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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 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 Dumaguait & 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

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HOLY EUCHARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Third Sunday of Lent Year C

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (13:1-9)

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, "Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did."

He told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

It has been an extremely busy and productive term, with students actively engaged in class activities and meaningful learning experiences. Last week, our Year 3 and Year 5 students participated in NAPLAN, and this week, our Year 5s attended Gundiwindi camp, enjoying an enriching experience outside the classroom.

Catholic Education Week 2025 was a special highlight for our school community, as we celebrated 50 years of Catholic education at Holy Eucharist School. Our school leaders and Jubilee Ambassadors attended the Mass of Saint Patrick for Schools today. In recognition of our 50th Anniversary, our Student Jubilee Ambassador, Rosaria (6H/M), proudly carried the 50th Anniversary Placard during the Mass. Additionally, our school captains, Andre (6KB) and Athena (6KB), led the Procession of School Banners, while Sonia (6KB) had the honour of reading a Prayer of the Faithful petition.

Following the Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, students attended the 'Concert in the Park,' a joyful celebration of Catholic education. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Dion Xuereb (Staff Jubilee Ambassador) and Ms. Anne-Marie Conte for attending the ceremony and supervising our students.

This year, three artworks created by our students were selected for the Catholic Education Week, Creative Arts Exhibition. Last Friday, we were thrilled to learn that the judges recognised the outstanding artistic talent among our students. Jessica (5 ML) received a prestigious Creative Arts Award for her painting titled 'Hot African Festive Season.' A big congratulations to Jessica and to Mrs. Hickey, our Art teacher, for this wonderful achievement!

Tomorrow, Holy Eucharist Parish will celebrate Harmony Day during the 6:00 PM Mass. It will be another memorable occasion, where Aiden (Grade 6H/M) will represent our school during the liturgy. After Mass, there will be food and entertainment for our community to enjoy together. All are welcome!

Wishing you all a restful weekend. God bless!

Michael Bonnici

Principal

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CHURCH DRIVEWAY

Last week, I received a phone call from Brimbank City Council regarding parents blocking Oleander and Chedghey Drive. The council has advised that this is illegal, as it is occurring due to parents/carers leaving their cars unattended in the church driveway. **The parking inspector will issue fines to drivers who are not adhering to the road rules.**

Unfortunately, if this issue continues, we will have no choice but to permanently close the church drop-off zone. This situation not only disrupts traffic flow but also poses a serious safety risk. In times of emergency, it is critical that ambulance and fire services can access the site without obstruction. Additionally, blocking these areas impacts the surrounding properties and residents.

At the end of last year, the Parish installed new parking spaces next to the drop-off zone for staff working in the Parish office. **Please note that these spaces are reserved for Parish staff only and are not to be used by the school community.**

We are working to make this drop-off zone as safe as possible for our students and the wider community. To assist with this, I have instructed our maintenance officer to help supervise the area during morning drop-off and at home time pick-up.

I kindly ask for your cooperation in adhering to these parking rules. **If this issue persists, we will have no alternative but to close the driveway permanently.**

Thank you for your attention and support in ensuring the safety of our school community.



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

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!**



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: 16-23 MARCH 2025

This week is Catholic Education Week. 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). This theme draws from the motto of the Holy Year, the Year of Jubilee, and the Australian Catholic Youth Festival's theme of "Pilgrims of Hope."

Our school leaders and Jubilee Ambassadors attended the Mass of Saint Patrick for Schools today. In recognition of Holy Eucharist School's 50th Anniversary this year, one of our students proudly carried the 50th Anniversary Placard during the Mass. Additionally, our school led the Procession of School Banners and read a Prayer of the Faithful petition—a great honour for our community.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK – CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITION

As part of the festivities, Catholic schools in the Archdiocese were invited to participate in the annual Creative Arts Exhibition, which showcases the wonderful artwork of primary and secondary students in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The exhibition, held at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne, will run from Sunday, 16 March, to Saturday, 22 March, and is open to the general public.

Out of nearly 400 submissions, three students' artworks from our school have been selected for the 2025 Catholic Education Week Creative Arts Exhibition. A big congratulations to:

- Amelia (Year 4)
- Jessica V (Year 4)
- Angela (Year 6)

Last Friday, we were delighted to hear that the Catholic Education Week Creative Arts Exhibition judges recognised the outstanding artwork among our students. Jessica's entry, titled Hot African Festive Season, was selected as one of this year's award recipients for a prestigious Creative Arts Award.

