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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 Cabla, & 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

LOTE: Joe Sirianni

EAL/New Arrival: Irene Jurista

Library: Jenny Bistricki

Business Manager: Sue Smart

Administration Staff: Mandy Huong,

Stefani Richardson, Georgina Vella

Learning Support Officers:

Nwanes 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, Van Nguyen, Shalindi Pandithakorale,

Thi Phan, Elizabeth Sant, Rosemarie Slater,

Alesha Tran, Frances Wulf, Mary Xuereb,

Sarah Xuereb, Rita Zammit,

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School Maintenance: Peter Buttigieg

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HOLY EUCHARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Magnificat (Song of Mary) Luke 1:46-55

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord

and my spirit exults in God my saviour;

because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Holy is his name,

and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm,

he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their thrones

and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy

- according to the promise he made to our ancestors -

of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants forever.'

Queen assumed into heaven, Pray for Us!

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

It's hard to believe we're already almost halfway through the term! It's certainly been a busy and productive few weeks, and I'd like to thank our students, staff, and families for the energy, enthusiasm, and support that continues to drive all we do. We've achieved so much already this term, and there's still plenty more to look forward to in the coming weeks.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a significant day in the Catholic calendar. This feast commemorates the belief that the Virgin Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life. As a Holy Day of Obligation, Catholics are called to attend Mass in honour of this sacred event.

Last Friday, 8th August, we also celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint, dedicated her life to serving the poor and providing education to underprivileged children, particularly in rural areas. Her legacy continues to inspire us in our mission of faith, compassion, and learning.

Congratulations to our Year 3 students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last week. Thank you to our families and staff for supporting our students in their preparation. A special thank you to Ms Anne-Marie Conte for organising the celebration, and to Fr Jos- Hieu and Fr Robin for leading us in prayer. We are grateful to all staff who attended and supported this special moment in our students' faith journey.

Over the past fortnight, Year 2, 4 and 6 students have participated in the swimming program at Sunshine Leisure Centre. Thank you to Ms Conte for coordinating the program and to all staff who assisted with supervision. It's wonderful to see our students learning important water safety skills while having fun. Year 3 and Year 5 students will have their turn in Weeks 6 and 7, and we look forward to another successful week of swimming.

Lastly, a reminder to families with children in kindergarten this year who are starting school in 2026 to please ensure you complete your enrolment at the office as soon as possible. We are thrilled to already have three Prep classes planned for next year, but places are filling fast. If you know any families looking to enrol, please encourage them to contact our school office on 8312 0900.

Wishing you a restful and joyful weekend.

God Bless,

Michael Bonnici

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Holy Eucharist Primary School
St Albans South

Engaging, Educating and Empowering our diverse Christ-centred community

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY – A Celebration of Our Heavenly Mother

The Feast of the Assumption, celebrated on August 15th, commemorates the belief that the Virgin Mary was taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life. It is a Solemnity, one of the most significant celebrations in the Catholic Church, and is recognised as a Holy Day of Obligation—a day when Catholics are called to attend Mass, in addition to regular Sunday worship.

This beautiful feast invites us to turn to Mary in prayer. It reminds us to always keep our eyes fixed on heaven and to take comfort in knowing that Mother Mary loves us, smiles upon us, and tenderly watches over us. Like every devoted mother, she desires only the best for her children and lovingly whispers to our hearts: “You are precious in God’s eyes.” Let us allow Our Lady to take us by the hand, to guide us gently along the path of faith. We are encouraged to pray the Rosary regularly, to speak with her in prayer, and to ask her intercession with the words: “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.”

Looking ahead, on August 22nd, we will celebrate the Queenship of Mary—a special Marian feast day instituted by Pope Pius XII. On this day, we honour Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth, full of God’s grace, and we ask her once again to intercede for us, her beloved children.

May we always turn to Mary with trust, knowing that through her, we are led closer to Christ.



MACSSIS

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys
1–19 September 2025



MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS (MACSSIS)

Throughout each year, we pause to listen to our students, families and staff to gauge how our learning community is travelling. This feedback is invaluable to our progress as effective school communities and is backed by evidence-based research and best practices.

A significant and formal way in which we engage and gather data is through MACSSIS, the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys. One of the main goals of the MACSSIS survey is to identify the strengths and areas for improvement within our school. We believe it is important that you have a voice in order to contribute to shaping the ongoing improvement of Holy Eucharist School.

