



Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

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Deputy Principal:

Ms. Anne-Marie Conte

Parish Priest:

Fr. Vincent Long Pham CSsR

Priests in Residence:

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Fr Patrick Corbett CSsR

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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 Ganeshanantham & 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 Huang, Stefani Richardson, Georgina Vella

Community Hub Leader: Mandy Huang

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (1:1-8)

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins.

John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'



Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

It's hard to believe that we have come to the end of another school year! Whilst this is an exciting time of year, it is also a very busy time for many of us.

We have entered the Church Season of Advent, a time to reflect on hope and the anticipation of Jesus entering our lives. It is a time to:

- remember Jesus coming into the world over 2000 years ago
- prepare for Jesus to come into our hearts and lives today
- wait for Jesus to come again.

The celebration of Advent takes place on the four Sundays prior to Christmas, follows four weekly themes; Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, and ends on Christmas Eve.

On Tuesday, we had Orientation Day. Our current students had an opportunity to meet their 2024 class teacher and classmates. We also had our 2024 Preps, as well as new students in other year levels join us that day. On the following day we had our Family Picnic and Carols on the oval. The students had a wonderful time and did an amazing job on our outdoor stage. A big 'Thank you' to Ms Eboni Morell and our staff for teaching and preparing our students for the carols. On Tuesday next week, our Year 6 students will have their Graduation ceremony in the church at 6 pm, with a special appearance from a local MP. I would like to congratulate all our Year 6 students and wish them the all the best as they journey towards secondary school.

At the end of this year, we will farewell five members of staff, who will begin a new chapter in their lives. After 6 years, we say goodbye to Mrs Vanessa Shaw who was a teacher and Religious Education / ICT Leader at our school. We also say goodbye to Mrs Bernadette Parnis who was our Literacy Leader for 3 years, Mr Nicholl, who taught at our school for 4 years, Ms Eboni Morell who taught Performing Arts this year, and Ms Rebecca Howard who joined us this year to teach prep and will be going back to the UK. I would like to extend my thanks to these staff members for their commitment and dedication to Catholic Education and for their hard work over the years. I wish them the best of luck in their future endeavours.

Our school year officially ends for our students on Friday 15th December 2023 at 1:55pm for Prep to Year 2 and at 2pm for Years 3 to Year 6. Students in Prep to Year 6 will be returning to school on Tuesday 30th January 2024. I would like to wish the entire Holy Eucharist community a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

Let's hope and pray that 2024 is a good year for everyone.

Please stay safe and God Bless,

Mr Michael Bonnici

Principal

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ORIENTATION DAY

On Tuesday we had Orientation Day. As I walked around the school, it was lovely to hear children and teachers getting to know each other.

A lot of preparation goes into Orientation Day. The teachers collect a significant amount of data to inform their decisions and consider each student's wellbeing when preparing class lists.

I am confident that your child will benefit from the hard work staff have put in to ensure that the needs of all students are catered for. All class lists for 2024 have been finalised.



CLASS TEACHERS IN 2024

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Grade Prep

- Ms Samenta Ganeshanantham
- Miss Juliana Bizjak
- Miss Caitlyn Tamchay

Grade 1

- Mrs Jo Dragovic
- Mr Dion Xuereb
- Ms Jin Young Lee

Grade 2

- Mrs Christine Saunders/Ms Maryanne Camilleri
- Ms Mary James
- Ms Angela Lopez-Dee

Religious Education Leader

- Ms Anne-Marie Conte

Learning & Teaching Leader

- Ms Erin McNally

> Literacy Leader

- Mrs Jane Hurren

> Numeracy Leader

- Ms Erin McNally

Learning Diversity /Wellbeing Leader

- Mrs Julie Semcesen

Family School Partnerships Leader:

- Ms Crystal Carmuciano

Mental Health in Primary Schools Leader/

Counsellor

- Mr Edward Faraci

Music

- Mrs Colleen Azzopardi

Performing Arts

- Ms Carla Lolicato

Visual Arts

- Mrs Shobha Hickey

Physical Education

- Mr Harry Herrera

LOTE (Italian):

- Ms Yvonne Rosevear
- Mr Joe Sirianni

STEM

- Miss Clare Christie

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grade 3

- Miss Jennifer Khong
- Ms Jackie Dabal/Ms Crystal Carmuciano
- Ms Vivian Faraj
- Miss Chloe Goggi

Grade 4

- Miss Elise Ring
- Mr Bruno Pellaschiar
- Mrs Stefany Nemet
- Miss Janelle Dumaguit