A big congratulations to Jessica and to Mrs. Hickey, our Art teacher, for this wonderful achievement!





Fr. Peter Carrucan

Born
23rd February 1932

Died
27th February 2025



FUNERAL – FATHER PETER CARRUCAN

Father Peter Carrucan, former Parish Priest of Holy Eucharist, passed away on 27th February 2025. His funeral was held at St John the Baptist Church in Clifton Hill on Tuesday 13th March 2025. The church and hall were at full capacity. This is a true testament to the profound impact Fr Peter had on many lives.



Natalie Suleyman MP spoke in parliament about Fr Peter's contributions to the local community. She also acknowledged the passing of Fr John O'Reilly, former parish priest at Sacred Heart, who passed away in February this year and was recognised for his significant contributions to the people St Albans.

"I rise today to honour Father Peter Carrucan, who passed away peacefully on Thursday 27 February 2025 at the age of 93. In 1996 Father Peter founded the Holy Eucharist Loaves and Fishes foodbank to assist those in need. This service continues to grow, feeding the most vulnerable in our community. I also would like to acknowledge the passing of Father John O'Reilly. Father John served as the parish priest for over 50 years at Sacred Heart in St Albans. The legacies of Father John and Father Peter live on, and we are grateful for their contributions to our community. May they rest in peace (Natalie Suleyman MP).



Last week, our graduate teachers and our Deputy Principal, attended a Commissioning Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral and had the opportunity to meet other graduate teachers within Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS).

Last Friday, Beatrice and I had the opportunity to attend the Graduate Commissioning Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. With the Archbishop celebrating the Mass and the St Joseph's School choir singing beautifully, it all made for a celestial experience. A great way to begin our journey as teachers is looking to our Creator. We also attended the Graduate Induction Program with other graduate teachers from different Catholic schools in Melbourne. Here we heard seminars from the directors of Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools speaking on classroom management, the purpose of religious education, and managing our health and wellbeing as teachers. Overall, it was a fantastic and insightful day for us. It offered an opportunity to network and grow in our confidence as teachers seeking to connect with and empower our students (Celine Goulding – Year 2 Teacher).



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 7: Kevin Week 8: Lucas	Prep SG Week 7: Thien Week 8: Emmy	Prep JB Week 7: Lucas Week 8: Nathan		
Year 1DX Week 7: Giovanni Week 8: Hanna	Year 1JL Week 7: William Week 8: Jasmine	Year 1JD Week 7: Madeleine Week 8: John		
Year 2TN Week 7: Lisa Week 8: Sui	Year 2CG Week 7: Phuc Week 8: Sophie	Year 2MJ Week 7: Tony Week 8: Ken		
Year 3AL Week 7: Quoc Week 8: Alpha	Year 3 AC Week 7: Billy Week 8: Amy	Year 3S/B Week 7: Deng Week 8: Hanna		
Year 4ZG Week 7: Mercylin Week 8: Winston	Year 4SN Week 7: Ryan T Week 8: Elayne	Year 4BM Week 7: Robert Week 8: Quyen		Year 4ER Week 7: Alaska Week 8: Linh
Year 5RM Week 7: - Week 8: -	Year 5JM Week 7: Kiera Week 8: -	Year 5JD Week 7: Tommy Week 8: -		Year 5ML Week 7: Amelia Week 8: Kevin
Year 6JC Week 7: Linh Week 8: Thawng	Year 6H/M Week 7: Solyana Week 8: Phoebe	Year 6KB Week 7: Skyrik Week 8: Sonia		

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)



EASTER EGG RAFFLE

We are asking each family to please donate an easter egg towards our Easter Egg Raffle. The money raised from the Easter Egg Raffle will go towards purchasing resources/equipment for the school.

The Easter Egg Raffle will be held at the end of Term 1, during our Easter Hat Parade. There will be more details to follow in the coming weeks. Thank you for supporting our school fundraising.



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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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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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 Gr. 3, 4 & 6 are included in the fees
If there is any family that has any financial concerns or queries, please contact me on 8312 0900.

SCHOOL SAVING BONUS FOR 2025

Students eligible for CSEF in 2025 will receive the one off \$400 assistance to help cover costs of school uniforms (including black school shoes), textbooks, excursions and activities.

Parents/carers must provide the school with a valid receipt from PSW for school uniforms purchased in 2025. This also applies to black school shoes that are a part of the school uniform.

