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**Mass Times:**

Tuesday – Friday: 9am (English),

Saturday: 6pm (English),

7:30pm (Vietnamese)

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

12pm (Vietnamese)

**Prep:** Samenta Ganeshanatham, 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 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

**Mental Health in Primary Schools Leader (MHIPS) /**

**School Counsellor:** Edward Faraci

**Speech Pathologist:** Claire Huntington

**Family & Community Engagement Leader:** Crystal Carmuciano

**STEM/ ICT Leader** Clare Christie

**Music:** Colleen Azopardi

**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

**Community Hub Leader:** Van Nguyen

**Learning Support Officers:** Nwanesi Bahnam,

Nu Cuai, Menka Dave, Ester Dawt Thluai, Jessica Di Pietro, Catherine Hoang, Sara Kasko, Erica (Thoa) Le,

Celia (Thoi) Nguyen, Chau Nguyen, Trang Nguyen,

Thi Phan, Dianne Punicki, Elizabeth Sant,

Rosemarie Slater, Julia Vieira, Frances Wulf, Mary Xuereb, Sarah Xuereb

**Cleaners:** June Balatbat & Maria Attard

**School Maintenance:** Peter Buttigieg

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HOLY EUCHARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

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### The First Sunday of Advent - Year C

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah** (33:14-16)

*I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.*

*See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:*

*‘In those days and at that time,*

*I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.*

*In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence.*

*And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’*

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Let's reflect:** The Season of Advent offers a pathway of peace through our busy and bustling lives, when, as a community, we are heading towards the end of our school year. At the same time, our Catholic identity calls for us to understand what Christ's birth represents for us: **Hope, Love, Joy and Peace**. Let us be enlightened by the Gospel so that together, we may radiate God's hope for humanity.

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King, marking the conclusion of the liturgical year. This Sunday, we enter the Season of Advent—a time to reflect on hope and the anticipation of Jesus entering our lives.

Last week, our students in the Mandeville Hall violin class showcased their incredible musical talents during our assembly. Their performance was outstanding! A heartfelt thank you to Ms. Celia Hopkins from Loreto for her dedication in teaching our students and to Loreto Mandeville Hall, Toorak, for generously funding this program at Holy Eucharist.

On Monday, our Year Four students participated in the Big Day Out program at Holy Cross Primary School in New Gisborne. Along the way, they visited the Memorial Cross at Mount Macedon before continuing to Holy Cross Primary School. It was a meaningful and enriching experience for all involved.

Last Tuesday, our school community came together for the Colour Explosion School Run 4 Fun. Congratulations to our students and families for raising an incredible \$7,759! It was a joy to watch everyone race toward the finish line through bright clouds of colour. A special thank you to Mrs. Crystal Carmuciano for organising this successful fundraising event, along with the Student Representative Council. Well done to everyone!

Next week promises to be action-packed with exciting events for our school community. On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, students will meet their 2025 class teachers and classmates during Orientation Day from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, we will host our Family Picnic at 5pm and Carols on the Oval at 6:30pm. This will be a wonderful evening with a sausage sizzle and drinks for sale. Students will perform on a large stage, so please remember to bring your picnic rug or chairs. On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, our End-of-Year Fun Day will take place, where students from Prep to Year Six will enjoy a day of fun tabloid sports activities led by Kaboom Kids Sports. We will also provide all students with a free sausage sizzle. 'Holy Eucharist's Got Talent' will also be held on this day, showcasing some incredible performance skills by many of our students.

As the year draws to a close, I would like to extend my gratitude to our School Advisory Council for their ongoing support and dedication. This year, we bid farewell to two valued members whose children are graduating: Mr. Charlie Dong, who served as Chair, and Mrs. Maria Tonsic, our Parent Representative. Thank you for your contributions to our school community.

Thank you all for your continued support as we approach the end of another wonderful year.

Wishing you a restful weekend. God Bless.

*Michael Bonnici*

**Principal**

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### PARKING ENFORCEMENT BLITZ

Brimbank Council has notified the school about an upcoming 'Parking Enforcement Blitz' around the vicinity of the school. This enforcement initiative aims to ensure the safety of all members of our community.

**The council has advised that fines will be issued to motorists who:**

- **Park in 'No Standing Anytime' zones**
- **Park outside the restrictions indicated on signposts**
- **Double park to drop off or pick up children**
- **Park illegally in residential driveways**
- **Speed in the 40km/h school zone**



This Parking Blitz is a response to increasing complaints from parents, carers, and local residents. The safety of our students and community members is a priority, and we appreciate your cooperation in adhering to traffic and parking rules.

Please note that fines are issued by the council, not the school. **The school will not be responsible for any infringements incurred.**

Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our school community safe.

### HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL IN 2024 AND 2025

#### **Last Day of Term 4, 2024**

The last day for Term 4, 2024 (for students) will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Students in Prep, 1, 2 and 3 will finish at 2:25pm and students in Years 4, 5 and 6 finish at 2:30pm.

#### **First Day of Term 1, 2025**

- **Staff** will return to school on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**
- **Students in Years 1 - 6** will resume on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025**
- **Students in Prep** will commence school on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025**



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 29<sup>th</sup> January,
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February,
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February,
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February,

#### **Grades 1, 2 and 3**

In 2025, 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.

### ORIENTATION DAY

Our whole school Orientation Day will be held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 before 2pm.



### GRADE 6 GRADUATION

The Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony will take place in the church, on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> December**. The picnic will commence at **5:00pm followed by carols at 6:30pm** (weather permitting). There 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!



