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Grade 3: Jennifer Khong, Crystal Carmuciano/Jackie Dabal, Vivian Faraj & Lina Ogu

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

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Family & Community Engagement Leader:

Crystal Carmuciano

STEM/ ICT Leader Clare Christie

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Visual Arts: Shobha Hickey

Performing Arts: Carla Lolicato

Physical Education: Lenny De Cruz

LOTE: Yvonne Rosevear, Joe Sirianni

EAL/New Arrival: Irene Jurista

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Celia (Thoi) Nguyen, Chau Nguyen, Trang Nguyen,

Thi Phan, Dianne Punicki, Elizabeth Sant,

Rosemarie Slater, Julia Vieira, Frances Wulf, Mary

Xuereb, Sarah Xuereb

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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

CATHERINE MCAULEY
WOULD PROBABLY
SAY TO US...

*"The poor need help today
and not next week."*

- Familiar Instructions of Catherine McAuley



*God of Compassion and Mercy,
source of compassion and love.*

Inspire us to live the Gospel call to care for those who are most vulnerable.

Kindle in us a fire for justice poured out on our world.

May we be like Catherine McAuley in our faith, our love and our hope.

Amen.

(p. 65 Be as Shining Lamps - Preserving, Nurturing, Reimagining the Mercy Charism. A Handbook for Formation & Reflection by Caroline Thompson)

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

As Term 3 comes to an end and our students and staff head off on their 2 weeks of holidays, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy break.

We have completed another 10 weeks of learning which saw students provided with numerous opportunities to engage in their learning in a variety of ways. Our students went on excursions and experienced incursions related to the Inquiry and Religious Education curriculum.

As I reflect upon the term, I am amazed at what we have managed to achieve.

Can you believe that we have held all of these events in just one Term. WOW!

Grades 3-6 Swimming Program, 100 Days of Prep, Australian Mathematics Competition, Grades 3-6 Athletics Carnival, Book Week celebrations, District Interschool Sport competition, Grade 3 Big Day In, Divisional Interschool Sport competition, Grade 2 Dinner, Parent/Teacher Interviews, Parent Support Group Meetings, Grade 4s and 5s moved into the McAuley Learning Centre, Media announcement of State Government funding for Catholic Primary Schools from our school library, 2 School Closure Days for Staff Professional Learning: School Improvement focus on the Science of Learning & Education in Faith, Sacramental Program events: Reconciliation Family Faith Information session and the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, fortnightly attendance at Parish Liturgy, Puberty Education Evening, Father's Day Stall and Father's Day Breakfast, R U Ok? Day and a Presentation about Mercy Works by Sr. Sally.

As I embark on my spiritual pilgrimage to Italy over the holidays, I hold you all in my prayers and once again wish everyone a safe and happy break.

Wishing you all God's blessings and happiness,

Anne-Marie Conte

Acting Principal/ Education in Faith Leader

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR FAITHFUL PRINCIPAL: MR BONNICI

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,
I hope this message finds you well.

I am currently in the second week of my pilgrimage through Greece, and it has been a profoundly spiritual experience following in the footsteps of St. Paul.

Last Thursday, we visited Meteora, a breathtaking site known for its monasteries perched on rocky spires in northwestern Thessaly. Though the monasteries date back to the early 14th century, the history of monastic life in Meteora stretches back to the 11th century when the first monks sought refuge in its serene and remote cliffs.

On Friday, we travelled to Veria to visit the "Tribune of Apostle Paul," a monument marking the place where St. Paul preached Christianity to the people of the region. The site is adorned with beautiful mosaic hagiographies and features a statue of St. Paul, a gift from Moscow. St. Paul visited Veria in both 50 AD and 57 AD, where the open-minded reception of the people played a significant role in establishing Christianity in Greece.

Saturday took us to Philippi in Macedonia, where we visited the river where Lydia, a merchant of purple cloth, was baptised by St. Paul in 49 or 50 AD. Lydia, mentioned in Acts 16:11-15, was the first Christian convert in Philippi. We spent time in prayer and reflection by the peaceful River Zygatis, renewing our Baptismal promises.

In the afternoon, we reached the Agora of Philippi, the administrative heart of the Roman city. It was here that St. Paul preached and was later imprisoned alongside St. Silas. Walking these historic grounds was a powerful reminder of the endurance and spread of the early Christian faith.

On Monday, we arrived on the Holy Island of Patmos, part of the Dodecanese. This is the island where St. John wrote the Book of Revelation, and it is often referred to as the "Jerusalem of the Aegean" due to its profound atmosphere during Christian celebrations.

I continue to keep you all in my prayers and ask that you pray for me as I journey with the other principals from our network.

With blessings,
Michael Bonnici
Principal



Design Your Own Garden of Eden

In Religious Education this term the Year 6 students have been learning about the Genesis story of Creation and the importance of caring for and looking after God's creation (our world). They have listened to and read the story of Creation and reflected upon all of the marvellous things that God created. They also learnt how God created the Garden of Eden. To respond to this unit of work and new information learnt, the students were set the task to design and create their own Garden of Eden dioramas.





