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Tuesday – Friday: 9am (English)

Saturday: 6pm (English)

7:30pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday: 8:45am, 10.00am, 6pm (English)

12pm (Vietnamese)

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Grade 1: Samenta Ganeshanantham, Rebecca Howard & Thomas Phan

Grade 2: Joseph Adams, Mary James & Thilini Nanayakkara

Grade 3: Allana Curmi, Angela Lopez-Dee & Dion Xuereb

Grade 4: Jo Dragovic, Zachary Gordon & Tommy Lee

Grade 5: Jacelle Cablao, Janelle Dumaguit, Richard Hoult & Julie Murnane

Grade 6: Kathryn Barrie, Allison Diaco/Michael Higgins, Matthew Laureano & Raquel McClurg,

Education in Faith/ICT Leader: Clare Christie

Learning & Teaching Leader: Erin McNally

Literacy Leader/Intervention: Jane Hurren

Literacy Intervention: Jocelle Cachero & Thy Tran

Maths Leader P-6: Erin McNally

Maths Intervention: Maryanne Camilleri

Learning Diversity Leader/ Intervention: Julie Semcesen

Family & Community Engagement/ Wellbeing Leader: Crystal Carmuciano

Mental Health in Primary Schools Leader (MHiPS) / School Counsellor: Edward Faraci

Speech Pathologist: Claire Huntington

Music: Colleen Azzopardi

STEM: Di Woodburn

Visual Arts: Stefany Nemet

Physical Education: Jake Franze

Visual Arts/Physical Education: CB

LOTE: Christine Saunders P-2, Simona Grippi 3-6

EAL/New Arrival: Irene Jurista

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Library: Jenny Bistricki

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Administration Staff: Mandy Huang, Stefani Richardson, Georgina Vella

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Nwanes Bahnam, Nu Cuai, Sarah Cuttino,

Menka Dave, Ester Dawt Thluai, Br Noel Debono,

Jessica Di Pietro, Rebecca Galea, Catherine Hoang,

Sara Kasko, Nadia Kovacevic, Erica (Thoa) Le,

Chau Nguyen, Trang Nguyen, Thi Phan, Elizabeth Sant,

Rosemarie Slater, Alesha Tran, Frances Wulf,

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (11:1-45)

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

It has been an extremely busy and productive term, with students actively engaged in class activities and meaningful learning experiences. Last week, our Year 3 and Year 5 students participated in NAPLAN. I would like to thank Miss Clare Christie and Ms Erin McNally for their assistance in setting up the NAPLAN online portal for our school. I would also like to thank the Year 3 and Year 5 teachers for their support in administering the tests.

This week we celebrated Catholic Education Week. I had the privilege of attending the Mass of Saint Patrick for Schools today with our school leaders. Our school captains, Evie-Mae (6KB) and Anthony N (6RMc), took part in the Procession of School Banners.

Following the Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, the students attended the "Concert in the Park," a joyful celebration of Catholic education. I would like to thank Miss Clare Christie and Mrs Mary Xuereb for attending the ceremony and supervising our students. This year's annual art exhibition celebrates the theme "Christ Beside Me: Walking in the Footsteps of Saint Patrick." We are very proud to share that a past student from our school had her Year 6 artwork selected for the 2026 Catholic Education Week Creative Arts Exhibition. A big congratulations to Linh T, who used oil pastels to create her artwork titled "Jesus on the Cross." Congratulations to Linh on this wonderful achievement!

This week we welcomed three Learning Support Officers (LSOs) to our school community. We welcome back Br Noel Debono, who will be working part-time, as well as Nadia Kovacevic and Sarah Cuttino. At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Thy Tran who will be going on Maternity Leave, Ms Menka Dave (LSO), who will be returning to India, Mrs Colleen Azzopardi, who will be taking on a different role at another school, and Ms Janelle Dumaguit, who will be taking a break from teaching. I would like to thank these staff members for their contribution to our school and to Catholic education, and wish them all the best in their future endeavours. I will provide further information regarding who will be taking Music and Year 5 classes once details have been finalised. As part of the Physical Education program at Holy Eucharist, students from Years 2, 3 and 5 will be participating in a 9-day swimming program at Sunshine Leisure Centre. Swimming will run from Monday 23 March to Friday 27 March, and Monday 30 March to Thursday 2 April (the last day of Term 1). Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend ahead. God bless!

