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Deputy Principal: Ms. Anne-Marie Conte

Acting Parish Priest:

Fr Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen, CSsR

Assistant Priest:

Fr. Robin Lomangkok, CSsR

(P) 9366 1310

Mass Times:

Tuesday – Friday: 9am (English),

Saturday: 6pm (English),

7:30pm (Vietnamese)

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

12pm (Vietnamese)

Prep: Samenta Ganeshanantham, Juliana Bizjak &

Grade 1: Dion Xuereb, Jo Dragovic & Jin-Young Lee,

Grade 2: Mary James, Thilini Nanayakkara & Celine

Grade 3: Christine Saunders/CB, Angela Lopez-Dee & Allana Curmi

Grade 4: Elise Ring, Beatrice Mariano, Stefany

Nemet & Zachary Gordon

Grade 5: Julie Murnane, Raquel McClurg, Janelle

Dumaguit & Matthew Laureano

Grade 6: Kathryn Barrie, Jacelle Cablao, & Michael

Higgins/Kathleen Morrison

Education in Faith Leader: Anne-Marie Conte **<u>Learning & Teaching Leader</u>**: Erin McNally

Literacy Leader/Intervention: Jane Hurren

Literacy Intervention: Karen Colman.

Maths Leader/Tutoring P-6: Erin McNally

Maths Intervention: Maryanne Camilleri

Intervention: Allison Diaco

Learning Diversity/Wellbeing Leader: Julie

Family & Community Engagement/Wellbeing Leader:

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

Speech Pathologist: Claire Huntington

STEM/ ICT Leader Clare Christie Music: Colleen Azzopardi

Visual Arts: Shobha Hickey

Physical Education: Jake Franze

Visual Arts/Physical Education: Gabrielle Bright

LOTE: Yvonne Rosevear, Joe Sirianni

EAL/New Arrival: Irene Jurista

<u>Library:</u> Jenny Bistricki **Business Manager:** Sue Smart

Administration Staff: Mandy Huong,

Stefani Richardson, Georgina Vella

Learning Support Officers:

Nwares Bahnam, Nu Cuai, Menka Dave, Ester Dawt Thluai, Jessica Di Pietro, Catherine Hoang, Sara Kasko, Erica (Thoa) Le, Celia (Thoai) Nguyen, Chau

Nguyen, Trang Nguyen, Van Nguyen, Thi Phan, Elizabeth Sant, Rosemarie Slater, Julia Vieira,

Frances Wulf, Mary Xuereb, Sarah Xuereb,

Cleaners: June Balatbat & Maria Attard **School Maintenance:** Peter Buttigieg



Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

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The Beginning of a New School Year

As we begin this school year let us ... Open our minds to know, think and understand the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Open our hearts to love, appreciate and belong to the Holy Eucharist School and parish community.

Open our hands to serve, create and lead Just as Jesus taught us. We make this prayer In the name of Jesus, our friend and teacher.

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

A warm welcome to the 2025 school year! We are excited for the year ahead and hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a great start to 2025. A special welcome to our new students, families, and staff who have joined our community this year.

This year, we have a total of 540 students, including 66 new Prep children and several new students across other year levels. All students, including our youngest learners, have settled in well and successfully completed their first week. The Preps and their teachers enjoyed an exciting first day, while the rest of the students and staff were eager to return after the summer break.

We are delighted to welcome six new staff members to our team. Miss Celine Goulding joins us in Year 2, Miss Allana Curmi in Year 3, Miss Beatrice Mariano and Mr. Zachary Gordon in Year 4, Mr. Matthew Laureano in Year 5, and Mr. Jake Franze as our new Physical Education teacher. Additionally, we warmly welcome back Mrs. Thy Tran and Mrs. Allison Diaco, who have returned from parental leave. We extend our best wishes to all our staff for a fantastic year ahead.

