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Tuesday – Friday: 9am (English),

Saturday: 6pm (English),

7:30pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday: 8:45am, 10.00am, 6pm (English)

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Prep: Samenta Ganeshanantham, Juliana Bizjak & Caitlyn Tamchai

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

Grade 2: Christine Saunders/Maryanne Camilleri,

Angela Lopez-Dee & Mary James

Grade 3: Jennifer Khong, Crystal Carmuciano/Jackie

Dabal, Vivian Faraj & Lina Ogu

Grade 4: Elise Ring, Bruno Pellaschiar, Stefany Nemet

& Janelle Dumaguit Grade 5: Thilini Nanayakkara, Julie Murnane & Raquel

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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

<u>Literacy Intervention/Tutor:</u> Gabrielle Bright,

Reading Recovery: Karen Colman.

Maths Leader/Tutoring P-6: Erin McNally

Maths Intervention: Maryanne Camilleri

Maths Intervention/Tutor Joe Sirianni

<u>Learning Diversity/Wellbeing Leader:</u> 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

Library: Jenny Bistricki & Rita Zammit

Business Manager: Sue Smart

Administration Staff: Mandy Huong, Stefani Richardson,

Georgina Vella

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

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

Thi Phan, Dianne Punicki, Elizabeth Sant, Rosemarie Slater, Julia Vieira, Frances Wulf, Mary

Xuereb, Sarah Xuereb

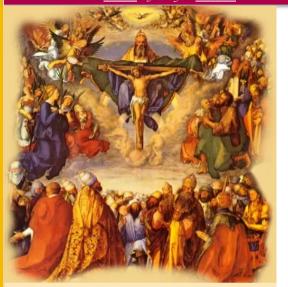
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All Saints and All Souls

O God, come to our aid. O Lord, make haste to help us.

You have been my helper and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

(Litany)

In the gift of his Spirit:

Christ is seen in his saints.

In the light of grace:

Christ is seen in his saints.

In the hope of glory:

Christ is seen in his saints.

In the triumphs of his Gospel:

Christ is seen in his saints.

In jov and in sorrow:

Christ is seen in his saints.

In life and in death:

Christ is seen in his saints.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (Eph 4:11–13)

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. The Word of the Lord.

Dear Holy Eucharist Community.

It's wonderful to be back at school after an inspiring 7-week journey through Europe. My pilgrimage, tracing the footsteps of St. Paul through Greece and Turkey, was truly remarkable, and I was blessed to extend this journey on my own in Malta. Thank you for your prayers and kind messages while I was away. I am grateful to Ms. Anne-Marie Conte for stepping into the role of Acting Principal, and to Ms. Erin McNally for her dedication in the Acting Deputy Principal role during my absence.

Last Friday, we celebrated World Teachers' Day! This special day honours the dedication, hard work, and passion of teachers who are instrumental in shaping our childrens' futures. We are fortunate at Holy Eucharist School to have a team of enthusiastic and caring teachers who are committed to helping every child reach their full potential. Hats off to our teachers for all they do! November is a month of reflection and remembrance. Traditionally, it's a time to honour both the saints and those who have passed away. Saints, who lived in many times and places, shared a profound love for God, dedicating their lives to holiness and spreading His message of salvation. As Catholics, we believe saints intercede for us, forming a part of the "Communion of Saints" who are connected with us in faith.

The Feast of All Souls brings us consolation and hope as we remember loved ones—friends, family, colleagues-who have journeyed to God. Throughout November, we celebrate their lives with love and gratitude, holding them in our prayers as part of the great Communion of Saints.

In other news, during the school holidays, we installed new pinboards and whiteboards in the MacKillop Learning Centre. This week, we upgraded lighting in the MacKillop Learning Centre, Carrucan Building, Hindmarch Building, Glennen Building, and Guelen Hall with energy-efficient LED lights. This will help reduce our energy consumption and costs, making our school more sustainable.

Please note, school will be closed on Monday, 4th November, as teachers will be using this day for report writing. Additionally, the school will be closed on Tuesday, 5th November, in observance of the Melbourne Cup public holiday.

Wishing you a restful weekend. God Bless.

Michael Bonnici

Principal

SCHOOL CLOSED: Monday 4th November 2024
REPORT WRITING DAY

Tuesday 5th November 2024

ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY

As we enter November, we have two special days of remembrance in the Christian tradition: All Saints' Day on November 1st and All Souls' Day on November 2nd.

