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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 Ganeshanantham, Juliana

Bizjak & Thy Tran

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

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 **<u>Learning & Teaching Leader</u>**: Erin McNally

**Literacy Leader/Intervention:** Jane Hurren

<u>Literacy Intervention:</u> 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

<u>Library:</u> Jenny Bistricki

**Business Manager:** Sue Smart Administration Staff: Mandy Huong,

Stefani Richardson, Georgina Vella

**Learning Support Officers:** 

Nwares Bahnam, Nu Cuai, Menka Dave,

Br Noel Debono, Ester Dawt Thluai, Jessica Di Pietro, Catherine Hoang, Sara Kasko, Erica

(Thoa) Le, Lorna Naidu, Celia (Thoai) Nguyen, Chau

Nguyen, Trang Nguyen, Shalindi Pandithakoralage, Thi Phan, Elizabeth Sant, Rosemarie Slater,

Sung Tialzathang, Alesha Tran, Frances Wulf,

Mary Xuereb, Sarah Xuereb, Rita Zammit,

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**School Maintenance:** Peter Buttigieg



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All Saints' Day - 1st November All Soul's Day - 2nd November

All Saints' Day commemorates all saints and martyrs. All Souls' Day is a day of prayer for the souls of all the departed faithful

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Rom 6:3-4. 8-9)

Let us walk in newness of life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more.

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

Today we celebrated World Teachers' Day! This special occasion recognises the dedication, hard work, and passion of our teachers and staff, who play such an important role in shaping our children's futures. We are truly fortunate at Holy Eucharist School to have a team of enthusiastic and caring educators committed to helping every child reach their full potential. Hats off to our teachers for all that they do!

November is a month of reflection and remembrance. Traditionally, it is a time to honour both the saints and those who have passed away. The saints, who lived in many times and places, shared a profound love for God - dedicating their lives to holiness and to spreading His message of salvation. As Catholics, we believe that the saints intercede for us, forming part of the Communion of Saints who are united with us in faith.

The Feast of All Souls brings us consolation and hope as we remember our loved ones; family, friends, and colleagues, who have journeyed to God. Throughout November, we celebrate their lives with love and gratitude, holding them in our prayers as part of the great Communion of Saints.

In other news, this week we began repainting the interior of our school hall. Once the painting is complete, we plan to have the carpet steam cleaned before the holidays. In the coming weeks, we are looking forward to having three new flagpoles installed at the front of the school. These will be purchased using funds raised from the Colour Splash event, with the school also contributing to the cost. The flagpoles will display the three official flags of Australia: the Australian National Flag, the Australian Aboriginal Flag, and the Torres Strait Islander Flag. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, officially recognised in 1995, are flown alongside the National Flag to symbolise Australia's Indigenous heritage and unity.

Please note that school will be closed on Monday, 3rd November, as teachers will be using this day for report writing. Additionally, school will be closed on Tuesday, 4th November, in observance of the Melbourne Cup public holiday.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable long weekend ahead. God bless.

Michael Bonnici

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SCHOOL CLOSED: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 uesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025

#### **ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY**

As we enter the month of November, we are invited to pause and remember two special days in the Christian tradition: **All Saints' Day** on November 1st and **All Souls' Day** on November 2nd.

On **All Saints' Day**, we celebrate all the saints who have gone before us - those known and unknown, remembered and forgotten. It is a time to honour the lives of people who have shown deep faith, courage, and dedication, and to draw inspiration from their example.

The following day, **All Souls' Day**, is dedicated to remembering all who have died - our friends, colleagues, relatives, and leaders; those we have known, worked with, laughed with, wept with, and walked alongside.

During this month of remembrance, and especially as our school celebrates its **50th year**, we hold in prayer all the priests, sisters, and staff of Holy Eucharist parish and school who have gone before us. We remember them with love and gratitude, trusting in faith that they now share in the eternal joy of God, within the great communion of saints.



#### **WORLD TEACHERS DAY**

World Teachers' Day is an international day held annually to celebrate the dedication and impact of teachers and educators around the world.

Today, we join schools across Australia in celebrating and recognising the amazing contribution our teachers and staff make each and every day in the lives of children, families, and the wider community. If you see our staff today, please take a moment to thank them for the invaluable contribution they make to our school.

At Holy Eucharist School, we are truly blessed with a dedicated team who live out the words of our school motto - to **educate**, **engage**, **and empower** our students every single day to reach their full potential.

