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Mass Times:

<u>Tuesday – Friday: </u>9am (English)

Saturday: 6pm (English)

7:30pm (Vietnamese)

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

12pm (Vietnamese)

<u>Prep:</u> Samenta Ganeshanantham, Juliana Bizjak & Thy Tran

Grade 1: Dion Xuereb, Jo Dragovic & Jin-Young Lee, **Grade 2:** Mary James, Thilini Nanayakkara & Celine Goulding

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

<u>Grade 4:</u> Elise Ring, Beatrice Mariano, Stefany Nemet & Zachary Gordon

<u>Grade 5:</u> Julie Murnane, Raquel McClurg, Janelle

Dumaguit & Matthew Laureano

<u>Grade 6:</u> Kathryn Barrie, Jacelle Cablao, & Michael

Higgins/Kathleen Morrison

Education in Faith Leader: Anne-Marie Conte

Learning & Teaching Leader: Erin McNally

<u>Literacy Leader/Intervention:</u> Jane Hurren <u>Literacy Intervention:</u> Karen Colman.

Maths Leader/Tutoring P-6: Erin McNally

Maths Intervention: Maryanne Camilleri

Intervention: Allison Diaco

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Family & Community Engagement/Wellbeing Leader: Crystal Carmuciano

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<u>School Counsellor</u>: 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

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Sarah Xuereb, Rita Zammit,

<u>Cleaners:</u> June Balatbat & Maria Attard <u>School Maintenance:</u> Peter Buttigieg



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The Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C

⚠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (8:1-11).

Jesus went to the Mount of Olíves. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

We have come to the end of Term 1, and I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey of learning and growth our students have embarked upon over the past weeks.

Catholic Education Week 2025 was a highlight for our school community, marked by a beautiful Mass of St. Patrick at the Cathedral. Our student leaders/captains and Jubilee Ambassadors attended the Mass of St. Patrick for Schools. Our Year 6 students represented us well by taking part in the banner procession and by reading a prayer of the faithful during the liturgy. At the cathedral, they also unveiled the new religious icon of St. Patrick.

Each year, during Catholic Education Week, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools holds an art exhibition. I am pleased to advise that Jessica Vo's (5ML) painting, titled 'Hot African Festive Season,' won the prestigious Creative Arts Award! Ms. Conte and I attended the award ceremony last Sunday, together with Jessica and her family. A big congratulations to Jessica and to Mrs. Hickey, our art teacher, for this wonderful achievement!

A fortnight ago, Holy Eucharist Parish celebrated Harmony Day at the 6:00 pm Mass on Saturday night. Ms. Conte and Aiden from Year 6H/M represented our school by reading during the liturgy. It was wonderful to see so many of our students attending the Mass.

In the second week of the holidays, we will enter Holy Week. To prepare ourselves, each class was assigned a Station of the Cross and was responsible for preparing a piece of artwork to represent that station. During this week, the entire school participated in a Lenten pilgrimage, visiting all 14 Stations displayed around the school. As the students followed the stations, they took part in prayer and reflection. Tomorrow, at 1:45 pm, before the students break up for the term, we will have our Easter Bonnet Parade on the oval. Prizes will be awarded to students in each year level. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. At the end of the parade, we will draw the Easter raffle. A big thank you to all our families who donated Easter eggs for the raffle. We had an overwhelming response this year!

- Please remember:
 Friday, 4th April is Casual Clothes Day (gold coin donation).
 - Students will finish school early on Friday, 4th April: 2:25 pm for students in Prep to Grade 3 and 2:30 pm for students in Grades 4 to 6.
 - The school will be **closed on Monday**, **21st April 2025** for Easter Monday (public holiday).
 - Students will return to school for Term 2 on Tuesday, 22nd April 2025.
 - The school will be closed on Friday, 25th April 2025 for ANZAC Day (public holiday).

I hope you all have a very happy Easter and a safe, restful break. I look forward to seeing you all in Term 2. God bless!

