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Tuesday – Friday: 9am (English)

Saturday: 5pm (English)

7:30pm (Vietnamese)

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

12pm (Vietnamese)

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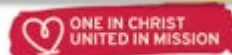
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2026 100 YEARS
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



What is Mission?



Mission is about proclaiming God's love, and the kingdom of God, by sharing the gift of faith and by teaching. We are all invited to participate in mission and we are all called to welcome it into our lives.

Jesus said, 'Go and teach all nations'. Now that doesn't mean imposing something on someone. It's providing someone with the opportunity to engage or not. A good teacher, in any walk of life, will allow the student to hear the information, to understand it and to make choices themselves. And that is exactly what missionaries do.

Missionaries proclaim, share and bear witness to Jesus Christ and his Gospel. They are called to share the Good News with others, inviting them to encounter Christ through their words and actions.

Pope Leo XIV has written this prayer to mark the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday.

Holy Father, make us one in Christ, rooted in his love that unites and renews.

May all members of the Church be united in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit,

Courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel, proclaiming and embodying daily

Your faithful love for all creatures.

Bless all missionary men and women, support them in their efforts, and watch over them in hope!

Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our work of evangelisation in every corner of the earth:

make us instruments of peace,

and grant that the whole world may recognise in Christ the light that saves. Amen.

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

Welcome back to another busy and exciting term at school! It is hard to believe we have already arrived at the final term of the school year. Our dedicated staff have hit the ground running, preparing for a smooth and successful Term 4 while also looking ahead to the 2027 school year.

We are especially excited to welcome our 2027 Prep students, who will begin their Pre-Prep sessions in mid-November. We look forward to meeting these children and their families and welcoming them into our Holy Eucharist community.

As many of you may be aware, Catholic schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese are experiencing significant budget pressures. Like many organisations, schools are managing rising operating costs, broader economic challenges, funding pressures and the anticipated impact of the new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement for staff.

These pressures have placed additional demands on school budgets. It is important to emphasise that this is not an issue specific to Holy Eucharist. In fact, the increasingly strong position of our school budget has helped us navigate these challenging circumstances.

I support salary increases for our teachers and staff. These increases are a necessary and deserved recognition of the important work they do each day in educating, supporting and nurturing our students.

At the same time, these financial pressures mean that all schools must carefully consider how resources are allocated to ensure we continue to provide high-quality learning experiences and the best possible outcomes for our students. Every decision regarding our 2027 structure has been considered with these priorities in mind, balancing the needs of our students with our responsibility to manage the school's finances sustainably.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) has asked schools to work towards an average of 25 students per class as part of responding to these financial constraints. In line with this direction, our classroom structure for 2027 will include some changes.

Our proposed class structure for 2027 comprises 21 classes, distributed across the year levels as follows:

Prep	2 classes	Grade 3	3 classes
Prep/1	1 class	Grade 4	3 classes
Grade 1	2 classes	Grade 5	3 classes
Grade 2	3 classes	Grade 6	4 classes

Our final Prep and Year 1 structure will also depend on enrolment numbers. Should we enrol a further 18 Prep students, we would be able to establish three Prep classes and three Year 1 classes.

We understand that changes to class structures can raise questions for families, and we are committed to keeping our community informed as planning progresses. Our focus remains firmly on providing a welcoming, supportive and engaging learning environment where every child is known, valued and encouraged to achieve their best.

Thank you for your ongoing support, understanding and partnership as we work together to ensure a positive and successful year ahead for all members of our Holy Eucharist community. God bless.

Michael Bonnici.

Principal

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STUDENT SAFETY AND WELLBEING REMINDERS

Despite previous reminders in our newsletters, last week a student brought their lunch to school in a glass container. While finishing their lunch outside, the student accidentally dropped the container, causing it to shatter. This incident highlights the potential safety risks associated with bringing glass items to school and the importance of following our school expectations.

