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Mass Times:

<u>Tuesday – Friday:</u>9am (English) <u>Saturday</u>: 5pm (English) 7:30pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday: 8:45am, 10.00am, 6pm (English) 12pm (Vietnamese)

<u>Prep:</u> Samenta Ganeshanantham, Juliana Bizjak & Thy Tran

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Grade 3: Christine Saunders/CB, Angela Lopez-Dee & Allana Curmi

<u>Grade 4:</u> Elise Ring, Beatrice Mariano, Stefany Nemet & Zachary Gordon

<u>Grade 5:</u> Julie Murnane, Raquel McClurg, Janelle Dumaguit & Matthew Laureano

<u>Grade 6:</u> Kathryn Barrie, Jacelle Cablao, & Michael Higgins/Kathleen Morrison

Education in Faith Leader: Anne-Marie Conte Learning & Teaching Leader: Erin McNally Literacy Leader/Intervention: Jane Hurren Literacy Intervention: Karen Colman.

Maths Leader/Tutoring P-6: Erin McNally Maths Intervention: Maryanne Camilleri Learning Diversity/Wellbeing Leader: Julie Semcesen

Family & Community Engagement/Wellbeing Leader: Crystal Carmuciano

Mental Health in Primary Schools Leader (MHiPS) / School Counsellor: Edward Faraci Speech Pathologist: Claire Huntington STEM/ ICT Leader Clare Christie Music: Colleen Azzopardi

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Visual Arts/Physical Education: Gabrielle Bright

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I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

John 13:34



I give you a new commandment: love one another.
When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I would like to take a moment to reflect on some recent events and extend my deepfelt gratitude for your continued support.

Last week, it was heart-warming to witness our Confirmation candidates being presented to the Holy Eucharist parish community. They received a special blessing and a copy of the Nicene Creed, marking a meaningful milestone in their faith journey. A sincere thank you to Ms Anne-Marie Conte for preparing the liturgy, and to all the students, families, and staff who joined us for this special occasion.

Our Confirmation candidates and their families also attended the Family Faith Information Evening last week. I extend my thanks to our Year 6 teachers, Br Noel and Ms Anne-Marie Conte, for delivering an insightful and engaging presentation that supports our candidates in their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. On Friday, Auxiliary Bishop Martin Ashe visited our Year 6 students as part of this journey. As they prepare to receive the Sacrament this evening, let us keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

Last week was also filled with joy as we celebrated Mother's Day. Students shared moving tributes during a beautiful assembly, honouring the special women in their lives. Afterwards, we welcomed our mums, grandmas, aunties, and all motherly figures to the staffroom for morning tea. Students also had the opportunity to select meaningful gifts at our Mother's Day stall. A special thank you to Mrs Crystal Carmuciano for her hard work and dedication in organising both the stall and morning tea.

Looking ahead, we are excited to celebrate Holy Eucharist School's 50th anniversary next month. This special event will take place on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Thursday, 19th June 2025—an especially significant day as it also marks our School and Parish Feast Day. We are honoured that Auxiliary Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ will celebrate Mass with us in the church at 10:00 a.m., followed by morning tea in the staffroom. We warmly invite you to join us in marking this momentous occasion.

Wishing you a restful weekend. God bless.

Michael Bonnici

Principal <u>principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au</u>





EDUCATE

EMPOWER

POPE LEO XIV

Last week we heard that Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, an Augustinian, was elected as Pope. The 69-year-old pontiff was born in Chicago on September 14, 1955. Pope Leo XIV is the second Roman Pontiff from the Americas, after Pope Francis. His election stands as a testament to his unwavering dedication and service to the Church over many years.

In his first address to the world, Pope Leo XIV, offered a moving message centred on peace and unity, and highlighted the need for dialogue and mutual understanding. He encourages us all to work in harmony towards a world united in peace and charity. His message reflects "his commitment to continue the mission of his predecessors and to lead the Church with humility and perseverance" (MSC 2025).

As Pope Leo XIV begins this new chapter, let us keep him in our prayers. May his leadership inspire a renewed commitment to faith, hope, and love throughout the Church and beyond.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SR HELEN CECILIA DUFFY RSM

It is with sadness that I share the news of the passing of Sr Helen Duffy RSM. Sr Helen worked at Holy Eucharist School and parish as the Religious Education Coordinator back when the school began in 1975. She lived in the convent behind the school in O'Brien Drive together with Sr Leonie Glennen who was the first principal, Sr Margaret Broadbent and Sr Margaret McHugh who both taught at the school.

