



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)

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Grade 1: Dion Xuereb, Jo Dragovic & Jin-Young Lee,

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Grade 3: Jennifer Khong, Crystal Carmuciano/Jackie Dabal, Vivian Faraj & Chloe Goggi

Grade 4: Elise Ring, Bruno Pellaschiar, Stefany Nemet & Janelle Dumaguit

Grade 5: Thilini Nanayakkara, Julie Murnane & Raquel McClurg

Grade 6: Kathryn Barrie, Jacelle Cablao, Helen Kennedy & Michael Higgins/Kathleen Morrison

Education in Faith Leader: Anne-Marie Conte

Learning & Teaching Leader: Erin McNally

Literacy Leader/Intervention: Jane Hurren

Literacy Intervention/Tutor: Gabrielle Bright,

Reading Recovery: Karen Colman.

Maths Leader/Tutoring P-6: Erin McNally

Maths Intervention: Maryanne Camilleri

Maths Intervention/Tutor Joe Sirianni

Learning Diversity/Wellbeing Leader: Julie Semcesen

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School Counsellor: Edward Faraci

Speech Pathologist: Claire Huntington

Family & Community Engagement Leader:

Crystal Carmuciano

STEM/ ICT Leader Clare Christie

Music: Colleen Azzopardi

Visual Arts: Shobha Hickey

Performing Arts: Carla Lolicato

Physical Education: Lenny De Cruz

LOTE: Yvonne Rosevear, Joe Sirianni

EAL/New Arrival: Irene Jurista

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Thi Phan, Dianne Punicki, Elizabeth Sant,

Rosemarie Slater, Kelly Triantafillidis, Frances Wulf,

Mary Xuereb,

Cleaners: June Balatbat & Maria Attard



ANZAC DAY PRAYER

*Gracious and loving God,
As we celebrate ANZAC Day,
we remember all who lost their lives through
Australia's involvement in wars, conflicts
and peacekeeping operations.
On 25th April, we especially remember the
courageous actions undertaken
by the Australian and New Zealand Army
Corps during the First World War.
On this national day of commemoration,
we pray for the airmen, sailors and soldiers
who died in battle,
sacrificing their lives while on duty.
We commemorate their bravery and pray for
the families who lost loved ones.
As we strive for peace in our country and world,
help us to become instruments of your peace.
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

Welcome back to Term Two! I trust you all had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed some well-deserved rest with your families. As we dive into the new term, I wanted to take a moment to update you on some recent happenings and upcoming events at our school. We have had a very busy start to Term Two. Our Year 6s visited the St Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre in the city this week. We had two Year 6 classes visit the centre on Monday and another two Year 6 classes visit the centre on Tuesday. These visits were not only educational but also served as valuable preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Both groups were also fortunate to attend Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in the afternoon. Last Monday evening, we had our Family Faith Evening for our students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was wonderful to witness the strong presence of both families and staff. I would like to thank Mrs Eloise Meyer from Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) for an informative and enriching session.

A friendly reminder that the school will be closed tomorrow, Thursday, 25th April 2024, in observance of Anzac Day. Additionally, on Friday 26th April 2024, our staff will be engaged in Professional Learning in Student Wellbeing. Camp Australia will be operating on Friday 26th April 2024 from 7 am to 6 pm. Please ensure that you register your child prior to their attendance.

As always, your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education are invaluable. Together, we can continue to create a nurturing environment where every child can thrive academically, socially, and spiritually.

Wishing you all a fantastic term ahead! God Bless!

Mr Michael Bonnici
Principal

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Thursday 25th April 2024 (ANZAC Day).**

**The school will also be closed on:
Friday 26th April 2024, School Closure Day.
Camp Australia will operate however you
will need to make a booking.**

ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember all Australians who served and died in war and on operational service. The spirit of Anzac, with its qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. Australians recognise 25th April as a day of national remembrance. We commemorated Anzac Day with a prayer service as a whole school in the afternoon.



EASTER BONNET PARADE AND EGG RAFFLE

The students did a wonderful job designing and making their Easter Bonnets for the parade. We gave out several prizes on the day to students in each year level. After the Easter Bonnet Parade we drew the Easter Raffle. We managed to put together more than 35 Easter Egg Hampers! What an amazing effort!

A big thank you to all our families for the Easter Egg donations and for supporting our Easter Raffle. We raised \$1542.50 Well done everyone!

This money will be put towards purchasing new Chromebooks for our students to use in the classroom.

Thank you Mrs Crystal Carmuciano and Mrs Julie Semcesen for organising the raffle tickets and for putting the Easter hampers together.



