



Principal: Mr. Michael Bonnici

principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

Deputy Principal: Ms. Anne-Marie Conte

Redemptorist Community:

Fr. John Hodgson CSsR
Fr. Joseph Xuan Hieu Nguyen, CSsR
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 Ganeshanatham, 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:

Nwares Bahnman, 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



Holy Eucharist School - St Albans South

Address: 1A Oleander Drive, St Albans VIC 3021.

Postal Address: 20 Chedgley Drive, St Albans VIC 3021

Phone: 8312 0900 Website: www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Let us pray that as we begin the season of Lent, we embrace the opportunity to:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill our hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so we can listen.



We pray that our only desire and our one choice is to choose what better leads to the deepening of God's life in us. Amen!



Lent is a period of preparation in the Church's Liturgical Year that orients the community towards **Holy Week** and the Season of **Easter**. It is a time of **prayer, fasting and good works**. The season of Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday** and concludes on **Holy Thursday Evening** (the Vigil of Good Friday).

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

Firstly, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making our recent Family Picnic on Shrove Tuesday such a resounding success. It was truly heartwarming to see such a strong turnout and support from our students and families! Together, we raised \$4044.30 which will go to resources for the new building. We also raised \$747.25 which will be going to Mercy Palliative Care formerly known as Mercy Hospice Care. A special thank you goes to Mrs Crystal Carmuciano for coordinating the event and all staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make it all possible. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

As we entered the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday this week, our school community came together to mark the beginning of this sacred period. Our students from Grades Prep to 6 participated in a meaningful Mass led by Fr Joseph and Fr Robin, where they received ashes as a symbolic reminder of our Lenten journey ahead. I want to extend my gratitude to Ms Anne-Marie Conte for her thoughtful preparation of the liturgy and to our students and staff for leading the readings and guiding us in prayer.

Looking ahead, we are excited for Catholic Education Week, which will take place from Sunday, 16 March, to Sunday, 23 March. This is a wonderful opportunity for schools to celebrate their Catholic identity. Our school leaders and Jubilee Ambassadors will be attending the Mass of Saint Patrick for Schools, on Friday 21st March. In recognition of Holy Eucharist School's 50th Anniversary this year, one of our students will proudly carry the 50th Anniversary Placard during the Mass. Additionally, our school has been invited to lead the Procession of School Banners and read a Prayer of the Faithful petition—a great honour for our community.

On a more solemn note, we learned last week that Father Peter Carrucan passed away peacefully after a short illness at St Joseph's, Little Sisters of the Poor. Fr Peter served as the parish priest at Holy Eucharist for 20 years. He was a remarkable man who dedicated his life to serving God and supporting those in need within our parish and school community. Father Peter's funeral will be held at St John the Baptist Catholic Church, 61 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill, on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 10:30 am. Fr Peter will be dearly missed by many.

Wishing you all a restful weekend. God bless!

NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 10/03/25 – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Michael Bonnici

Principal

principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au



IN LOVING MEMORY OF FR PETER FRANCIS CARRUCAN

(23rd February 1932 – 27th February 2025)

It is with sadness that I share the news of the passing of Fr Father Peter Carrucan, former Parish Priest. Father Peter arrived at Holy Eucharist Parish, St Albans South, in 1992 and served as the parish priest until 2010.

Fr Peter celebrated sacraments for students at Holy Eucharist School as well as those attending state schools. He also introduced the Liturgy of the Word for children at the 11 a.m. Sunday Masses, allowing primary school children to celebrate and reflect on the Gospel in an age-appropriate way.

In 1993, Fr Peter appointed John Steele as principal of Holy Eucharist Primary School. Together, they oversaw the school's refurbishment that same year, along with various building projects over the years. In 2006, the temporary classrooms at the back of the school were demolished and replaced with two new classrooms. The building was later named the "Peter Carrucan" Building.

During his time at Holy Eucharist, Fr Peter showed great compassion and care for those in need and those who were sick. He ministered to the sick at Sunshine Hospital, Grantham Green Nursing Home and Westside Lodge Aged Care. The parish motto, "We Welcome the Stranger," was developed during his time at Holy Eucharist.

