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Parish Priest: Fr. Vincent Long Pham CSsR Assistants: Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen, CSsR Fr. Dominic Carrigan, CSsR Fr. Robin Lomangkok, CSsR Fr Patrick Corbett, CSsR (P) 9366 1310 Mass Times: Saturday: 6pm (English), 7:30pm (Vietnamese) Sunday: 8:45am, 10.00am, 6pm (English) 12pm (Vietnamese) Prep: Samenta Ganeshanantham, Juliana Bizjak & Caitlyn Tamchai Grade 1: Dion Xuereb, Jo Dragovic & Jin-Young Lee, Grade 2: Christine Saunders/Maryanne Camilleri, Angela Lopez-Dee & Mary James Grade 3: Jennifer Khong, Crystal Carmuciano/Jackie Dabal, Vivian Faraj & Chloe Goggi Grade 4: Elise Ring, Bruno Pellaschiar, Stefany Nemet & Janelle Dumaguit Grade 5: Thilini Nanayakkara, Julie Murnane & Raquel McClurg Grade 6: Kathryn Barrie, Jacelle Cablao, Helen Kennedy & Michael Higgins/Kathleen Morrison Education in Faith Leader: Anne-Marie Conte Learning & Teaching Leader: Erin McNally Literacy Leader/Intervention: Jane Hurren Literacy Intervention/Tutor: Gabrielle Bright, Reading Recovery: Karen Colman. Maths Leader/Tutoring P-6: Erin McNally Maths Intervention: Maryanne Camilleri Maths Intervention/Tutor Joe Sirianni Learning Diversity/Wellbeing Leader: Julie Semcesen Mental Health in Primary Schools Leader (MHiPS) / School Counsellor: Edward Faraci Speech Pathologist: Claire Huntington Family & Community Engagement Leader: **Crystal Carmuciano** STEM/ ICT Leader Clare Christie Music: Colleen Azzopardi Visual Arts: Shobha Hickey Performing Arts: Carla Lolicato Physical Education: Lenny De Cruz LOTE: Yvonne Rosevear, Joe Sirianni EAL/New Arrival: Irene Jurista Library: Jenny Bistricki & Rita Zammit Business Manager: Sue Smart Administration Staff: Mandy Huong, Stefani Richardson, Georgina Vella Community Hub Leader: Van Nguyen Learning Support Officers: Nwares Bahnam, Nu Cuai, Ester Dawt Thluai, Jessica Di Pietro, Catherine Hoang, Sara Kasko, Erica (Thoa) Le, Celia (Thoai) Nguyen, Chau Nguyen, Trang Nguyen, Thi Phan, Dianne Punicki, Elizabeth Sant, Rosemarie Slater, Kelly Triantafillidis, Frances Wulf, Mary Xuereb.



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MOTHER'S DAY – SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 On this special day, we show our gratitude for all Mothers. We thank them for their all-encompassing love, for their commitment, care and kindness. We thank them for their wisdom, for helping us grow and flourish. We thank them for their strength, for their sacrifices, and for being there in times of need. And we thank them for their encouragement, for being our cheer leaders and celebrating our achievements. Lord, help Mothers know how much they are

loved and appreciated. We ask that you bless all Mothers, including those who are no longer with us today. Amen.

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to reflect on some recent events and extend my gratitude for your continued support.

Last Sunday, it was heart-warming to witness our Confirmation candidates being presented to the Holy Eucharist parish community. They received a special blessing and a copy of the Nicene Creed, marking an important step in their faith journey. A heartfelt thank you goes to Ms Anne-Marie Conte for preparing the liturgy and to all the students, families, and staff who joined us. As the candidates prepare for the sacrament of confirmation on Friday, 17 May, let's keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

Additionally, our school has been abuzz with preparations for Mother's Day. Yesterday, we held a lovely Mother's Day assembly where students showcased pieces of work honouring the special women in their lives. Following the assembly, our mums, grandmas, aunties, and motherly figures were invited to the staffroom for morning tea. Throughout the week, our students had the chance to select thoughtful gifts for their mothers at the Mother's Day stall. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Crystal Carmuciano for her dedication in organising the Mother's Day stall and morning tea.

As Mother's Day approaches this Sunday, let's take the opportunity to express our love

and appreciation for all mothers and maternal figures in our lives. Wishing all our mothers and motherly figures a joyous and memorable Mother's Day filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments.

God Bless!

