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Saturday: 6pm (English),

7:30pm (Vietnamese)

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12pm (Vietnamese)

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Angela Lopez-Dee & Mary James

Grade 3: Jennifer Khong, Crystal Carmuciano/Jackie

Dabal, Vivian Faraj & Chloe Goggi

Grade 4: Elise Ring, Bruno Pellaschiar, Stefany Nemet

& Janelle Dumaguit
<u>Grade 5:</u> Thilini Nanayakkara, Julie Murnane & Raquel

McClurg

Grade 6: Kathryn Barrie, Jacelle Cablao, Helen Kennedy

& Michael Higgins/Kathleen Morrison

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<u>Literacy Leader/Intervention:</u> Jane Hurren

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Maths Intervention/Tutor Joe Sirianni

Learning Diversity/Wellbeing Leader: Julie Semcesen

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Speech Pathologist: Claire Huntington

Family & Community Engagement Leader:

Crystal Carmuciano

STEM/ ICT Leader Clare Christie

Music: Colleen Azzopardi

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Rosemarie Slater, Kelly Triantafillidis, Frances Wulf,

Mary Xuereb,

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

Next Sunday's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. Jesus predicts his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepares his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish.

Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice.

₦ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (12:20-33)

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.'

Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

As we approach the end of another busy term, I wanted to take a moment to update you on some important events and activities happening within our school community. Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the significance of Catholic Education Week, which is celebrated annually in Catholic schools across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This year, Catholic Education Week is being observed from 10th to 17th March, under the theme 'In the Light of Christ'. Our School Captains and Grade 4 students will have the honour of attending the Mass of St. Patrick for Schools at the Cathedral, accompanied by Mr. Pellaschiar and Mrs. Xuereb.

Additionally, I want to commend our Year 3 and Year 5 students for their participation in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) this week. Schools were asked to prioritise these tests within the first week of the testing window to accommodate any students who may be absent from 13th to 25th March. For those who missed the assessments, catch-up tests will be provided next week for most subject areas.

Looking ahead, our Year 5 students are eagerly anticipating their upcoming camp to Gundiwindi. The students will be departing on Monday, 18th March, and returning on Wednesday, 20th March 2024. This promises to be a memorable experience for our students and staff alike. We wish them all a safe and enjoyable time during their adventure.

As always, I extend my gratitude to our dedicated teachers, staff, and parent community for their continued support and involvement in our school's activities. Together, we are fostering a nurturing environment where our students can thrive academically and personally.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend. God Bless!

EDUCATE



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THURS 28th MARCH - END OF TERM 1: Students in P-2 will finish at 2:25pm Students in 3 - 6 will finish at 2:30pm. Camp Australia will operate however you will need to make a booking.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: 10-17 MARCH 2024

All Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne will celebrate Catholic Education Week 2024 from 10 to 17 March. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2024 is 'In the Light of Christ'. The Mass of St Patrick for Schools will take place on Friday 15 March 2024. Mr Pellaschiar, Mrs Xuereb, our two School Captains and 8 Grade 4 students will attend the Mass of St Patrick for Schools at the Cathedral.

There are 335 Catholic primary and secondary schools across Melbourne, enrolling more than 150,000 students and employing approximately 17,000 staff. Catholic schools provide a high-quality education in a faith-centred environment. This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.



GATES WILL CLOSE AUTOMATICALLY AT 9AM!

All Prep to Year 6 classes begin at 8:55am. If your child <u>arrives at school after 9am, they will need to enter via the Administration Gate</u>, as all other gates will be locked. If your child arrives at school after 9:00am, 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, and will appear on the student's report card each semester.

The whole school has a literacy block in the morning where students participate in intensive reading and writing activities. Students who arrive late each day are missing out on specific instructions for given tasks. When children are late, teachers have to repeat instructions again, which takes them away from teaching the rest of the class who are at school on time.