GATES CLOSE AUTOMATICALLY AT 9AM!

All Prep to Year 6 classes begin at 8:55am. If your child **arrives at school after 9am, they will need to enter via the Administration Gate**, 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.



OPENING, BLESSING AND NAMING OF OUR NEW BUILDING

You are cordially invited to join us at Holy Eucharist School, for the Blessing, Naming, and Opening of our new building.

This special celebration is scheduled to take place on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Thursday, May 30th, 2024. It is a momentous occasion for our school community, made even more significant as it coincides with our School/Parish Feast Day.

Bishop Martin Ashe and Fr Vincent Pham our Parish Priest will be celebrating Mass in the church at 10:30 am followed by the blessing and opening of the new building. We hope that you can make it!



Official Opening and Blessing of Our New Building: 30th May 2024

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.*)

Please note that the school will also be closed on Friday 26th April 2024, as the staff will be participating in Professional Learning on Student Wellbeing. Camp Australia will be operating on this day from 7am until 6pm.

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/>



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

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.



FEAST OF ST GEORGE PRECA 9th MAY

The Society of Christian Doctrine also known as Preca Community was founded by Saint George Preca in 1907. It is formed of a community of lay brothers where they live under a rule and a constitution written by George Preca himself. It was canonically approved by the Archbishop of Malta in 1932.

Fr Preca was born in 1880 in Valletta, the capital city of Malta. He was ordained a priest in 1906. By that time, he was already deeply inspired to find an effective way to deepen the Catholic faith of the Maltese people. His charismatic personality was from an early age immersed in prayer and was constantly open to God's inspiration.

He gathered around him a small group of lay men, and later lay women to instruct them thoroughly in the Catholic faith so that they will be able to teach others the Catholic faith. He based his inspiration on St Paul's words to Timothy; "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others". (2 Tim 2, 2)

Fr Preca enthused this group with zeal to spread the Word of God through good instruction throughout the Islands of Malta and Gozo. The acrostic M.U.S.E.U.M, *Magister Utinam Sequatur Evangelium Universus Mundus*, expresses St George Preca's prayer, "Divine Teacher, may the whole world follow the Gospel". He sent the first six brothers in 1956 in Australia to continue his mission. Though sickly himself, he continued to teach by the spoken and written word. In fact, he wrote 140 books and booklets, which some are translated in various languages even in English.

His humility and right intention were his eminent virtues throughout his long apostolic life. Fr Preca died on the 26th July 1962 just when the Church at the Second Vatican Council was going to approve his vision of the lay apostolate in the Catholic Church. The feast day of Saint George Preca is on the 9th May when he was beatified by the St John Paul II.



Preca COMMUNITY

BREAKFAST CLUB

Holy Eucharist School, Breakfast club operates from **Monday to Friday from 8.30am until 8.45am** in the Grade 4 Wet Area (Entry is via Miss Murnane's classroom (Room 16). Breakfast will be provided for all our students who may have not had breakfast before coming to school. Breakfast consists of toast with butter and/or jam or vegemite. All students are welcome.



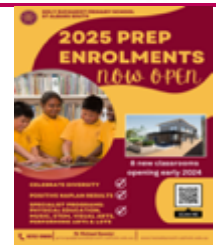
PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2025 - NOW OPEN

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.



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:

<u>Prep CT</u> Victoria N	<u>Prep SG</u> Lucas	<u>Prep JB</u> Victoria N		
<u>Year 1DX</u> Ken	<u>Year 1JL</u> Sachpreet	<u>Year 1JD</u> Jeffrey		
<u>Year 2AL</u> Danny	<u>Year 2SC</u> Sarah	<u>Year 2MJ</u> Kien		
<u>Year 3VF</u> Brandon	<u>Year 3DC</u> Tyler P	<u>Year 3JK</u> Gabriel		<u>Year 3CG</u> Chol
<u>Year 4BP</u> Albert	<u>Year 4SN</u> Bawi	<u>Year 4JD</u> Lina		<u>Year 4ER</u> Hayden N
<u>Year 5RM</u> Benjamin	<u>Year 5JM</u> Amy	<u>Year 5TN</u> Minh		
<u>Year 6JC</u> Leo	<u>Year 6HK</u> Joey	<u>Year 6H/M</u> Kim		<u>Year 6KB</u> Micah

WORK OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Over the school holidays, our builder and maintenance staff have been hard at work enhancing our facilities. Here are some highlights:

- Removal of old data and electrical pits in the MacKillop building, accompanied by the installation of new carpet. The new carpet in the MacKillop building matches the carpet in the new building.
- The walls in the administration office, administration corridor, staffroom, and offices, were repainted.
- Several classrooms received thorough carpet steam cleaning, ensuring a clean and conducive learning environment for our students.
- Outside the prep classrooms, new timber sleepers have been installed in the garden beds.