Michael Bonnici.

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: 15th – 22nd MARCH 2026

This year, all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne will celebrate Catholic Education Week 2026 from 15th to 22nd March. It is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate their Catholic identity and community contribution, and the strength of the sector.

The 2026 theme, 'Christ beside me: Walking in the footsteps of Saint Patrick', celebrates the significance of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of our local Church in Melbourne.

Our school leaders attended the Mass of Saint Patrick for Schools today.



CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITION – CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

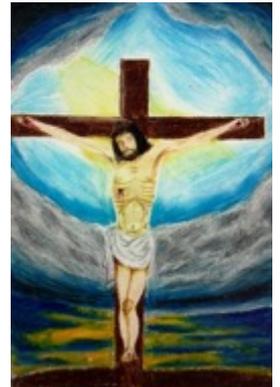
Families are warmly invited to visit the Creative Arts Exhibition during Catholic Education Week. The exhibition officially opens on Sunday 15 March and will be on display throughout the week until Saturday 21 March.

This year's exhibition celebrates the theme "Christ Beside Me: Walking in the Footsteps of Saint Patrick." Through their artwork, students have explored ideas of faith, courage, community, and the presence of Christ walking with us in our daily lives, just as Saint Patrick trusted in God's guidance throughout his mission.

The exhibition is a wonderful celebration of student creativity across the Archdiocese of Melbourne, with over 90 primary schools and 30 secondary colleges participating. More than 350 submissions and over 500 artworks will be on display, showcasing the incredible artistic talents of students from across our Catholic school community.

We are also very proud to share that, out of all the submissions, a past student from our school had her Year 6 artwork selected for the 2026 Catholic Education Week Creative Arts Exhibition. A big congratulations to Linh T! Linh used oil pastels to create her artwork titled "Jesus on the Cross."

We warmly encourage families to visit the exhibition and experience the creativity, faith, and imagination expressed through these inspiring artworks. Please see the attached flyer for further details.



CARPARK SAFETY UPDATE

To support the safety of our students and families during afternoon pick-up, the church driveway (access from Oleander Drive and Chedgery Drive) has been closed each day at 2:00pm and reopened at 3:05pm, when it is supervised by Mr June (Maintenance Staff) and a teacher. This arrangement has been working well so far and has assisted with traffic flow during dismissal time.

Following consultation with the parish, several improvements to the church and school car park areas will be made to further support safety and traffic flow. These include:

- Repainting the car park lines
- Painting new directional arrows to guide traffic flow
- Repainting the zebra crossing
- Creating a new walkway with a safety chain leading to the zebra crossing, so that students no longer need to move between parked cars when crossing.

The parking lines in the school staff carpark will also be repainted.

These updates will improve visibility, traffic direction, and pedestrian safety for our school community. Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our students safe during pick-up and drop-off times.



REMINDER - GATES CLOSE AT 8:55AM

All Prep to Year 6 classes begin promptly at **8:55am**.

If your child arrives after 8:55am, they must enter the school via the **Administration Gate**, as all other gates will be locked at this time.

Parents or carers are required to escort their child to the school office to obtain a late pass. Each late pass is recorded on the attendance roll and will appear on the student's report card each semester.

Every Minute Counts!

Each morning, the whole school participates in a dedicated literacy block, where students engage in intensive reading and writing activities. Students who arrive late miss important instructions and key learning time. Repeated late arrivals can significantly impact a child's progress. When students arrive late, teachers are required to repeat instructions, which interrupts the learning of those students who arrived on time.

We appreciate your support in ensuring your child arrives at school on time each day so they can fully participate in their learning.



PARKING ENFORCEMENT BLITZ

Brimbank Council will continue monitoring the vicinity of the school in regards to parking. This 'Parking Enforcement Blitz' around the school aims to ensure the safety of all members of our community.