Grade 6, 2024 Graduates' Polo Shirts.

This week our Grade 6 students were presented with their 2024 Graduates' Polo Shirts. The students expressed gratitude and a great deal of enthusiasm as they each received their shirt. They recorded a "Thank you" video which Ms Conte sent to Mr Bonnici overseas. The students gave Mrs Smart a round of applause for organising everything in the background with Miss Barrie to enable them to enjoy this privilege. Over the past 2 days as I walked around the school, have seen many of the Grade 6s wearing their new school polo with pride.



Holy Eucharist School and Miss Faraj were mentioned on Channel 10s, The Project.

Can you help our marsupials?

In 3VF, we went onto the Marsupial of The Year website to find out about Australian Marsupials after Ms Faraj saw this on a TV show called The Project.

We then researched about these Australian marsupials because they are in danger, and we wanted to help them because we are **Stewards of God's Creation**. This means we need to protect nature and all that God created.

The students in our class chose our favourite 5 marsupials from the list on website and now YOU can help by voting for your favourite when you visit the website.

<https://www.marsupialoftheyear.com.au/animals/>

Let's Give These Marsupials a Better Life!

Greater Gliders

The Greater glider is a type of marsupial, and it is Australia's biggest glider mammal.

Behaviour:

Gliders are nocturnal which means they spend their nights finding leaves and beautiful flowers. In the morning they stay in tree hollows.

Diet:

Greater gliders are herbivores. Like Koalas, they eat eucalyptus leaves like koalas in trees.

Appearance:

Gliders are covered by a fuzzy layer of fur. The colours of a glider are brown, grey or white. On a glider's head are two large ears.

The Greater gliders are in serious trouble. Please vote for the Greater gliders OR they won't exist anymore.



Written by
Philia, Melody, Lui Rose and Alesanna
(Grade 3VF)

'Yellow-Footed Rock Wallaby

The Yellow-Footed Rock Wallaby formerly known as the Ring-tailed Rock Wallaby, is a member of the macropod family and a marsupial animal.

Appearance:

The Yellow-Footed Rock Wallaby is grey to faun-grey above and light coloured below with a black mid-dorsal strip from the crown of the head to the centre of the back. The forearms and hind are yellowish to orange to brown. The head and body length is 480-650 mm, with tail length 570-700 mm. They weigh 6-11 kg.

Diet:

Yellow-Footed Rock Wallabies eat grass, leaves, trees, herbs and low shrubs.

Habitat:

The Yellow-Footed Rock Wallaby lives in rocky outcrops in semi-arid areas, ranging from sandstones, limestones and conglomerates in the Flinders Ranges, Australia.

The Yellow-Footed Rock Wallaby is endangered because it is almost extinct. They deserve to live, please vote for them now!



Written by
Amin and Ryan L
(Grade 3VF)



The Special Tasmanian Pademelon

The Tasmanian Pademelon is a sort of wallaby and it is the only species of pademelon in Tasmania.

Appearance:

The male Tasmanian Pademelon is bigger than the female. They have a short tail and legs. The colour of their fur is dark brown or grey brown. They have a red/brown belly.

Diet:

They are herbivores. They eat plants from herbs, green shoots and grass and flowers.

Behaviour:

They get around by hopping and they dig tunnels to make burrows so they can hide from the emeries.

Please vote for the Tasmanian Pademelon if you love the cute Australian marsupials.

Written by:
Jayden, Henry V, Nathan, Gabriel
(Grade 3VF)



Quokkas

Quokkas are nocturnal animals. They sort of hop and bop around on the ground like their kangaroo cousins. They can also climb and chill out in trees. Quokkas are nocturnal.

Diet:

Quokkas are herbivores. They swallow their food whole, regurgitate it and eat it again. That is gross!

Behaviour:

Quokkas go by themselves at night time looking for food. They can survive for a long period without food or water.

Appearance:

Quokkas are the size of a house cat. They weigh between 2.5kg to 5kg. They can also be between 25-30 cm long.

Please help the Quokkas because they're in some trouble because of habitat loss. Please vote to keep them safe.



Written by:
Layla, Alasha, Ryan P, Danny, Anna
(Grade 3VF)



KOALAS

Koalas are florivorous animals. They get most of their nutrients from eucalyptus leaves mainly.

APPEARANCE:

Koalas weigh 4kg to 15kg. They are among the largest tree-dwelling marsupials. Males are up to 50% bigger than females.

DIET:

Koalas eat mainly eucalyptus leaves (gum trees). Occasionally they will eat leaves from some other native Australian trees.

BEHAVIOUR:

Koalas can sleep for up to 20 hours a day, due to the energy required to break down toxic leaves.

Koalas are in serious trouble because of their habitat loss. Please vote for koalas today.

Written by:
Henry N, Brandon, Tri and James P
(Grade 3VF)

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Fees for 2024

School Fees for 2024 are \$1,050.00 per family.
Per Capita fees for 2024 are \$150.00 per child. This includes \$30.00 Sport Fees.
Excursion Fees for 2024 are \$35.00 per child.