With Lent approaching, we look forward to celebrating Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Tuesday, on the 4th of March. To mark this occasion, we invite all families to join us for a Family Picnic on the school oval from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, weather permitting. There will be a jumping castle and a variety of activities for everyone to enjoy, along with a sausage sizzle, drinks, and pancakes available for purchase. We hope to see many of you there as we come together to celebrate as a school community.

This year is particularly special as Holy Eucharist School celebrates its 50th Anniversary. In 1974, with the rapid growth of St Albans South and the arrival of many European migrants and young families, the need for a Catholic school became evident. Plans were drawn, and four Sisters of Mercy moved into the convent on O'Brien Drive to help establish the school. Sr. Leonie Glennen was appointed as the first principal, with Sr. Margaret Broadbent, Sr. Margaret McHugh, and Sr. Helen Duffy as the founding teachers when Holy Eucharist School officially opened in 1975.

After many years, we were fortunate to have all four religious sisters join us last year for the blessing and opening of our new Catherine McAuley Learning Centre. To celebrate our 50th Anniversary, we will be holding a special event on our school's feast day, the Feast of Corpus Christi, on Thursday, the 19th of June 2025. More details will be shared closer to the date, and we look forward to celebrating this incredible milestone together as a community.

As I have shared before, it is both an honour and a privilege to lead and serve the Holy Eucharist community as Principal. I am incredibly grateful for the ongoing support and partnership of our students, staff, families and parish community. May God bless and protect us throughout 2025.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

EDUCATE

Michael Bonnici

Principal

principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

EMPOWER





FR VINCENT PHAM CSsR:

After consulting with the Provincial Council, Fr. Vincent will be taking an extended break from his Parish and Province responsibilities to prioritise his health and wellbeing. This decision is essential in managing the demands of leadership, constant availability, and his dedication to numerous commitments. We pray that Fr Vincent soon finds rest, renewal, and restored energy. Fr. Joseph Hieu CSsR will serve as Acting Parish Priest, and Fr. Robin will assume the responsibility as Assistant Priest.

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. Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our school community safe.

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL PREMISES AND CHURCH GROUNDS

The driveway next to the church is a 'Kiss and Go' zone. This means that parents/carers cannot get out of the car to escort their children to gate/classroom. Students need to have their school bag ready next to them before leaving home, so that they can leave the car as soon as the driver has stopped in the 'Kiss and Go' zone. Please ensure that you adhere to the following road rules:

- Do not leave your car unattended in the church driveway
- Do not park your car in the staff parish carpark
- Do not block or park in neighbouring driveways
- Do not double park. Even if it is for a few seconds.
- Only those persons with DISABLED stickers are permitted to park in the disabled parking bays in the church carpark.
- Do not park on people's nature strips.

SPEED HUMPS IN CHEDGEY DRIVE

I am pleased to inform you that during the summer break, Brimbank Council installed speed humps along Chedgey Drive. This follows several emails, meetings, and phone calls made by both myself and the School Advisory Council in response to concerns about vehicles speeding past the school and failing to observe the speed limit during school hours.

Speed humps are an important traffic-calming measure that provide several benefits:

- Greater Safety: The reduction of vehicle speeds greatly reduces the risk of accidents, particularly involving pedestrians.
- Traffic Calming: Speed humps discourage non-residential cut-through traffic and prevent reckless driving.
- Pedestrian Safety: Speed humps assist by enforcing lower speeds and serve as an added safety measure for pedestrians.

Thank you to our School Advisory Council and parents/carers for your ongoing support in keeping our school community safe.

BELL TIMES IN 2025

This year, we have made a few changes to our timetable to optimise teaching time.

All classes (Prep to Year 6) will now begin at

All classes (Prep to Year 6) will now begin at 8:55 am and lunchtime for the Junior and Middle/Seniors has been reduced by 10 minutes.