These upgrades are part of our ongoing commitment to providing a safe, comfortable, and inspiring learning environment for our students.



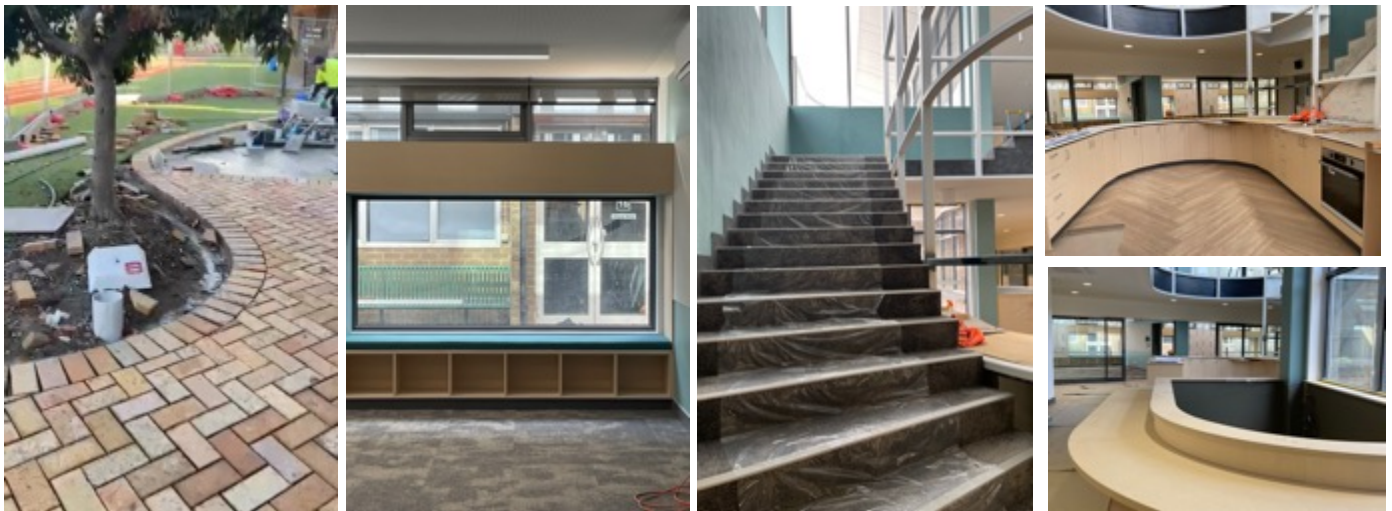
NEW BUILDING

Over the recent school holidays, significant strides were made in bringing our vision to life. Here's a snapshot of the latest developments:

- Unveiling New Spaces Revealed:**
 The temporary wall separating the MacKillop building from our new structure has been removed, revealing the gleaming glass doors and windows of the new building. Now, students and staff can catch a glimpse inside and start imagining the possibilities that await them.
- Ground Level Flooring:**
 The installation of lino flooring on the ground level is complete, providing a sturdy foundation for various activities and learning experiences.
- Welcoming Pathway:**
 Brick paving has begun, leading the way to the main entry of the building. Concrete has been poured in front of the new toilet block and PE storage room. This area will also have brick paving.
- Enhanced Security:**
 The installation of the security system has been finalised, prioritising the safety of our school community.

With each milestone achieved, we inch closer to realising our shared vision of providing an enriching and inspiring environment for our students. As always, we are immensely grateful for your continued support and enthusiasm as we embark on this transformative journey together. Stay tuned for more updates as we eagerly anticipate the completion of our new building.

For more information regarding our new building, please visit: <https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/new-learning-centre-in-2024>



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Principal
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacrament Preparation - Important dates for your diary	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communion Family Faith Evening 	TERM 2: Tuesday 30 th April @ 6.30pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation Presentation Mass 	TERM 2: Sunday 5 th May @ 10.00am Mass Blessing with Sponsors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation and Communion candidates attend the church for the second rite of Reconciliation 	TERM 2: Thursday 9 th May @ 9.45am (after Mass)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bishop Martin Ashe visiting the Confirmation candidates 	TERM 2: Friday 19 th April 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Confirmation 	TERM 2: Friday 17 th May, Seated by 6.45pm ready to start at 7.00pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Eucharist Presentation Mass 	TERM 2: Sunday 26 th May @ 10.00am Mass (Bring parents)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Eucharist Reflection Day 	TERM 2: TBA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 First Eucharist 	TERM 2: Sunday 2 nd June @ 10.00 am Mass
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconciliation Family Faith Evening 	TERM 3: Tuesday 30 th July @ 6.30pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 Reconciliation 	TERM 3: Tuesday 27 th August @ 6.30pm

Ms Anne-Marie Conte
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YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION

Last Friday, Bishop Martin Ashe visited our Year Six students in preparation for their Confirmation. It was a meaningful and insightful session where Bishop Ashe spent valuable time speaking with our students about their preparation and the significance of this important step in their faith journey.

