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Mass Times:

Tuesday – Friday: 9am (English)

Saturday: 5pm (English)

7:30pm (Vietnamese)

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

12pm (Vietnamese)

Prep: Samenta Ganeshanantham, Juliana Bizjak & Thy Tran

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

Grade 2: Mary James, Thilini Nanayakkara & Celine Goulding

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

Grade 4: Elise Ring, Beatrice Mariano, Stefany Nemet & Zachary Gordon

Grade 5: Julie Murnane, Raquel McClurg, Janelle Dumaguit & Matthew Laureano

Grade 6: 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

Visual Arts: Shobha Hickey

Physical Education: Jake Franze

Visual Arts/Physical Education: Gabrielle Bright

LOTE: Yvonne Rosevear, Joe Sirianni

EAL/New Arrival: Irene Jurista

Library: Jenny Bistricki

Business Manager: Sue Smart

Administration Staff: Mandy Huang,

Stefani Richardson, Georgina Vella

Learning Support Officers:

Nwanes Bahnam, Ryan Burns, Nu Cuai, Menka Dave,

Ester Dawt Thluai, Jessica Di Pietro,

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

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

Van Nguyen, Thi Phan, Elizabeth Sant,

Rosemarie Slater, Caitlyn Tamchai, Alesha Tran,

Frances Wulf, Mary Xuereb, Sarah Xuereb,

Rita Zammit,

Cleaners: June Balatbat & Maria Attard

School Maintenance: Peter Buttigieg

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The Ascension of the Lord - Year C

✠ *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (24:46-53)*

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

Last week, a very upset local resident confronted a staff member on duty and reported that some parents/carers from our school have been blocking her driveway and sitting on her front fence at home time. I urge you all: **please do not block or park in residents' driveways and respect their private property.** Neighbourhood concerns have been escalated to the local council, and as a result, Brimbank Council have been patrolling the streets around the school. They have been issuing fines to those not obeying the law. Please remember, the school does not have the authority to cancel fines issued by the council.

On a brighter note, I would like to congratulate our Year 6 students and the students from the Preca Centre who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday. I would also like to thank Ms Anne-Marie Conte, Br Noel Debono, and the Year 6 teachers for all their hard work in preparing the 65 candidates for their final Sacrament of Initiation. I am especially grateful to our staff who attended the ceremony and those who acted as sponsors for our students. A heartfelt thank you also goes to Most Reverend Martin Ashe (Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne) for leading the ceremony, and to Father Robin and Father Joseph for concelebrating the Mass.

This week is National Reconciliation Week (NRW). It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Each year, we celebrate NRW from 27 May to 3 June.

"Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds, and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples" (RA, 2021).

Finally, please note that next **Friday, 6 June 2025, is a School Closure Day.** On this day, our staff will be taking part in Professional Learning at school. The school will also be closed on **Monday 9th June 2025 for the King's Birthday - Public Holiday.**

Wishing you a restful weekend. Keep warm, and God bless!

Michael Bonnici

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SCHOOL FEAST DAY 2025

Holy Eucharist School's feast day is celebrated annually on the Feast of Corpus Christi – the Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Many churches around the world celebrate this feast on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday to honour the Holy Eucharist (this year, it falls on 19th June, which is our school's feast day). Here in Australia, however, we observe the feast on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday.

This year, we are excited to celebrate Holy Eucharist School's 50th Anniversary on our Feast Day. Students and staff will attend a whole-school Mass at 10:00 am, followed by a free sausage sizzle lunch. After Mass, they will enjoy a theatre production and take part in an Amazing Race activity.



HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL'S 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to join us in celebrating 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.

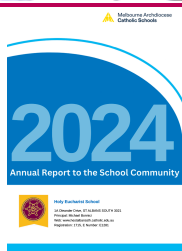
Auxiliary Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ, who was appointed bishop by Pope Francis in November 2024, will celebrate Mass with us in the church at 10:00 a.m., followed by morning tea in the staff room. Many former staff members and other dignitaries will also be present, including Dr Edward Simons, Executive Director of MACS, and a representative from the office of the Hon. Natalie Suleyman, Member of Parliament for St Albans.



THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY (2023)

The Annual Report to the Community is a requirement by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) and Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS). The purpose of the Annual Report to the Community is to inform parents and the wider school community of the school's successes, activities and achievements throughout the year and to meet legislative and regulatory requirements under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 and the National Education Agreement 2008. Schools are required to submit this report annually to MACS. Once the report is approved by MACS and the Victorian Catholic Education Authority (VCEA) it is then published on the VRQA State Register.

The 2024 Annual Report to the Community is accessible on the school website and is available at the school office.



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

As of next term, the school newsletter will no longer be printed and sent home with students. Instead, it will be available digitally via ClassDojo and on our school website.

For families who still wish to receive a printed copy, a limited number will be available for collection from the Administration Office. We take this step to have more environmentally sustainable practices at Holy Eucharist and to avoid increasing printing costs.

FAREWELL

Last week we said farewell to Mrs Julia Vieira (Learning Support Officer) who has been with us for almost 12 months. We thank Julia for her contribution to our school community, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

IS YOUR CHILD UNWELL? IF YES...PLEASE KEEP THEM AT HOME!

Students must stay at home if they are genuinely sick. This will prevent other students and staff from becoming unwell.

Students should stay at home if they have any of the following symptoms:

- persistent cough, runny nose, shortness of breath.
- tummy pains
- sore throat, loss of taste or smell
- temperature
- vomiting

It is important that your emergency contact details are up to date. It is also essential that your emergency contact person is available if, for any reason you are unable to pick up your child if we ring you.

SHOULD MY CHILD STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL? 5 SYMPTOMS TO LOOK OUT FOR



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)

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th June at 7pm.



YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Each year, the Department of Education releases Year 6 to Year 7 placement information for schools and for parents/carers. Parents and carers should have received the placement pack for government schools which includes the current application for Year 7 placement form. To ensure all Year 6 students are placed in a secondary school for Year 7 parents/carers will need to complete these forms and return to school without delay.

Parents will receive notification of their child's Year 7 placement in a government secondary school on Tuesday 1 July 2025.



Department of
Education & Training

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/>

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 https://www.psw.com.au/schools/holy-eucharist-school-st-albans.html?_t=1660168686498&product_list_limit=36&product_list_order=price

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**

Boys Winter

Long grey pants
Yellow skivvy or yellow polo shirt with logo
Grey 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 - 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:

<u>Prep TT</u>	<u>Prep SG</u>	<u>Prep JB</u>	
Week 5: Vincent Week 6: Margaret	Week 5: Issa Week 6: Eiden	Week 5: Aneilka Week 6: Jason	
<u>Year 1DX</u>	<u>Year 1JL</u>	<u>Year 1JD</u>	
Week 5: Blessing Week 6: Skylar	Week 5: Nhi Week 6: Victoria	Week 5: Lucas Week 6: Selena	
<u>Year 2TN</u>	<u>Year 2CG</u>	<u>Year 2MJ</u>	
Week 5: Harry Week 6: Dominic	Week 5: Ava Week 6: Harvey	Week 5: Sophia Week 6: Merlin	
<u>Year 3AL</u>	<u>Year 3 AC</u>	<u>Year 3S/B</u>	
Week 5: Sarah Week 6: Newton	Week 5: Timothy Week 6: Chanel	Week 5: Sarah Week 6: Evan	
<u>Year 4ZG</u>	<u>Year 4SN</u>	<u>Year 4BM</u>	
Week 5: Iris Week 6: Kim	Week 5: Jennifer Week 6: Viet Anh	Week 5: Samar Week 6: Martin	
<u>Year 5RM</u>	<u>Year 5JM</u>	<u>Year 5JD</u>	
Week 5: Amanda Week 6: Jason	Week 5: Angela Week 6: Louis	Week 5: Ivy Week 6: Megan	
<u>Year 6JC</u>	<u>Year 6H/M</u>	<u>Year 6KB</u>	
Week 5: Jared Week 6: Kade	Week 5: Desmond Week 6: Efren	Week 5: Isabelle G Week 6: Monica	
			<u>Year 4ER</u>
			Week 5: Anna Week 6: Seth
			<u>Year 5ML</u>
			Week 5: Hayden C Week 6: Sophia

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2026 - NOW OPEN

Enrolments are now open for Prep 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.