To help maintain a safe, calm and focused learning environment, please ensure your child follows these important reminders:

- NO GLASS CONTAINERS OR GLASS WATER BOTTLES**

Glass containers and glass water bottles are not permitted at school. If dropped or broken, they can cause serious injury. Please ensure your child brings a plastic or metal water bottle and uses suitable non-glass containers for their lunch.

- NO POKÉMON CARDS OR TOYS**

While children enjoy bringing their favourite Pokémon cards and toys to show their friends, these items can become distractions and may lead to disagreements or upset if they are lost, damaged or wanted by another student. Please ensure these items remain at home. The school will not be responsible for items that are lost or damaged.

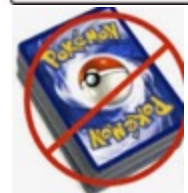
- NO SQUISHIES**

Squishies are considered toys and are not permitted at school. They can be distracting during learning time, and there have been incidents where they have split or burst, creating a mess. Please ensure squishies remain at home.

- NO SHARING OF FOOD**

Students must not share food with other students. This is an important health and safety requirement, particularly given the serious risks associated with food allergies and anaphylaxis. Please remind your child that their food is for them only and must not be offered to or shared with others.

These expectations are in place to prevent avoidable accidents, distractions, disagreements and health concerns, and to ensure our school remains a safe and positive environment for everyone. Student safety and wellbeing are always our priority. We would much rather prevent an incident from occurring than have to deal with the consequences afterwards. Thank you for reinforcing these expectations with your children and for your continued support and cooperation in keeping all students safe.



SCHOOL HATS IN TERM 4

It's that time of the year when students and staff need to remember to **wear a hat when outdoors in the yard**. In Australia, we have one of the highest rates of melanoma diagnoses in the world, with two in three Australians expected to be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70 (SunSmart, 2019). The good news is that almost all skin cancers are preventable.

SunSmart recommends using a combination of sun protection measures when the UV Index is 3 or above, which in Victoria is generally from mid-August through to the end of April. These measures include:

- Wearing a sun-safe hat.
- Applying sunscreen.
- Wearing appropriate protective clothing.
- Seeking shade where possible.
- Wearing sunglasses when outdoors.
- Avoiding deliberate and extended exposure to the sun.

During **Term 1 and Term 4**, all students and staff are required to **wear a hat when outside during break times and during PE**. It is an expectation, and part of our school policy, that all students wear their **school hat and correct school uniform at all times**. Please support and remind students of our **"No hat... No play!"** expectation when they are outside.



PREP 2027

All Prep 2027 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 2027

The Pre-Prep Program will span two weeks; however, the students will be asked to attend one Pre-Prep session per week. We look forward to welcoming your child into Prep 2027. If, for any reason, your child cannot attend these sessions, please promptly inform the school office. Please see Pre-Prep Program dates below:

<u>WEEK 1</u>	<u>WEEK 2</u>
• Monday 9th Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm) • Thursday 12th Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm)	• Monday 16th Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm) • Thursday 19th Nov (9-10:30am, 11:30-1pm)

ORIENTATION DAY FOR 2027

The whole school Orientation Day (including Prep 2027) is scheduled for Tuesday, 1st December 2026, 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.



SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

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

- **Monday 2nd November** (Report Writing Day – No school – Camp Australia **WILL** be operating)
- **Tuesday 3rd November** (Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday – Camp Australia **WILL NOT** be operating)



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movements, coordinated by the Pontifical Mission Societies, who are also known as *Missio*. It is celebrated on the second last Sunday of October every year.

Our staff will be present at the 10am Mass to celebrate this event.