The council has advised that fines will be issued to motorists who:

- **Park in 'No Standing Anytime' zones**
- **Park outside the restrictions indicated on signposts**
- **Double park to drop off or pick up children**
- **Park illegally in residential driveways**
- **Speed in the 40km/h school zone**



This Parking Blitz is a response to increasing complaints from parents, carers, and local residents. The safety of our students and community members is a priority, and we appreciate your cooperation in adhering to traffic and parking rules.

Please note that fines are issued by the council, not the school. **The school will not be responsible for any infringements incurred.**

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

We are asking each family to please donate an easter egg towards our Easter Egg Raffle. The money raised from the Easter Egg Raffle will go towards purchasing resources/equipment for the school.

The Easter Egg Raffle will be held at the end of Term 1, during our Easter Hat Parade. Please see the next page for more details. Thank you for supporting our school fundraising.



SCHOOL HATS IN TERM 1

There are a number of students at our school who do not have a school hat. In Australia we have "one of the highest rates of melanoma diagnoses in the world...two in three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70" (SunSmart, 2019). The good news is that almost all skin cancers are preventable. It is recommended that staff and students use a combination of sun protection measures (i.e. sun hat, sunscreen, clothing, shade and sunglasses when outdoors, avoid deliberate and extended sun exposure) when UV index levels are 3 or above (generally from mid-August to the end of April in Victoria). In Term 1 and Term 4 all students and teachers are required to wear a hat when they are outside. It is an expectation and school policy that all students wear their school hat and their correct school uniform at all times.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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 a crucial role in the governance framework of MACS, helping to shape the educational experience for our children while maintaining a strong connection between school and parish.

The parish priest and school principal hold distinctive roles of leadership in their parish and school communities, and it is essential that they work collaboratively to ensure the relationship between parish and school is central to providing the religious leadership necessary for the success of our mission (*Working Together in Mission*, p. 1).

Holy Eucharist School is delighted to welcome our new School Advisory Council members: **Mr Faranisi Ierome**, representing the parish, and **Mr Ibukun Adejumobi**, representing our parent community. We are grateful for their willingness to contribute their time, insight, and care for our school community.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank all current members of the School Advisory Council for their dedication:

- **Nick Coleiro** (Chair)
- **Phuong Vo** (Secretary)
- **Jaspreet Cheema** (Parent Representative)
- **Sarah Farrugia** (Parent Representative)
- **Ibukun Adejumobi** (Parent Representative)
- **Anne-Marie Conte** (Staff Representative)
- **Faranisi Ierome** (Parish Representative)
- **Fr Jos-Hieu Nguyen** (Parish – Redemptorist Priest)
- **Michael Bonnici** (Principal)



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)

We warmly encourage all who are interested to consider joining this vital ministry of support and guidance.

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 JB Week 7: Elixir Week 8: Luna	Prep LN Week 7: Lucas Week 8: Katara	Prep CO'R Week 7: Lucas Week 8: Madilyn	
Year 1 SG Week 7: Queenie V Week 8: Ricky	Year 1 RH Week 7: Duckies Week 8: Issa	Year 1 TP Week 7: Mickey Week 8: Gia Nhi	
Year 2 JA Week 7: Elizabeth Week 8: Alex	Year 2 MJ Week 7: Ayden Week 8: Benjamin	Year 2 TN Week 7: Dung Week 8: Ivy	
Year 3 AC Week 7: Jacob Week 8: Ken	Year 3 AL Week 7: Vivi Week 8: Ava	Year 3 DX Week 7: Liam Week 8: Thea	
Year 4 JD Week 7: Hana Week 8: Sherman	Year 4 ZG Week 7: Laura Week 8: Michael	Year 4 TL Week 7: Hao Week 8: Harry	
Year 5 JC Week 7: Liam Week 8: Mercylin	Year 5 JD Week 7: Mia Week 8: Ayom	Year 5 RH Week 7: Suri Week 8: Ryan	
Year 6 AD/MH Week 7: Amelia Week 8: Elle	Year 6 KB Week 7: Ruby Week 8: Jamielene	Year 6 ML Week 7: Anna Week 8: Felix	
		Year 5 JM Week 5: Sammie Week 6: Amin	
		Year 6 RMc Week 7: Annie Week 8: Jason	

EASTER BONNET PARADE AND EASTER RAFFLE

Thursday 2nd April is the last day of Term 1. We will be having **the Easter Bonnet Parade on the school oval (depending on the weather) at 1:45pm and will be drawing the Easter Egg Raffle soon after. All parents/carers are welcome.**

The students are encouraged to put on their creative thinking caps and design and make an Easter hat to wear in the parade. There will be prizes awarded on the day for the most colourful and the most creative hats.

