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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 Cablaio, & 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:** Jocelle Cachero

**LOTE:** 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, Nu Cuai, Menka Dave,

Ester Dawt Thluai, Jessica Di Pietro,

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

Celia (Thoi) Nguyen, Chau Nguyen, Trang

Nguyen, Shalindi Pandithakorallage, Thi Phan,

Elizabeth Sant, Rosemarie Slater, Alesha Tran,

Frances Wulf, Mary Xuereb, Sarah Xuereb,

Rita Zammit,

**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 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [John 3:13-17](#)

*The Son of Man must be lifted up.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

*'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'*

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

As Term 3 draws to a close, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our students, families, and staff for your ongoing support and commitment throughout a very busy and productive term.

Over the past few weeks, we've celebrated and participated in several wonderful events across the school. Highlights have included our students receiving their First Communion, Swimming Programs for Years 3 and 5, the Grade 6 Camp, our Father's Day Breakfast last Thursday, this week's School Advisory Council meeting and the Colour Explosion Fun Run today!

We are also proud to share that our school has been recognised by IPC Health and Vic Kids Eat Well with the gift of an Emperor Mandarin Tree. This award celebrates our successful implementation of a traffic light system in our canteen menu, aimed at encouraging healthier food choices by removing sugary and processed items. Since launching this initiative, our staff and students have embraced it with enthusiasm and commitment to wellbeing.

This week we were also honoured to welcome The Hon. Ms Suleyman MP for St Albans, who visited our school to personally congratulate us on this achievement. Our student leaders had the fantastic opportunity to meet and speak with her. A sincere thank you to IPC Health, Vic Kids Eat Well, and especially to Mrs Crystal Carmuciano, our Family School Partnerships/Wellbeing Leader, for their incredible collaboration and support in making this possible.

In staffing news, we are delighted to welcome Jocelle Cachero to our team. Jocelle will be working alongside the Physical Education and Visual Arts teachers and sharing the teaching load on Thursdays and Fridays, from now until the end of the year. We are excited to have her on board and know she will be a wonderful addition to our school community.

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday 12th September, is a school closure day. All staff will be engaging in a full day of professional learning and development.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend ahead.

God bless,

*Michael Bonnici*

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Engaging, Educating and Empowering our diverse Christ-centred community

## **R U OKAY?**

Today is R U OK? Day. R U OK? is a National Day of Action in Australia, to encourage people to connect and start conversations about mental health and wellbeing with those around them. The goal is to inspire people to check in with friends, family, and colleagues by asking "Are you OK?" and to listen, encourage action, and check in again, as a meaningful conversation can change a life. I encourage everyone to take a moment to reach out to someone and check in on their well-being **on any day**. Sometimes, a conversation can make all the difference.



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> September and will need to be completed by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**

All staff at Holy Eucharist School will be participating in Professional Learning on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (**Tomorrow**). 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.



## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to our Year 4 students who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last week. It was a truly special and sacred occasion for our students, their families, and the whole school community.

A heartfelt thank you to Fr John Hodgson CSsR, our main celebrant, for leading a beautiful and meaningful Mass. We are also grateful to Fr Jos-Hieu Nguyen CSsR and Fr Robin Lomangkok CSsR for concelebrating and supporting our students on this important step in their faith journey.

Thank you to our wonderful Year 4 teachers – Miss Elise Ring, Mr Zachary Gordon, Mrs Stefany Nemet and Miss Beatrice Mariano for their dedication and care in preparing the students so thoughtfully for this sacrament. Your work in supporting both their spiritual and academic development is greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to Pio Atonio and the Samoan choir for the uplifting and joyful music that added so much to the celebration, and to Ms Anne-Marie Conte for preparing the liturgy so beautifully.

It was a privilege to witness our students take this significant step in their faith with such reverence and joy. Thank you to all who contributed to making the day so memorable.



## **FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**

Last Thursday, we celebrated our annual Father's Day Breakfast before school. It was wonderful to see so many dads, grandfathers, and special family members come together to share a delicious breakfast, followed by a whole-school assembly.

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Crystal Carmuciano for her fantastic organisation of the event, to our office staff for coordinating supplies, to Mr June Balatbat for cooking on the barbecue, and to all the staff who helped out on the day. Your efforts made this a memorable morning for our school community.