New Morning Routine:

- Gates open at 8:30 am
- Classrooms open at 8:45 am
- Teaching begins at 8:55 am (all gates will close at this time)

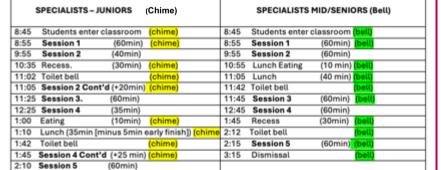
NB: Students arriving after 8:55 am must obtain a late pass from the school office.

Dismissal Times:

In 2025, students in Year 3 will follow the Junior Bell and Junior timetable. Therefore:

- Years 1, 2 and 3 will commence school at 8:55am and will finish school at 3:10pm.
- Years 4, 5 and 6 will commence school at 8:55am and will finish school at 3:15pm.





Junior Recess = 30 min

3:10 Dismissal

Junior Lunch = 10 min eating + 35 min play =45min NB: -5 min lunch due to early finish Senior Recess: 30 min

Senior Lunch: 10 min eating + 40 min play = 50 min

PREPS - 2025

Preps will attend school from 8:55am to 3:10pm every day except for the first three Wednesdays in February. Therefore, the Preps will have no school on:

- Wednesday 5th February,
- Wednesday 12th February,
- Wednesday 19th February.





HOLY EUCHARIST STAFF IN 2025

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Grade Prep

- -Ms Samenta Ganeshanantham
- -Miss Juliana Bizjak
- -Ms Thy Tran

Grade 1

- -Mrs Jo Dragovic
- -Mr Dion Xuereb
- -Ms Jin-Young Lee

Grade 2

- -Ms Mary James
- -Ms Thilini Nanayakkara
- -Miss Celine Goulding

Religious Education Leader

-Ms Anne-Marie Conte

Learning & Teaching Leader

-Ms Erin McNally

- ➤ Literacy Leader
 - -Mrs Jane Hurren
- ➤ Numeracy Leader
 - -Ms Erin McNally

Learning Diversity /Wellbeing Leader

-Mrs Julie Semcesen

Family School Partnerships/Wellbeing

Leader: -Ms Crystal Carmuciano

Mental Health in Primary Schools

Leader/Counsellor -Mr Edward Faraci

Music - Mrs Colleen Azzopardi

Visual Arts - Mrs Shobha Hickey

Physical Education - Mr Jake Franze

Visual Arts/Physical Education/Support

-Mrs Gabrielle Bright LOTE (Italian):

- -Ms Yvonne Rosevear
- -Mr Joe Sirianni

STEM/ICT Leader

-Miss Clare Christie

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grade 3

- -Ms Angela Lopez-Dee
- -Mrs Christine Saunders/Ms B
- -Miss Allana Curmi

Grade 4

- -Miss Elise Ring
- -Mrs Stefany Nemet
- -Miss Beatrice Mariano
- -Mr Zachary Gordon

Literacy Intervention Teacher

-Mrs Karen Colman

Intervention Teacher

-Mrs Allison Diaco

Refugee/English Proficiency (EAL)

-Mrs Irene Jurista [P/T]

Numeracy Intervention

-Ms Maryanne Camilleri [P/T]

Learning Support Officers

- -Ms Catherine Hoang
- -Ms Chau Nguyen
- -Ms Caitlyn Tamchai
- -Ms Frances Wulf
- -Mrs Jenny Bistricki (Library)
- -Mrs Rita Zammit
- -Mrs Mary Xuereb
- -Ms Nu Cuai
- -Ms Rosemarie Slater
- -Mrs Thi Phan
- -Mrs Trang Nguyen
- -Ms Ester Dawt Thluai
- -Ms Erica (Thao) Le
- -Ms Celia (Thoai) Nguyen
- -Mrs Jessica DiPietro
- -Mrs Elizabeth Sant
- -Mrs Sara Kasko
- -Mrs Nwares Bahnam
- -Ms Menka Dave
- -Mrs Sarah Xuereb
- -Mrs Julia Vieira
- -Mrs Van Nguyen