On All Saints Day, we celebrate all the saints who have gone before us: those known and unknown, remembered and forgotten. It is a day to recognise the lives of those who exemplified faith, courage, and dedication and to draw inspiration from their legacy.

The following day is All Souls Day. On this day and throughout November, we remember those who have died: friends, colleagues, relatives, leaders whom we have known, worked with, laughed with, wept with, or even walked with.

We now pray for them, and remember them with love, celebrating in faith their journey to God, now within the great communion of saints.



Last week, I returned from my overseas trip, during which I went on a pilgrimage, tracing the footsteps of Saint Paul in Greece and Turkey. I also took Long Service Leave to visit family in Malta. While in Malta, I continued following in Saint Paul's footsteps on my own, with the opportunity to visit some significant historical sites. Below, I've shared some information and photos from my visit.



St Paul's Island

The Acts of the Apostles tell the story of how Saint Paul was shipwrecked on an island which Chapter 28 identifies as Malta, while on his way to Rome to face charges in 60 AD.

The statue on Saint Paul's Island, inaugurated in 1845, stands 4 meters high and is thought to mark the spot where Saint Paul was shipwrecked.



Church of Saint Paul's Shipwreck

The Church of Saint Paul's Shipwreck is located in Valletta. Malta's capital city. It displays a relic of Saint Paul's right wrist-bone, and part of the column from San Paolo alle Tre Fontane, on which he was beheaded in Rome.



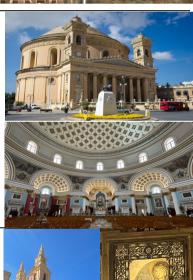
Saint Paul's Grotto

This grotto is believed to be where Saint Paul stayed after being shipwrecked in Malta in 60 AD. He was travelling from Crete to Rome to stand trial before Julius Caesar. During his three-month stay in the cave, Saint Paul is said to have preached and spread the Word leading of God, to the introduction of Christianity in Malta. The cave later became a site of worship and pilgrimage.



Mosta

The Mosta is a Minor Basilica dedicated to Our Lady of the Assumption. It features one of the world's largest unsupported domes and displays a replica of a World War II bomb that crashed through dome during morning Mass. Miraculously, the bomb did not detonate upon impact.



Saint Paul's Catacombs

Used as a burial ground from Punic to Byzantine times, Saint Paul's Catacombs provide the largest archaeological evidence of early Christianity in Malta.



Our Lady of Mellieħa.

This Sanctuary is Malta's oldest Marian shrine. It was built on a cave and is linked to the island's Christian origins. Tradition holds that after Saint Paul's shipwreck in 60 AD, Saint Luke painted a fresco of the Virgin Mary in the cave, and it may have been consecrated by Saint Paul or later bishops. Though the exact date of consecration is unclear, a Greek inscription crosses marked the event, with the crosses surviving today.





Although a myth suggests they were connected to Saint Paul's Grotto, recent studies show that both were part of a large cemetery near the ancient city of Melite.





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.



Diary Dates

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the school will be closed on the following days:

- Monday 4th November (Report Writing Day No school Camp Australia WILL NOT be operating onsite)
- Tuesday 5th November (Melbourne Cup Public Holiday Camp Australia WILL NOT be available)



PREP 2025

All Prep 2025 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 2025

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 2025. 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	
• Wednesday, 13 th November:	•Wednesday, 20 th November:	
9am - 10:30am and 11:30am - 1pm	9am - 10:30am and 11:30am - 1pm	
Thursday 14 th November	•Thursday 21 st November:	
9am - 10:30am and 11:30am - 1pm	9am - 10:30am and 11:30am - 1pm	

ORIENTATION DAY

Our whole school Orientation Day will be held on **Tuesday 3rd December 2024**. The students at Holy Eucharist school will meet their class teacher for 2025 from 2:00pm until 3:00pm. Students will also get to meet their new classmates for 2025.

All new families for 2025 (including Prep 2025) 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 10th December 2024**, at 6:00pm. 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

Once again, this year we are going to have family picnic and carols on the oval. This event will be held on **Wednesday 4th December**. The picnic will commence at 5:00pm 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 drinks for sale. 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 look forward to seeing you all there!



ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING - SEMESTER 2

On Friday 13th December, parents and carers will receive their child's Semester 2 report, along with work samples gathered by teachers to demonstrate learning and progress throughout the term. We encourage you to review these samples together with the report to gain a comprehensive view of your child's achievements and areas for growth. Both the Semester 2 report and work samples will be sent home in an envelope.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Holy Eucharist School, Breakfast Club will be operating in the new **Catherine McAuley Learning Centre**. Breakfast club will operate from **Monday to Friday from 8.30am until 8.45am**. Breakfast will be provided for all of our students who may not have had breakfast before coming to school. Breakfast consists of toast with butter and/or jam or vegemite. All students are welcome.