Camp Fees for 2024

Grade 6 Camp fees are \$140.00 per child
Grade 5 Camp fees are \$130 per child.

100 days of Prep, Gr.1 Breakfast, Gr. 2 Dinner, Gr.3 Big day in and Gr.4 Big day out will be provided at no cost.

Sacraments

The cost of Sacraments for Grades 3, 4, and 6 are included in the fees.
If there is any family that has any financial concerns or queries, please contact me on 8312 0900.

Mrs Sue Smart

Business Manager

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HOLY EUCHARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST ALBANS SOUTH

2025 PREP ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

8 new classrooms
opening early 2024

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY ✓

POSITIVE NAPLAN RESULTS ✓


SPECIALIST PROGRAMS:
PHYSICAL EDUCATION, ✓
MUSIC, STEM, VISUAL ARTS, ✓
PERFORMING ARTS & LOTE ✓

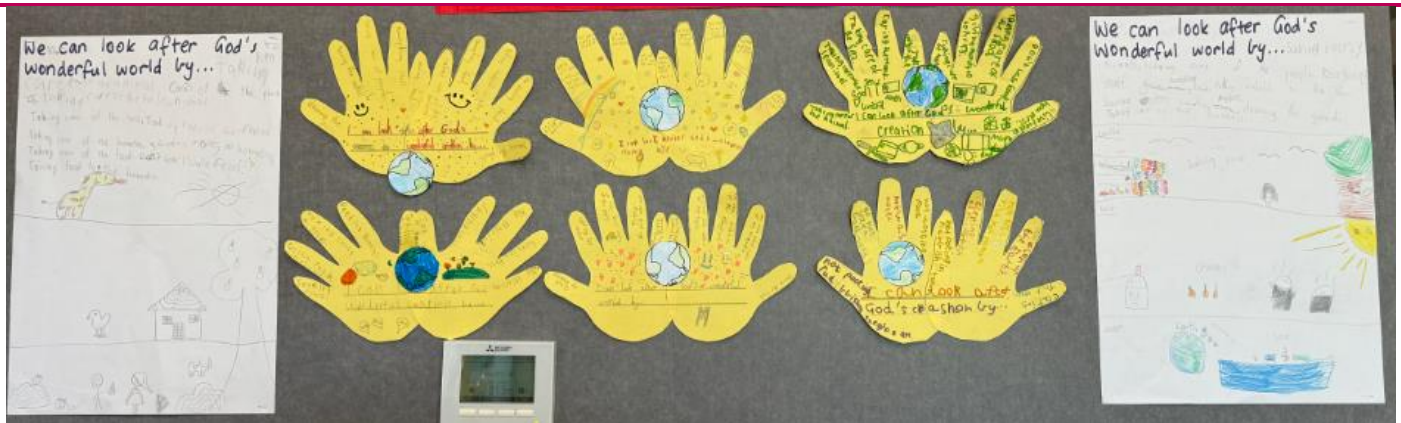
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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:

<p>Prep CT Week 9: Phat Week 10: Selena</p>	<p>Prep SG Week 9: Giovanni Week 10: Anna</p>	<p>Prep JB Week 9: Ayden Week 10: Alex</p>	
<p>Year 1DX Week 9: Piath Week 10: Harry</p>	<p>Year 1JL Week 9: Marian Week 10: Phuc</p>	<p>Year 1JD Week 9: Tim Week 10: Harvey</p>	
<p>Year 2AL Week 9: Sherman Week 10: Amy</p>	<p>Year 2SC Week 9: Aluac Week 10: Leonard</p>	<p>Year 2MJ Week 9: Darcy Week 10: Abraham</p>	
<p>Year 3VF Week 9: Jayden Week 10: Philia</p>	<p>Year 3D/C Week 9: Mathaing Week 10: Mia</p>	<p>Year 3JK Week 9: Hannah Week 10: Monica</p>	<p>Year 3CG Week 9: Chloe Week 10: Jessica</p>
<p>Year 4BP Week 9: Maceo Week 10: Maceo</p>	<p>Year 4SN Week 9: Sam Week 10: Bawi Tha</p>	<p>Year 4JD Week 9: Jennifer Week 10: Van</p>	<p>Year 4ER Week 9: Jason Week 10: Jasmine</p>
<p>Year 5RM Week 9: Angwaed Week 10: Thomas</p>	<p>Year 5JM Week 9: Solyana Week 10: Sonia</p>	<p>Year 5TN Week 9: Selena Week 10: Rebecca</p>	
<p>Year 6JC Week 9: - Duy Week 10: - Amath & Sarah</p>	<p>Year 6HK Week 9: Jazmine Week 10: Deng</p>	<p>Year 6H/M Week 9: Ayden Week 10: - Katie</p>	<p>Year 6KB Week 9: Truc Week 10: - Phillip</p>



IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday 7th October: 4 Term begins
- Friday 11th October: Prep to Grade 2 Junior Sports Carnival at Holy Eucharist School
- Friday 11th October: Divisional Basketball tournament, Keilor Stadium
- Monday 4th November: School Closure Day
- Tuesday 5th November: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