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#### IS YOUR CHILD UNWELL? IF YES...PLEASE KEEP THEM AT HOME! Students must stay at home if they are genuinely sick. This will prevent other students and staff from becoming unwell.

Students should stay at home if they have any of the following symptoms:

- persistent cough
- sore throat
- temperature
- runny nose
- loss of taste or smell
- tummy pains
- shortness of breath.



It is important that your emergency contact details are up to date. It is also essential that your emergency contact person is available if, for any reason you are unable to pick up your child if we ring you.

### WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we are now in Term 2, all students are required to be in their full school winter 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 <a href="https://www.psw.com.au/schools/holy-eucharist-school-st-albans.html? =1660168686498&product\_list\_limit=36&product\_list\_order=price">https://www.psw.com.au/schools/holy-eucharist-school-st-albans.html? =1660168686498&product\_list\_limit=36&product\_list\_order=price</a>

**Boys Winter** 

Boys - Sport Maroon shorts

Long grey pants

Yellow skivvy or yellow polo shirt with logo Grey socks / Black shoes - no runners

Maroon tracksuit with school logo on top

Gold polo shirt with school logo

White socks and runners

Woollen jumper with school logo - not the PE tracksuit top

#### Girls- Winter

Maroon check pinafore or Maroon slacks Yellow skivvy or yellow polo shirt with logo White socks / Black shoes - no runners Woollen jumper with school logo - not the PE tracksuit top

## 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

#### SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM

Do you have any school uniforms at home that no longer require? We are asking for parents or carers to donate second hand uniforms to the school. We will then pass the uniforms onto families in need.

Please remember that all items donated must be clean and in good condition. If you are able to assist, please hand the uniforms in at the school office.

#### BREAKFAST CLUB

Holy Eucharist School, Breakfast club operates from **Monday to Friday from 8.30am until 8.45am** in the Grade 4 Wet Area (Entry is via Miss Murnane's classroom (Room 16). Breakfast will be provided for all of our students who may not have had breakfast before coming to school. Breakfast consists of toast with butter and/or jam or vegemite. All students are welcome.

#### **GATES CLOSE AUTOMATICALLY AT 9AM!**

All Prep to Year 6 classes begin at 8:55am. If your child <u>arrives at school after 9am,</u> <u>they will need to enter via the Administration Gate</u>, as all other gates will be locked. If your child arrives at school after 9:00am, they will need to obtain a late pass from the school office. Each time a student is issued with a late pass, it is recorded on the roll, and will appear on the student's report card each semester.

The whole school has a literacy block in the morning where students participate in intensive reading and writing activities. Students who arrive late each day are missing out on specific instructions for given tasks. When children are late, teachers have to repeat instructions again, which takes them away from teaching the rest of the class who are at school on time.

#### YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Each year, the Department of Education releases Year 6 to Year 7 placement information for schools and for parents/carers. Parents and carers should have received the placement pack for government schools which includes the current application for Year 7 placement form. To ensure all Year 6 students are placed in a secondary school for Year 7 parents/carers will need to complete these forms and return to school without delay.

Parents will receive notification of their child's Year 7 placement in a government secondary school on Wednesday 17 July 2024.

#### OPENING, BLESSING AND NAMING OF OUR NEW BUILDING

You are cordially invited to join us at Holy Eucharist School, for the Blessing, Naming, and Opening of our new building.

This special celebration is scheduled to take place on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Thursday, May 30th, 2024. It is a momentous occasion for our school community, made even more significant as it coincides with our School/Parish Feast Day.

Bishop Martin Ashe and Fr Vincent Pham our Parish Priest will be celebrating Mass in the church at 10:30 am followed by the blessing and opening of the new building. We hope that you can make it!



Official Opening and Blessing of Our New Building: 30th May 2024

#### **UNIFORM WANTED**

IF YOU HAVE ANY GOOD QUALITY. SECOND HAND UNIFORM WE WOULD LOVE TO TAKE IT OFF YOUR HANDS. PLEASE DROP ANY ITEMS INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.