GRADE 6 GRADUATION

The Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony will take place in the church, on **Monday 7th December 2026**, 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.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/school-community/before-and-after-school-care/>



STAFF CAR PARK

There have been a few parents who have been stopping across the staff car park entrance driveway on Chedgey drive to drop off and pick up their children. This is not acceptable as it prevents staff from entering and exiting the car park to attend their workplace. Parents are asked to keep the driveway clear at all times. It has also been reported to me that some parents are using the car park driveway to make a 3-point turn. This is very dangerous as the driveway is on a corner and these turns cause disruption to the flow of traffic on Elm St too.

I ask that you are considerate of the needs of others and work with me to keep our school community safe.

**STAFF
PARKING ONLY**

SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we are now in Term 4, all students are required to be in their full school summer uniform. 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. Please visit our school website to view our school uniform policy or click on the following link to access PSW Uniforms <https://psw.com.au/collections/holy-eucharist-school-st-albans>

Girls - Summer:

Maroon Check Dress
White socks / Black shoes – **no runners**
Woollen jumper with school logo – **not the PE tracksuit top**
School Hat – In Term 1 and Term 4

Boys - Summer

Grey Shorts or grey pants
Gold polo shirt with school logo
Grey socks / Black shoes - **no runners**
Woollen jumper with school logo - **not the PE tracksuit top**
School Hat – In Term 1 and Term 4

Girls – Sport (Only on Sport Days)

Maroon shorts or Maroon skirt/skort
Maroon tracksuit with school logo on top
Gold polo shirt with school logo
White socks and runners

Boys - Sport

Maroon shorts
Maroon tracksuit with school logo on top
Gold polo shirt with school logo
White socks and runners



VERY IMPORTANT

NEW ENROLMENTS FOR 2027

We have commenced interviewing new families who have enrolled their child to begin at Holy Eucharist School next year. To support our planning and preparation, we ask current parents who wish to enrol their child for Prep 2027 to please contact the office as soon as possible.



EXISTING FAMILIES....

Have you enrolled your child for Prep next year?



Time is running out....

Enrolments for 2027 will be closing soon!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SACRAMENTS 2026

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Family Faith & Information Evening	Tuesday 13th October 6:30pm
The Sacrament of First Reconciliation	Tuesday 20th October 6:30pm



GLENNEN BUILDING – CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction of the Glennen Building remains on track, with **35% of the project now completed**. The new building continues to take shape as work progresses across several key areas.

Current works include roof and wall framing, structural steel installation, fascia installation and masonry works in localised areas. Sewer works have also commenced, while the main data and phone cabling relocation has been successfully completed. Roof measurements have also been undertaken in preparation for the next stages of construction.

Looking ahead to the next fortnight, works are anticipated to include the completion of structural steel installation and roof framing, continued wall framing, and the commencement of roof sheeting. Window and site measurements will also be undertaken to support the upcoming stages of the project.

Project Timeline and Progress:

- **Construction period:** 156 days
- **Current adjusted date of practical completion:** 5th March 2027
- **Overall project progress:** 35% completed

It is exciting to see the Glennen Building progressing steadily, with further milestones on the horizon. We look forward to sharing additional updates as construction continues.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Class teachers will select one student per week to receive the "Student of the Week" award. The names of these students (first name only) will be published in our newsletter. This week we congratulate the following students:

<u>Prep JB</u> Week 01: Maya Week 02: Luna	<u>Prep LN</u> Week 01: Leo Week 02: Larissa	<u>Prep CO'R</u> Week 01: Madilyn Week 02: Lucas	
<u>Year 1 SG</u> Week 01: Zoe Week 02:	<u>Year 1 RH</u> Week 01: Chloe Week 02: Brian	<u>Year 1 TP</u> Week 01: Ethan Week 02: Jason	
<u>Year 2 JA</u> Week 01: Rachel Week 02: Lucy	<u>Year 2 MJ</u> Week 01: Amy Week 02: Louis	<u>Year 2 TN</u> Week 01: Nhi Week 02: Aaron	
<u>Year 3 AC</u> Week 01: Kendrich Week 02: Alex	<u>Year 3 AL</u> Week 01: Jason Week 02: My-Tam	<u>Year 3 DX</u> Week 01: Nathan Week 02: Alvin	
<u>Year 4 JD</u> Week 01: Danny Week 02: Darcy	<u>Year 4 ZG</u> Week 01: Dorian Week 02: Evie	<u>Year 4 TL</u> Week 01: Zoe Week 02: Steven	
<u>Year 5 JC</u> Week 01: Layla Week 02: Jayden N	<u>Year 5 JD</u> Week 01: Kaitlyn Week 02: Alice	<u>Year 5 RH</u> Week 01: Alesanna Week 02: Deepthi	
<u>Year 6 AD/MH</u> Week 01: Sophia Week 02: Lily	<u>Year 6 KB</u> Week 01: Angela Week 02: Amanda	<u>Year 6 ML</u> Week 01: Albert Week 02: Shalom	<u>Year 5 JM</u> Week 01: Isak Week 02: Sophie <u>Year 6 RMc</u> Week 01: Hayden Week 02: Olivia

SUPPORTING OUR STAFF WHILE PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Currently, all Catholic schools are working through planning and budgeting activities for 2027 to ensure we are well placed to support our staff, students and school communities in the coming year. This includes looking at how we can accommodate the changes likely to flow from a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) with school staff.

We recognise the significant financial pressures many households are facing, and we are making a conscious effort to ensure these costs are not passed on through significant fee increases.

We will continue to keep our parent community informed throughout this process. As always, our focus remains on maintaining strong school communities and continuing to deliver a high-quality Catholic education for every student.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH - MULTICULTURAL DAY

Last Saturday evening, Holy Eucharist Parish celebrated a wonderful Multicultural Day, bringing together our vibrant parish community in a joyful celebration of faith, culture and unity.

From the multilingual Mass to colourful cultural performances, traditional costumes, delicious food and warm fellowship, the evening was a beautiful reflection of the rich diversity that makes our parish family so special.

We are especially proud of Anthony from Year 6 (School Captain), who represented Holy Eucharist School by reading a Prayer of the Faithful during the celebration.



FAMILY FAITH EVENING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On Tuesday 13th October, students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation gathered with their families for a special Family Faith Evening. This session was facilitated by Pauline Cicutto from the Faith and Mission team at Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools. The students and their families engaged in meaningful conversations about the importance of nurturing right relationships with God, others and ourselves. They reflected on how saying sorry, offering forgiveness and resolving conflicts can help us restore and strengthen these relationships. We extend our sincere gratitude to Pauline for generously giving her time and supporting the preparation of our students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they prepare to make their First Reconciliation on Tuesday 20th October at 6:30pm in Holy Eucharist Church.

Clare Christie

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FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/WELLBEING

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Holy Eucharist School is a proud *Respectful Relationships* school. This term students are learning about **Topic 4: Problem Solving**. The lessons support students to recognise that there are many ways to solve conflict and identify cooperative behaviours through a range of group activities. They will practise individual and group decision making and solve simple problems faced at school or home.

Social Emotional Learning extends far beyond the classroom. By practicing problem solving strategies at home, your child gets real-world experience managing big emotions, resolving everyday challenges and building everyday resilience.

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

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for participating in our Colour Splash fundraiser this year at Holy Eucharist. I also want to extend a special message of appreciation to 2 of our teachers who volunteered to be slimed on the day if students raised more than \$50. Thank you Mr Xuerub and Ms Ganesh!!

We are so blessed to be part of a beautiful community of students and families who generously helped us raise **\$6,236.33!!**

This fundraiser will help us purchase new signage at the front of our school and an Acknowledgement of Country plaque which echoes our commitment to reconciliation.

Prize ordering has closed now and prizes will be delivered to school over the next few weeks and distributed to students to bring home. Thank you again for your help to make this event such a success.



SMILE SQUAD IS ON THE WAY TO OUR SCHOOL!