The students had the opportunity to express their thoughts on why they want to be Confirmed, and our teachers were deeply involved in guiding them through this process. It was a wonderful experience for all involved, fostering a deeper understanding of their faith and commitment.

We are grateful to Bishop Martin Ashe for his time and guidance during this important time for our students.

The students who are preparing for this Sacrament will be Confirmed on Friday 17th May 2024. Please remember them in your prayers.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Year 6 Boys Soccer Gala Day was on Thursday 18th April 2024 at Green Gully Soccer Club. The weather was perfect, and the boys were enthusiastic with the 4 matches they had to play.

The team selected their captain and a vice-captain. They were fair in fielding the players in each of the 4 matches, so that everyone on the team had a go. They won 3 of the 4 matches, consecutively.

The Soccer Gala Day has offered the students a memorable and rich learning experience.

Mr Lenny DeCruz

Physical Education Teacher

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NCCD Information Sheet for Parents, Carers and Guardians

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) On School Students with Disability

What is the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data?

Schools must now complete the *Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)* every year. It counts the number of students who receive additional adjustments or “help” at school because of a disability. The NCCD helps governments plan for needs of students with disability.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank families who over the past NCCD submission year, have participated or will participate in Program Support Meeting (PSG’s) with staff members and myself. Our continued collaborative conversations greatly benefit your child’s wellbeing and academic diverse learning needs.

These consultations help support students who require some additional personalised adjustments to help them learn with greater success, hence strengthening our Family & School Partnerships.

These PSG’s have been conducted from August 2023 and will continue to occur progressively over the coming weeks in Term 2 and early Term 3 until 2nd August 2024.

There are many parents yet to see before the 2nd August, 2024. This date for additional funding will represent the new August 2024-August 2025 NCCD funding year.

More information translated in Vietnamese, Chinese, Tagalog, Arabic and English are available and have been available in previous years on our school website <https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/> or please visit the NCCD portal for more information <https://www.nccd.edu.au/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Julie Semcesen

Wellbeing/ Learning Diversity Leader

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HOLY EUCHARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST ALBANS SOUTH

2025 PREP ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN



8 new classrooms
opening early 2024

- CELEBRATE DIVERSITY ✓
- POSITIVE NAPLAN RESULTS ✓
- SPECIALIST PROGRAMS:
PHYSICAL EDUCATION,
MUSIC, STEM, VISUAL ARTS,
PERFORMING ARTS & LOTE ✓

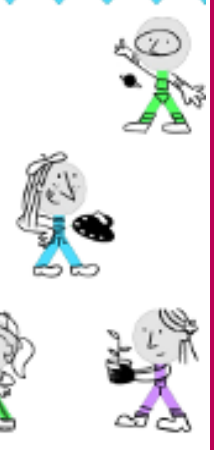


SCAN ME

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Pupil Free Day

- Date: 26-Apr-2024
- Time: 07:00 to 18:00
- Location: The Before and After School Care Room at Holy Eucharist School
- Fees: \$65.31 M&A Inhouse CCF



*Child Care Subsidy (CCS)
The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 85% off your fees. Your eligibility is determined by your family's annual adjusted taxable income, the type of childcare you use, and your activity level. To find out if you're eligible, contact Centrelink on 13 01 50.

Your OSHC.

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ADMINISTRATION NEWS

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 fees.
If there is any family that has any financial concerns or queries, please contact me on 8312 0900.

Mrs Sue Smart

Business Manager

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Catholic Regional College St Albans

Have you enrolled your child for YEAR 7 2026?

Enrolments closing August 16 2024

Join us for our upcoming
Open Day 2024
Sunday 19th May, 2024
11.00am - 2.00pm
204 Churchill Avenue

MARIAN COLLEGE

DISCOVERY DAY 2024

To book get in touch with our Transition and Community Leader Shelley Smith at ssmith@mariansw.vic.edu.au or contact us on 9363 1711

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.hestalbandsst.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.