Michael Bonnici

Principal

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EDUCATE



CHURCH DRIVEWAY

In our previous newsletters, I mentioned that a number of parents and carers have been leaving their cars unattended in the church driveway.

Unfortunately, we had no choice but to close the church drop-off zone in the afternoon and reopen it, under supervision, from 3:05pm to 3:30pm. This measure is necessary to prevent people from parking in the driveway, which not only disrupts traffic flow but also poses a serious safety risk. We must keep in mind that, in the event of an emergency, ambulance and fire services must be able to access the site without obstruction.

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

I kindly ask for your cooperation in adhering to these parking rules. If parents and carers do not comply, 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.

EASTER BONNET PARADE AND EASTER RAFFLE

Friday 4th April is the last day of Term 1. We will be having the Easter Bonnet Parade on the school oval (depending on the weather) at 1:45pm and will be drawing the Easter Egg Raffle soon after. All parents/carers are welcome.

The students are encouraged to put on their creative thinking caps and design and make an Easter hat to wear in the parade. There will be prizes awarded on the day for the most colourful and the most creative hats.

Please note that on Friday 4th April:

- It will be a Casual Clothes Day gold coin donation.
- The students in Grade Prep, 1, 2 and 3 will be finishing school at 2:25pm (to alleviate the traffic congestion)
- The students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 will be finishing at 2:30pm
- After School Care will be available. Bookings are essential.

NB: All raffle tickets and money will need to be returned to school in time for the draw on Friday. Thank you for your support.



the Feast of Corpus Christi [Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Holy Eucharist)]. Please place this date in your diaries. There will be more information provided in the coming weeks!



CAMP AUSTRALIA - Out of Hours Care

If you need to go to work or have other commitments before 8:30am, then your child/ren will need to go to Before School Care. Camp Australia is contracted by the school to provide this service from 7am each day until 8:30am. After School Care is also available from 3:10am until 6pm. Parents/Carers will need to enrol their child prior to their child attending the service, which will incur a fee (Please note, you may be eligible to receive subsidies of up to 90% on Your OSHC fees with the Child Care Subsidy (CCS). We strongly recommend you apply for the CCS to determine your



For more information regarding Out of Hours Care (Camp Australia), please visit our school website for more information https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/before-after-school-care/

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS - ENDS 6th APRIL

Don't forget. Daylight Savings ends this weekend. In the early hours of Sunday, 6th April, clocks will move back one hour. The good news is, you will get to enjoy an extra hour of sleep this Sunday morning!



6 Apr

HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH – LENTEN AND EASTER TIMETABLE

Communal Reconciliation

Second Rite

Wed 9th April

English at 7:00pm

Thurs 10th April

•Vietnamese: at 7:30pm.



Palm Sunday Passion of the

Lord - Year C

 English at 5:00pm

 Vietnamese at 6:30pm

Sunday 13th April

• English: at 8.45am, 10:00am & 6:00pm

Vietnamese: at 12:00pm

Holy Thursday

Mass of The Lord's Supper

Saturday 12th April Thursday 17th April Friday 18th April

 English at 6:00pm

 Vietnamese at 8.30pm

Good Friday

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Stations of the Cross

•English at 10am Vietnamese at

Veneration of the

Cross

•English: at 3.00pm

11.30am

•Vietnamese: at 7.00pm

Easter Saturday

Easter Vigil

Saturday 19th April

Blessing of the Food

• 11.00am

• 3:30pm

The Resurrection of the Lord

- English: 5.00pm
- Vietnamese: 8.00pm



Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday 20th April

- English: at 8.45am, 10:00am & 6:00pm
- Vietnamese: 12:00pm







ALLISON DIACO

I would like to inform you that this is Allison's last week at school before she begins her parental leave. We are excited for Allison, Joe and their family as they embark on this special new chapter. We wish them all the best.

END OF TERM 1

Just a reminder that the <u>last day for Term 1 is on Friday 4th April 2025</u>.