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad is coming to Holy Eucharist School to help make sure this happens. Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all Victorian government primary and secondary school students.

The friendly Smile Squad dental team will visit Holy Eucharist School soon to conduct a free annual dental health examination for every student and provide free follow up treatment as needed.

What do you need to do?

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at:

<https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic> OR click on the QR code:



Although the engagement of parents/guardians is encouraged, in Victoria, students who are considered 'mature minors' may provide consent for their own dental care. To be considered a mature minor, the Smile Squad clinician must be satisfied that the student has sufficient understanding of the risks, benefits, and possible complications of their condition and proposed treatment to give informed consent.

The Smile Squad team will check the student's teeth and mouth and show them how to keep their teeth healthy and strong. They will also provide any preventive services you have consented for. If the student needs more treatment, the Smile Squad will discuss this and seek consent.

Please complete and submit the consent form by Friday, Oct 16th, 2026.

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

Who is Smile Squad?

The bright orange Smile Squad vans are staffed by experienced oral health therapists, dental therapists, dental assistants and dentists. They all have lots of experience treating children and a passion for improving their oral health – for life.

Learn more about the Smile Squad by visiting www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au or contact the team at smilesquad@dhs.vic.gov.au.

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Working together for Child Safety

Child Safe Standard 8

"Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training."

As Catholic educators, we have a moral, mission-driven, and legal responsibility to ensure the safety and wellbeing of every student entrusted to our care.

Our commitment to child safety includes equipping all staff and volunteers with the knowledge, skills, and awareness they need to recognise, prevent, and respond to risks of harm. Through ongoing education and training, our school communities foster a culture where safety is central, children's voices are valued, and staff feel confident and capable in promoting wellbeing.

Catholic schools maintain clear policies, procedures, and professional learning programs to support staff and volunteers in their child-safe roles. By embedding child safety knowledge and skills across every aspect of school life, we ensure that children are protected, supported, and nurtured in a safe environment.

This newsletter series provides an overview of what the Child Safe Standards are, how they help keep children and young people safe, and how schools governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) are prioritising and achieving this.

Overview of the Child Safe Standards:

The Victorian Child Safe Standards are a set of 11 minimum requirements that all organisations working with children must adhere to.

These standards are designed to:

- Promote the participation and empowerment of children, young people and their families
- Prevent harm and abuse of children and young people
- Ensure child safety is a shared responsibility
- Support the wellbeing of all children, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children with disabilities

These standards apply to all school staff, volunteers, contractors, and anyone working with children in schools.

***Child Safe Standard 8** reminds us that children are safest when the adults around them have the right knowledge, skills, and awareness to protect them. As scripture says, "Those with knowledge grow in strength" (Proverbs 24:5). This means that keeping children safe isn't just about having rules or policies, it's about making sure all staff and volunteers receive ongoing training and support. When adults are well-informed and prepared, they can spot risks early, respond appropriately to concerns, and create learning environments where children feel safe, supported, and valued.*

Why is it important that staff and volunteers are trained in child safety?

Children are safest when the adults around them know how to recognise risks, respond to concerns, and act in ways that protect their wellbeing. Ongoing training and professional learning help staff and volunteers understand their responsibilities, stay up to date with best practices, and feel confident in keeping children safe. When schools have well-trained staff, they can respond quickly to any concerns, prevent harm before it happens, and build trust with children and families.

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Spotlight on Child Safe Standard 8

"Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training."

Child Safe Standard 8 reminds us that keeping children safe depends on adults having the right knowledge, skills, and awareness. Training and ongoing learning help staff and volunteers understand how to recognise risks, respond to concerns, and create safe, supportive environments. When adults are well-prepared, children feel protected, listened to, and valued, and the whole school community grows stronger in keeping safety at the centre of everything we do.

What does this look like?

