



Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

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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 & Thy Tran

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

Grade 2: Mary James, Thilini Nanayakkara & Celine Goulding

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

Learning & Teaching Leader: 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 Semcesen

Family & Community Engagement/Wellbeing Leader:

Crystal Carmuciano

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

Library: Jenny Bistricki

Business Manager: Sue Smart

Administration Staff: Mandy Huong,

Stefani Richardson, Georgina Vella

Learning Support Officers:

Nwanes Bahnam, Nu Cuai, Menka Dave, Ester Dawt

Thluai, Jessica Di Pietro, Catherine Hoang, Sara

Kasko, Erica (Thoa) Le, Celia (Thoi) Nguyen, Chau

Nguyen, Trang Nguyen, Van Nguyen, Thi Phan,

Elizabeth Sant, Rosemarie Slater, Caitlyn Tamchai

Julia Vieira, Frances Wulf, Mary Xuereb,

Sarah Xuereb, Rita Zammit,

Cleaners: June Balatbat & Maria Attard

School Maintenance: Peter Buttigieg



The Jubilee Prayer

*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.*

Franciscus

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as the Jubilee Year of Hope. A Jubilee is a sacred time of grace and spiritual renewal, marked by prayer, pilgrimage, and sacramental repentance. Traditionally observed every 25 years, a Jubilee may also be declared at other times at the Pope's discretion. Its purpose is to inspire holiness among the faithful and to strengthen the Church's mission in sharing God's boundless mercy with the world. In preparation for this special year, Pope Francis has introduced a prayer for the Jubilee of Hope and invites all the faithful to pray it throughout the year (please see above).

Last Wednesday, we held our Parent-Teacher Conversations. I would like to sincerely thank all the parents and carers who took the time to attend. Your presence and engagement were greatly appreciated by our teachers and staff. I would also like to extend my gratitude to our teachers, Learning Support Officers, Administration Staff, and Interpreters for staying back until 6:10 pm to accommodate parents and carers who are working. These conversations play a crucial role in fostering strong connections between home and school, allowing for meaningful discussions about your child's progress and individual needs. The insights shared during these meetings enable our teachers to tailor lessons and support strategies to best meet the diverse needs of each student, ultimately contributing to improved learning outcomes.

Over the past two Sundays, I have visited Fr Peter Carrucan, who was our past, parish priest for more than 20 years. Fr Peter is not well, and I ask you to keep him in your prayers. Last year, Fr Peter visited the school celebrating Mass alongside Fr Vincent and Bishop Martin Ashe at our Blessing and Opening of the Catherine McAuley Learning Centre.

A reminder that on Tuesday 4th March, we will be having our Family Picnic. It will take place on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. We invite all families to join us on the school oval from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, weather permitting. There will be a jumping castle and a variety of other 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.

Wishing you all a restful weekend. God bless!

Michael Bonnici

Principal

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF FR JOHN O'REILLY:

It is with sadness that I share the news of the passing of Fr John O'Reilly.

Fr O'Reilly served as the Parish Priest at Sacred Heart, St Albans, from 1973 to 2019. In the early 1970s, he supported Fr Anthony Guelen in establishing Holy Eucharist Parish.

A visionary leader in Catholic education, Fr O'Reilly played a key role in founding Catholic Regional College campuses in St Albans, Keilor Downs, Melton, and Sydenham, as well as Emmaus and Cana primary schools. His dedication extended beyond education, as he was also instrumental in establishing Mercy Hospice Care.

His legacy of faith, service, and commitment to Catholic education will be long remembered. May he Rest in Peace.



GATES CLOSE AT 8:55AM

All Prep to Year 6 classes begin at 8:55am. If your child **arrives at school after 8:55am, they will need to enter via the Administration Gate**, as all other gates will be locked. **If your child arrives at school after 8:55am, 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 attendance 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.

During our Parent/Teacher Chats, we were informed by parents/carers that **many of our students are going to bed very late at night.** As a result, the students are struggling to get out of bed in the morning and come to school feeling tired. **Please remember, if your child is tired then they are going to find it difficult to learn!**



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on **Monday 3rd March 2025.** All students need to wear their **full Summer Uniform and black school shoes.** Each student was given an individual order form. If you would like to order photos, you will need to order them online.



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.



NAPLAN 2025

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Year 3 and Year 5 will commence on Wednesday 12th March 2025 and finishes on Monday 24th March 2025.

Schools have been asked to prioritise the tests within the first week of the testing window in order to accommodate students who may be absent from 12th - 24th March. These students will have the opportunity to complete the catch-up tests (for most subject areas) the following week.

NAPLAN is a nationwide measure through which parents, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.