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PLEASE REMEMBER:

Friday 6th June – No School (Staff attending Professional Learning)
Monday 9th June – No School (Public Holiday – King's Birthday)

IMPORTANT DATES:

27 May – 3 Jun	National Reconciliation Week
1 Jun, Sun	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
27 May – 3 Jun	National Reconciliation Week
2 Jun, Mon	"Screen Time" Parent Seminar (Rm 25) 2pm - 3pm
6 Jun, Fri	School Closure Day - (NO STUDENTS)
8 Jun, Sun	PENTECOST SUNDAY
9 Jun, Mon	King's Birthday: School Closed - Public Holiday
15 Jun, Sun	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
19 Jun, Thu	HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DAY
22 Jun, Sun	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
23 Jun - 27 Jun	Grade Prep & 1 Swimming program
24 Jun, Tues	"Cyber Bullying" Online Parent Seminar 5 - 6pm
29 Jun, Sun	SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
30 Jun - 4 Jul	Grade Prep & 1 Swimming program
4th July, Fri	End of Term 2
6 Jul, Sun	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
6-13 Jul	NAIDOC Week
13 Jul, Sun	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
21st July, Mon	School Closure Day - (NO STUDENTS)
22nd July, Tues	Term 2 Begins
30th July, Wed	Parent/Teacher Interviews.

IMPORTANT SACRAMENT PREPARATION DATES:

22 July, Tues 6.30pm	<u>First Reconciliation Family Information Session (Gr 3)</u>
29 July, Tues 6.30pm	<u>First Communion Family Information Session (Gr 4)</u>
5 Aug, Tues 6.30pm	<u>Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Gr 3)</u>
24 Aug, Sun 10am	<u>First Communion Presentation Mass (Gr 4)</u>
31 Aug, Sun 10am	<u>Sacrament of First Communion (Gr 4)</u>

CHURCH CALENDAR EVENTS

31 May, Sat	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Jun, Mon	Saints Marcellinus and Peter
3 Jun, Tues	Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions
5 Jun, Thurs	Saint Boniface
6 Jun, Fri	Saint Norbert, Saint Marcellin Champagnat
9 Jun, Mon	Mary, Mother of the Church
11 Jun, Wed	Saint Barnabas
13 Jun, Fri	Saint Anthony of Padua
19 Jun, Thurs	Saint Romuald
21 Jun, Sat	Saint Aloysius Gonzaga
23 Jun, Mon	Saint Paulinus of Nola
24 Jun, Tues	THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
27 Jun, Fri	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
28 Jun, Sat	Saint Irenaeus
	THE MOST IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



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 community.

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 shortlist 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.

HOLY EUCHARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL



ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2026

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

MORE INFORMATION

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HOLISTIC CARE AND EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM OF HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

"NAVIGATING LIFE'S CHALLENGES WITH HOPE"

Objectives:

1. Fostering a supportive and inclusive community.
2. Providing meaningful support and accessible resources.
3. Raising awareness and reducing stigma around mental health.

Date: 31 May, 2025

Time: 10:00am – 1:45pm

Venue: Holy Eucharist Church, 1A Oleander Dr, St Albans, 3021

Program of the Day:

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Parent Session (for all parents)
Children, Youth & Young Adults Activities and Exhibition (Includes morning tea)

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM
Lunch

12:15 PM – 1:45 PM
Youth and Young Adults Session (Ages 9 – 35)

Sweta – a Therapist Speaker

Providing Mental Health Counselling and Therapy to individuals, groups, families, schools, and universities

Contact Us
0415 599 413
0447 826 867



FREE REGISTRATION!
<https://bit.ly/31May2025>

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.hestalbansstth.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.