- **Clear and accessible processes:** We provide simple, child-friendly and family-friendly ways to raise concerns or make complaints, including clear information about who to contact and what to expect.
- **Listening and taking concerns seriously:** All concerns raised by children, parents, carers, staff, or community members are treated with respect and care.
- **Timely and thoughtful responses:** Concerns are responded to promptly and thoroughly, with appropriate action taken to support safety and wellbeing.
- **Appropriate reporting and cooperation:** Where required, concerns are reported to relevant authorities, and the school cooperates fully to ensure children are protected.



How Parents, Carers and Guardians can get involved:

Child Safe Standard 8 works best when schools, families, and staff work together to ensure children's safety.

Families can help by:

- **Supporting learning at home:** Encourage children to talk about their day, their feelings, and any concerns they may have.
- **Understanding school training initiatives:** Ask about the professional learning programs staff undertake and how they support child safety.
- **Reinforcing safety skills:** Discuss safety and wellbeing practices with your child, helping them recognise trusted adults and safe behaviours.
- **Collaborating with the school:** Engage respectfully with staff, recognising that ongoing training strengthens the school's ability to protect children.

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](#).

Check out these resources below to learn more:

The Australian Human Rights Commission offers practical guides, resources and information on how to develop, review and maintain Child Safe Organisations: [AHRC: Child Safe Organisation Resources](#)

The Federal Government has a National Office for Child Safety; resources on training, education, and implementing child-safe practices under National Principles can be found here: [National Office for Child Safety](#)

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SUNSHINE LIONS CLUB – CHRISTMAS CAKES

Sunshine Lions has been supporting the Sunshine community for over 50 years. Each year, Sunshine Lions donate \$200 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 supporting the Lions Club by selling their annual Christmas cakes and puddings through the school office.

- Lion's 1kg Christmas Cakes and puddings are \$17.
- Lion's 1.5kg Christmas Cakes are \$21.

Please support this worthy cause.

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



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

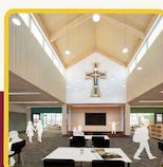
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IMPORTANT DATES – 2026

TERM 4, 2026

Monday 5th October
Saturday 10th October

Tuesday 13th October

Sunday 18th October

Monday 19th October

Tuesday 20th October

Wednesday 28th October

Thursday 29th October

Friday 30th October

Sunday 1st November

Monday 2nd November

Tuesday 3rd November

Monday 9th November

Monday 9th – 13th November

Wednesday 11th November

Sunday 22nd November

Monday 23rd November

Monday 30th November

Tuesday 1st December

Wednesday 2nd December

Monday 7th December

Tuesday 15th December

Wednesday 16th December

- Term 4 begins
- HE Parish Multicultural Day Cultural presentation 4pm & Mass at 5pm
- Family Faith Evening Reconciliation: 6:30pm
- World Mission Sunday – HE Staff attending the 10am Mass
- Year 6 Cultural Infusion Day
- Reconciliation 6:30pm
- Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
- Socktober Mission Month Event
- Grade 1 Breakfast from 7:45am
- All Saints Day
- School Closure Day – Report Writing Day
- All Souls' Day
- Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday
- The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Smile Squad Dentist onsite
- Remembrance Day
- Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- Grade 3 – Aust Sports Museum State Library
- Saint Andrew, Apostle
- Orientation Day from 2pm – 3pm
- Family Picnic at 5pm/School Carols 6:30pm
- Grade 6 Graduation Mass at 6:30pm
- Last Day for Students (2:30pm finish)
- School Closure– Last day for staff

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Tuesday 26th January

Wednesday 27th January

Thursday 28th January

Monday 1st February

- Australia Day
- Teachers return
- Students in Years 1 – 6 begin
- 2027 Preps begin

FREE DENTAL COMING SOON TO THIS SCHOOL

The Smile Squad will soon visit this school to provide all students with free, high quality dental care.
www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au



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 OF COUNTRY

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.