### SCHOOL FUN DAY

We are excited to announce that Holy Eucharist School will be hosting a 'Fun Day' on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate the end of the 2024 school year.

Students in Prep to Year 6 will participate in a range of tabloid sports activities, led by Kaboom Kids Sport. It promises to be a day filled with fun, teamwork, and physical activities to make it a memorable experience for our students. 'Holy Eucharist's Got Talent' will also be held on this day, showcasing some incredible performance skills by many of our students.

On this special day, lunch will be provided, and your child will enjoy a free Sausage Sizzle.



### ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING – SEMESTER 2

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



*M Bonnici – Principal*

## 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?\\_id=1660168686498&product\\_list\\_limit=36&product\\_list\\_order=price](https://www.psw.com.au/schools/holy-eucharist-school-st-albans.html?_id=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.

There are samples of our school uniform on display at the office.

**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/>

## 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.



## 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><b>Prep CT</b></u> Week 7: Sophia Week 8: Alice	<u><b>Prep SG</b></u> Week 7: Sienna Week 8: Shallom	<u><b>Prep JB</b></u> Week 7: John Week 8: Tracy	
<u><b>Year 1DX</b></u> Week 7: Cecilia Week 8: Issac	<u><b>Year 1JL</b></u> Week 7: Adrian Week 8: Emma	<u><b>Year 1JD</b></u> Week 7: Sophia Week 8: Sophie	
<u><b>Year 2AL</b></u> Week 7: Connor Week 8: Olivia	<u><b>Year 2SC</b></u> Week 7: Harry Week 8: Jacque	<u><b>Year 2MJ</b></u> Week 7: Mikayla Week 8: Leopold	
<u><b>Year 3VF</b></u> Week 7: Melody Week 8: Henry V	<u><b>Year 3 DC</b></u> Week 7: Liam Week 8:	<u><b>Year 3JK</b></u> Week 7: Kylie Week 8: Banahier	
<u><b>Year 4BP</b></u> Week 7: Evie Week 8: Kevin	<u><b>Year 4SN</b></u> Week 7: Vivian Week 8:	<u><b>Year 4JD</b></u> Week 7: Celine Week 8: Lucas	<u><b>Year 3CG</b></u> Week 7: Emily Week 8: Chloe
<u><b>Year 5RM</b></u> Week 7: Preston Week 8: Dhanuka	<u><b>Year 5JM</b></u> Week 7: Desmond Week 8: Robert	<u><b>Year 5TN</b></u> Week 7: Week 8: Efren	<u><b>Year 4ER</b></u> Week 7: Giir Week 8: Mi Vi
<u><b>Year 6JC</b></u> Week 7: Edison Week 8: Hanna	<u><b>Year 6HK</b></u> Week 7: Vinny Week 8: Tara	<u><b>Year 6H/M</b></u> Week 7: Johnny Week 8: Elizabeth	<u><b>Year 6KB</b></u> Week 7: Brian Week 8: Maniot

## IMPORTANT DATES - 2024

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: - Grade 1 – Melbourne Museum and IMAX excursion  
- Grade 5 Incursion- Cultural Infusion
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: - P-6 Orientation Day at Holy Eucharist
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December: - 5pm – 6:30pm Family BBQ 6:30 – 7:30pm Christmas Carols
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December: - Grade 1 Breakfast  
- Whole School Fun Day
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December: - Grade 6 Excursion to IMAX
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December: - Grade 6 Orientation Day (Secondary School) and Grade 6 Graduation Mass at 6pm.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December: - Grade 6 Celebration Day- Movies and Bowling
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December: - Whole-School Thanksgiving Mass in the Church at 12.15pm  
- Reports and Assessment envelopes go home  
- Parish Mass at 6:30pm and Christmas Carols at 7pm
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: - Student's Last Day 2024 (Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm)
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: - Staff Last Day 2024

## IMPORTANT DATES - 2025

- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January: Australia Day
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January: Australia Day – Public Holiday
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January: Staff commence school
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January: Students in Year 1 to Year 6 commence school
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January: Students in Prep 2025 commence school

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2025 - STILL OPEN

**Enrolments are still open for 2025.**

Children commencing Prep next year must be 5 years of age by 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**HOLY EUCHARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ST ALBANS SOUTH**

# 2025 PREP ENROLMENTS now open



**8 new classrooms  
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## 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
- **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.

### !! 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:

☎ 0466 055 077 (English)

☎ 0415 599 413 (Vietnamese)



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## LIONS CLUB OF SUNSHINE Inc

### SUNSHINE LIONS CLUB – CHRISTMAS CAKES

Sunshine Lions has been supporting the Sunshine community for over 50 years. Each year, Sunshine Lions donate \$100 scholarships to various schools in Sunshine, Albion, Ardeer and St Albans. We are very grateful to the Lions Club for supporting our school's graduation program over the years. This year, we will be able to award 2x \$100 scholarship to two deserving, graduating students. Once again, we will be assisting the club by taking orders for the Lions Club's Christmas Cakes and puddings. Delivery of cakes is expected mid - December.

Lion's Christmas Cakes include:

- **1kg Cake priced - \$16**
- **1.5kg Cake - \$20**
- **Christmas Pudding \$20.**



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

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



### SAUSAGE SIZZLE | CAROLS | RAFFLE

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with our annual Christmas Carol picnic.

**Picnic 5pm - 6:30pm**

**Carols 6:30pm onwards**

5:00PM

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DECEMBER

**Carols will be held on the school oval**

**SAUSAGES: \$2.50  
VEGGIE BURGERS: \$3  
ZOOOPER DOOPERS: \$1  
JUICE: \$1**

### 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](http://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au)

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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