The theme for World Teachers' Day 2025 in Australia, "Hats Off to Teachers", invites us to honour educators for their incredible work in shaping the lives of young people.

On behalf of our school community, I extend our heartfelt thanks to all our wonderful staff for their tireless commitment, care, and passion in supporting our students at Holy Eucharist.



#### **Happy World Teachers' Day!**

#### **PREP 2026**

All Prep 2026 families will be receiving information from the school office regarding the Pre-Prep Program and Orientation Day. This letter will provide you with crucial details about your child's scheduled Pre-Prep sessions, as well as information about the whole school Orientation Day. We understand that a smooth transition into the new school year is of utmost importance, and therefore, we kindly request that your child attends all Pre-Prep sessions and the Orientation Day.

#### PRE-PREP 2026

The Pre-Prep Program will span two weeks; however, the students will be asked to attend only one Pre-Prep session per week. We look forward to welcoming your child into Prep 2026. If, for any reason, your child cannot attend these sessions, please promptly inform the school office. Please see Pre-Prep Program dates below:

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	
• Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm)	•Wednesday 12th Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm)	
• Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm)	•Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm)	

#### **ORIENTATION DAY FOR 2026**

The whole school Orientation Day (including Prep 2026) is scheduled for Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025, at 2 pm. This event plays a pivotal role in ensuring your child's familiarity with the school environment and would love to see all of our 2026 Preps there.



#### ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING - SEMESTER 2

On Friday, 12th December, parents and carers will receive their child's Semester 2 report, along with work samples selected 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 understanding of your child's achievements and areas for growth. Both the Semester 2 report and work samples will be sent home in the Assessment Envelope.



#### **END OF YEAR SCHOOL PICNIC AND CAROLS**

Once again, we are going to have family picnic and carols on the oval. This event will be held on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.** The picnic will commence at 5:00pm followed by carols at 6:30pm (weather permitting). We will also be fundraising on the day. We will be having a sausage sizzle stand and selling drinks. 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!



#### **GRADE 6 GRADUATION**

The Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony will take place in the church, on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025**, at 6pm. 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.



#### **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS**

Please note that the school will be closed on the following days:

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Report Writing Day No school Camp Australia WILL be operating)
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November (Melbourne Cup Public Holiday Camp Australia WILL NOT be operating)



#### CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS JULIANA

We're delighted to share the wonderful news that Juliana got married over the weekend!

Wishing Juliana and her husband, Justin, a lifetime filled with love and happiness. Best wishes to the newlyweds!

#### SCHOOL SAVING BONUS AND RE-ENROLMENT

**School Saving Bonus:** As the school year comes to a close, we kindly remind all families that School Savings Bonus receipts must be submitted to the office by Friday, 31st October 2025. This will ensure they can be processed before the end of the year.

School Saving Bonus

**Re-enrolment for 2026:** We are still waiting on re-enrolment forms from a number of families. If you have not yet returned your form, please complete it and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

#### **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 <a href="https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/before-after-school-care/">https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/before-after-school-care/</a>

#### 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: Ella	Week 3: Issa	Week 3: Lucas	
Week 4: Ivan	Week 4: Ethan	Week 4: Louis	N - (2) - 2
Year 1DX	Year 1JL	Year 1JD	<b>*</b> *
Week 3: Giovanni	Week 3: Daniel	Week 3: Lucas	
Week 4: Lucia	Week 4: Seinna	Week 4: Dung	STUDENT
Year 2TN	Year 2CG	Year 2MJ	OF THE
Week 3: Timothy	Week 3: Pandora	Week 3: Alexander	
Week 4: Harry	Week 4: Felicia	Week 4: Merlin	FEEL
Year 3AL	Year 3 AC	Year 3S/B	WEEK
Week 3: Hannah	Week 3: Maria	Week 3: Princess	
Week 4: Nate	Week 4: Courage	Week 4: Zion	
Year 4ZG	Year 4SN	Year 4BM	Year 4ER
Week 3: Alice	Week 3: Henry S	Week 3: Nathan	Week 3: Tri
Week 4: Jessica	Week 4: Rijul	Week 4: Samar	Week 4: Jay
Year 5RM	<u>Year 5JM</u>	Year 5JD	<u>Year 5ML</u>
Week 3: Mamith	Week 3: Isaac	Week 3: Nathan	Week 3: Celine
Week 4: Mymy	Week 4: Ellie	Week 4: Tommy	Week 4: Antonio
Year 6JC	Year 6H/M	Year 6KB	
Week 3: Mia	Week 3: Amy	Week 3: Justice	
Week 4: Linh	Week 4: Danny	Week 4: Isabelle G	

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

Now that we are in 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.