LOST PROPERTY ITEMS

We have accumulated a number of lost property items at the office that are not labelled with names. This includes jackets, jumpers, beanies, water bottles and lunch boxes.

We kindly remind you to ensure that your child's name is clearly labelled on all items. Often, we find articles of clothing with names that are so faded they are hard to read, making it difficult to return them to their owners. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep track of our students' belongings.



PSW UNIFORMS REBRANDED TO UNIFORM GROUP

Holy Eucharist School has a Uniform Policy. It is an expectation that all students are always wearing the correct school uniform. If students are not wearing the correct uniform, they are required to have a written letter from their parent/carer explaining why they are out of uniform. Alternatively, you can visit our school website to view our school uniform policy

https://www.psw.com.au/schools/holy-eucharist-school-st-albans.html? =1660168686498&product list limit=36&product list order=price

The PSW Uniform store has rebranded to Uniform Group. Trading Hours are: Monday to Friday from 9am – 5pm and on Saturday from 10am until 1pm.



STORE ADDRESS:

UNIT 2, 51-53 WESTWOOD DRIVE, RAVENHALL VIC 3023 (03) 9768 0342

For more information please visit https://uniform-group.com.au/brand/psw/





CHURCH DRIVEWAY WILL BE CLOSED ON 11th AND 12th NOVEMBER

Brimbank Council will be repairing the footpath at the end of the Church driveway at the exit on Chedgey Drive. Therefore, for everyone's safety, the Church driveway will be closed on Monday, the 11th and Tuesday 12th November 2024.

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:

Prep CT Week 4: Simon Week 5: Alicia Year 1DX Week 4: Nami Week 5: Thea	Prep SG Week 4: Sally Week 5: Marcus Year 1JL Week 4: Alexander Week 5: Kendrich	Prep JB Week 4: Anna Week 5: Ivy Year 1JD Week 4: Thawng Week 5: Felicia	STUDENT
Year 2AL Week 4: Alex Week 5: Emily Year 3VF Week 4: Alaska Week 5: Awien	Year 2SC Week 4: Carson Week 5: Elsa Year 3DC Week 4: Lual Week 5: Tyler	Year 2MJ Week 4: Zoe Week 5: Courage Year 3JK Week 4: Angelo Week 5: Michael	Year 3CG Week 4: Tony Week 5: Arium
Year 4BP Week 4: Kenny T Week 5: Marceo	Year 4SN Week 4: The Whole Class! Week 5:	Year 4JD Week 4: Mason Week 5: Lina	Year 4ER Week 4: Henry Week 5: Simon
Year 5RM Week 4: Christina Week 5: William Year 6JC Week 4: Kheilaisa Week 5: Trinh	Year 5JM Week 4: Hai My Week 5: Emily H Year 6HK Week 4: Anna Week 5: Chelsea	Year 5TN Week 4: Mimosa Week 5: Athena Year 6H/M Week 4: Ken Week 5: Sang	<u>Year 6KB</u> Week 4 : Nathan N Week 5 : Sandra

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 1st November: ALL SAINTS' DAY

Saturday 2nd November: ALL SOULS' DAY

Monday 4th November: School Closure Day

Tuesday 5th November: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wednesday 13th November: Pre-Prep

Wednesday 13th November: 2:45pm – 3:15pm – Open Classrooms

Thursday 14th November: Pre-Prep

Thursday 14th November: 8:45am – 9:15am Open Classrooms

Wednesday 20th November: **Pre-Prep** Thursday 21st November: Pre-Prep

Thursday 21st November: 2:35pm – 3:10pm Violin Concert

Monday 25th November: Big Day Out - Grade 4

Tuesday 26th November: Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun Fundraising Event

Thursday 28th November: 9:05am - ABC Music Concert

Friday 29th November: **Grade 3 Excursion**

Tuesday 3rd December: Orientation Day

Wednesday 4th December: 5 – 6:30pm Family BBQ 6:30 – 7:30pm Christmas Carols

Thursday 5th December: Whole School Fun Day Tuesday 10th December: Grade 6 Orientation Day

Friday 13th December: Parish Mass at 6:30pm and Christmas Carols at 7pm

Tuesday 17th December: Student's Last Day 2024

Wednesday 18th December: Staff Last Day 2024

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2025 - STILL OPEN

Enrolments are still open for 2025.

