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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 Ganeshantham, 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,

Br Noel Debono, Ester Dawt Thluai,

Jessica Di Pietro, Catherine Hoang, Sara Kasko, Erica

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

Nguyen, Trang Nguyen, Shalindi Pandithakorale,

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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HOLY EUCHARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

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Phone: 8312 0900 **Website:** www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

Remembrance Day - 11th day of November.

A Prayer for Remembrance

Ever-living God.

*We remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
May that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish
harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 15: 9-14)

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

November brings us into a season of reflection, remembrance, and new beginnings. It is a time to honour the Saints and remember our loved ones who have passed.

Last Tuesday, we observed Remembrance Day (Armistice Day) by pausing for a minute of silence at 11 am to remember those who sacrificed their lives in war. November 11 holds special significance as it marks the end of World War I - when, at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, the fighting ceased. This solemn tradition reminds us of the sacrifices made for the peace and freedoms we enjoy today.

We have had a busy and exciting start to November here at Holy Eucharist School. Our 2026 Prep students attended their first Pre-Prep session, where they met their future classmates and teachers, and families connected with our staff. This program plays a vital role in helping us understand each child's unique strengths and needs, allowing our teachers to plan lessons that best support them. My sincere thanks to Mrs. Crystal Carmuciano, our Administration Team, and our dedicated teaching staff for efforts in making this program a success.

Just over a week ago, builders were onsite to begin tendering for the refurbishment of the Leonie Glennen Building. Following discussions with our architect, it was recommended that we gradually vacate the building to ensure we can hand it over to the builders on schedule.

We have begun the mammoth task of relocating our Junior School, along with the Literacy Office and Learning and Teaching Office, into the Hindmarch and Carrucan buildings. We also had to move Year 3S/B and the Music Room to accommodate these changes.

We understand that this transition may cause some temporary inconvenience, and we sincerely appreciate your patience and cooperation. These changes are an important step in creating a safe, modern, and inspiring learning environment; one that sets a higher standard for our facilities and ensures a positive start to every child's educational journey at Holy Eucharist. *(Please see overleaf for more information.)*

Next Tuesday, 18th November, we will hold our final School Advisory Council Meeting of the year at 7 pm. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our Council members for their time, commitment, and invaluable contributions to the decisions that continue to strengthen and support our school community.

Wishing you all a restful weekend. God bless,

Michael Bonnici

Principal

principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au



REFURBISHMENT OF THE LEONIE GLENNEN BUILDING

Back in July 2024, we had the honour of welcoming Deputy Premier Ben Carroll and St Albans MP Hon Natalie Suleyman to our school, where they announced that Holy Eucharist will receive a \$1.4 million grant.

Combined with the school's own contribution, these funds will support the \$5.1 million refurbishment of our 50-year-old Leonie Glennen Building. This important project will enable us to continue providing the very best learning and teaching facilities for our students and staff.

The upgrade will include:

- A new roof, doors, and windows
- The transformation of the courtyard into a multi-purpose area
- The creation of three new breakout spaces and a meeting room

This is a fitting investment in our future - honouring our past while preparing for the decades ahead.

Preparing for Construction

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Below is a summary of the new room allocations:

Class	New Location	Building
Year 3S/B	Mezzanine in the Library	Hindmarch
Miss Ganesh (Prep)	Room 18	Hindmarch
Miss Juliana (Prep)	Room 15	Carrucan
Miss Thy (Prep)	Room 24 (STEM Room)	Hindmarch
Grade 1 JD	Room 17	Hindmarch
Grade 1 JL	Room 14	Carrucan
Grade 1 DX	Room 13	Portable Building
Music	Staff Planning Room	Hindmarch
LOTE (Italian)	Room 2	Mackillop (until end of 2024)

NB: Next year, LOTE and STEM will take place within the students' classrooms.

Looking Ahead:

We understand that these changes may cause some temporary inconvenience, and we sincerely appreciate your patience and cooperation. This refurbishment is not just a renovation; it's an investment in the future of our students and the quality of education we provide.

Once complete, the upgraded Junior Building will offer a safe, modern, and inspiring learning environment, setting a higher standard for our facilities and ensuring a positive start to every child's educational journey at Holy Eucharist.



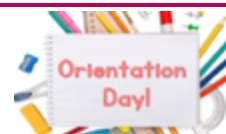
PREP 2026

All Prep 2026 families should by now have received information from the school office regarding Orientation Day, school uniforms, school fees, and the new school year.

We understand that a smooth transition into the new school year is of utmost importance, and therefore, we kindly request that your child attends Orientation Day on Tuesday 2nd December 2025.

ORIENTATION DAY FOR 2026

The whole school Orientation Day (including Prep 2026) is scheduled for Tuesday, 2nd 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.



M Bonnici – Principal

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.

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 3rd 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 9th 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.



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.hestalbansst.h.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/before-after-school-care/>



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 <https://www.psw.com.au/schools/holy-eucharist-school-st-albans.html>

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



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.



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HEADLICE

Please check your children's hair thoroughly and regularly, and treat it if you find any evidence of head lice. We can only eradicate this problem with everyone's co-operation. Getting into the habit of checking and combing as part of your regular routine is the only way to achieve this.

If your child has head lice, please let the school know so that we can take appropriate steps to prevent it from spreading further.