Sr Helen attended the blessing and opening of our new building last year. The Catherine McAuley Learning Centre was named in honour of the Sisters of Mercy who were the pioneers of our school. Catherine McAuley was the founder of the Religious Sisters of Mercy. Sr Helen died peacefully 6th May 2025 aged 83 years in the 63rd year of her Religious Profession as a Religious Sister of Mercy (RSM).

"We give thanks for her free-spirited expression of Mercy in her varied ministries in education, chaplaincy, parishes, spirituality and care of the homeless...Her many years of disability were lived with resilience and determination to live life to the full. Her Sisters in Mercy will miss Helen's witness to life, learning and the contemplative spirit. We are grateful to all those who enabled Helen in various ways to live her best life, especially the staff of Mercy Place, East Melbourne. She lives joyfully and freely now in the radiance of the love of God" (The Age, 2025).

SCHOOL FEAST DAY 2025

Holy Eucharist School's feast day is celebrated annually on The Feast of Corpus Christi -Feast of The Body and Blood of Jesus. Many churches around the world usually celebrate this feast on a Thursday, soon after Trinity Sunday, to honour the Holy Eucharist (that is, **19**th **June**, which is our school's feast day). Here in Australia, we celebrate this feast on the Sunday that follows the Trinity Sunday.

This year, we will be celebrating Holy Eucharist School's 50th Anniversary on our Feast Day. The students and staff will be attending a whole school mass at 10:00am and will have a free sausage sizzle for lunch. Various other activities have also been planned for the day.

HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL'S 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to join us to celebrate Holy Eucharist School's 50th anniversary. This special celebration will take place on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Thursday, 19th June 2025. It is a momentous occasion for our school community, made even more significant as it coincides with our School and Parish Feast Day.

Auxiliary Bishop, Rene Ramirez RCJ, who was appointed bishop by Pope Francis in November 2024, will celebrate Mass for us in the church at 10:00 a.m., followed by morning tea in the staff room. We hope you can join us!

WELCOME

Last week we employed a new Learning Support Officer (LSO) to support our students in the classroom. Alesha Tran will commence next week. We wish Alesha all the best in her new role at our school.

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 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)







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 **<u>Before School Care</u>**. Camp Australia is contracted by the school to provide this service from 7am each day until 8:30am. <u>After School Care</u> 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 <u>https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/before-after-school-care/</u>

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we are now in Term 2, all students are required to be in their full school winter uniform. 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. Please visit our school website to view our school uniform policy or click on the following link to access PSW Uniforms <u>https://www.psw.com.au/schools/holy-eucharist-school-st-albans.html? =1660168686498&product list limit=36&product list order=price</u>

Girls- Winter

Maroon check pinafore or Maroon slacks Yellow skivvy or yellow polo shirt with logo White socks / Black shoes - no runners Woollen jumper with school logo - not the PE tracksuit top

Girls – Sport (Only on Sport Days)

Maroon shorts or Maroon skirt/skort Maroon tracksuit with school logo on top Gold polo shirt with school logo White socks and runners

Boys Winter Long grey pants Yellow skivyy or

Yellow skivvy or yellow polo shirt with logo Grey socks / Black shoes - no runners Woollen jumper with school logo - not the PE tracksuit top

Boys - Sport

Maroon shorts Maroon tracksuit with school logo on top Gold polo shirt with school logo White socks and runners