CAMP AUSTRALIA – Out of Hours Care

If you need to go to work or have other commitments before 8:30am, then your child/ren will need to go to **Before School Care**. Camp Australia is contracted by the school to provide this service from 7am each day until 8:30am. **After School Care** 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 (*Please note, you may be eligible to receive subsidies of up to 90% on Your OSHC fees with the Child Care Subsidy (CCS). We strongly recommend you apply for the CCS to determine your eligibility).*

For more information regarding Out of Hours Care (Camp Australia), please visit our school website for more information https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/before-after-school-care/



GRADE 5 CAMP

The Grade 5s will be attending **Gundiwindi Camp** on **Monday 18th March until Wednesday 20th March 2024**. The campsite is less than 50kms from Melbourne and is situated on the border of Wandin North and Silvan, Victoria. Gundiwindi has the most spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and bushland where the students can connect with nature and have a true 'bush' experience. 9 dedicated staff members will also attend to supervise and support the students



NAPLAN 2024

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 commenced the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) on Wednesday 13th March 2024. NAPLAN closes on Monday 25th March 2024.

Schools have been asked to prioritise the tests within the first week of the testing window in order to accommodate students who may be absent from 13th - 25th March. These students will have the opportunity to complete the catchup tests (for most subject areas) the following week.

NAPLAN is a nationwide measure through which parents, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

For more information regarding NAPLAN 2024, please visit https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/assessment/f-10assessment/naplan/Pages/parents/index.asp
THE AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT CENSUS (AEDC)

On 1st May 2024, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). This census is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps schools and communities understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training. The AEDC highlights what is working well and what needs to be improved or developed to support children and their families by providing evidence to support health, education and community policy and planning.

The AEDC is held every three years and involves teachers of children in their first year of full-time school completing a research tool, the Australian version of the Early Development Instrument. The Instrument consist of about 100 questions and collects data relating to five key areas of early childhood development referred to as 'domains', these include:

- · Physical health and wellbeing
- Social competence
- Emotional maturity
- Language and cognitive skills (school-based)
- Communication skills and general knowledge

Development Census An Australian Government Initiative

Data is collected for individual children and reported for groups of children at a community, state/territory and national level. Please note that the AEDC is voluntary and is not a school test, so should you wish for your child/children's information to be excluded from the census, please contact Mr Bonnici.



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PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2025 - NOW OPEN

Enrolments are now open for 2025.

Children commencing Prep next year must be 5 years of age by 30th April 2025. 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 2025.

Tours of the school are now taking place after school. Please contact the office to make a booking.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

We are asking each family to please donate an easter egg towards our Easter Egg Raffle. The money raised from the Easter Egg Raffle will go towards purchasing resources/equipment for the school.

The Easter Egg Raffle will be held at the end of Term 1, during our Easter Hat Parade. There will be more details to follow in the coming weeks. Thank you for supporting our school fundraising.



LENTEN CELEBRATION AND EASTER BONNET PARADE

Thursday 28th March is the last day of Term 1.

Our Lenten Celebration will be held in the Hall from 9:15am. All parents/carers are welcome.

We will be having an Easter Bonnet Parade and drawing the Easter Egg Raffle on the school oval (depending on the weather). **The parade will begin at 1:40pm**. *All parents/carers are welcome*.

The students are encouraged to put on their creative thinking caps and start designing and making an Easter hat to wear in the parade. There will be prizes awarded on the day for the most colourful and the most creative hats.

Please note that on Thursday 28th March 2024:

- It will be a casual day gold coin donation please.
- The students in Grade Prep. 1, 2 and 3 will be finishing school at 2:25pm (to alleviate the traffic congestion)
- The students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 will be finishing at 2:30pm
- · After School Care will be available.

THE OFFICAL OPENING BLESSING AND NAMING OF OUR NEW BUILDING

The official opening, blessing and naming of our new building will be held on Thursday 30th May 2024 - Feast of Corpus Christi/Body and Blood of Christ (Holy Eucharist - Our Feast Day!).

Please place this date in your diaries. There will be more information provided in the coming weeks!

NEW BUILDING

I am pleased to report that the new building is at 90% completion. While I understand there have been delays in the project timeline, I want to assure you that the builders are working diligently to ensure its successful completion.

Here are some highlights of the recent progress:

- The carpet has been installed in 8 classrooms, and preparations for the vinyl flooring are underway.
- The air conditioning units have been fitted. Work has begun on the balustrade, on the stairwell and the safety banister on the learning deck.
- The roof on the lower level has been completed, and the roller door to the Physical Education storeroom has been installed.
- Pathways leading to the new building are currently under construction. The main entrance will be paved, and a new concrete path will be laid next to the library in the coming days.