SENIOR SCHOOL

Grade 5

- -Miss Julie Murnane
- -Ms Raquel McClurg
- -Miss Janelle Dumaquit
- -Mr Matthew Laureano

Grade 6

- -Ms Jacelle Cablao
- -Ms Kathryn Barrie
- -Mr Michael Higgins/Mrs Kathleen Morrison

Cleaners

- -Mrs Maria Attard
- -Mr June Balatbat

Maintenance

-Mr Peter Buttigieg

Administration

- -Mrs Sue Smart
- -Mrs Mandy Huong
- -Ms Stefani Richardson
- -Ms Georgina Vella

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PSW UNIFORMS REBRANDED TO UNIFORM GROUP

Holy Eucharist School has a Uniform Policy. It is an expectation that all students are always wearing the correct school uniform. If students are not wearing the correct uniform, they are required to have a written letter from their parent/carer explaining why they are out of uniform. Alternatively, you can visit our school website to view our school uniform policy.

https://www.psw.com.au/schools/holy-eucharist-school-st-albans.html? = 1660168686498&product list limit=36&product list order=price

The PSW Uniform store has rebranded to Uniform Group.

Trading Hours are:

Monday to Friday from 9am – 5pm and on Saturday from 10am until 1pm.

Store Address:

UNIT 2, 51-53 WESTWOOD DRIVE, RAVENHALL VIC 3023(03) 9768 0342









There are samples of our school uniform on display at the office. For more information please visit https://uniform-group.com.au/brand

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.



BREAKEAST CLUE

Holy Eucharist School, Breakfast Club will be operating in the new Catherine McAuley Learning Centre. Breakfast club will operate from Monday to Friday from 8.30am until 8.45am. 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.



PARENT/TEACHER CONVERSATIONS

Holy Eucharist School will be hosting our annual Parent/Teacher Conversations on Wednesday 19th February 2025 from 12:10pm until 6:00pm. Please note that students will be finishing school at 12pm. Camp Australia (After School Care) will be operating on this day, however, you will need to make a booking.



Parent/Teacher Conversations are a great opportunity to communicate with your child's teacher

and to hear about how your child has settled into their new class. However, they are also a great way to discuss any concerns or questions you may have regarding your child. It is important that you take the time to think about the things you would like to discuss with your child's teacher, to ensure you make the most of your allocated time.

The Parent /Teacher Conversations will be up to **10 minutes in length** – just enough time for you and your child's teacher to meet and communicate. During this meeting, your child's teacher will be asking questions which will provide them with important information. The information gathered will assist the class teachers when planning lessons teaching your child.

We ask that parents select their preferred time as soon as possible and to return their slips to their child's teacher without delay. If parents have more than one child at Holy Eucharist School, they are asked to add them to the same list as well.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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

Prep TT	<u>Prep SG</u>	Prep JB	bu Mad
Week 2: Gia	Week 2: Brian	Week 2: Irene	
Year 1DX	Year 1JL	Year 1JD	STUDENT
Week 2: Alex	Week 2: Akuek	Week 2: Amy	
Year 2TN	Year 2CG	<u>Year 2MJ</u>	新
Week 2: Lynn	Week 2: Mason	Week 2: Sachpreet	
<u>Year 3AL</u>	<u>Year 3 AC</u>	<u>Year 3S/B</u>	WEEK
Week 2: Laura	Week 2: Arsema	Week 2: Princess	
<u>Year 4ZG</u>	<u>Year 4SN</u>	<u>Year 4BM</u>	Year 4ER Week 2: Henry
Week 2: Kara	Week 2: Suri	Week 2: Jayden	
Year 5RM	<u>Year 5JM</u>	<u>Year 5JD</u>	<u>Year 5ML</u>
Week 2: Mamith	Week 2: Liam	Week 2: Elisa	Week 2: Van
Year 6JC	<u>Year 6H/M</u>	Year 6KB	
Week 2: William	Week 2: Rosaria	Week 2: Justice	

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2026 - NOW OPEN

Enrolments are now open for 2026. Children commencing Prep next year must be 5 years of age by 30th April 2026. We already have a number of applications for next year and 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 2026.

