



HOLY EUCHARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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 Ganesanantham & 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: Colleen Azzopardi, 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 Leader:

Crystal Carmuciano

Digital Technology and Family & Community

Engagement Assistant: Clare Christie

ICT: Vanessa Shaw

Visual Arts: Shobha Hickey

Performing Arts: Eboni Morrell

Physical Education: Harry Herrera

LOTE: Yvonne Rosevear, Joe Sirianni

EAL/New Arrival: Irene Jurista

Library: Jenny Bistricki & Rita Zammit

Business Manager: Sue Smart

Administration Staff: Mandy Huong, Stefani Richardson, Georgina Vella

Community Hub Leader: Adella Howard

Learning Support Officers: Nawares Bahnam,

Nu Cuai, Ester Dawt Thluai, Jessica Di Pietro,

Catherine Hoang, Sara Kasko, Erica (Thoa) Le,

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

Van Nguyen, Thi Phan, Dianne Punicki, Elizabeth Sant,

Rosemarie Slater, Caitlyn Tamchai,

Kelly Triantafyllidis, Frances Wulf, Mary Xuereb,

Cleaners: June Balatbat & Maria Attard

School Maintenance: Peter Buttigieg

14 SEPTEMBER - FEAST

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. John 3:17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him. (Phil 2:6-11)

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Today is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. In the Christian liturgical calendar, there are several different Feasts of the Cross, all of which commemorate the cross used in the crucifixion of Jesus. While Good Friday is dedicated to the Passion of Christ and the Crucifixion, the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross celebrates the cross as the instrument of salvation. The entrance antiphon for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is: "We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free."

Principal's Message:

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

We have come to the end of another busy but rewarding term. Throughout the term, the students have explored new ideas, tackled challenging concepts, and have made progress. I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our staff members for their commitment to our school's mission. It's their hard work, dedication, and unwavering support that continue to make our school a place of growth, learning, and community.

Last week, during our School Closure Day our staff engaged in Professional Learning onsite. We were fortunate to host a guest speaker who shared valuable insights into the experiences of our First Nation people. This was an enriching experience for our team.

Yesterday, we observed R U OK? Day, a National Day of Action that encourages us all to check in with those around us by simply asking, "Are you OK?" I encourage each of you to take a moment this weekend to reach out to someone and check in on their well-being. Sometimes, a conversation can make all the difference.

Finally, I would like to remind you that tomorrow, Friday 15th September, is the last day of Term 3. We will be having a school mass in the Church and school will finish at 1:55pm for Years Prep to 2 and at 2pm for students in Years 3 - 6. Additionally, we will be celebrating Footy Fun Day. We invite all students and staff to wear their favourite football clothes or football colours (gold coin donation). All proceeds from the day will contribute to much-needed resources for our new building.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to a successful end to Term 3 tomorrow and eagerly anticipate the start of Term 4.

God Bless!

Mr Michael Bonnici

Principal

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RUOK?

FRI 15th SEPT - END OF TERM 3:
Students in P-2 will finish at 1:55pm
Students in 3 – 6 will finish at 2pm.
Camp Australia will operate however you will need to make a booking.

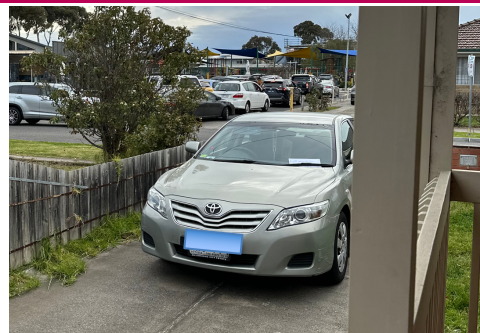
FAREWELL

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Adella Howard and to Mrs Charise Gibbs. Adella has been with us for six years and is leaving due to personal reasons. I would like to thank Adella for all her hard work and dedication in the Community Hub and wish her all the best. After five years, we bid farewell to Mrs Charise Gibbs, who has accepted a new role at St Columba's Secondary School. Charise has worked as the Literacy Intervention teacher at our school. Her contributions to our school have been invaluable, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for her dedication over the years. We wish Charise all the best in her new journey. Our Business Manager, Mrs Sue Smart will be going on Long Service Leave as of tomorrow and will be returning in March 2024. I would like to thank Sue for her hard work and hope that she has a wonderful break.