Please note, that this does not include runners. As soon as the school receives your valid receipt, the amount up to \$400 will be deducted from school fees.

Schools are not permitted to refund these amounts in cash.

If you have any queries, please email the principal principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au or contact the school office.

Sue Smart

Business Manager

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IMPORTANT DATES:

21 Mar, Fri	Mass of St Patrick for Schools 9-11am - Interschool Sport – Year 6 (HOME v Heights)
23 Mar, Sun	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
24 Mar, Mon	NAPLAN Testing window closes
25 Mar Tue	Prep - Fun Fit incursion Year 4 Melbourne Museum excursion Year 2 Melbourne Museum excursion Prep Parent Info session 9am - 10am & 5pm - 6pm
26 Mar Wed	9-11am - Interschool Sport - Year 6 only
27 Mar, Thu	TBA (Finals)
28 Mar, Fri	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
30 Mar, Sun	Boys Soccer Gala - <i>Green Gully Reserve</i>
31 Mar, Mon	Girls Soccer Gala - <i>Green Gully Reserve</i>
3 Apr, Thu	Term 1 Ends: Prep- Yr 2 finish at 2.25pm
4 Apr, Fri	Years 3 – 6 finish at 2.30pm
6 Apr, Sun	Daylight Saving Ends
18 Apr, Fri	Good Friday
20 Apr, Sun	Easter Sunday
21 Apr. Mon	Easter Monday Holiday – School Closed
22 Apr, Tues	Term 2 Begins – Students return to school



**PLEASE DONATE
EASTER EGGS FOR
OUR RAFFLE ON
FRI, APRIL 4TH**

Raffle tickets will be sold at school with raffle booklets available at the office

Please send in new packages of chocolate eggs/Easter gifts with your child over the next few weeks.

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,
We are asking for donations of Easter eggs or Easter gifts to create hampers for our Easter Raffle which will be held on the last day of school this term, Friday, April 4th, along with our annual Easter Bonnet Parade.

Raffle tickets will be sold at school and booklets will come home with the eldest student by the end of this week to be sold for \$1 each.

Please send in new packages of Easter chocolates or Easter gifts over the next week up until Friday, March 28th when we will start wrapping the hampers up.

Your generosity is much appreciated,

Mrs Crystal Carmuciano

Family School Partnerships & Wellbeing Leader

crystal.carmuciano@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

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.



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Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: School Saving Bonus

In 2024, the Victorian Government announced its School Saving Bonus (SSB), which provides eligible families attending non-government schools with one-off \$400 assistance to help them cover the costs of school uniforms, textbooks, excursions and activities.

Only students receiving the means-tested Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) in 2025 are eligible for this additional support.

I am writing to you because you are eligible to receive this Victorian Government cost-of-living relief.

What is the School Saving Bonus (SSB)?

The School Saving Bonus is **not** a direct cash payment. It is applied to your school account to help you cover the costs of:

- Camps, excursions, and incursions
- Swimming and sporting programs
- Outdoor education activities
- Graduation costs
- School uniforms from approved uniform suppliers only (generic brands from retailers such as Kmart or Target **are not eligible**).
- Black School Shoes as per image



This does not include Runners

The SSB **cannot be used for** before/after school care, sacramental programs, or general classroom materials.

How does it work?

You won't receive a direct cash payment.

The \$400 SSB will be used to directly help cover the cost of camp levies and/or other activities listed above. For other approved expenses such as school uniforms, the amount will be credited to your family's account when you provide Holy Eucharist School with a valid tax receipt and, if you're an eligible recipient of the [MACS Concessional Fee Policy](#), this will reduce the total Concessional Fee owed.

What do you need to do?

When purchasing uniforms, textbooks, or other eligible school items outlined above:

1. Ensure you obtain a tax receipt from the store where you have purchased eligible items.
2. Advise our school administration office which costs you'd like your SSB payment applied to from the list outlined above. Please note that we will prioritise claiming the highest value items/activities first.
3. Give the tax receipt for your eligible purchases to our school administration office. The amount will be applied to your family's account.

If you did not receive or keep a receipt at the time you purchased school uniforms that you wish to claim, contact the retailer and ask for a copy of your receipt.

We will process a credit to your school account based on the amount spent, up to \$400.

If you do not use the whole \$400 in 2025, it can be carried forward to the 2026 school year. If your child transfers to another MACS school, any unused funds will be transferred with them.

If you have any questions, you are most welcome to contact me on principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au.

Regards,

Michael Bonnici
Principal