Information Communication Technology

- Clare Christie

Reading Recovery Teacher

- Mrs Karen Colman

Support Staff

- Mr Joe Sirianni [P/T]

Refugee/English Proficiency (EAL)

- Mrs Irene Jurista [P/T]

Numeracy Intervention –

- Ms Maryanne Camilleri [P/T]

Learning Support Officers

- Mrs Van Nguyen (Community Hub)
- Ms Catherine Hoang
- Ms Chau Nguyen
- Mrs Dianne Punicki
- Ms Frances Wulf
- Mrs Jenny Bistricki (Library)
- Mrs Rita Zammit (Classroom/Library)
- Miss Kelly Triantafillidis
- Mrs Mary Xuereb
- Ms Nu Cuai
- Ms Rosemarie Slater
- Mrs Thi Phan
- Mrs Trang Nguyen
- Ms Ester Dawt Thluai
- Ms Erica (Thao) Le
- Celia (Thoai) Nguyen
- Mrs Jessica DiPietro
- Mrs Elizabeth Sant
- Mrs Sara Kasko
- Mrs Nwares Bahnam

SENIOR SCHOOL

Grade 5

- Miss Julie Murnane
- Ms Thilini Nanayakkara
- TBA/Mrs Gabrielle Bright

Grade 6

- Ms Jacelle Cablao
- Ms Helen Kennedy
- Ms Kathryn Barrie
- TBA

Cleaners

- Mrs Maria Attard
- Mr June Balatbat

Maintenance

- Mr Peter Buttigieg

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- Mrs Mandy Huong
- Ms Stefani Richardson
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STAFF LEAVING AT THE END OF THE YEAR

At the end of this year the following staff will be leaving us and continuing to develop themselves in various roles:

- Mr Adam Nicholl
- Ms Rebecca Howard
- Ms Eboni Morell
- Mrs Vanessa Shaw
- Mrs Bernadette Parnis

We thank all our staff who are leaving at the end of the year, and we wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.



ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING – SEMESTER 2

Today (**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.



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.



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.

During the ceremony the students will be presented with their Graduation Certificates and a number of Scholarship Awards will be presented.

We congratulate all our Year 6s and wish them all the best as they journey towards secondary school.



HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL IN 2023 AND 2024

Last Day of Term 4, 2023

The last day for Term 4, 2023 (for students) will be on Friday 15th December 2023.

Students in Prep, 1 and 2 finish at 1:55pm and students in Years 3,4,5 and 6 finish at 2pm.

First Day of Term 1, 2024

School will resume for Term 1 in 2024, on Tuesday 30th January 2024, for students in Prep to Grade 6.

Grade Prep (Enter via Gate 2)

Preps next year will be at school from 8:55am to 3:10pm every day except for Wednesdays in January/February. The Preps will have no school on:

- Wednesday 31st January,
- Wednesday 7th February,
- Wednesday 14th February,
- Wednesday 21st February,
- Wednesday 28th February.

Grades 1, 2 and 3

In 2024, students in Year 3 will follow the Junior Bell and Junior timetable. Therefore, students in Grades 1, 2 and 3 will commence school at 8:55am and will finish school at 3:10pm

Grades 4, 5 and 6

Students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 will commence school at 8:55am and will finish school at 3:15pm.

NEW BUILDING

At this stage, our new building is currently 80% complete. Regrettably, we have experienced a delay with the cladding delivery which means that the new building will not be completed in time for the start of the new school year. It is anticipated that the building will be completed by the end of February. This week we received the first delivery of cladding which is manufactured in Sydney.

On a positive note, 50% of cabinetry and 90% of plastering are completed. The carpenters are actively installing skirting boards on both the ground and first floor. In the next fortnight, the builders aim to complete the cladding, security screens, and the roof to the adjoining buildings.

For more information in regards to our new building, please visit:

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



SCHOOL FUN DAY

I am thrilled to share the exciting moments from our recent Fun Day, held over a week ago. It was a tremendous success, and your children had an incredible time!

During the morning block, the students engaged in Kaboom Kids Sports, bringing energy and enthusiasm to the day. Students in Prep to Year 6, participated in a variety of tabloid sports, fostering teamwork and sportsmanship.

The middle block featured a Buddy activity, and everyone relished a delicious sausage sizzle and refreshing drinks. Fun fact: Mr June managed to cook a whopping 1000 sausages that day, making it a sizzling success!