#### **UNIFORM GROUP (PSW UNIFORMS)**

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.

Holy Eucharist School uniform is available for purchase at PSW Uniforms in Ravenhall. For more information please visit <a href="https://www.psw.com.au/schools/holy-eucharist-school-st-albans.html">https://www.psw.com.au/schools/holy-eucharist-school-st-albans.html</a>

#### The Uniform Group (PSW Uniforms).

Trading Hours are: Monday to Friday from 9am – 5pm and on Saturday from 10am until 1pm.

#### STORE ADDRESS:

UNIT 2, 51-53 WESTWOOD DRIVE, RAVENHALL VIC 3023 (03) 9768 0342





# School is better when your child is here

Going to school every day is the most important part of your child's education. There are no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness. The best thing you can do is support your child to get to school every day.

A positive attitude towards school, healthy habits and routines, and parental involvement can support your child's regular school attendance and prevent chronic absence patterns.



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#### 1. Establish positive habits to promote attendance

- Set good bedtime and morning routines to make the process of getting to school smoother for everyone. Try to prepare as much as possible the night before, e.g. school uniform, school bag packed.
- Ensure your child gets enough sleep and exercise to support their physical and mental health.
- Talk positively about the importance of school attendance with your child. Explain that it is an important part of growing up, a legal obligation and that you expect them to attend every day.
- Show an interest in your child's school and become involved where possible. Keep notes, newsletters, etc. in a place where they are visible reminders of school news for the whole family. Talk about school activities in a positive manner.
- Discuss any changes to usual routines in advance with your child, such as alternative drop-off and pick-up arrangements, to ensure clarity and minimise anxiety.

#### **Further Resources**

Anxiety about going to school - Victorian Government

Attendance and missing school – Victorian Government

How can I get my teenager to school? – Victorian Government

Early Signs of School
Avoidance/Refusal Travancore School

<u>Tips for Promoting School</u> <u>Attendance</u> – Travancore School Understanding School
Avoidance and School
Refusal - Travancore School
School refusal: children and
teenagers - Raising Children
Network

Understanding school
refusal – Headspace
School refusal – Be You
Everything you need to
know about school refusal –
ReachOut

#### 2. Changes in your child's attitude towards school

We all have those days when it is just too hard to get up and feel motivated to go to work or school, but if this occurs regularly, it may be a sign that your child needs support. Early intervention is vital to address physical, emotional or social reasons for school avoidance before it progresses to chronic absence problems and on to school refusal.

#### Signs of school avoidance to look out for

- feeling sick before school, e.g. waking up with a headache, stomach-ache or sore throat
- tearfulness, clinginess and dawdling before school struggling to get out of bed, leave the house or get out of the car
- complaints about attending school and reluctance to talk about school
- · missing classes and being late for class.

#### What is happening at school?

Early signs of school avoidance may be identified at school through observations and insights by your child's teachers. Work in partnership with the school to support your child's attendance and wellbeing.

#### 3. What can you do when you see the signs?

- Work with your child to understand what is happening and so that they feel supported and empowered. Listen with compassion but be consistent in expectations.
- Speak with your child's teacher(s) about your concerns.
- Consider taking your child to the GP to rule out or address any physical or emotional health problems.
- Request and attend school meetings with your child and their teacher to develop strategies to support increased attendance.







#### **ICT NEWS- eSafety Update**

Recently, Mrs Crystal Carmuciano and Miss Clare Christie attended the MACS eSafety Summit at the Catholic Leadership Centre. The day included keynote addresses from the eSafety Commissioner, Victoria Police and Dr Billy Garvey.

A main focus for the day was raising awareness about the new social media age restriction legislation. From December 10th, you will need to be 16 years or over to have a social media account on platforms such as TikTok, Instagram, X and Facebook.