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



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on <u>Monday 3rd March 2025</u>. All students need to wear their <u>full Summer Uniform</u> and <u>black school shoes</u>. In the coming weeks, each student will be given individual order forms. If you would like to order photos, you will need to fill in the order form, pay the correct amount and return it to your class teacher on **photo day**. Alternatively, you can order photos online up to 2 days after photo day. **Please note, cash orders will not be accepted**.



HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL - FAMILY PICNIC ON SHROVE TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday also known as Pancake Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday. We will be having a Family Picnic on Shrove Tuesday (4th March 2025) on the school oval, from 5pm until 7pm (weather permitting).

We will have a jumping castle and various activities on the oval. We will also be selling sausages, drinks and pancakes. We hope that you can make it and we look forward to seeing you then.



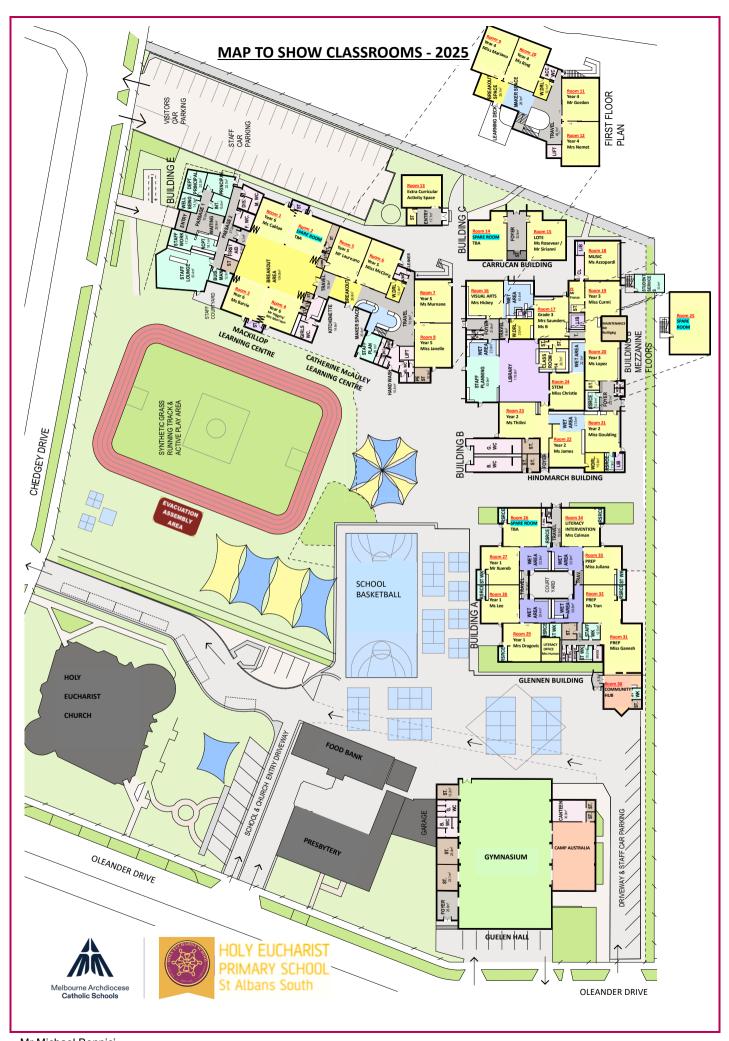
IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR SCHOOL FACILITIES

Over the school holidays, we made several improvements to our school facilities. The Year 3 classrooms in the Hindmarch building, located next to the library, were freshly painted. During the next school holidays, we plan to complete the painting of the remaining Year 3 classroom, as well as the Music Room and Art Room.

