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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 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 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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The First Sunday of Advent - Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready. (Matthew 24:37-44)

Jesus said to his disciples : 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



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Let's reflect: The Season of Advent offers a pathway of peace through our busy and bustling lives, when, as a community, we are heading towards the end of our school year. At the same time, our Catholic identity calls for us to understand what Christ's birth represents for us: **Hope, Love, Joy and Peace**. Let us be enlightened by the Gospel so that together, we may radiate God's hope for humanity.

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King, marking the conclusion of the liturgical year and the end of the Year C cycle. In the Church calendar, each year focuses on one of the synoptic Gospels: Year A is Matthew, Year B is Mark, and Year C is Luke. This Sunday marks the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of Year A. As we enter the Season of Advent, we are invited to reflect on hope and the anticipation of Jesus entering our lives.

Next week promises to be filled with exciting events in our school community. On **Tuesday, 2nd December**, students will meet their 2026 class teachers and classmates during Orientation Day from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. During this time, we also welcome the new families and students who will be joining Holy Eucharist School for the first time.

On **Wednesday, 3rd December**, we will host our Family Picnic at 5:00 pm, followed by Carols on the Oval at 6:30 pm. This will be a wonderful evening featuring a sausage sizzle and drinks for sale. We are hopeful the weather will be kind to us. Our students will be performing on a large stage set up on the oval, so please remember to bring your picnic rug or chairs.

On **Tuesday, 9th December**, our Year 6 students will celebrate their Graduation ceremony in the church at 6:00 pm, with a special appearance from a local MP. I would like to congratulate all our Year 6 students and wish them the very best as they journey towards secondary school.

As the year draws to a close, I would like to extend my gratitude to our School Advisory Council for their ongoing support and for their dedication to our school community.

Thank you all for your continued support as we approach the end of another wonderful year.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

God Bless.

Michael Bonnici

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Engaging, Educating and Empowering our diverse Christ-centred community

NEW LINE-UP AREAS: Before school and at the end of recess and lunch

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, our Preps and Year 1 classes have relocated to different classrooms in preparation for the refurbishment works, which are scheduled to begin early next year. With the majority of classes now situated at the back of the school, we have made some important changes to where students will be required to line up.

Effective immediately, students will no longer line up outside their classrooms before school, during recess, or at lunchtime. When the bell rings at 8:45am, students are to move directly to their designated line-up areas and wait for their teachers.

For safety reasons, no students or parents are permitted to wait outside classrooms or between buildings before school or during recess and lunch.

New Line-Up Locations:

- **Prep, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3:**
Students will line up on the Basketball Court with their bags at 8:45am and whenever the bell rings at the end of recess and lunch.
- **Years 4, 5, and 6:**
Students will line up on the Oval with their bags at 8:45am and whenever the bell rings at the end of recess and lunch.

These changes have been introduced to support smoother transitions, improve supervision, and enhance student safety. We appreciate your cooperation and support as we implement this new procedure.

For safety reasons, students are not permitted to play ball games on the oval or the basketball court before or after school.

Please feel free to see me if you have any questions or concerns.



HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL IN 2025 AND 2026

Last Day of Term 4, 2025

The last day for Term 4, 2025 (for all students) will be on Tuesday 16th December 2025.

Students in Prep, 1, 2 and 3 will finish at 2:25pm and students in Years 4, 5 and 6 finish at 2:30pm.

First Day of Term 1, 2026

- **Staff** will return to school on **Tuesday 27th January 2026**.
- **Students in Years 1 - 6** will resume on **Wednesday 28th January 2026**
- **Students in Prep** will commence school on **Thursday 29th January 2026**

Next year, Preps will be at school from 8:55am to 3:10pm every day except for Wednesdays in January/February. The Preps will have no school on:

- Wednesday 28th January,
- Wednesday 4th February,
- Wednesday 11th February,
- Wednesday 18th February,

Grades 1, 2 and 3

In 2026, students in Year 3 will follow the Junior Bell and Junior timetable. Therefore, students in Grades Prep, 1, 2 and 3 will commence school at 8:55am and will finish school at 3:10pm

Grades 4, 5 and 6

Students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 will commence school at 8:55am and will finish school at 3:15pm.



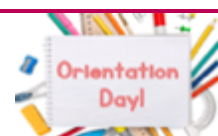
PREP 2026

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: PREP – YEAR 6, 2026

The whole school Orientation Day (including Prep 2026) is scheduled for 2pm on Tuesday, 2nd December 2025. 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.



END OF YEAR SCHOOL PICNIC AND CAROLS

We are excited to once again host our Family Picnic and Carols on the school 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, and our Christmas raffle will be drawn on the night.

There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks available for purchase. Our student leaders will also be selling toys to raise money for the **Vinnies Christmas Appeal**.

Students will be performing on a large stage on the oval, and during the performance they will be seated in their class groups. Parents and carers are asked to bring a picnic rug or picnic chairs.

We look forward to seeing you all there for a wonderful community evening!



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.




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.