Department of Education & Training

#### THE AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT CENSUS (AEDC)

On 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). This census is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps schools and communities understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training. The AEDC highlights what is working well and what needs to be improved or developed to support children and their families by providing evidence to support health, education and community policy and planning. The AEDC is held every three years and involves teachers of children in their first year of full-time school completing a research tool, the Australian version of the Early Development Instrument. The Instrument consist of about 100 questions and collects data relating to five key areas of early childhood development referred to as 'domains', these include:

- Physical health and wellbeing
- Social competence
- Emotional maturity
- Language and cognitive skills (school-based)
- Communication skills and general knowledge

Data is collected for individual children and reported for groups of children at a community, state/territory and national level. Please note that the AEDC is voluntary and is not a school test, so should you wish for your child/children's information to be excluded from the census, please contact Mr Bonnici.

#### **PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2025 - NOW OPEN**

#### Enrolments are now open for 2025.

Children commencing Prep next year must be 5 years of age by 30th April 2025. 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 2025.

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

#### AUSTRALIAN DENTAL HEALTH VICTORIA

On Monday, your child received a parent/carer consent form from the Australian Dental Van. If you would like your child to access the Australian Dental Van at Holy Eucharist School in Term 3 2024, you will need to complete the form. You have until Friday 24th May to return these forms back to your class teacher. Please note that the Australian Dental Van is not expected to visit the school until the end of July.

#### What is Australian Dental Health VIC?

Australian Dental Health VIC (ADHV) is an Independent Initiative providing all school students dental treatment beyond the Medicare eligibility criteria, meaning all students can participate.

ADHV is an independent, stand-alone company that can see both non-eligible children alongside those who are eligible. The organisation runs on its own accord to ensure all children across the board are receiving vital treatment.

Children are commonly taken to a dentist only after a serious problem has occurred, which could have easily been prevented had a health check been completed. Australian Dental Health focuses on providing all children with a fair go to be seen and properly educated by a health care Professional. Providing ethical safe treatment for all students through their primary and secondary years and urges schools to keep this initiative closely alongside the school dental services and health program (ADHV).

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### 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 CT	<u>Prep SG</u>	Prep JB	¥ ¥
Week 2: Lucas	Week 2: Dung	Week 2: Harry	
Week 3: Louis	Week 3: Mia	Week 3: Elizabeth	
Week 4: Alicia	Week 4: -	Week 4: Jasmine	
Year 1DX	<u>Year 1JL</u>	<u>Year 1JD</u>	
Week 2: William	Week 2: Elisia	Week 2: Felicia	
Week 3: Naomi	Week 3: Jacob	Week 3: Summer	
Week 4: Liam	Week 4: Lynn	Week 4: Tommy L	
Year 2AL	<u>Year 2SC</u>	Year 2MJ	FWEEK
Week 2: Walter	Week 2: Hannah	Week 2: Jennifer	
Week 3: Emily	Week 3: Harry	Week 3: Adior	
Week 4: Hanna	Week 4: Hanna P	Week 4: Dorian	
Year 3VF	Year 3DC	Year 3JK	Year 3CG
Week 2: Alaska	Week 2: Jayden	Week 2 Tiffany	Week 2: Jayden
Week 3: Melody	Week 3: Elayne	Week 3. Kylie	Week 3: Vivian
Week 4: Nathan	Week 4: Mercylin	Week 4: Monica	Week 4: Chloe
Year 4BP	Year 4SN	Year 4JD	Year 4ER
Week 2: Evie-Mae	Week 2: Ivy	Week 2: Tiffany	Week 2: Amelia
Week 3: Anthony	Week 3: Mymy	Week 3: Jezzy	Week 3: Felix
Week 4: Rio	Week 4: Shalom	Week 4: Celine	Week 4: Jasmine
<u>Year 5RM</u>	<u>Year 5JM</u>	<u>Year 5TN</u>	
Week 2: Christina	Week 2: Vincent	Week 2: Athena	
Week 3: Ayden	Week 3: Sonia	Week 3: Ken	
Week 4: Angwaed	Week 4: Majd	Week 4: Imeelya	
Year 6JC	<u>Year 6HK</u>	<u>Year 6H/M</u>	<u>Year 6KB</u>
Week 2: Edison	Week 2: Jayden	Week 2: Maddison	Week 2: Manjot
Week 3: Chelsea	Week 3: Isabella	Week 3: Minh-ky	Week 3: Nathan
Week 3: Cheisea Week 4: Jayce	Week 4: Daniel	Week 4: Ellen	Week 3: Nathan Week 4: Angela L