Our builders, Gemcan, understand the importance of providing a safe and conducive learning

environment for our students, and they are committed to ensuring that our new building will meet the needs of our school community.

For more information regarding our new building, please visit: https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.ed

<u>u.au/enrolment-information/new-</u> learning-centre-in-2024





HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL - POSTAL ADDRESS

Holy Eucharist School now has a new postal address. Our postal address is:

Holy Eucharist Primary School 20 Chedgey Drive, St Albans VIC 3021.

Please note that the site address (1A Oleander Drive, St Albans) will remain the same.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Class teachers will select one student per week to receive the "Student of the Week" award. The names of these students (first name only) will be published in our newsletter. This week we congratulate the following students:

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Prep CT	Mysa	Alice	Sophia
Prep SG	Anna P	Giovanni	William N
Prep JB	Skylar	Anna	Corey
Year 1DX	Cecilia	Joseph	Zoey
Year 1JL	Adrian	Abigail	Mele
Year 1JD	Evelyn	Tommy	Harvey
Year 2AL	Ayik	Sarah	Sherman
Year 2SC	Kaiden	Jessica	Zachary
Year 2MJ	Mario	Darcy	Lois
Year 3VF	Layla	Henry	James
Year 3DC	Samarbir	Linh	Anna
Year 3JK	Kathy N	Hannah	Banahier
Year 3CG	Robert	Ryan	Seal
Year 4BP	Kenny T	Macro	Kevin
Year 4SN	Tommy	Bella	Megan
Year 4JD	Jessica	Marcel	Ellie
Year 4ER	Anna	Sean	Sophie
Year 5RM	John	Jazlyn	Narcissa
Year 5JM	Julia N	Emily	Luca
Year 5TN	Eric N	Efren	Mimosa
Year 6JC	Emma B	Xavier	Duy
Year 6HK	Emily	Henry	Tara
Year 6H/M	Vincent	Elizabeth	Sara
Year 6KB	Truc	Jordan	Ely

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

"The School Advisory Council is a living expression of the principle of subsidiarity in action and is informed by the theology and vision articulated in the MACS Statement of Mission and Working Together in Mission charter. In this light, School Advisory Councils play such a crucial role in the governance framework of MACS..."

The parish priest and school principal hold distinctive roles of leadership in their parish and school communities, and therefore it is essential that they work collaboratively to ensure that the relationship between parish and school is central to providing the religious leadership necessary for the success of the mission (Working Together in Mission, p. 1).

Holy Eucharist School's School Advisory Council is currently seeking two more council members from the school/parish community. No expertise is required, just a desire to represent and give voice to the school/parish body in advising the principal about important matters particularly related to the school's ongoing desire to provide the best possible education for our children.

If you are a member of the parish and/or have children in the school and wish to be part of the School Advisory Council, we welcome your application in writing to Mr Michael Bonnici (Principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au) by Thursday 28th March 2024.



MR ROB BRENNEN

We were saddened to hear that Mr Rob Brennen, Principal of Caroline Chisholm Catholic College Braybrook, passed away last Saturday evening following a short illness. Rob will be sorely missed by many, and our sympathy and prayers go out to his family, friends, and colleagues. May Rob Rest in Peace.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION					
Sacrament Preparation - Important dates for your diary	Date				
Confirmation Family Faith Evening	TERM 2: Monday 22 nd April @ 6.30pm				
Year 6 candidates attend the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre- Confirmation Reflection Day	TERM 2: Monday 22 nd & Tuesday 23rd April 2024				
Communion Family Faith Evening	TERM 2: Tuesday 30 th April @ 6.30pm (confirmed with Eloise)				
Confirmation Presentation Mass	TERM 2: Sunday 5 th May @ 10.00am Mass Blessing with Sponsors; A student to do the Welcome				
Confirmation and Communion candidates attend the church for the second rite of Reconciliation	TERM 2: Thursday 9th May @ 9.45am (after Mass)				
Bishop Martin Ashe visiting the Confirmation candidates	TERM 2: TBA				
Year 6 Confirmation	TERM 2: Friday 17 th May, Seated by 6.45pm ready to start at 7.00pm				
First Eucharist Presentation Mass	TERM 2: Sunday 26 th May @ 10.00am Mass (Bring parents)				
First Eucharist Reflection Day	TERM 2: TBA				
Year 4 First Eucharist (not Preca):	TERM 2: Sunday 2 nd June @ 10.00 am Mass				
Reconciliation Family Faith Evening	TERM 3: Tuesday 30 th July @ 6.30pm				
Year 3 Reconciliation (not Preca)	TERM 3: Tuesday 27th August @ 6.30pm				