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 7: Victoria Week 8: David	Prep SG Week 7: Elle Week 8: Danick	Prep JB Week 7: Irene Week 8: Amen	
Year 1DX Week 7: Blessing Week 8: Andrew	Year 1JL Week 7: Anna Week 8: Ashrielle	Year 1JD Week 7: Angelina Week 8: Ayden	
Year 2TN Week 7: Emma Week 8: Kenrich	Year 2CG Week 7: Evelyn Week 8: Mele	Year 2MJ Week 7: Zoe Week 8: Kara	
Year 3AL Week 7: Laura Week 8: Sarah	Year 3 AC Week 7: Billy Week 8: Amy	Year 3S/B Week 7: Hanna Week 8: Evan	
Year 4ZG Week 7: Lung Week 8: Iris	Year 4SN Week 7: Suri Week 8: Celina	Year 4BM Week 7: Martin Week 8: James	Year 4ER Week 7: Tyler Week 8: Anna
Year 5RM Week 7: Allyana Week 8: Kenny	Year 5JM Week 7: Rianna Week 8: Louis	Year 5JD Week 7: Henry Week 8: Milena	Year 5ML Week 7: Sophia Week 8: Aliyah
Year 6JC Week 7: Tony Week 8: Julie N	Year 6H/M Week 7: Ewnet Week 8: Phoebe	Year 6KB Week 7: John Week 8: Majd	

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.

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.



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.



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).

UNIT 2, 51-53 WESTWOOD DRIVE,
RAVENHALL VIC 3023
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IMPORTANT DATES – 2025

30 Nov, Sun	1 ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
2 Dec, Tues	Orientation Day (2pm)
3 Dec, Wed	Holy Eucharist Parish – Advent Retreat 7pm – 8:15pm Family Picnic at 5pm and School Carols at 6:30pm
7 Dec, Sun	2 ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8 Dec, Mon	Gr 6 Graduation celebration- bowling and lunch
9 Dec, Tues	Gr 6 Graduation at 6:30pm in the church
10 Dec, Wed	Holy Eucharist Parish – Advent Retreat 7pm – 8:15pm
12 Dec, Fri	Semester 2 Reports and work samples go home
14 Dec, Sun	3 RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
16 Dec, Tue	Last Day of Term 4: P-3 finish 2:25pm, 4-6 finish 2:30pm Kaboom Sports – Fun Morning.
17 Dec, Wed	Last Day of Term 4 – Staff
17 Dec, Wed	Holy Eucharist Parish – Advent Retreat 7pm – 8:15pm
21 Dec, Sun	4 TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
24 Dec, Wed	Christmas Eve
25 Dec, Thu	Christmas Day
26 Dec, Fri	Boxing Day

DATES TO REMEMBER

IMPORTANT DATES – 2026

26 Jan, Mon	Australia Day
27 Jan, Tues	Staff commence school
28 Jan, Wed	Students in Year 1 to Year 6 commence school
30 Jan, Thurs	Students in Prep 2026 commence school
25 Feb, Wed	Preps have no school: Wed 4 th , 11 th , 18 th Feb 2026
2 April, Thurs	Parent/Teacher Conversations
3 April, Fri	End of Term 1 (2:30 pm finish) School holidays begin
20 April, Mon	Good Friday
25 April, Sat	Term 2 begins
5 June, Fri	ANZAC DAY (Falls on Saturday in 2026)
8 June, Mon	School Closure Day [1] TBC
26 June, Fri	King's Birthday
13 July, Mon	End of Term 2 (2:30pm finish) School holidays begin
14 th July, Tues	School Closure Day (RE Zone) [2] TBC
22 July, Wed	Term 3 begins
30 July, Thurs	Parent/Teacher Interviews
11 Sep, Fri	VRQA School Compliance Review
18 Sep, Fri	School Closure Day [3] TBC
5 Oct, Mon	End of Term 3 (2:30pm finish) School holidays begin
2 Nov, Mon	Term 4 begins
3 Nov, Tues	School Closure Day (TBA) [4]
15 Dec, Tues	Melbourne Cup
	Last Day for Students (2:30pm finish) TBC

VIOLIN PROGRAM

At the end of this year, we farewell Celia Hopkinson, our violin teacher at Loreto Mandeville Hall. Celia has been teaching violin to our students for almost three years, and we are deeply grateful for her dedication, expertise, and the care she has shown our students.

We sincerely thank Celia for her hard work and commitment, and we wish her every success in the future.

Due to space limitations during the upcoming building phase, the violin program will be placed on hold next year. We appreciate the community's understanding and look forward to reinstating the program once facilities allow.



HOLY EUCHARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL



ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2026



SCAN ME

- ✓ 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 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.

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.



LIONS CLUB OF SUNSHINE Inc

We Serve

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HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL

FREE FURNITURE

We have a lot of furniture such as filing cabinets, tables and desks to give away to our school community



**More furniture available
this week.**

Please contact the office.

**Location: School Hall
1A Oleander Dr,
St Albans**

Bring your ute, trailer or large vehicle and park near the hall



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.

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 hoặc liên lạc 0481 333 678.



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CYBER SAFETY PROJECT- THE FINAL WORD TRANSITION PROGRAM

Over the past three weeks, the Grade 6 students have participated in a digital safety transition program run by the Cyber Safety Project to prepare students for the online challenges beyond primary school.

During this program, the students attended weekly live webinars to learn essential skills to navigate the online world safely and responsibly. The students engaged in important conversations about eSafety issues and completed follow up activities with their Grade 6 teachers.

A big thank you to the Cyber Safety Project and to the Grade 6 teaching team for their assistance in facilitating this program. We hope this program will have a positive impact on our graduating students and will help them to become responsible digital citizens in secondary school and beyond.

Miss Clare Christie

ICT Leader and STEM Teacher

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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

We are looking for donations from families with local businesses within our school for our annual Christmas Raffle.

Please contact the office or email Mrs Crystal if you can donate a voucher or some items for a hamper

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.





**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.**