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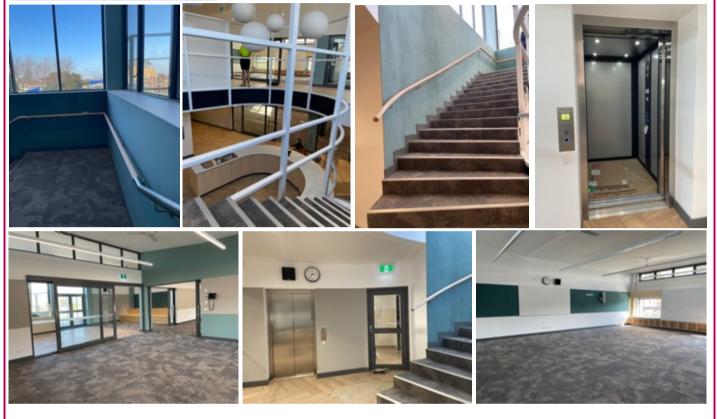


### **NEW BUILDING**

I am thrilled to share that our new school building is now at 97.5% completion! Here are some updates:

- The pavers on the east side of the building have been finished.
- New concrete will be poured between the new building and the library building this Saturday.
- The external downpipes have been installed, and the rain tank will be set up next week.
- Internal cleaning of the new building has commenced.
- The lift has been commissioned for use.
- The handrails for the stairs have been installed.
- The screens for the Learning Deck will be completed within the next fortnight, just in time for the building's opening.

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we near the completion of this exciting project. We can't wait for you to see the finished result! For more information regarding our new building, please visit: <u>https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/new-learning-centre-in-2024</u>



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION			
Sacrament Preparation - Important dates for your diary	Date		
• Confirmation and Communion candidates attend the church for the second rite of Reconciliation	TERM 2: Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May @ 9.45am (after Mass)		
Year 6 Confirmation	TERM 2: Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May, Seated by 6.45pm ready to start at 7.00pm		
First Eucharist Presentation Mass	TERM 2: Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May @ 10.00am Mass (Bring parents)		
First Eucharist Reflection Day	TERM 2: TBA		
Year 4 First Eucharist	TERM 2: Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June @ 10.00 am Mass		
Reconciliation Family Faith Evening	TERM 3: Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July @ 6.30pm		
Year 3 Reconciliation	TERM 3: Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August @ 6.30pm		

# NCCD Information Sheet for Parents, Carers and Guardians

## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) On School Students with Disability

## What is the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data?

Schools must now complete the *Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability* (*NCCD*) every year. It counts the number of students who receive additional adjustments or "help" at school because of a disability. The NCCD helps governments plan for needs of students with disability.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank families who over the past year (August 2023 - working towards August 2024) have participated in Program Support Meeting (PSG's) with staff members and myself. These PSG's help to continue supporting family and school conversations for your child's social, emotional, wellbeing, academic learning and for whom may require additional adjustments to help them learn.

There are a few parents yet to see before the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 funding NCCD submission and this will occur progressively over the term.

More information translated in Vietnamese, Chinese, Tagalong, Arabic and English are available and have been available all year on our school website <a href="https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/">https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/</a> or please visit the NCCD portal for more information <a href="https://www.nccd.edu.au/">https://www.nccd.edu.au/</a>

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Julie Semcesen Wellbeing/ Learning Diversity Leader Julie.Semcesen@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

# RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS



10 May is Are You Safe at Home? Day. It's an opportunity to ask someone in your life, 'are you safe at home?'

This year, start a conversation to break down the fear and stigma associated with family violence.

The 2024 toolkit can be found here which includes lots of fabulous content:

- Social media tiles
- Easy read tiles
- · Social media and newsletter messaging
- Video series

ASK. LISTEN. BELIEVE.

- Living in fear
  recognising the signs of family violence
- How do I ask my friend or family member if they are safe at home?
  Helping a loved one who isn't safe

# START A CONVERSATION.

areyousafeathome.ore

# A conversation for everyone.

We know that many people experiencing family violence will reach out to family and friends first. How you respond can make a real difference on someone's journey to safety.

We can all keep an eye out for the signs of family violence, speak up, and offer support. With the right approach, your support can make a real difference.

# **COMMUNITY LANGUAGES**

Access information, advice, and support for people experiencing family violence, and their friends and family. Click on each language to view or download the resources in your preferred language.



More information in different language can be found on the website: <u>https://areyousafeathome.org.au/</u>

SAFE EQUAL



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 <u>www.hestalhanssth.catholic.edu.au</u>

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

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enduring caretakers of the land in which we work and live. We pay our respects to the Traditional Elders, both past, present and emerging, 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.