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 TT	Prep SG	Prep JB	
Week 3: David	Week 3: Queenie	Week 3: Xina	
Week 4: Zoye	Week 4: Ethan	Week 4: Matthew	
Year 1DX	Year 1JL	Year 1JD	
Week 3: Sally	Week 3: Mysa	Week 3: Ayden	C OTUDENT
Week 4: Noah	Week 4: Dustin	Week 4: Kha	STUDENT
Year 2TN	Year 2CG	Year 2MJ	THE THE
Week 3: Emma	Week 3: Vivi	Week 3: Helen	
Week 4:	Week 4: Pandora	Week 4: Alazar	FILEEK
Week 4.	Meer 4. Fandola	Meer 4. Alazai	WELLE
Year 3AL	<u>Year 3 AC</u>	<u>Year 3S/B</u>	
Week 3: Evie	Week 3: Roman	Week 3: Kaitlyn	
Week 4: Bella	Week 4: Emilia	Week 4: Carson	
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Year 4ZG	<u>Year 4SN</u>	<u>Year 4BM</u>	<u>Year 4ER</u>
Week 3: Alice	Week 3: Ben	Week 3: Vivan	Week 3: Melody
Week 4: Angelo	Week 4: Celina	Week 4: Chloe T	Week 4: Tyler
<u>Year 5RM</u>	<u>Year 5JM</u>	<u>Year 5JD</u>	<u>Year 5ML</u>
Week 3: Sophia	Week 3: Ruby	Week 3: Henry	Week 3: Evie-Mae
Week 4: Selena	Week 4: Jennifer	Week 4: Daniel	Week 4: Celine
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<u>Year 6JC</u>	<u>Year 6H/M</u>	<u>Year 6KB</u>	
Week 3: Benjamin	Week 3: Christina	Week 3: Preston	
Week 4: Angelina	Week 4: Suri	Week 4: Angus	

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2026 - NOW OPEN

Enrolments are now open for 2026. Children commencing Prep next year must be 5 years of age by 30th April 2026. We already have a number of applications for next year and have started interviewing families.

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 2026.

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



IMPORTANT DATES:		IMPORTANT SACRAMENT PREPARATION DATES:		
16 May, Fri 18 May, Sun 19 th May, Mon	y, Sun 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	16 May, Fri 7pm <u>Sacrament of Confirmation</u> 22 July, Tues 6.30pm <u>First Reconciliation Family Information Session</u> (Gr 3 29 July, Tues 6.30pm <u>First Communion Family Information Session</u> (Gr 4) 5 Aug, Tues 6.30pm Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Gr 3)		
25 May, Sun 26 May, Mon	Year 4 & Year 5 @ 2:15 pm May, Sun 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER		24 Aug, Sun 10am <u>First Communion Presentation Mass</u> (Gr 4) 31 Aug, Sun 10am <u>Sacrament of First Communion</u> (Gr 4) CHURCH CALENDAR EVENTS	
1 Jun, Sun 27 May – 3 Jun 2 Jun, Mon	National Reconciliation Week THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD National Reconciliation Week "Screen Time" Parent Seminar (Rm 25) 2pm - 3pm	20 May, Tues 21 May, Wed	Saint Bernadine of Siena Saint Christopher Magallanes and companions Saint Rita of Cascia	
<mark>6 Jun, Fri</mark> 8 Jun, Sun 9 <mark>Jun, Mon</mark> 15 Jun, Sun	School Closure Day - (NO STUDENTS) PENTECOST SUNDAY King's Birthday: School Closed - Public Holiday SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	22 May, Thurs 26 May, Mon 27 May, Tues 29 May, Thurs	OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS Saint Philip Neri Saint Augustine of Canterbury Saint Paul VI	
19 Jun, Thu 22 Jun, Sun	HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DAY SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	31 May, Sat 2 Jun, Mon 3 Jun, Tues 5 Jun, Thurs	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Saints Marcellinus and Peter Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions Saint Boniface	
23 Jun - 27 Jun 24 Jun, Tues 29 Jun, Sun 30 Jun - 4 Jul - 4 th July, Fri	Grade Prep, 1 & 2 Swimming program "Cyber Bullying" Online Parent Seminar 5 - 6pm SAINTS PETER AND PAUL Grade Prep, 1 & 2 Swimming program End of Term 2	6 Jun, Fri 9 Jun, Mon 11 Jun, Wed 13 Jun, Fri	Saint Norbert, Saint Marcellin Champagnat Mary, Mother of the Church Saint Barnabas Saint Anthony of Padua	
6 Jul, Sun 6–13 Jul 13 Jul, Sun 21 st July, Mon	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NAIDOC Week 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	19 Jun, Thurs 21 Jun, Sat 23 Jun, Mon 24 Jun, Tues	Saint Romuald Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Saint Paulinus of Nola THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	
	Term 2 Begins Parent/Teacher Interviews.	27 Jun, Fri 28 Jun, Sat	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS Saint Irenaeus The Most Immaculate Heart of Mary	

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 the 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 (PSGs) 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 and School Partnerships.

These PSGs have been conducted since August 2024 and will continue to occur progressively over Term 2.