Children commencing Prep next year must be 5 years of age by 30th April 2025. We still have a few spots available for Prep next year, as well as in other year levels.

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.

If you would like a tour of the school, please contact the office to make a booking.





LITERACY NEWS

Destiny and Allison were our grade 5 and 6 winners for writing about why Reading is magic. Congratulations Destiny and Allison!!

Grade 5 winner - Destiny (5JM):

Reading has the ability to let our wild imaginations run free but also to let us and our curious selves enter new worlds and see things from different perspectives.



Reading has the power to do things words or people can't. Reading is like a superpower. The more you train it, the better you become. Reading has the mind-blowing capability to take us to a placid paradise or an eerie, spooky and abandoned house filled with cobwebs and unlimited surprises! So give reading a try! Let it take control and see where it takes you! Trust me, I know from experience.

Grade 6 winner - Allison (6H/K)

Reading is magic because it transports you into another word and allows you to FEEL like you're watching it happen, watching it take pace and slowly form into a cave, into a safe warm place where you can go anytime, anywhere. Whenever, wherever. It turns you into part of the story, part of this new and magical world that is so unfamiliar and scary but so safe and comforting.

The words dance around and form a picture, it makes you feel like it's happened before. Like a blurry memory. You finish the book, the last page, you close it, and it feels like an experience. And one of a kind, something only YOU know.

That's reading.

And it's magic.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have hundreds of small books that need to be covered with clear contact. If you are able to assist please let me know and we will send home some books with contact for you to cover at home. My email address is: jane.hurren@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au. Thank you in advance for your support!

Mrs Jane Hurren Literacy Leader

jane.hurren@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au



Colour Splash Run 4 Fun

Thank you to all the students who have set up their profile page at www.myprofilepage.com.au and shared their link to family and friends!

We have 61 students who have created a profile and we have raised \$2000 so far for school resources!!!!

Please keep sharing your profile page to family and friends - every donation, small or big, is much appreciated!!

Mark your calendars:

<u>Tues, Nov 26th</u> is the Colour Splash Run 4 Fun day!

We can't wait to host this exciting event at Holy Eucharist.

Thank you,

Mrs Crystal Carmuciano
Family School Partnerships Leader
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DONATIONS NEEDED!

Do you have some good condition used stationery at home that you can donate to families in need in Samoa?

The Lions Club of Sunshine has asked Holy Eucharist Primary School to help them collect good condition used and new stationery and they will ship it to Samoa.

Please send in any stationery that's in good condition such as **pens**, **pencils**, **erasers or exercise books** to school over the next few weeks.

The cutoff for sending in new or used stationery will be Friday November 8, 2024

Please help us donate to this worthy cause.



Thank you, SRC Members 2024

You Are Invited To The Holy Eucharist Learning Join us at the Learning Expo Open Day to learn about what the students at Holy Eucharist have been learning about this Semester. There will be amazing discoveries, dioramas and hands-on experiments across all classrooms! Wed, Nov 13th 2024 2:45pm - 3:15pm and Thurs, Nov 14th 2024 8:45am - 9:15am

HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH RAFFLE

Please show your support for our Parish Community

- !! Raffle Details: ☑ Ticket Price: \$25
- ✓ Exciting Prizes:
- Prize 5: \$500 Gift Voucher
- Prize 4: \$1,000
 Bunnings Voucher
- Prize 3: IPhone 16
 Pro, valued at over \$1,799
- Prize 2: \$2,500
 Flight Voucher
- HOLY EUCHARISH PARISH
 Fundraising II

 To support our Church's Masterplan Project!
 Drawing will be on

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 Lots of Entertainment?

 Support No. 1011 (1811) 1175
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- Prize 1: Mazda CX3, valued at \$29,990
- !! Drawing Date: Tickets will be drawn on Christmas Carol Night at the Parish, 7 PM on Friday, December 13, 2024.

We encourage everyone to join us for a joyful evening of carols and community spirit. If you purchase tickets but cannot attend, the organizing committee will notify the winners that evening.

- II Ticket Sales:
- Tickets are available after Saturday and Sunday Masses starting the first week of October until December 13.
- · You can also purchase tickets by calling:
- 2 0466 055 077 (English)
- 2 0415 599 413 (Vietnamese)

Please help us spread the word and invite others to support this important project. Together, we can make a difference for Holy Eucharist.

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