Ms Anne-Marie Conte

Deputy Principal/Education in Faith Leader

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HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is celebrated in March each year. It is exactly one week until our school celebrates Harmony Day together - 21st March 2024.

We are reminding everyone to dress up on this day in something representing your cultural heritage or dress up in something orange. On this day students do not wear their school uniform.

The ongoing theme of the celebration is "Everyone Belongs," which provides everyone with an opportunity to celebrate the cultures that enrich our community and make it an amazing place to live.

Harmony Day is also an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the value of community participation, diversity, inclusiveness, respect and belonging.

Please join us for our school assembly in the hall next week Thursday 21st March at 9am.

Mrs. Julie Semcesen

Wellbeing/ Learning Diversity Leader

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COMMUNITY HUB

This term in the Community Hub we have been successfully running some new programs including playgroup, an additional Zumba class with a parent volunteer, Fela, as well as a Certificate III Early Childhood Education course.

These programs have been attended by numerous Holy Eucharist families and have been a great opportunity for parents and their families to meet new people, socialise and learn new

skills. Please speak to the office or contact Van Nguyen for more information. Everyone is welcome!

Here are some photos from playgroup over the past few weeks:





Mrs Crystal Carmuciano
Family School Partnership Leader
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HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL COMMUNITY HUB TIMETABLE - TERM 1 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9am - 10.30am	9:30am - 2.30pm	9:30am – 11am	9am - 3.00pm	9:30am - 11am
Playgroup	Parent & Child	Zumba Fitness	Certificate III in	Cooking Class
(All age groups are	English program	Class	Early Childhood	
welcome)		@ ZUMBA	Education course	
Zumba: Dance it all with Fela	315 415	12pm onwards		
300	3.15pm-4.15pm Homework club	Assistance filling out paperwork		
21/48A 2.45pm-3.15pm				Community hubs
Meet and greet				
families in the yard				

ALL HUB ACTIVITIES ARE FREE! PLEASE CALL: 03 8312 0900, 0417 112 893

Ms Van Nguyen

Community Hubs Leader

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Fees for 2024

School Fees for 2024 are \$1,050.00 per family.

Per Capita fees for 2024 are \$150.00 per child. This includes \$30.00 Sport Fees.

Excursion Fees for 2024 are \$35.00 per child.

Camp Fees for 2024

Grade 6 Camp fees are \$140.00 per child Grade 5 Camp fees are \$130 per child.

100 days of Prep, Gr.1 Breakfast, Gr. 2 Dinner, Gr.3 Big day in and Gr.4 Big day out will be provided at no cost.

Sacraments

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.

Mrs Sue Smart

Business Manager

Suzanne.Smart@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au





Mr Michael Bonnici

EASTER EGGS FOR OUR RAFFLE ON THURS, MAR 28

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Please send in any new packages of chocolate eggs with your child over the next few weeks.

Raffle tickets were sent home yesterday. Additional booklets are available at the office. Thank you for your

support!





MATHS & ENGLISH TUTORING

30% DISCOUNT FOR HOLY EUCHARIST STUDENTS MPIR TUITION

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.

<u>DAY KÈM TOÁN VÀ ANH VĂN - GIẢM 30% HỌC PHÍ CHO SINH VIÊN TẠI TRƯỜNG HOLY EUCHARIST</u>

MPiR Tuition là một trung tâm dạy kèm tại Cairnlea cung cấp dịch vụ day 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 long truy cập www.mpirtuition.com.auhoặc 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.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.