There are many parents yet to see before the 1st August 2025. This date for additional funding will represent the new August 2025-August 2026 NCCD funding year.

More information translated in Vietnamese, Chinese, Tagalong, 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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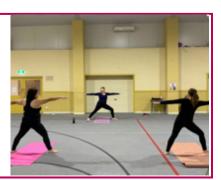
FAMILY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS - FREE YOGA

Just a reminder that the Free Yoga classes offered by Holy Eucharist in our school hall on Tuesdays from 1:45pm - 2:45pm. We will be providing a healthy light snack after each session to encourage building relationships within our school community.

Please bring a yoga mat, water bottle and a small towel to the session.

You may enter via the external hall door on Oleander Drive from 1:40pm and will need to sign in for each session.

Looking forward to our next session with Aurora, our Yoga instructor!

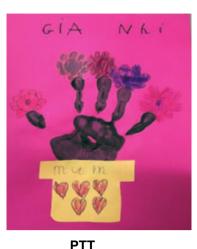




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FAMILY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS - MOTHER'S DAY

We held a very successful Mother's Day Stall at school last week and hope all the motherly figures in our students' lives enjoyed their gifts. The stall raised over \$1000 which will go towards school resources. It was so wonderful to see all the mums, grandmothers, aunties and motherly figures attend our Morning Tea and Mother's Day Assembly at school on Thursday, May 8th.





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Buddy Activity 4SN & 2TN

Thank you to the companies below who generously donated to our Mother's Day Raffle this year. We are thankful for the generous gifts that included a pot plant from Toan Trinh Gardens (a family run business from our school), a motherly themed hamper from Westwood Legal, a family law specialist that services our local area and an \$80 gift voucher from Tay Do Cafe Restaurant on Alfrieda Street in St Albans (a family run business from our school as well).

Mrs Crystal Carmuciano Family School Partnerships/Wellbeing Leader Crystal.carmuciano@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au









THANK YOU

for your generous weekly fruit donations to our school community









ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Fees for 2025

School Fees for 2025 are \$1,140.00 per family. Per Capita fees for 2025 are \$150.00 per child. This includes \$30.00 Sport Fees. Excursion Fees for 2025 are \$35.00 per child.

Camp Fees for 2025

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 Gr. 3, 4 & 6 are included in the fees If there is any family that has any financial concerns or queries, please contact me on 8312 0900.

SCHOOL SAVING BONUS FOR 2025

Students eligible for CSEF in 2025 will receive the one off \$400 assistance to help cover costs of school uniforms (including black school shoes), textbooks, excursions and activities. Parents/carers must provide the school with a valid receipt from PSW for school uniforms purchased in 2025. This also applies to black school shoes that are a part of the school uniform

Please note, that this does not include runners. As soon as the school receives your valid receipt, the amount up to \$400 will be deducted from school fees.

Schools are not permitted to refund these amounts in cash.

If you have any queries, please email the principal principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au or contact the school office.

Sue Smart **Business Manager**

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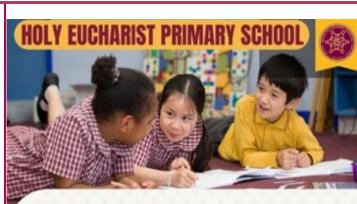
Nominate a teacher who inspires: **Australia's Best Teacher Campaign**

MACS is proud to be an official partner for the third year in a row, celebrating exceptional teachers across our comm Nominations are now open for MACS parents, students and

community members to nominate the teachers who inspire our students to flourish in their learning.

An expert judging panel will shortist nominations for entry into Australia's Top 50 Best Teachers list, to be announced on Saturday 21 June.

Nominate your 'best teacher' today by visiting www.AustraliasBestTeacher.com.au and stay tuned to read some wonderful stories featuring teachers from across the MACS schools





- Celebrate Diversity
- Positive NAPLAN results
- Specialist programs include: Physical Education, STEM, Music, Visual Arts and Italian language

MORE INFORMATION

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ly Eucharist Parish Youth Ministry

HOLISTIC CARE AND OWERMENT PROGRAM OF HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

NAVIGATING LIFE'S CHALLENGES WITH HOPE'

d inclusive comm s and reducing stigma around

Time 10:00am - 1:45pm



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Program of the Day:



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.hestalburssth.catholic.edu.au

