



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/Tutors: 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: Mandy Huong

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 Butt

Tomorrow is Remembrance Day - 11th day of November.



John 15: 9-14

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

**They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them nor the years**

**With the setting of the sun,
and in the morning we will remember them.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. On the 11th day of November, we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.

Principal's Message:

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,
November is a time for reflection, remembrance, and new beginnings. This month holds a special place in our hearts as we remember the Saints and our loved ones who have passed away.

The Saints, scattered throughout history and diverse in their experiences, all shared a profound love for God. They led lives of holiness, dedicated to serving God and spreading His message of salvation. As Catholics, we believe that these Saints intercede for us on Earth, forging a unique connection with us in the "Communion of Saints."

The Feast of All Souls, is a time of comfort and hope. Throughout November, we remember our departed friends, colleagues, relatives, and all those we have known, worked with, laughed with, cried with, and journeyed with. We hold them in our prayers and remember them with love. In faith, we celebrate their journey to God as they become part of the great communion of Saints.

Tomorrow marks Remembrance Day, also known as Armistice Day, a day to honour the memory of those who fought and sacrificed their lives in wars. Tomorrow, at 11 am, the nation will observe a minute of silence to remember the sacrifices many have made so we can enjoy life today. The 11th of November holds special significance as it signifies the end of World War 1, and 11 am was the moment when the fighting ceased.

We have had a very busy start to November at school. The 2024 Prep children recently attended the Pre-Prep program in the hall. This program not only allowed them to meet their new classmates and families/carers but also helped our teachers identify the specific needs of each student. This knowledge will enable our teachers to plan their lessons to cater to each student's individual needs. The students will have another session next week, during which we will also provide an opportunity for parents/carers to attend a Prep information session. I would like to thank to Mrs Crystal Carmuciano, Miss Clare Christie, and all the school staff who played a vital role in making this program a success.

Wishing you a lovely weekend. God Bless!

Mr Michael Bonnici

Principal

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SCHOOL HATS IN TERM 4

In 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 their correct school uniform at all times.** School hats are now available for purchase at the school office.



SCHOOL FUN DAY

We are excited to announce that Holy Eucharist School will be hosting a 'Fun Day' on Thursday, November 23rd, to celebrate the end of the 2023 school year.

Students in Prep to Year 6 will participate in a range of tabloid sports activities, led by Kaboom Kids Sport. It promises to be a day filled with fun, teamwork, and physical activities to make it a memorable experience for our students.

On this special day, lunch will be provided, and your child will enjoy a free Sausage Sizzle. Please stay tuned for further information in the upcoming weeks.



PREP 2024

All Prep 2024 families will be receiving information from the school office regarding the Pre-Prep Program and Orientation Day. This letter will provide you with crucial details about your child's scheduled Pre-Prep sessions, as well as information about the whole school Orientation Day. We understand that a smooth transition into the new school year is of utmost importance, and therefore, we kindly request that your child attends all Pre-Prep sessions and the Orientation Day.

PRE-PREP 2024

The Pre-Prep Program will span over two weeks; however, the students will be asked to attend one Pre-Prep session per week. We look forward to welcoming your child into Prep 2024. If, for any reason, your child cannot attend these sessions, please promptly inform the school office. The Pre-Prep Program has been scheduled for:

WEEK 1	WEEK 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 8th Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm) • Thursday 9th Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm) • Friday 10th Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 15th Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm) • Thursday 16th Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm) • Friday 17th Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm)

ORIENTATION DAY

Our whole school Orientation Day will be held on **Tuesday 5th December 2023**. The students at Holy Eucharist school will meet their class teacher for 2024 from 2:00pm until 3:00pm. Students will also get to meet their new classmates for 2024.

All new families for 2023 (including Prep 2024) are asked to assemble in the hall by 2pm.



GRADE 6 GRADUATION

The Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony will take place in the church, on **Tuesday 12th December 2023**, at 6pm. The Graduation Ceremony will begin with Mass followed by presentations.

It's a wonderful opportunity for parents, guardians and families to join with the Holy Eucharist teachers and staff to celebrate the students' wonderful achievements. More information will be sent to families in the coming weeks.



END OF YEAR SCHOOL PICNIC AND CAROLS

This year, we are going to have family picnic and carols on the oval. This event will be held on **Wednesday 6th December**. The picnic will commence at 5:30pm followed by carols at 6:30pm (weather permitting). We will also be fundraising on the day. We will be having a sausage sizzle stand and selling drinks. Our Christmas raffle will also be drawn on the night.

Our students will be performing on a large stage on the school oval. During the performance, the students will be sitting on the oval in their class groups. Parents/carers are asked to bring a picnic rug/picnic chairs. We all look forward to seeing you there!



ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING – SEMESTER 2

On Friday 8th December 2023 parents/carers will receive their child's formal report as well as their child's Assessment Portfolio. The work samples inside the portfolio are collected by the teacher as evidence of what has been taught during the term. These samples support what has been documented in the topic outline and should be looked at in conjunction with your child's report.

Assessment Portfolios will need to be signed and returned to school by Wednesday 13th December. The classroom teacher will pass these folders onto next year's teacher. All work samples collected during the year will be placed inside a Holy Eucharist Assessment envelope and given to you to keep.



SUNSHINE LIONS CLUB – CHRISTMAS CAKES

Sunshine Lions has been supporting the Sunshine community for over 50 years. Each year, Sunshine Lions donate \$100 scholarship to various schools in Sunshine, Albion, Ardeer and St Albans. Thanks to the Lions Club we have been able to award a \$100 scholarship to a deserving, graduating student at the end of each year.

Once again, we will be assisting the club by taking orders for the Lions Club's Christmas Cakes. Delivery of cakes is expected mid - December.