ILLEGAL PARKING

In our previous newsletter, I addressed the issue of illegal parking on nature strips and today, I must bring up another pressing concern. A resident living across the road to our school has reached out with a grievance about parents parking in her driveway! This situation is deeply troubling for several reasons. Not only is it an act of disrespect towards our neighbour, but it also constitutes trespassing on private property. Which is both unlawful and unacceptable. The resident has even provided photographic evidence of the vehicle causing the obstruction. We empathise with our neighbour's frustration and are committed to resolving this issue promptly.

We aim to maintain a positive and supportive relationship with our neighbours. Let us work together to ensure that our school remains a respectful and considerate presence in the neighbourhood.



PARISH CARPARK

I must bring to your attention the concerns raised by the parish regarding our families using the Parish car park all day in order to catch public transport. The parish relies on the car park throughout the day for various activities, including masses and sometimes funerals.

To ensure the smooth functioning of the parish, we must address this issue. If this continues, we have been advised by the parish that cars may need to be towed away.

We kindly request your cooperation in finding alternative parking solutions to avoid any disruptions to the parish's activities. By working together to follow these guidelines and addressing the parish's concerns, we can create a more considerate and harmonious community for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in these matters.

KISS & GO ZONE

The church driveway is a **Kiss & Go Zone**. This means that:

- **The Kiss and Go Zone is a "No Parking" area.**
- **The driver must remain in the vehicles at all times.**
- **You need to ensure that your child has their bag with them before leaving home.**
- **Your child must use the footpath side of the door when getting in and out of the car.**
- **The driver must never double park.**
- **If the Kiss & Go Zone is full or you wish to get out of the car, please park in an area away from the Kiss & Go Zone.**
- **When crossing the driveway, please use the Zebra Crossing. We need to set good examples for our children.**
- **Do not park in the Staff Car Park to Drop Off or Pick Up Children.**



CYBER-SAFETY

Now that school holidays are upon us, I want to encourage parents and carers to have open conversations with their child about responsible internet use, the potential risks associated with sharing personal information, and the importance of respectful communication.

You may recall in our previous newsletter, that some students have been using their school email accounts inappropriately, which has led us to temporarily withdraw the privilege of using these accounts. These privileges were reinstated this week and we have been reminding our students about responsible digital citizenship, emphasising the importance of respecting the guidelines we have in place at the school.

We are still receiving reports of students inappropriately engaging in conversations on 'Discord' whilst at home. It is important to note that platforms like 'Discord' are recommended for individuals aged 13 and over due to privacy and security concerns. As many of our students are under 13, their usage of such platforms without appropriate supervision can be problematic and harmful.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER!

School holidays are a great opportunity for students and parents to ensure that their school uniform attire is complete and in order. 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 parents** 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.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/uniform/>

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

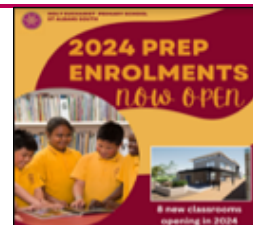
Please note: If students are **not wearing the correct school uniform, a note will be sent home.** This note will need to be signed by the parent/guardian. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school office.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2024 - NOW OPEN

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

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 or please call 8312 0900.



NEW BUILDING

I am happy to report that significant milestones have been achieved with our new building.

The main roof of the new building is now fully completed. This includes the installation of safety mesh, insulation and roof sheeting, ensuring the structure is secure and weather resistant. The builders are now installing the metal fascia along the lower edge of the roof.