## **LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – CASUAL DAY**

Next Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, is the last day of Term 3. School will finish at 2:25pm for Years Prep to 3 and at 2:30 pm for students in Years 4 - 6. Additionally, we will be celebrating Footy Fun Day. We invite all students and staff to wear their favourite football clothes or football colours (gold coin donation). All proceeds from the day will contribute to much-needed resources for the school.



## CYBER-SAFETY

As the school holidays approach, we encourage all parents and carers to take the opportunity to have open and ongoing conversations with their child about responsible internet use, the risks of sharing personal information online, and the importance of respectful digital communication.

At school, we are committed to educating our students about responsible digital citizenship, and we place strong emphasis on understanding and respecting the guidelines that help keep them safe online. However, the most effective learning takes place when these messages are reinforced both at school and at home.

We kindly ask for your support in continuing these conversations during the holiday break. Together, we can help our children develop the awareness and habits they need to navigate the online world safely and positively.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our staff. Let's work in partnership to ensure that all students' online experiences are safe, respectful, and conducive to their overall growth and wellbeing.

In our previous newsletter, we shared information on managing screen time and encouraging a healthy balance between online and offline activities. If you missed it, you can click on the link below to read more.

<https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/13.-Newsletter-29-August-2025.pdf>

## 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 7: Kevin Week 8: Peter	Week 7: Celine Week 8: Leo	Week 7: Sofia Week 8: Zegebriel	
<u>Year 1DX</u>	<u>Year 1JL</u>	<u>Year 1JD</u>	
Week 7: Phat Week 8: Lucia	Week 7: Jasmine Week 8: Daniel	Week 7: Louis Week 8: Aaron	
<u>Year 2TN</u>	<u>Year 2CG</u>	<u>Year 2MJ</u>	
Week 7: Hannah Week 8: Harry	Week 7: Timothy Week 8: Harvey	Week 7: Alazar Week 8: Sophia	
<u>Year 3AL</u>	<u>Year 3 AC</u>	<u>Year 3S/B</u>	
Week 7: Kathy Week 8: Nathanael	Week 7: Arsema Week 8: Michael	Week 7: Deng Week 8: Jacque	
<u>Year 4ZG</u>	<u>Year 4SN</u>	<u>Year 4BM</u>	<u>Year 4ER</u>
Week 7: Michael Week 8: Tiffany	Week 7: Kaitlyn Week 8: Kylie	Week 7: Jayden Week 8: Ariam	Week 7: Layla Week 8: Ryan P
<u>Year 5RM</u>	<u>Year 5JM</u>	<u>Year 5JD</u>	<u>Year 5ML</u>
Week 7: Mamith Week 8: Cleo	Week 7: (Dunya) Yar Week 8: Angela	Week 7: Mia Week 8: Giir	Week 7: Alisa Week 8: Tiffany
<u>Year 6JC</u>	<u>Year 6H/M</u>	<u>Year 6KB</u>	
Week 7: William Week 8: Flynn	Week 7: Micky Week 8: Selena	Week 7: Vincent/Athena Week 8: Reuben	

## CONGRATULATIONS FRANK!

We are proud to congratulate Frank in Year 3 AC, who was recently awarded Best and Fairest at St Albans Footy Club for the Under 10s!

This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of Frank's dedication, sportsmanship, and love for the game. Well done, Frank – your school community is very proud of you!



## SUN-SMART REMINDER - SCHOOL HATS IN TERM 4

As we look ahead to Term 4, we'd like to remind all families that students and staff are required to wear a hat when outdoors, in line with our SunSmart policy.

It is a school expectation that all students:

- Wear their school hat during outdoor activities such as recess, lunch, sport, and excursions.
- Attend school in their correct school uniform each day.

This policy helps us promote sun safety and protect our students during the warmer months.

If your child needs a new hat, they are now available for purchase from the school office.

Thank you for your support in ensuring all students are prepared for a safe and sun-smart Term 4.



Mr Michael Bonnici

Principal

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## FAMILY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

### Father's Day Breakfast and Assembly

Thank you to everyone who joined our **Father's Day Breakfast and Assembly**. It was a great way to celebrate our dads, grandfathers, and father figures. 💙



Thank you to the families who donated **raffle prizes**. Your gifts made the day exciting and helped raise money for our school. Thank you to Westwood Legal, A&M Kitchen Cabinets, Bunnings Sunshine, Toah Trinh Gardens, and Klingberg's Cookies. Together as a school we raised \$883.15 for much needed school resources!