In February 1996, Fr Peter asked parishioners and volunteers to assist him in setting up a food bank to support refugees arriving in Melbourne. The food bank provided them with a welcoming food parcel and helped them find temporary accommodation. Fr Peter lived out the parish motto diligently, feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, and comforting those who were grieving.

Always responding to calls for help, Fr Peter sought the support of every available service. He introduced a NILS (No Interest Loan Scheme), allowing refugees to borrow money without interest and repay it over time. With permission from the Archdiocese, he financed the purchase of a house to provide temporary accommodation for homeless families. He also appealed to parishioners for clothing, food, and other assistance to support newly arrived refugees in any way possible.

Even after retiring as Holy Eucharist's Parish priest in 2010, Fr Peter continued to "Welcome the Stranger". His passion for supporting those seeking refuge never wavered.

On the evening of Thursday 27th February 2025, Father Peter passed away peacefully at 93 years of age at St Joseph's Little Sisters of the Poor after a short illness. Fr Peter was a role model for our community, embodying the gospel values of respect and dignity. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Matt 25:35-36). He will be deeply missed by many.

Rest in Peace Fr Peter.



REMINDER - 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!**



IMPORTANT REMINDER

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.**



Brimbank Council has notified the school that parents are blocking Oleander and Chedgely Drive with their vehicle. Please remember that it is illegal to block the road with your car!

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.



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

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: 16–23 MARCH 2025

This year, all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne will celebrate Catholic Education Week 2025 from 16 to 23 March.

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2025 is 'Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you (Is 60: 1)' which draws from the motto of the Holy Year, the Year of Jubilee, and the Australian Catholic Youth Festival's theme – 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

Our school leaders and Jubilee Ambassadors will be attending the Mass of Saint Patrick for Schools, on Friday 21st March. In recognition of Holy Eucharist School's 50th Anniversary this year, one of our students will proudly carry the 50th Anniversary Placard during the Mass. Additionally, our school has been invited to lead the Procession of School Banners and read a Prayer of the Faithful petition—a great honour for our community.



GRADE 5 CAMP

The Grade 5s will be attending **Gundiwindi Lodge** on **Monday 17th March until Wednesday 19th March 2025**. The campsite is less than 50kms from Melbourne and is situated on the border of Wandin North and Silvan, Victoria. Gundawindi has the most spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and bushland where the students can connect with nature and have a true 'bush' experience.

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

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.



SCHOOL LEADERS

A big congratulations to our School Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains and Jubilee Ambassadors! Our Year 6 students were invited to apply for the leadership positions, and we were truly impressed by their enthusiasm and dedication. The students we interviewed demonstrated a strong passion for leadership and a genuine commitment to being positive role models for their peers.

We are proud to announce our:

School Captains:

- **School Captains:** Andrae (6KB) and Athena (6KB)
- **Vice Captains:** Ayden (6H/M) and Jazlyn (6JC)

Sport Captains:

- **Stevens (Red):** Rosaria 6H/M and William 6JC
- **Clarke (Blue):** Narcissa 6H/M and Thawng 6JC
- **Taylor (Green):** Imeelya 6KB and Deng 6KB
- **Padley (Yellow):** Destiny 6H/M and Reuben 6KB

Jubilee Ambassadors:

- Rosaria 6H/M (Student)
- Mr Dion Xuereb (Staff)



Congratulations to our student leaders and Jubilee Ambassadors! We look forward to seeing them embrace their roles and contribute to our school community.

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 Week 5: Jasmine Week 6: Ella	Prep SG Week 5: Sao Week 6: Celine	Prep JB Week 5: Jakob Week 6: Queenie		
Year 1DX Week 5: Alice Week 6: Mia	Year 1JL Week 5: Seayoo Week 6: Ivy	Year 1JD Week 5: Marcus Week 6: Minh Khue		
Year 2TN Week 5: Vincent Week 6: Timothy	Year 2CG Week 5: Piath Week 6: Joseph	Year 2MJ Week 5: Tommy Week 6: Alexander		
Year 3AL Week 5: Peter Week 6: Zachary	Year 3AC Week 5: Michael Week 6: Maria	Year 3S/B Week 5: Leonard Week 6: Grace		
Year 4ZG Week 5: Michael Week 6: Monica	Year 4SN Week 5: Kaitlyn Week 6: Kylie	Year 4BM Week 5: Ariam Week 6: Xin		Year 4ER Week 5: Ryan P Week 6: Rebal
Year 5RM Week 5: Abigayl Week 6: Dion	Year 5JM Week 5: Olivia Week 6: Lina	Year 5JD Week 5: Simon Week 6: Mi Vi		Year 5ML Week 5: Khamh Week 6: Alisa
Year 6JC Week 5: Jazlyn Week 6: Sharon	Year 6H/M Week 5: Mimosa Week 6: Aidan	Year 6KB Week 5: Athena Week 6: John		