The survey will be accessible online in English and in various other languages and dialects, from Monday 1st September and will need to be completed by Friday 19th September 2025. All participation is invited, welcomed and 100% voluntary. The surveys are not a test; they are an inclusive way to inform the work we are already doing to improve our school. Everyone has the right to refuse to participate, or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey. Please notify the school if your child (Years 4–6) does not wish to participate.

We encourage all families to complete the MACSSIS survey and everyone who does will go into a raffle to win a 10-inch Kodak Classic Photo Frame Wi-Fi enabled (RRP \$199)!

If you would like more information, please free to contact Mr Michael Bonnici or Mrs Crystal Carmuciano at the office.

STAFF CAR PARK

There have been a few parents who have been stopping across the staff car park entrance driveway on Chedgely drive to drop off and pick up their children. This is not acceptable as it prevents staff from entering and exiting the car park to attend their workplace. Parents are asked to keep the driveway clear at all times. It has also been reported to me that some parents are using the car park driveway to make a 3-point turn. This is very dangerous as the driveway is on a corner and these turns cause disruption to the flow of traffic on Elm St too.

I ask that you are considerate of the needs of others and work with me to keep our school community safe.

**STAFF
PARKING ONLY**

YEAR 6 CAMP

The Year 6s will be attending Log Cabin Camp in Creswick on Monday 1st September until Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Log Cabin Camp, located on 36 acres near Creswick, offers bunk-style heated cabins, indoor meeting spaces, and a wide range of outdoor activities like zip-lining, canoeing, archery, and more. Dedicated staff members will also attend the camp to assist with supervision.



HEALTH CARE CARD

If you have a valid Health Care Card, you are eligible for some financial support through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). For more information or assistance, please contact the staff in the office.



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.



WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

All staff at Holy Eucharist School will be participating in Professional Learning on Friday 12th September 2025 (the second last week of Term 3). As a result, the school will be closed on this day.

All teaching staff, Learning Support Officers (LSOs), and administration staff will be required to attend this professional learning.



SWIMMING

As part of the Sports Program at Holy Eucharist, students from Year 3 and Year 5 will be participating in a Swimming Program in Weeks 6 and 7 of Term 3, 2025. The program will include a 45-minute swim session each day for 2 weeks at the **Sunshine Leisure Centre**. The dates of the 10 swimming lessons are:

Monday 25/8/25 - Friday 29/8/25 and Monday 1/9/25 - Friday 5/9/25

The swimming program will be a fantastic opportunity for your child to develop their coordination and confidence in the water, as well as learn essential water safety skills.



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

As of this 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.

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/>

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 3: Eric Week 4: Lukas	Week 3: Iki Week 4: Daisy	Week 3: Daniel Week 4: Zoe	
<u>Year 1DX</u>	<u>Year 1JL</u>	<u>Year 1JD</u>	
Week 3: Amin Week 4: Dexter	Week 3: James Week 4: Ivy	Week 3: Harry Week 4: Claire	
<u>Year 2TN</u>	<u>Year 2CG</u>	<u>Year 2MJ</u>	
Week 3: Lisa Week 4: Dominic	Week 3: William Week 4: Felicia	Week 3: Izabelle Week 4: Aram	
<u>Year 3AL</u>	<u>Year 3 AC</u>	<u>Year 3S/B</u>	
Week 3: Nate Week 4: Dylan	Week 3: Tien Week 4: Jonathan	Week 3: Harry Week 4: Regina	
<u>Year 4ZG</u>	<u>Year 4SN</u>	<u>Year 4BM</u>	
Week 3: Lung Week 4: Kamiano	Week 3: Danny Week 4: Henry V	Week 3: James Week 4: Dang	
<u>Year 5RM</u>	<u>Year 5JM</u>	<u>Year 5JD</u>	<u>Year 4ER</u>
Week 3: Vivian Week 4: Jamielene	Week 3: Rianna Week 4: Olivia	Week 3: Marcel Week 4: Daniel	Week 3: Chol Week 4: Henry N
<u>Year 6JC</u>	<u>Year 6H/M</u>	<u>Year 6KB</u>	<u>Year 5ML</u>
Week 3: Benjamin Week 4: Lina	Week 3: Luca Week 4: Ewnet	Week 3: Reuben Week 4: Deng	Week 3: Jennifer Week 4: Hayden N

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LITERACY - BOOKWEEK ASSEMBLY – 21st AUGUST AT 9am

We will be celebrating Book week at assembly on Thursday the 21st of August at 9am. The theme of the week is Book an Adventure. Books can take us on amazing adventures without us even needing to leave school or home!