In the afternoon, our talented students who are part of ABC Music led a captivating performance, showcasing their musical talents. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff for making the 2023 Fun Day an unforgettable experience for our students.



VIOLIN AND CELLO

The students who are part of the Mandeville Hall Violin/Cello ensemble showcased their musical achievements at last week's assembly with an outstanding performance. A heartfelt thank you to Ms Celia Hopkins for her dedicated teaching and to Ms Michelle McCarty (Director of Mission at Loreto Mandeville Hall) for her support, including sourcing instruments and making violin and cello lessons possible for our students.



CLASSROOMS IN 2024

Unfortunately, there has been a delay with the delivery of materials for our new building. Therefore, it is unlikely that the building will be completed in time for the new school year. It is anticipated that the Year 4s and Year 5s will move into the new building in late February 2024. For the time being, these year levels will remain where they are or will need to move into temporary rooms until the new building is completed.

We recently, updated the room numbers around the school in order to incorporate the new building. Please find below an interim map with the location of classrooms for 2024 and the newly assigned room numbers.

'Moving day' will take place on *Wednesday 13th December 2023 (Phase 1:)* for staff and students working in the Glennen and Hindmarch Building in 2024.

- Classrooms highlighted in **Green** on the map are part of the **Phase 1** move.
- Classrooms highlighted in **Orange** on the map, are part of the **Phase 2** move. (*Phase 2 will take place when we return next year, in mid-February [hopefully].*)
- If a teacher's name is highlighted in **Green**, the teacher will move to temporary room on Wednesday 13th December until the new building is completed (**Phase 2**).

INTERIM MAP OF CLASSROOMS FOR 2024



SUPER SPEAK ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A big congratulations to students Scarlett and Vivian (Grade 4) on receiving their Super Speak Achievement Award which is accessed outside of school.

This award is presented to students who have completed 2.5 years of Public Speaking & Communication Skills training, at Super Speak (equivalent to 100 hours) and presented 15 formal solo speeches.

We thought you might be pleased to hear of their achievements. We are very proud of Scarlett and Vivian's efforts!



FAMILY PICNIC AND CAROLS NIGHT

On Wednesday evening, Holy Eucharist School came together as one big family to celebrate our annual Carols Night. What a fantastic evening it was. A very big thank you to Miss Eboni for all her hard work towards putting on this community event for our school. Thank you to all our staff for helping in various ways to make this such a successful night. Our students performed so well, and this was reflective in their smiling faces and great enthusiasm on stage. Lastly, thank you to all families for joining us and supporting us during this festive event. We could not do this without your continued support. We managed to raise \$4659.65! Well done everyone!

We wish all families a very peaceful and restful break



YEAR 5 – “LITTLE ANGLERS” (FISHING RODS AND TACKLE)

The Victorian Government is keen to get more children outside and active, connecting with nature and enjoying time in the great outdoors. Fishing is a great way to do that, which is why the State Government is investing \$96m to improve fishing, boating, piers and aquaculture.

At the 2022 State election, the Victorian Government committed to providing Little Angler Kits to Year 5 students via schools. The kits include a fishing rod, reel with line, tackle box with some hooks, sinkers, swivels and a lure, as well as a [Kids Guide to Fishing](#) – **all FREE!**

Parents/carers have the option to opt out of receiving the kits. Parents/carers who would like their child to receive a kit, will be required to collect it from the office.

Please note, that the kit contains a tackle tray which includes fishing hooks. The tackle tray will be wrapped in cardboard and placed in a pocket, inside the kit bag, which will be cable tied to discourage the students from opening their kits until they are under supervision of a parent or carer. Students are not to open these until they are safely at home with a parent or carer.



2023 ST ALBANS CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

It is all about education and local schools this week in my electorate of St Albans. I want to thank Holy Eucharist Primary School, St Mary MacKillop, Sacred Heart primary school and St Paul's Kealba Catholic primary school, who have supported over 90 students to participate in the annual St Albans Christmas card competition. It was extremely difficult to choose the winners. All designs were unique in every way, and they really reflect the spirit of Christmas. I am very proud today to announce the winners at Holy Eucharist School: Isabelle, first prize, Selena, second prize and Alexa, third prize. The first prize winners' designs are included in this year's Christmas cards for St Albans. Thank you to all the teachers, principals and students for participating in this fantastic competition.