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

"The School Advisory Council is a living expression of the principle of subsidiarity in action and is informed by the theology and vision articulated in the MACS Statement of Mission and Working Together in Mission charter. In this light, School Advisory Councils play such a crucial role in the governance framework of MACS..."

The parish priest and school principal hold distinctive roles of leadership in their parish and school communities, and therefore it is essential that they work collaboratively to ensure that the relationship between parish and school is central to providing the religious leadership necessary for the success of the mission (Working Together in Mission, p. 1).

Holy Eucharist School's School Advisory Council is currently seeking council members from the school/parish community. No expertise is required, just a desire to represent and give voice to the school/parish body in advising the principal about important matters particularly related to the school's ongoing desire to provide the best possible education for our children.

If you are a member of the parish and/or have children in the school and wish to be part of the School Advisory Council, we welcome your application in writing to Mr Michael Bonnici (Principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au)

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th March 2025

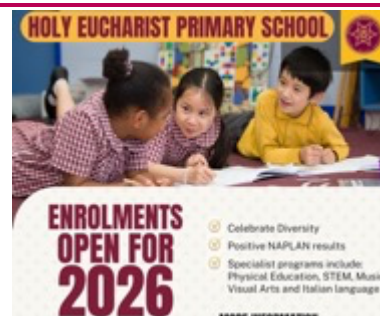


PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2026 - NOW OPEN

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.



Mr Michael Bonnici

Principal

principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

ITALIAN (LOTE)

This month in Italian, we are celebrating Carnevale. An important Italian festival that takes place before Lent begins. The students in Grade Prep made some colourful masks and Grade 3 created their own. It was a fun day. Era divertente.

Signora Rosevear
Italian Teacher

yve.rosevear@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au



FAMILY PICNIC - 2025



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

Principal: Mr Michael Bonnici

8312 0900

www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

20 Chedgley Dr, St Albans South



SCAN ME



ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Fees for 2025

School Fees for 2025 are \$1,140.00 per family.
Per Capita fees for 2025 are \$150.00 per child.
This includes \$30.00 Sport Fees.
Excursion Fees for 2025 are \$35.00 per child.

Camp Fees for 2025

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 school fees

If there is any family that has any financial concerns or queries, please contact me on 8312 0900.

Sue Smart
Business Manager

suzanne.smart@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

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.



IMPORTANT DATES:

9 Mar, Sun

10 Mar, Mon

12 Mar - 14 Mar

13 Mar, Thu

16-23 Mar

16 Mar, Sun

17 - 19 Mar

17-21 Mar

17 Mar, Mon

17 Mar, Mon

19 Mar, Wed

20 Mar, Thu

21 Mar, Fri

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Labour Day (Public Holiday)

NAPLAN 2025 Begins

St Albans Secondary College visit Year 6

Catholic Education Week

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Year 5 Camp - Gundiwindi Lodge

NAPLAN Catch-up testing

St Patrick's Day

Year 3 Science Discovery Dome Incursion

Feast of St Joseph

Year 1 excursion - Scienceworks

Harmony Day

Mass of St Patrick for Schools

9-11am - Interschool Sport - Year 6 only

(HOME v Heights)

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

NAPLAN Testing window closes

Prep - Fun Fit incursion

Year 4 Melbourne Museum excursion

Year 2 Melbourne Museum excursion

Prep Parent Info session

9am - 10am & 5pm - 6pm

9-11am - Interschool Sport - Year 6 only

TBA (Finals)

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Boys Soccer Gala - Green Gully Reserve

Girls Soccer Gala - Green Gully Reserve

Term 1 Ends: Prep- Yr 2 finish at 2.25pm

Years 3 - 6 finish at 2.30pm

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.