For more information regarding NAPLAN 2025, please visit

https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/1130810/2025-NAPLAN-Parent-Carer-information-brochure_online.PDF

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.**



BREAKFAST CLUB

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.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

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. Please find an explanation of the school uniform listed below. 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?_af=1660168686498&product_list_limit=36&product_list_order=price

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

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

Boys - Summer:

Grey Shorts
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

Boys Winter

Long grey pants
Yellow skivvy or yellow polo shirt with logo
Grey socks / Black shoes - **no runners**
Woollen jumper with school logo - **not the PE tracksuit top**

Boys - Sport

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

Please note: If students are **not wearing the correct school uniform**, a note from the school will be sent home informing the parent/guardian. This note will need to be signed by the parent/guardian. If you require any information or support in regarding the school uniform, please see Michael at the office.


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.



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 TT</u>	<u>Prep SG</u>	<u>Prep JB</u>		
Week 3: Amelia Week 4:	Week 3: Aleah Week 4: Ellie	Week 3: Abigail Week 4: Zegebriel		
<u>Year 1DX</u> Week 3: Victoria Week 4: Lucas	<u>Year 1JL</u> Week 3: Angel Week 4: Anna	<u>Year 1JD</u> Week 3: Luca Week 4: Skylar		
<u>Year 2TN</u> Week 3: - Week 4: Hannah	<u>Year 2CG</u> Week 3: Christopher Week 4: Nami	<u>Year 2MJ</u> Week 3: Zoe Week 4: Alvin		
<u>Year 3AL</u> Week 3: Leopold Week 4: Jessica	<u>Year 3 AC</u> Week 3: Courage Week 4: Anthony	<u>Year 3S/B</u> Week 3: Kaiden Week 4: Lara		
<u>Year 4ZG</u> Week 3: Jessica Week 4: Amin	<u>Year 4SN</u> Week 3: Sophia Week 4: Henry V	<u>Year 4BM</u> Week 3: Chloe Week 4: Benjamin		<u>Year 4ER</u> Week 3: Layla Week 4: Philia
<u>Year 5RM</u> Week 3: Cleo Week 4: Aparer	<u>Year 5JM</u> Week 3: Riley Week 4: Albert	<u>Year 5JD</u> Week 3: Jasmine Week 4: Giir		<u>Year 5ML</u> Week 3: Annie Week 4: Tiffany
<u>Year 6JC</u> Week 3: Lina Week 4: Valentino	<u>Year 6H/M</u> Week 3: Guod Week 4: Destiny	<u>Year 6KB</u> Week 3: Imeelya Week 4: Vincent		

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.



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HOLY EUCHARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL



ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2026

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

MORE INFORMATION

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MPiR TUITION



MATHS & ENGLISH TUTORING - 30% DISCOUNT FOR HOLY EUCHARIST STUDENTS

MPiR Tuition is a tuition centre located in Cairnlea that offers tutoring to students from Years 1 to 12. Our classes are conducted in small groups with specially designed classwork and homework books. For more information please visit www.mpirtuition.com.au or contact 0481 333 678.

ĐẠY KÈM TOÁN VÀ ANH VĂN - GIẢM 30% HỌC PHÍ CHO SINH VIÊN TẠI TRƯỜNG HOLY EUCHARIST

MPiR Tuition là một trung tâm dạy kèm tại Cairnlea cung cấp dịch vụ dạy kèm cho học sinh từ lớp 1 đến lớp 12. Các lớp học được tiến hành theo nhóm nhỏ với các bài tập soạn riêng cho mỗi học sinh. Để biết thêm chi tiết, vui lòng truy cập www.mpirtuition.com.au hoặc liên lạc 0481 333 678.



FAMILY SCHOOL PICNIC

Tues, March 4th

5pm - 7pm

Jumping castles
Face Painting
Sports activities



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

All proceeds go towards school resources

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Tel: 0403493861

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BRAIN DEVELOPMENT IN
CHILDREN, TEACH THEM MUSIC!

Founded in 2006, ABC Music Group is proud to have taught more than 8000 primary school students, enriching their love of music through traditional and contemporary songs.

We offer a range of musical instruments but they may differ from school to school. However Keyboard and Guitar lessons are offered in all the schools we teach.

- Students can enrol for group, paired or private lessons
- 30 minute lessons every week during the school term
- Keyboards and guitars supplied for lessons (other instruments to be supplied by the student)
- Students progress reports are provided in term 2 and term 4
- Students concerts/performance runs in term 4
- * Music Fees are advertised on our website

- Group Lessons
- Paired Lessons
- Private Lessons
- *Special needs students enroll exclusively on Private Lessons*
- New students required to purchase a music book on enrolment/ delivered in class
- Instrument hire or purchase available via our website
- Music Fees are charged every 3 months (once per term) via direct debit on VISA, MasterCard or Debit Card.

Enrol online now on our Website
www.abcmusicgroup.com.au/enroll-now/

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 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.