Lion's Christmas Cakes include a 1kg Cake priced at \$16 and 1.5kg Cake at \$20.

Please support this worthy cause. **Please contact the office to place your order.**

The Lions Club will also be selling Christmas trees at Bunnings Sunshine on the first two weekends in December.



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NEW BUILDING

I am excited to share the latest progress on our new building project, set to enhance our school facilities. The builders have reiterated that construction is on track for completion in mid-January 2024, and I would like to keep you informed of the upcoming milestones.

1. **Facias Installation (Next Week):** Next week, the facias will be installed, enhancing the exterior aesthetics of the new building.
2. **First Floor Ceiling and Painting (Next Week):** The first-floor ceiling has been successfully installed. Painting will commence next week, bringing the interior spaces to life.
3. **Ground Floor Joinery Installation (Next Week):** The ground floor joinery installation is scheduled to begin next week.
4. **Painting (Next Week):** Painting will also commence next week, ensuring a polished finish throughout the building.
5. **Sports Shed Roller Door (End of This Week):** The roller door is expected to be fitted by the end of this week, providing secure storage for sports equipment.
6. **Cladding Installation (Next Fortnight):** Over the next fortnight, the cladding will be installed, giving the building its final external look.

I will continue to keep you updated on the project's developments as we move closer to the completion date. For more information in regards to our new building, please visit: <https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/new-learning-centre-in-2024>



PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

Children commencing Prep next year must be 5 years of age by 30th April 2024.

We are almost at full capacity and only have limited places left in Prep for 2024.

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, please call 8312 0900.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companion Martyrs | Feast Day 24 November



GOSPEL *Matthew 10:28-33*

Jesus said: "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

Taken from Readings for the Memorial of Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Martyrs, and Companions

<https://www.liturgies.net/saints/andrewdunglac/readings.htm>

An-Tran, or Andrew:

Fr. Andrew Dung-Lac, who gives his name and his life's story to this group of martyrs, was born with the name Dung An-Tran to a poor, ordinary family in northern Vietnam around the year 1795. The family followed the traditional religion of their land. But when An-Tran was twelve, his family moved to Hanoi to look for work. There the boy met a Christian, a catechist who housed him and taught him about the Lord and Saviour of mankind. The boy was baptised with the name Andrew. In 1823, Andrew was ordained a priest, and his preaching and simplicity of life led many others to baptism. But it was a dangerous time to be a Christian in Vietnam. Love made the faithful creative, and they hid priests in caves or sometimes in their houses, risking and often giving their lives. In 1839, Fr. Andrew was arrested again and died along with another Vietnamese priest.

Extract modified from Vatican News: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/11/24/sts--andrew-dung-lac--and-his-companions--martyrs.html>

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

32nd Week in Ordinary Time

Wed 15th Nov -Saint Albert the Great
 Thurs 16th Nov -Saint Margaret of Scotland
 -Saint Gertrude
 Fri 17th Nov -Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
 Sat 18th Nov -Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul
 Sun 19th Nov -World Day of the Poor
 Mon 20th Nov -Universal Children's Day

33rd Week in Ordinary Time

Tues 21st Nov -Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Wed 22nd Nov -Saint Cecilia
 Thurs 23rd Nov -Saint Clement I
 -Saint Columban
 Fri 24th Nov -Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc and companions
 -Saint Catherine of Alexandria
 Sun 26th Nov -Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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November 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time	Oct 30 Healthy Harold	Oct 31 Healthy Harold	1 All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day 9.00am Mass- Grade 5JH	3 9.10am – via Zoom- Fifth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary- Finding the Child Jesus in the Temple.	4
5 Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time	6 School Closure Day (Report Writing)	7 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	8 Pre-Prep Transition sessions Grade 4 Camp -DOXA Malmesbury	9 Pre-Prep Transition sessions 9.00am Mass- Grade 6AN	10 Pre-Prep Transition sessions JUNIOR SPORTS CARNIVAL Grade 4 Camp -DOXA Malmesbury	11 Remembrance Day
12 Thirty- Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	13	14	15 Pre-Prep Transition sessions	16 Pre-Prep Transition sessions Liturgy in classrooms	17 Pre-Prep Transition sessions	18
19 Thirty- Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	20	21	22 Grade 3 excursion –City experience	23 9.00am Mass-Grade 6JC Whole School Fun Day Grade 1 Dinner	24	25
26 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	27	28	29 Grade 3 incursion – Christmas Play	30 Liturgy in classrooms St Andrew Apostle	Dec 1	Dec 2
Dec 3 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B	Dec 4	Dec 5 Grades Prep – 6 Orientation Day	Dec 6 5.00pm Family BBQ 6.30pm Christmas Carols	Dec 7 9.00am Mass- Grade 4KB	Dec 8 The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary Reports go home	Dec 9
IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER: Tuesday 12th December – 6pm Grade 6 Graduation Friday 15th December – Last day for students Grades P-2 1.55pm & Grades 3-6 2.00pm			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!			

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

Sat 11th Nov
-Remembrance Day
 Wed 15th Nov
-Pre-Prep sessions
 Thu 16th Nov
-Pre-Prep sessions
 Fri 17th Nov
-Pre-Prep sessions
 Mon 20th Nov
-Universal Children's Day
 Wed 22nd Nov
-Grade 3 City Excursion
 Thu 23rd Nov
-Whole School Fun Day
-Kaboom Kids Sports
 Thu 23rd Nov
-Grade 1 Dinner
 Sat 25th Nov
-International Day for
the Elimination of
Violence Against
Women
 Wed 29th Nov
-Grade 3 Christmas
Play Incursion

2024 PREP ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

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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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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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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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

At Holy Eucharist School, we are honoured to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Wurundjeri People of the Kúin 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.