- The students in Grade Prep, 1 and 2 will be finishing school at 2:25pm (to alleviate the traffic congestion)
- The students in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be finishing at 2:30pm
- After School Care will be available.

BEGINNING OF TERM 2

Term 2 resumes on Tuesday 22nd April 2025.

Please note:

- No School on Monday 21st April 2025 EASTER MONDAY (Public Holiday)
- No School on Friday 25th April 2025 ANZAC DAY (Public Holiday).

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 9: Angela Week 10: Mahlet | Prep SG Week 9: Leo Week 10: Daisy | Prep JB Week 9: Amen Week 10: Sofia | |
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| Year 1DX Week 9: Tracy Week 10: Matthew | Year 1JL Week 9: Benjamin Week 10: Sienna | <u>Year 1JD</u> Week 9: Harry Week 10: Kha | STUDENT |
| Year 2TN Week 9: Miriam Week 10: Jaxson | <u>Year 2CG</u> Week 9: Alyssa Week 10: David | <u>Year 2MJ</u> Week 9: Kim Week 10: Issac | THE |
| <u>Year 3AL</u> | <u>Year 3 AC</u> | <u>Year 3S/B</u> | WEEK |
| Week 9: Alex | Week 9: Frank | Week 9: Zion | |
| Week 10: Hannah | Week 10: Mikayla | Week 10: Hayley | |
| Year 4ZG | <u>Year 4SN</u> | <u>Year 4BM</u> | <u>Year 4ER</u> |
| Week 9: Tony | Week 9: Mia | Week 9: Gabriel | Week 9: Tri |
| Week 10: Mayla | Week 10: Anna | Week 10: Seal | Week 10: Jay |
| Year 5RM | <u>Year 5JM</u> | <u>Year 5JD</u> | <u>Year 5ML</u> |
| Week 9: Elen | Week 9: Yar | Week 9: Sean | Week 9: Jessica |
| Week 10: Mymy | Week 10: Bawitha | Week 10: Shalom | Week 10: Aliyah |
| <u>Year 6JC</u> | Year 6H/M | <u>Year 6KB</u> | |
| Week 9: Julia M | Week 9: Robert | Week 9: Rebecca | |
| Week 10: Sophia | Week 10: Eric | Week 10: Andrae | |

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/paris community. No expertise is required, just a desire to represent and give voice to the school/parish body in advisin 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*)

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.



ADVISORY

COUNCII

IMPORTANT DATES:

Term 1 Ends: Prep- Yr 2 finish at 2.25pm 4 Apr, Fri Years 3 - 6 finish at 2.30pm Daylight Saving Ends 6 Apr. Sun 18 Apr, Fri **Good Friday** 20 Apr, Sun **Easter Sunday** Easter Monday Holiday - School Closed 21 Apr, Mon Term 2 Begins – Students return to school 22 Apr. Tues 2nd Sunday of Easter 27 Apr, Sun 3rd Sunday of Easter 4 May, Sun

IMPORTANT SACRAMENT PREPARATION DATES:

4 May, Sun
6 May, Tue
10am Confirmation Presentation Mass (Gr 6)
6.30 pm Confirmation Family Information Session (Gr 6)
7 pm Sacrament of Confirmation
22 July, Tues 6.30 pm First Reconciliation Family Information Session (Gr 3)
29 July, Tues 6.30 pm First Communion Family Information Session (Gr 4)
5 Aug, Tues
6.30 pm Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Gr 3)
10am First Communion Presentation Mass (Gr 4)
10am Sacrament of First Communion (Gr 4)

Mr Michael Bonnici

Principal

Holy Eucharist School Lenten Pilgrimage 2025

(A journey with Jesus from Palm Sunday to Good Friday)



This year at Holy Eucharist School we created a **Lenten Pilgrimage** for our school community to journey through. 2025 is a Jubilee or Holy Year in the Catholic Church. The theme for this Jubilee Year is **Pilgrims of Hope**. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew our hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone".

