, a note will be sent home</u>. This note will need to be signed by the parent/guardian. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school office.

# 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 have already started interviewing families.

It is really important that <u>our current families also register their</u> <u>child/children</u> 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.





The ground floor plastering is nearly complete, including the installation of the acoustic ceiling.

Additionally, the external staircase is in its final stages of construction. The concrete for the staircase was poured last week and is currently in the drying phase.

Please visit our school website to see an aerial video footage of the progress made at the building site.

<u>https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au</u> /enrolment-information/new-learningcentre-in-2024/



Get your costume ready for Book Week Dress Up Day on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August. We'll be having a whole School Assembly that day at 9:00am. All Welcome!

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



#### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

The feast of the Assumption of Mary is a call to each of us to turn to Mary through prayer. Always look towards heaven and know that Mother Mary loves you, she smiles at you and she thoughtfully assists you. Like every mother, she wants the best for her children and she says to us: "You are precious in God's eyes". Let us allow Our Lady to take us by the hand. Say the Rosary regularly and pray to her and ask her to pray for us ... 'Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us'. On the 22nd day of August, in the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church, we will celebrate the Queenship of Mary, which is a Marian feast day created by Pope Pius XII. We pray for the Queen Mother of Heaven and Earth who is full of God's grace, to intercede for us.

#### SOME KEY MESSAGES OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS AT WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON PORTUGAL, 2023

It was very exciting to be on the Emerging Leaders Program Pilgrimage (ELP) and to attend World Youth Day in Lisbon in 2023. It was a privilege to meet Pope Francis with the ELP group at the Vatican and also to see him at key events such as the Welcoming Ceremonies for the Holy Father, the Stations of the Cross, and the Morning Mass for the 16th International World Youth Day.

I look forward to consolidating my journey and sharing my experiences with the community in different ways. However, I would like to take this opportunity to share three key verbs provided by our Pope that he encouraged us to action in our daily lives.

#### The first: to shine - so be radiant.

The second: to listen - in order not to take the wrong path.

The third: to be unafraid - "Do not be afraid".

I strongly encourage you to access the Vatican document available at the link below and to contemplate how these three actions can help each of us to flourish in our daily lives: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2023/documents/20230806portogallo-omelia-gmg.html

To encounter World Youth Day highlights please visit: https://www.lisboa2023.org/en

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LITERACY NEWS What is Book Week?





#### **LOTE – ITALIAN NEWS**

theme to highlight the importance of reading. Book Week 2023 will run from August 19th to 25th.

This year's theme is "Read, Grow, Inspire."

through CBCA Book Week.

Ciao a tutti. This term students have planted some spring flowers (Fiori di primavera) in the courtyard. Our daffodils (narcisi) are bloomina.

In Week 10 all students will be participating in the Italian fiesta week and will be participating in Italian activities during their Italian classes. The whole school will celebrate Italian day on Thursday 14th September (week 10). During the assembly students will be performing Italian songs and dancing. Students are encouraged to wear the Italian colours of the flag (green, white, red) or they can choose to wear a costume with an Italian theme.

Signora Rosevear Italian Teacher yve.rosevear@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

#### FAMILY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

#### FATHER'S DAY BBQ BREAKFAST

Holy Eucharist would like to celebrate all father figures on Thursday, Aug 31st with a BBQ breakfast in the hall and a liturgy in the classroom from 8:00am - 9:30am.

Looking forward to seeing Dad's, Uncle's, Grandfather's and other important fatherly figures in our student's lives on this special occasion at school.





IMPORTANT DATES		LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
AUGUST • Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug • Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> Aug • Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug • Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug • Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug • 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug - 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept • Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	-Literacy and Numeracy Week	20th Sunday in C Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Drdinary Time -Saint Pius X -The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary -Saint Rose of Lima -Saint Bartholomew -Saint Louis -Saint Joseph of Calasanz
<ul> <li>Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Aug</li> <li>Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Aug</li> <li>Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Aug</li> <li>Fri 1st Sept</li> </ul>	-Grade 5 Incursion - Mad about Science -Sacrament of Reconciliation -Grade 5 Incursion - Mad about Science -Father's Day Breakfast (TBA)	21st Sunday in C Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Ordinary Time -Social Justice Sunday -Saint Augustine -The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
SEPTEMBER Sun 3rd Sept Tue 5th Sept Wed 6th Sept Thurs 7th Sept	-Father's Day -Divisional Athletics (Keilor) -Italian Fiesta Day -Grade 2 Big Day In	September: Seas Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	-World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Ordinary Time
<ul> <li>Fri 8th Sept</li> <li>Thurs 14th Sept</li> <li>Fri 15th Sept</li> <li>Fri 15th Sept</li> </ul>	-School Closure Day - Fri 8th Sept -The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary -R U Ok Day? -Footy Colours Day/Sausage Sizzle (TBA) <u>-TERM 3 ENDS</u> - Students finish at 2pm	Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept Thurs 14th Sept	-Father's Day -The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary -International Literacy Day -Saint Peter Claver -The Exaltation of the Cross



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