Hair which is shoulder-length or longer should be tied back while at school to help prevent the spread of head lice.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club operates in the McAuley Building every Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 8:45am. Breakfast is available for all students who may not have had the chance to eat before coming to school. We offer toast with butter, jam, or Vegemite to help students start their day with energy and focus. All students are welcome.



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.



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 Week 5: Angelina Week 6: Mickey	Prep SG Week 5: Kalilah Week 6: Isaac	Prep JB Week 5: Nickey Week 6: Ellianna	
Year 1DX Week 5: Mary-Jane Week 6: Anna	Year 1JL Week 5: Lois Week 6: Skylar	Year 1JD Week 5: Aaron Week 6: Skylar	
Year 2TN Week 5: Vanessa Week 6: Jason	Year 2CG Week 5: Nami Week 6: Mason	Year 2MJ Week 5: Thea Week 6: Issac	
Year 3AL Week 5: Jennifer Week 6: Dorian	Year 3AC Week 5: May Week 6: Frank	Year 3S/B Week 5: Leonard Week 6: Kaitlyn	
Year 4ZG Week 5: Mayla Week 6: Isak	Year 4SN Week 5: Liam Week 6: Ryan L	Year 4BM Week 5: Hannah Week 6: Emily	Year 4ER Week 5: Johnny Week 6: Melody
Year 5RM Week 5: Maceo Week 6: Selena	Year 5JM Week 5: Lina Week 6: Jason	Year 5JD Week 5: Ivy Week 6: Mi Vi	Year 5ML Week 5: Sophie Week 6: Evie-Mae
Year 6JC Week 5: Masara Week 6: Eric	Year 6H/M Week 5: Selena Week 6: Efren	Year 6KB Week 5: Angus Week 6: Vincent	

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 for 2026. 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 last meeting for 2025 is on Tuesday 18th November at 7pm.



Mr Michael Bonnici
Principal
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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 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.



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 or contact 0481 333 678.

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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 hoặc liên lạc 0481 333 678.



IMPORTANT DATES:

- 16 Nov, Sun **33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – World Day of the Poor**
- 18 Nov, Tues **School Advisory Council Meeting at 7pm**
- 18 Nov, Tue **Violin open classes & lunchtime performances**
- 20 Nov, Thu **Greater Western Water Prep incursion**
- 23 Nov, Sun **SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
- 24 Nov, Mon **Gr 4 Big Day Out to Holy Cross PS - New Gisborne**
- 26 Nov, Wed. **Gr 2 Lunch at School**
- 26 Nov, Wed. **Grade 5 Excursion CERES**
- 26 Nov, Wed **Holy Eucharist Parish – Advent Retreat 7pm – 8:15pm**
- 27 Nov Thurs **Assembly at 9am in the hall (ABC Music students performing) 11:05am – 12:35pm Gr 1 Animals on the Move incursion**
- 28 Nov – 2 Dec **Australian Catholic Youth Festival**
- 30 Nov, Sun **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- 2 Dec, Tues **Orientation Day (2pm)**
- 3 Dec, Wed **Holy Eucharist Parish – Advent Retreat 7pm – 8:15pm**
- 7 Dec, Sun **2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- 9 Dec, Tues **Gr 6 Graduation at 6:30pm in the church**
- 10 Dec, Wed **Holy Eucharist Parish – Advent Retreat 7pm – 8:15pm**
- 11 Dec, Thurs **Assembly 2:15pm (Mandeville Hall & Violin students performing)**
- 12 Dec, Fri **Semester 2 Reports and work samples go home**
- 14 Dec, Sun **3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- 16 Dec, Tue **Last Day of Term 4 - Students**
- 17 Dec, Wed **Last Day of Term 4 – Staff**
- 17 Dec, Wed **Holy Eucharist Parish – Advent Retreat 7pm – 8:15pm**
- 21 Dec, Sun **4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- 24 Dec, Wed **Christmas Eve**
- 25 Dec, Thu **Christmas Day**
- 26 Dec, Fri **Boxing Day**

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

This Advent,
Come and see. Be Renewed.

HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

"Step away from the busyness of life and enter into a sacred space of reflection, healing, and hope as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Emmanuel - God is with us."

Location: Holy Eucharist Church
1A Oleander Dr. St Albans VIC 3021

Save the dates!
Retreat schedule

26th Nov. 2025 (Wed) – 7pm – 8:15pm
(Mass & Preaching)

3rd Dec. 2025 (Wed) – 7pm – 8:15pm
(Preaching & Anointing of the Sick)

10th Dec. 2025 (Wed) – 7pm – 8:15pm
(Preaching & Reconciliation service - Rite 2)

17th Dec. 2025 (Wed) – 7pm – 8:15pm
(Mass & Preaching)

Light refreshments are served after each session.

Bring your family, friends, and anyone seeking renewal. Let this Advent be a time of grace, healing, and joyful anticipation.

All are welcome.
No registration required.

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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
OUR ANNUAL

Christmas *Carols*

WED, DEC 3RD, 2025
FAMILY PICNIC ON THE
SCHOOL OVAL FROM 5PM
CAROLS START 6:30PM

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TO BE DRAWN AT
THE CONCLUSION OF THE EVENT

SAUSAGES AND DRINKS AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE



Christmas

Raffle donation request

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