Our pilgrimage at Holy Eucharist School includes opportunities for all pilgrims to pause, pray and reflect on the significant events that led up to and included the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. Staff and students worked on designing and producing artworks to focus on a designated event in Jesus' life. As you can see from these photos, the results are absolutely incredible! The artworks capture a depth of emotion that is beyond words.

I commend the staff and students for the effort that they put into creating masterpieces that enable all visitors/pilgrims to experience the final days of Jesus' life and support the prayer and reflection that the pilgrimage was designed for.

We hope that you had a chance to witness and participate in our Lenten Pilgrimage.

Anne-Marie Conte

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CHANGES TO STUDENT REPORTING FOR MATHEMATICS

This year, there will be changes to student reporting for mathematics in Victorian government and MACS (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools) schools.

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) recently published its revised mathematics curriculum (Mathematics curriculum 2.0).

All Victorian schools will start using the Mathematics curriculum 2.0 in 2025. At Holy Eucharist we are using the revised mathematics curriculum for school reporting, from Semester 1 2025.

On your child's previous report, the teacher reported against the 3 strands of the achievement standard for mathematics (Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability). Under the Mathematics curriculum 2.0, your child's teacher will report against the achievement standard as a whole, providing a single, aggregated score.

A five-point scale is included in every student report, this will provide more detail on your child's learning in mathematics, rating the quality of their achievement in different areas of the mathematics curriculum against the achievement standards.

As the achievement standards reported on have changed, the first time you receive a report under the Mathematics 2.0 curriculum, it will only show achievement and not progress. For all reports after this, progress will be shown against the single achievement standard.

The VCAA made these changes to help teachers plan their teaching and learning programs in mathematics, giving them more flexibility to support students to link ideas within mathematics and also with other curriculum areas.

For further information, refer to the department's policy on <u>Reporting Student Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10</u>. If you have any queries about your child's report, please contact our Learning and Teaching/Numeracy Leader (Erin McNally) by phone: on 83120900 or by email: <u>erin.mcnally@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au</u>

Ms Erin McNally

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FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

FUNDRAISER FOR MERCY PALLIATIVE CARE

Last week, we presented Mrs Jenni Zerafa, a staff member from Mercy Palliative Care, with a donation of \$747.25. These funds were raised by our school community, in memory of Father O'Reilly, through toy sales at our Family School Picnic earlier this term. Jenni told the school captains and vice captains that this money will go towards assisting patients in palliative care in the local community.

In the mid-1980s, as reported in the Brimbank North-West Star Weekly newspaper, "Fr O'Reilly saw a "critical gap" in palliative care and services for the terminally ill. With his characteristic resolve, he spearheaded the establishment of the Mercy Hospice within 12 months, offering comfort and dignity to those in need. His ability to translate faith into action truly reflected the words of St Mary MacKillop: Never see a need without doing something about it."

Our School Captains and Vice Captains proudly handed over the donation certificate today. The students were presented with a certificate of thanks from Mercy Palliative Care for our school in recognition of our generous donation.

EASTER BONNET PARADE AND RAFFLE

Just a reminder that our annual Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Raffle are being held on the school oval on the last day of school, Friday, April 4th from 1:45pm.

Students will have an early dismissal that day from the oval Prep - Year 3 at 2:25pm and Year 4 - Year 6 at 2:30pm. Students can wear casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of colourful and creative Easter Bonnets so start making your hat and get that glue gun working (with parent supervision of course!).

We have lots of great Easter hampers ready for the raffle, so don't forget to buy tickets! There are more booklets available in the office (\$1 each). The last day to buy tickets is Thursday, April 3rd.

Please write your child's name and class on each ticket. All proceeds go towards school resources.

Mrs Crystal Carmuciano

Family and Community Engagement/Wellbeing Leader crystal.carmuciano@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au



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 <u>principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au</u> or contact the school office.

Sue Smart

Business Manager

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Book a tour by scanning the QR code or visiting the link above

For any questions, please contact registrar@cccc.vic.edu.au or call (03) 9296 5311 today.

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 https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au



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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.