To find out more information regarding these changes, the eSafety Commissioner is running free Parent webinars during November and December about the new social media age restrictions. Click on the link to sign up to a Parent webinar- Social media age restrictions webinars | eSafety Commissioner

If you would like more general information about eSafety- visit https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents



#### YEAR 6 CYBER SAFETY PROJECT

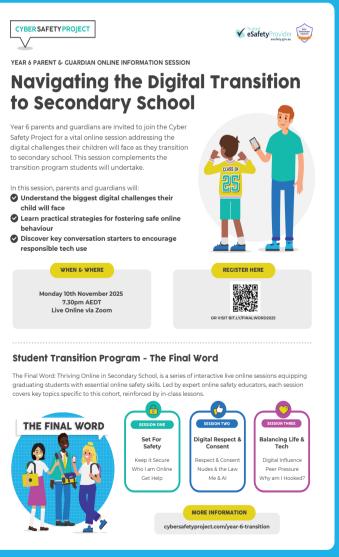
At Holy Eucharist we challenge all learners to grow and contribute to a safe and just world, and that includes building their digital citizenship skills to keep their online world a safe environment for everyone.

To assist the Year 6 students navigate the digital challenges they may come across as they transition into secondary school, Holy Eucharist Primary School will be participating in the Cyber Safety Project's **Student Transition Program – The Final Word.** 

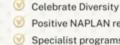
This program will consist of three interactive online sessions for students during November. These online sessions will cover important cyber safety subjects such as keeping your personal information secure, respect and consent, as well as understanding and recognising Artificial Intelligence (AI). These concepts will be reinforced in the classroom using the provided educational resources.

Before the student program commences there will be a **Parent and Guardian Online Information Session** on **Monday 10**<sup>th</sup> **of November at 7:30pm**. Turn over the page for more details and to register your attendance.

If you do not wish for their child to participate in the above session, please inform your child's teacher. Please contact Miss Clare Christie if you would like more information <a href="mailto:clare.christie@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au">clare.christie@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au</a>









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.

# Your OSHC.

Tailored before and after school experiences that children love.

Newsletter

# Pupil Free Day

03-Nov-2025

07:00 to 18:00

\$71.04 (\$7.10 after max. CCS\*)

Location: The Before and After School Care Room at Holy Eucharist School













#### Register for Your OSHC

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal

Register now

Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

The Child Care Subsidy (ccs)
The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 90% off your fees. Your eligibility is based on your income, care type, and activity level. Call Centrelink on 13 61 50 to find out

Register free and book now at www.campaustralia.com.au

by Camp

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

31 Oct. Fri **World Teachers Day** 

2 Nov, Sun COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

3 Nov, Mon School Closure - (NO STUDENTS)

4 Nov. Tue Melbourne Cup Day - Public Holiday

5 Nov, Wed 2026 Pre-Prep program 6 Nov, Thurs 2026 Pre-Prep program

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA 9 Nov. Sun

10 Nov, Mon Junior School Athletics Carnival - at H.E.

11Nov, Tue Remembrance Day

12 Nov, Wed 2026 Pre-Prep program

13 Nov, Thurs Assembly at 9am in the hall 13 Nov, Thurs 2026 Pre-Prep program

16 Nov. Sun 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -

World Day of the Poor

17 Nov, Mon Gr 4 incursion visit from Holy Cross PS students

18 Nov, Tues School Advisory Council Meeting at 7pm

18 Nov, Tue Violin open classes & lunchtime performances

**Greater Western Water Prep incursion** 20 Nov, Thu

23 Nov, Sun SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KIND

24 Nov, Mon Gr 4 Big Day Out to Holy Cross PS - New Gisborne

26 Nov, Wed. Gr 2 Lunch at School

27 Nov Thurs Assembly at 9am in the hall (ABC Music students performing)

11:05am - 12:35pm Gr 1 Animals on the Move incursion

30 Nov, Sun **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** 2 Dec, Tues Orientation Day (2pm)

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7 Dec, Sun

9 Dec. Tues Gr 6 Graduation at 6:30pm in the church

11 Dec, Thurs Assembly 2:15pm (Mandeville Hall & Violin students performing)

12 Dec. Fri Semester 2 Reports and work samples go home

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT 14 Dec, Sun 16 Dec, Tue Last Day of Term 4 - Students 17 Dec, Wed Last Day of Term 4 - Staff

### 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 Lion's Club by taking orders for their annual sale of Christmas Cakes and puddings. Delivery is expected mid - December.

- Lion's 1kg Christmas Cakes and puddings are \$16.
- Lion's 1.5kg Christmas Cakes are \$20.

Please support this worthy cause by placing your order at the office.

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





#### **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.