Congratulations to our Raffle prize winners; Cindy, Frank, Tim, Monica, Daisy, and Martin



We also thank the parent helpers and families who supported the **Father's Day Stall**. Because of you, students could choose a special gift for their dad or father figure.

We hope all dads and father figures had a wonderful Father's Day. Thank you for being part of our school community at Holy Eucharist.



### Mandarin Tree Planting Ceremony

Earlier this week, we were delighted to welcome the Hon. MP Natalie Suleyman to our school as we were presented with an Emperor Mandarin Tree by Vic Kids Eat Well and IPC Health. This special gift recognises the positive changes we've made in our canteen to ensure students have access to healthy snack and lunch options.

On Tuesday, September 9th, we held an official tree planting ceremony with special guests, including IPC Health CEO Jayne Nelson, Mayor Dang, our school leaders, and the Year 5 SRC members. The new tree now sits proudly in the planter box outside 5JD, and we look forward to caring for it until it grows and produces mandarins for our students to enjoy. The Star Weekly Newspaper attended and took photos, so we will let families know when the article will be published. Keep an eye on [www.ipchealth.com.au](http://www.ipchealth.com.au) for photos and videos from the day as well.





## 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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### 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

# FOOTY COLOURS DRESS UP DAY

FRI, SEPT 19<sup>th</sup>



## GOLD COIN DONATION



STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO WEAR SOCCER  
OR BASKETBALL COLOURS TOO



### IMPORTANT DATES:

12 Sep	The Most Holy Name of Mary
12 Sep, Fri	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – NO SCHOOL TODAY</b>
14 Sep, Sun	<b>EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>
16 Sep, Tues	Grade Prep Mad About Science Incursion Grade 5 Economic Jubilee
17 Sep, Wed	Grade 3- Big Day In Whole School Assembly – Welcome to Country)
19 Sep, Fri	<b>TERM 3 ENDS (P,1,2 &amp; 3 finish at 2:25pm and 4-6 at 2:30pm)</b>
21 Sep, Sun	<b>25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
23 Sep, Tues	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina
26 Sep, Fri	Saints Cosmas and Damian
26 Sep, Fri	<b>Grand Final Eve Public Holiday</b>
27 Sep, Sat	Saint Vincent de Paul
28 Sep, Sun	<b>26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> World Day of Migrants and Refugees
29 Sep, Mon	Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
30 Sep, Tues	Saint Jerome
1 Oct, Wed	Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus
2 Oct, Thurs	The Holy Guardian Angels
4 Oct, Sat	Saint Francis of Assisi
October	<b>World Mission Month</b>
5 Oct, Sun	<b>27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Daylight Saving Time starts
6 Oct, Mon	<b>TERM 4 BEGINS - Students return</b> Saint Bruno
7 Oct, Tues	Our Lady of the Rosary
9 Oct, Thurs	Saint Denis and companions Saint John Leonardi
11 Oct, Sat.	Saint John XXIII
12 Oct, Sun	<b>28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
13 Oct, Mon	Gr 3-6 Athletics Carnival - Keilor Park Athletics Track
19 Oct, Sun	<b>29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - World Mission Day</b>
24 Oct, Fri	Grade 6 Excursion to Melbourne Zoo



## MPiR TUITION

### MATHS & ENGLISH TUTORING - 30% DISCOUNT FOR HOLY EUCHARIST STUDENTS

MPiR Tuition is a tuition centre located in Cairnlea that offers tutoring to students from Years 1 to 12. Our classes are conducted in small groups with specially designed classwork and homework books. For more information, please visit [www.mpirtuition.com.au](http://www.mpirtuition.com.au) or contact 0481 333 678.

### ĐẠY KÈM TOÁN VÀ ANH VĂN - GIẢM 30% HỌC PHÍ CHO SINH VIÊN TẠI TRƯỜNG HOLY EUCHARIST

MPiR Tuition là một trung tâm dạy kèm tại Cairnlea cung cấp dịch vụ dạy kèm cho học sinh từ lớp 1 đến lớp 12.

Các lớp học được tiến hành theo nhóm nhỏ với các bài tập soạn riêng cho mỗi học sinh. Để biết thêm chi tiết, vui lòng truy cập [www.mpirtuition.com.au](http://www.mpirtuition.com.au) hoặc



### 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.