Please note that on Thursday 2nd April:

- It will be a Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation.
- The students in Grade Prep, 1, 2 and 3 will be finishing school at 2:25pm (to alleviate the traffic congestion)
- The students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 will be finishing at 2:30pm
- After School Care will be available. Bookings are essential.

NB: All raffle tickets and money will need to be returned to school in time for the draw on Thursday. Thank you for your support.



GLENNEN BUILDING RENOVATION UPDATE

Dear Families,

I would like to provide an update regarding the upcoming refurbishment of the Glennen Building.

Raysett Builders have been successful in their application to undertake the refurbishment works. As part of the initial preparations, the builders have delivered their site sheds, which are currently located on the rounders court. Temporary fencing has also been installed around the perimeter of the construction site and along the driveway next to the Hall and Gate 1 to ensure student safety when accessing the canteen, Hall, and the Before and After School Care/Holiday Program.

Gate 1 – Carpark Gate

From now on, the Gate 1 car park gate will be used by the builders during the week. However, arrangements have been made to allow the parish to access this gate for weekend Masses. From 4:00pm on Saturdays and throughout Sunday, the builders will temporarily move a section of fencing to allow cars to enter through Gate 1 and park on the basketball court.

Before construction can begin, some important preparatory work needs to take place. Raysett Builders have completed all necessary checks; however, construction cannot commence until asbestos in the building has been safely removed. Asbestos was commonly used in construction during the 1970s and 1980s and is safe as long as it remains undisturbed. The school conducts regular safety checks and audits to ensure the site remains safe, and we have successfully passed all required safety inspections.

Asbestos Removal

During the school holidays (7–17 April), the asbestos will be removed so that construction can begin. During this time, **no one will be permitted to enter the school site or school grounds** to ensure the safety of our community.

As a result:

- **Camp Australia Holiday Program will not operate during this period**
- **Vietnamese School on weekends, Bingo on Tuesday and the Food Bank will not operate from 7–17 April 2026.**

MACS has supported the proposed approach on the basis that:

- All asbestos removal works will be undertaken by a licensed asbestos removal contractor and in strict accordance with the hygienist's recommendations and relevant legislation.
- Air monitoring and clearance inspections will be undertaken by the project hygienist as required.
- Clearance certificates will be issued confirming the area is safe prior to reoccupation of the building.
- Appropriate signage, fencing, and site controls will remain in place for the duration of the works.

The asbestos work area will be fully enclosed within the existing building and therefore does not require an external exclusion zone.

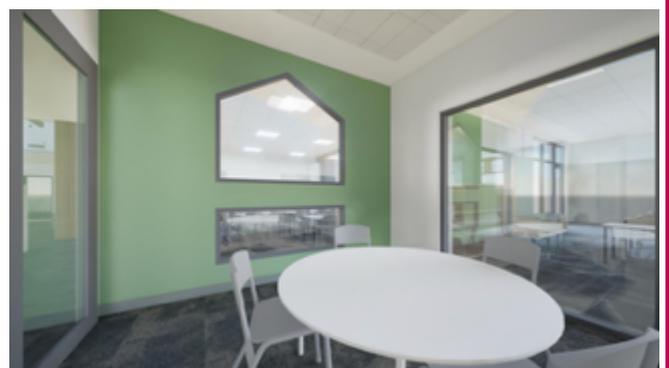
Subject to these controls remaining in place, MACS has no objection to the Church and car park being used on Saturday 11 April (after 5:00pm) and Sunday 12 April (all day), provided that no vehicles enter the builder's compound under any circumstances.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we undertake these important improvements to our school facilities.

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Teach Respectful Relationships

Holy Eucharist School is a proud Respectful Relationships school.