80% of the framing for the upstairs area has been completed. All windows upstairs are scheduled for installation within the next fortnight, allowing us to further enclose the building.

Over the next two weeks, we anticipate the completion of all framing work, as well as the completion of the brickwork.

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



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DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Tuesday 5th September, 14 students from Holy Eucharist School participated in the Divisional Athletics Competition. Despite the windy and cold conditions, our students displayed remarkable determination and sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of their exceptional efforts on the track and field.

We'd like to extend our congratulations to the 4 by 100m boys relay team for their outstanding performance, securing 2nd place. Additionally, a big round of applause goes to the 4 by 100 girls relay team, who demonstrated their skills and teamwork, finishing 3rd in their category.

We would also like to express our gratitude to Miss Kelly for her help on the day and for supporting the students at Divisional Athletics Competition.

Mr Heribert Herrera

Physical Education Teacher

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IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

- Fri 15th Sept -Footy Colours Day (Gold Coin Donation)
- Fri 15th Sept -**TERM 3 ENDS** - Students P-2 finish 1:55pm.
- Students 3-6 finish at 2pm
- Fri 29th Sep -**Grand Final Eve** - Public Holiday

OCTOBER

- Sun 1st Oct -Daylight Savings begins
- Mon 2nd Oct -**TERM 4 BEGINS** (School hats must be worn outside)
- Fri 6th Oct -Season Two Sports (Softball, Basketball & Volleyball)
- Fri 13th Oct -Term Outlines/Portfolios go home
- Tue 17th Oct -Regional Athletics Carnival (Keilor)
- Wed 18th Oct -Portfolios are due back at school
- Fri 20th Oct -Middle & Seniors Athletic School Carnival (School Grounds)
- Mon 24th Oct -Healthy Harold (24th till 26th)
- Fri 27th Oct -National Teachers Day

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

- Thurs 14th Sept -The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Fri 15th Sept -Our Lady of Sorrows
- Sat 16th Sept -Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

- Thurs 21st Sept -Feast of St Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Fri 29th Sept -Feast of St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Mon 2nd Oct -Feast Guardian Angels
- Wed 4th Oct -Feast of St Francis of Assisi
- Fri 6th Oct -Feast of St Bruno of Cologne
- Sat 7th Oct -Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary



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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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FOOTY COLOURS FRI, SEPT 15TH DRESS UP DAY



GOLD COIN
DONATION



STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO WEAR SOCCER
OR BASKETBALL COLOURS TOO



Before/After School Care

Camp Australia - Guiding Children's Growth

We are proud to partner with Camp Australia to provide our Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program.

Camp Australia programs are centered on child enrichment, while ensuring a reliable, engaging and hassle-free OSHC service at our school. Their engaged educators foster a safe, inclusive environment where children can relax, have fun and grow.



Your OSHC - OSHC that inspires

At Your OSHC by Camp Australia, every before school, after school and pupil free day program is tailored to the likes and interests of each child in service. Camp Australia's educators design enriching experiences to inspire your children's confidence, independence and imagination. In any one week, they could be participating in science experiments, active play, creative expression and more - they believe in learning through experience so that each child can grow.

Your
OSHC.

Rocketeers - Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

Rocketeers by Camp Australia is a space for children to escape the ordinary and experience the extraordinary during their school holidays. Every school holiday break is a new mission for children to embark upon. With carefully designed programs, directed by the children and informed by family feedback, no two days are the same with Rocketeers. Experiences planned could include games, arts & crafts, sport, excursions, cooking, coding and more.



Please visit www.campastralia.com.au/schools/DD7F to find out more about Camp Australia's program at our school, including hours of operation and fees. To attend you must register your child. To register please visit <https://pp.campastralia.com.au/account/register-contacts/>

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.

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 hoặc liên lạc 0481 333 678.



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.hestalbansth.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.