Students can come to school on that day dressed as a character from a favourite book or story. Parents and carers are welcome to come and watch our book week assembly.

Happy creating!

Mrs Jane Hurren

Literacy Leader

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FAMILY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS - FATHER'S DAY BBQ BREAKFAST

Holy Eucharist would like to celebrate all father figures with our annual Father's Day stall running on Wed, Sept 3rd and Thursday, Sept 4th. We will sell raffle tickets during recess and lunch in the week leading up to the Father's Day BBQ. The BBQ breakfast will be held outside near the Year 1 rooms from 7:30am on Thursday, Sept 4th and a special Father's Day assembly will occur in the hall afterwards. We will announce raffle winners at the end of the BBQ Breakfast.

Looking forward to seeing Dad's, Uncle's, Grandfather's and other important fatherly figures in our student's lives on this special occasion at school.

Mrs Crystal Carmuciano

Family School Partnerships/Well-being Leader

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IT'S TIME TO START FUNDRAISING

—\$10,000
—\$8000
—\$6000
—\$4000
—\$2000

KEEP FUNDRAISING!!

JOIN US IN REACHING OUR GOAL OF \$10,000!

Our Monty's Colour Fun Run Fundraiser has kicked off!

Students have received their sponsorship booklet and can now register their profile at www.myprofilepage.com.au

There are big prizes up for grabs! Simply raise \$10 to unlock your first incentive prize or rather donate to a cause, the choice is yours!

If you raise \$50, you go into the raffle to slime Ms Conte
Thank you,

Mrs Crystal Carmuciano
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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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SCAN ME

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 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.

AWESOME DAD

\$1 TICKETS 5 PRIZES TO WIN

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST THURS, SEPT 4 FROM 7:30AM

RAFFLE

- \$50 BUNNINGS VOUCHER
- POT PLANT - TOAN TRINH GARDENS
- HAMPER - A&M CABINETS
- FATHER'S DAY COOKIE BOX
- HAMPER - WESTWOOD LEGAL

COOL DAD

IMPORTANT SACRAMENT PREPARATION DATES:

5 Aug, Tues 6.30pm Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Gr 3)
24 Aug, Sun 10am [First Communion Presentation Mass](#) (Gr 4)
31 Aug, Sun 10am [Sacrament of First Communion](#) (Gr 4)

IMPORTANT DATES:

15 Aug, Fri	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
16 Aug, Sat	Saint Stephen of Hungary
17 Aug, Sun	20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
18 Aug, Mon	Science Discovery Dome Incursion Grade 6
21 Aug, Thurs	St Albans Secondary PAT M/R testing for Year 7 2026 Grade 4s attending CRC Musical performance
22 Aug	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
24 Aug, Sun	21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10am First Holy Communion Presentation Mass (Gr 4)
25 Aug- 29 Aug	6- Grade 3 & 5 Swimming program
26 Aug, Tues	6:30 pm Grade Six Puberty Night
31 Aug, Sun	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Social Justice Sunday 10am First Holy Communion Ceremony Mass (Gr 4)
1 Sep	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
1 - 3 Sep	Year 6 Camp - Log Cabin Creswick
1 - 5 Sep	Grade 3 & 5 Swimming program
3-4 Sep	Father's Day Stall
4 Sep	Father's Day Breakfast & Assembly
7-13 Sep	NAPCAN National Child Protection Week
7 Sep, Sun	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Father's Day)
8 Sep	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9 Sep, Tues	Mandarin Tree Planting Ceremony -
11 Sep, Thu	Colour Explosion Fun Day
12 Sep	The Most Holy Name of Mary
12 Sep, Fri	School Closure - Wellbeing
14 Sep, Sun	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
17 Sep, Wed	Grade 5 City Excursion- NGV & VIC Market?
18 Sep, Thu	Grade 3- Big Day In
19 Sep, Fri	Term 3 ends

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

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.