Respectful relationships education is part of the Victorian Curriculum. It supports students to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills needed for respectful relationships, and helps to build respect and equality across the entire school community.

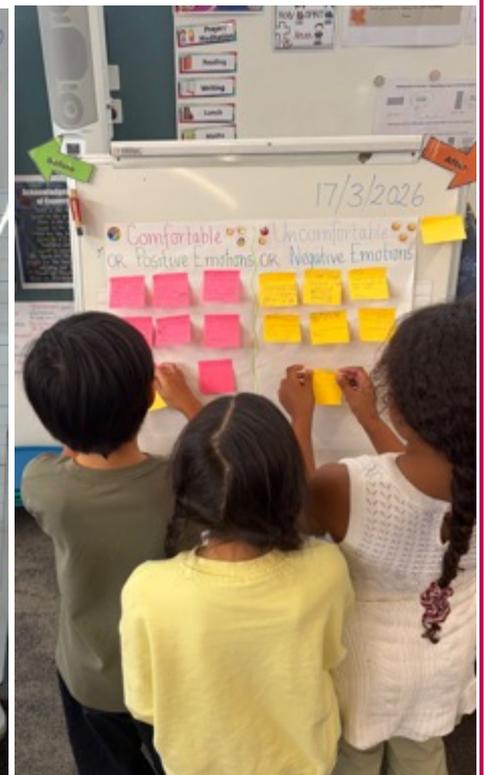
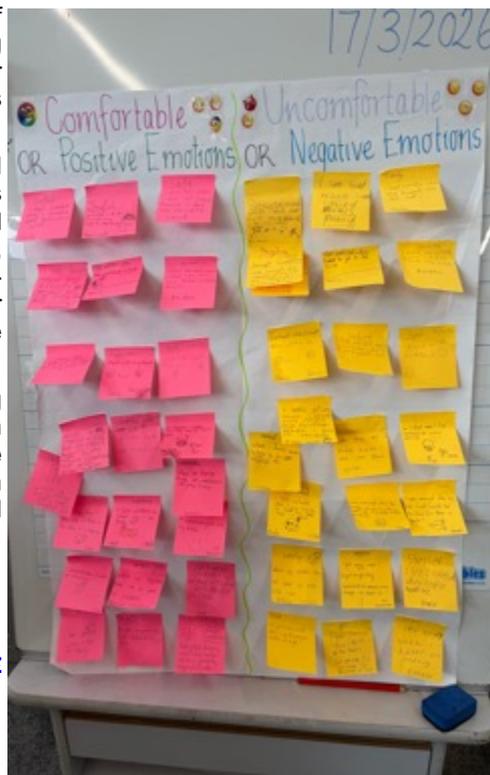
Research tells us that providing respectful relationships education at school can lead to positive impacts on students' academic outcomes, their mental health, classroom behaviour and relationships.

Our school uses the Department of Education's evidence-based teaching and learning resources to teach our students about Respectful Relationships from **Prep to Grade 6**.

The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships resources have 8 topics that teach students about emotional literacy, personal and cultural strengths, resilience, problem-solving, stress-management, help-seeking, gender norms and stereotypes and positive gender relations.

This term in all classes we are working on Topic #1: Emotional Literacy which helps students to learn how to be aware of, understand information about their own emotions and emotions of others.

If you have any questions about Respectful Relationships education, you can contact Mrs. Crystal Carmuciano (crystal.carmuciano@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au) or visit the Victorian Government's Respectful Relationships page: <https://www.vic.gov.au/respectful-relationships>



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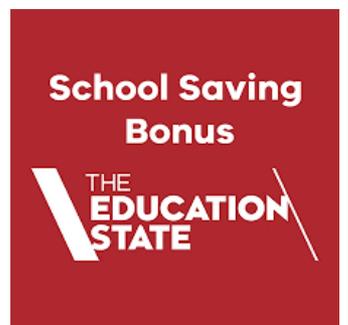
SCHOOL SAVING BONUS FROM 2024

Dear Parents,

I would just like to remind the parents who have **not** used their 2024 School Saving Bonus money from the Victorian Government to please come into the office with any receipts for uniform. Thank you to the families who have already submitted their receipts last year. Mandy Huong will be contacting families who have not used their SSB from 2024 to remind you that receipts need to be handed into the office before the end of Term 2 2026.