In addition to this, the shade sails over the Adventure Playground were repaired after sustaining damage from high winds last year. Looking ahead, I am also planning to purchase new shade sails for the Junior Adventure Playground to enhance sun protection for our students.

Another important update is the installation of new automated gates. The gates between the McAuley Learning Centre and Hindmarch building, as well as the gate between the Hindmarch and Glennen buildings, are now fully operational, further improving security and access control within the school grounds.











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Tues, March 3rd Jumping castles 5pm - 7pm Face Painting sports activities

Join us for our annual Family School Picnic on the school aval. BBQ sausages, drinks, pancakes and icy poles to be sold

All proceeds go towards school resources





Holy Eucharist Canteen Menu 2025

MONDAY Stir Fry Noodles with Vegetables and Grill Chicken \$5.50

Steam Bun (BBQ Pork/Vegetable)

\$3.00 Each

Beef / Chicken noodle

\$4.00

Steam Dimsim

\$3.00 for 2

Baked Chicken nuggets \$3.00 for 5

TUESDAY Tuna / Chicken Sushi \$3.00 Each

Steam Bun (BBQ Pork/Vegetable)

\$3.00 Each

Beef / Chicken noodle \$4.00

Steam Dimsim \$3.00 for 2

 Baked Chicken nuggets \$3.00 for 5

Beef Lasagna

WEDNESDAY

\$5.00

Steam Bun (BBQ Pork/Vegetable) \$3.00 Each

Beef / Chicken noodle

\$4.00 Steam Dimsim

\$3.00 for 2

Baked Chicken nuggets \$3.00 for 5

THURSDAY

Fried rice with ham and vegetables \$5.00

Steam Bun (BBQ Pork/Vegetable)

\$3.00 Each

Beef / Chicken noodle

\$4.00

Steam Dimsim \$3.00 for 2

Baked Chicken nuggets

FRIDAY Hot dog

\$3.00 Steam Bun

(BBQ Pork/Vegetable) \$3.00 Each

Beef / Chicken noodle

\$4.00

Steam Dimsim \$3.00 for 2

Baked Chicken nuggets \$3.00 for 5

No deep fryer - Only air fryer and oven is used

Available Everyday

Ham Cheese croissant \$4.00 Ham Cheese pocket \$3.00 Jam and Butter sandwich \$3.00

<u>Beverage</u>

Chocolate / Strawberry milk \$2.00 Spring water \$1.50 Juice

HEALTHIER OPTIONS (Available Everyday)

- Sandwich/ Roll/ Wrap with • Grilled Chicken, lettuce and Mayo. \$5.50
- Roast vegetables, Spinach and Cheese \$5.50 (Vegetarian/ Vegan without cheese \$5.00)
- Lettuce, Tomato and Cheese \$3.50
- (Vegetarian/ Vegan without cheese \$3.00) Seasonal fruit \$1 (Apple, Banana, Mandarin)

FOOD ITEM

Seasonal Fruit cup Steam corn cob \$1.00 Jelly cup \$1.00 Popcorn \$0.50 \$2.50

Biscuit stick Tiny Teddy Biscuit \$1.00

Please write your lunch order bag or note as shown here CLASS NAME & SURNAME

PRICE

TOTAL MONEY ENCLOSED CHANGE REQUIRED Shapes

Red Rock Deli Potato Chips

_ Zooper Doopers \$1.00 Ice cream \$1.00 - \$2.00

The Traffic Light System: Foods and drinks are classified as GREEN, AMBER or RED according to their nutritional value:



RED – OCCASIONAL FOOD

AMBER - SELECT CAREFULLY FOOD

GREEN - EVERYDAY FOOD

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE:

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community. The Holy Eucharist Commitment to Child Safety and Reporting Process are on display in the Administration foyer of the School and School Policies are available on the website at www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

At Holy Eucharist School, we are honoured to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, the WurundjeriPeople of the Kulin Nation, the first and enduring caretakers of the land in which we work and live.