Natalie SULEYMAN MP
— STATE LABOR MEMBER FOR ST ALBANS —



IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

Fri 8th Dec	-Reports and Assessment envelopes go home.
Tue 12th Dec	-Grade 6 STATEWIDE Year 7 Transition
Tue 12th Dec	-Grade 6 Graduation at 6pm
Fri 15th Dec	-TERM 4 ENDS (P-2 finish at 1:55pm and 3-6 finish at 2pm)
Mon 18th Dec	-Staff break up
Mon 25th Dec	-Christmas Day

JANUARY

Mon 1st Jan	-New Year's Day
Fri 26th Jan	-Australia Day
Mon 29th Jan	-Staff return to school
Tues 30th Jan	-Students in Prep to Year 6 return to school

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Fri 8th Dec	-THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Sat 9th Dec	-Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Sun 10th Dec	-2nd Sunday of Advent

MATHS & ENGLISH TUTORING – 30% DISCOUNT FOR HOLY EUCHARIST STUDENTS



MPiR TUTION

MPiR Tution 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 Tution 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.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DONATIONS

Thank you to all the families and staff members at Holy Eucharist who donated items for the Christmas Raffle this year. We are so grateful and appreciative of your support and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you to our LSO Elizabeth Sant's husband, Paul Sant (Debonair Cakes) who made the incredible Louis Vuitton cake.

Thank you to the Tufuga family (Marcel 3DC & Alaska 2DX) for the four \$50 gift cards donated from BFT Keilor gym.

Thank you to Tommy Le's (PRH) family for the \$50 nail voucher for Natural Nails & Beauty in Altona Meadows.

Thank you to The Smith Family for 2 Werribee Zoo entry tickets.

Thank you to Liam Nguyen (PSG) family for \$1000 donation from White Knight Real Estate Agents in St Albans.

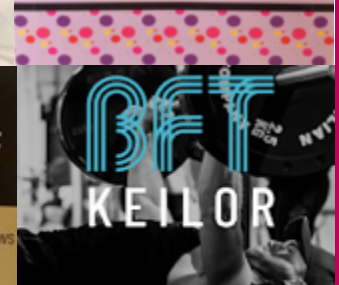
Thank you to Phuong Vo (Benjamin 2JB & Mya 6JC) and to Maria Tonsic (Sara 5TN) for the generous hamper donations of toys, wine and gifts.

All your support is incredibly appreciated and showcases what a kind and caring community we are.

Thank you,

Crystal Carmuciano

Family School Partnerships Leader



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.





2024 PREP ENROLMENTS

now open



I wish you a very peaceful Christmas in the company of your friends and family and that the New Year brings you all you've wished for. Happy Holidays!



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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HOLY EUCHARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL 2024 CALENDAR

FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY
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TERM 1 DATES

Prep - Gr. 6 Tuesday 30th January, 2024 - Thursday, 28th March, 2024
Term 1 Holidays: Friday 29th March 2024 - Sunday 14th April, 2024
Term 2 Resumes: Monday 15th April, 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 th January School Holidays	29 th January School Holidays Teacher's at school	30 th January Prep - 6 students start school 8:55am - 3:10pm (Send snack and lunch)	31 st January NO PREP Year 1 - 6 at school	1 st February Prep - 6 students at school	2 nd February Prep - 6 students at school	3 rd February
4 th February	5 th February Prep - 6 students at school	6 th February Prep - 6 students at school	7 th February NO PREP Year 1 - 6 at school	8 th February Prep - 6 students at school	9 th February Prep - 6 students at school	10 th February
11 th February	12 th February Prep - 6 students at school	13 th February Prep - 6 students at school	14 th February NO PREP Year 1 - 6 at school	15 th February Prep - 6 students at school	16 th February Prep - 6 students at school	17 th February
18 th February	19 th February Prep - 6 students at school	20 th February Prep - 6 students at school	21 st February NO PREP Year 1 - 6 at school	22 nd February Prep students full time Prep - 6 students at school	23 rd February Prep - 6 students at school	24 th February
25 th February	26 th February Prep - 6 students at school	27 th February Prep - 6 students at school	28 th February Prep - 6 students at school	29 th February Prep - 6 students at school	1 st March Prep - 6 students at school	2 nd March

SCHOOL HATS ARE COMPULSORY IN TERM 1- AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE \$16.00

PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON THE JUMPER, SCHOOL BAG AND HAT. ANY GARMENTS WITH NO NAME WILL BE PLACED IN THE GENERAL LOST PROPERTY BOX.

Preps attend full days 8:55am - 3:10pm