Please contact the office on 8312 0900 if you are not sure you have used all your SSB in 2025.

Mrs Suzanne Smart
Business Manager
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Child Safe Standard 3

‘Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.’

As Catholic educators, we have a moral, mission-driven and legal responsibility to uphold and actively promote the wellbeing and safety of every student entrusted in our care. Our commitment to the protection of students is enabled in nurturing, respectful and safe communities where the uniqueness and sacred dignity of every young person are celebrated, and they can flourish in their learning and development.

This newsletter series provides an overview of what the Child Safe Standards are, how they are designed to help keep children and young people safe and what school governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) are doing to prioritise and achieve this.

Overview of Child Safe Standard 3:

To be aligned, schools much support the following:

- Children are informed about all their rights, including safety, information and participation
- The importance of friendship is recognized and support from peers is encouraged
- Where relevant to setting or context, young people are offered access to sexual abuse prevention programs in an age-appropriate way
- Staff are attuned to signs of harm and facilitate child friendly ways for children to express their views, participate in decision making and raise their concerns
- Organisations have strategies to develop a culture that facilitates participation and are responsive to input from children and young people.

The Child Safe Standards

The Child Safe Standards are a set of guidelines that help organisations create safe environments for children and young people.

They make sure that children are protected from harm, listened to, and respected. These standards require organisations to have strong leadership, clear policies, and a culture that puts children first.

As a parent or carer, you can expect organisations to involve families, empower children, train staff properly, and respond to concerns quickly and respectfully.

This standard focuses on empowering children and young people by ensuring they are informed, respected, and actively involved in decisions that affect them. This participation helps build a school culture that is safe for them and values their voice.

What does this look like in a school environment?

- **Creating Opportunities for Student Voice:** We create formal structures such as student councils and leadership programs, but we also include fewer formal opportunities so all students, especially the most vulnerable, can have their voice heard.
- **Acting on Student Feedback:** We listen deeply to what students are telling us and we respond to concerns, suggestions and ideas. This includes making sure students are aware when we have acted on their feedback.
- **Building Staff Capacity:** Our staff receive professional learning, so they understand the importance and benefits of listening to and responding to, student voice. This also includes training for staff regarding how to incorporate student voice, agency and empowerment in their daily interactions and decision making.

How Parents, Carers and Guardians can get involved!

- **Listen and talk often:** Encourage your child to share their thoughts and feelings. Let them know it's always ok to speak up.
- **Talk about rights and safety:** Help your child understand that everyone deserves to feel safe and respected.
- **Be a role model:** Show kindness, respect, and inclusion in everyday life, children learn from what they see.
- **Stay connected with the school:** Take part in conversations or surveys about student wellbeing and safety.
- **Support student voice:** Encourage your child to get involved in school activities where their ideas can make a difference.

Want to know more?

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how we're supporting child safety, please get in touch.

More information on the Child Safe Standards can be found via the [Commission for Children and Young People \(CCYP\) website](https://www.ccsy.gov.au/).



IMPORTANT DATES



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Friday 20 th March	- School leaders attending the 'Mass of Saint Patrick for Schools'
Monday 23 rd March – 2 nd April	- Years 2, 3 and 5 Swimming
Tuesday 24 th March	- Prep Fire Fighters Incursion
Wednesday 25 th March.	- Prep Healthy Eating Experience (Incursion)
Thursday 26 th March	- Harmony Day Assembly and Celebration
Monday 30 th March	- Holy Week
	- Year 6 Soccer Gala (Boys)
Tuesday 31 st March	- Whole School Holy Week Liturgy at 12pm
Wednesday 1 st April	- Year 6 Incursion – St John's Ambulance
Thursday 2 nd April	- Easter Parade and Raffle at 1:45pm
	- End of Term 1 (2:30 pm finish)

School holidays:

Fri 3 rd April	- Good Friday – Public Holiday
Sun 5 th April	- Easter Sunday
	- End of Daylight Savings (move clock back 1 hour)
Monday 6 th April	- Easter Monday – Public Holiday

TERM 2

Monday 20 th April	- Term 2 begins
Friday 24 th April	- School Closure Day [1]
Saturday 25 th April	- ANZAC DAY (Falls on Saturday in 2026)
Tuesday 28 th April	- Confirmation: Family Faith Evening at 6:30pm
Sunday 10 th May	- Confirmation Presentation Mass at 10:00am
Friday 15 th May	- Confirmation (Aux Bishop Martin Ashe) 7:00pm
Monday 25 th May	- Yr 6 Camp (Doxa Malmesbury – Group 1)
Tuesday 26 th May	- First Eucharist Family Faith Evening 6:30pm
Wednesday 27 th May	- Yr 6 Camp (Doxa Malmesbury – Group 2)
Sunday 31 st May	- First Eucharist Presentation Mass at 10:00am
Friday 5 th June.	- School Closure Day [2]
Monday 8 th June	- King's Birthday – Public Holiday
Sunday 14 th June	- First Eucharist Mass at 10:00am
Friday 26 th June	- End of Term 2 (2:30pm finish)

School holidays:

Sun 5 th July – Sun 12 th July	- NAIDOC Week
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TERM 3

Monday 13 th July	- School Closure Day [3]
Tuesday 14 th July	- Term 3 begins
Wednesday 22 nd July	- Parent/Teacher Interviews (Students finish school at 12pm)
	- Year 5 Camp (Log Cabin – Creswick)
Monday 24 th – 26 th August	- School Closure Day [4] Review
Friday 11 th September	- End of Term 3 (2:30pm finish)
Friday 18 th September	

School holidays:

TERM 4

Monday 5 th October	- Term 4 begins
Tuesday 13 th October	- Family Faith Evening Reconciliation: 6:30pm
Sunday 18 October	- World Mission Sunday (Staff at 10am Mass)
Tuesday 20 th October	- Reconciliation 6:30pm
Monday 2 nd November	- School Closure Day – Report Writing Day [4]
Tuesday 3 rd November	- Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday
Tuesday 1 st December	- Orientation Day from 2pm – 3pm
Wednesday 2 nd December	- Family Picnic at 5pm/School Carols 6:30pm
Monday 7 th December	- Grade 6 Graduation Mass at 6:30pm
Tuesday 15 th December	- Last Day for Students (2:30pm finish)
Wednesday 16 th December	- School Closure– Last day for staff



ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2027

- ✔ Celebrate Diversity
- ✔ Strong NAPLAN growth
- ✔ Specialist programs include: Physical Education, STEM, Music, Visual Arts and Italian language

Refurbishment and extension of the junior building commencing 2026 for early 2027 completion - 8 fully refurbished classrooms!



Scan to enrol or book a tour

MORE INFORMATION

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PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2027 - NOW OPEN

Enrolments are now open for 2027. Children commencing Prep next year must be 5 years of age by 30th April 2027. We already have a number of applications for next year and we will begin interviewing families soon.

It is really important that our current families also register their child/children at the office if they wish to enrol them for Grade Prep in 2027.

Tours of the school are now taking place after school. Please contact the office to make a booking.

HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH

STATION OF THE CROSS

During this Lenten Season we have Stations of the Cross every Fridays at 8.30am in the Church until the 27th March 2026. This will replace Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays during the time of Lent.

- Individual Confession
⇒ Tuesday-Friday 9.30am
- Communal Reconciliation
English
⇒ Wednesday 18th March 2026 7.00pm
⇒ Wednesday 25th March 2026 7.00pm
Vietnamese
⇒ Friday 20th March 2026 7.30pm
⇒ Thursday 26th March 2026 7.30pm

END OF TERM 1, PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Please note the following

- Thursday 2nd April: Last day of Term 1 - Prep to Year 3 finish at 2:25 and Years 4-6 finish at 2:30 pm
- Friday 3rd April: Good Friday - Public Holiday - No School
- Monday 6th April: Easter Monday - Public Holiday – No School
- Tuesday 7th – 17th April: School Holidays – No School
- Friday 24th April – School Closure Day – No School



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2026



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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.hestalbensstc.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.