DIARY DATES FOR TERM 2

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Staff Professional Development Day.
School Closure day: Monday July, 18th.
Please mark your diary

PRAAYER

World Environment Day
Sunday 5th June, 2016

Saint Francis's Canticle of All Creatures

Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord,
all praise is Yours, all glory, all honour and all blessings. To you alone, Most High, do they belong, and
no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your Name.
Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures, especially Brother Sun, who is the day through whom
You give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour, of You Most High, he bears the
likeness.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in the heavens you have made them bright,
precious and fair.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, and fair and stormy, all weather's moods, by
which You cherish all that You have made.
Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water, so useful, humble, precious and pure. Praised be You my
Lord through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night and he is beautiful and playful and robust
and strong.
Praised be You my Lord through our Sister, Mother Earth who sustains and governs us, producing varied
fruits with coloured flowers and herbs.

Praise be You my Lord through those who grant pardon for love of You and bear sickness and trial.
Blessed are those who endure in peace, By You Most High, they will be crowned.

Heavenly Father, You gave Your servant Francis great love
for each of Your creatures.
Teach us to see Your design in all of creation.
We ask this in Jesus' Name.

Amen.

Saint Francis's Canticle of All Creatures
Dear Parents,

Confirmation

Congratulations to our Grade 6 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday. It was a very special day for our students and a beautiful liturgy. Special thanks to Bishop Elliott, Father Arthur and Father Williams who made the liturgy so spiritual and such a memorable event for students and the school community. We are very grateful to Bishop Elliott for confirming our students. Many thanks to all involved in the preparation of our students, especially Mrs O’Brien and the Grade 5/6 teachers.

Reconciliation

It was lovely to see our Grade 3 students receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday. Many thanks to our Grade 3/4 teachers who prepared the students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thank you Parent Helpers

We also thank our many families who prepared food and lunch for our students on their Sacramental Reflection days and made these days so enjoyable. We thank them for their on-going support to the school community.

Feast of the Sacred Heart

Today is the Feast of the Sacred Heart; it is a very special day in the church calendar and a special day for St. Gerard’s. Over the years we have always collected food for the community. I would personally like to thank all of our wonderful families at St. Gerard’s who are so very generous donating food to our appeal. This year we have managed to collect hundreds of food items which will be donated to the local St. Vincent De Paul. The whole school attended a beautiful liturgy to celebrate this special day.

Diary Notes

It is only three weeks till the end of term 2 and many things are happening in this short time. On Friday 10th the whole school will travel to Knox Park for Athletics day, it is always a wonderful day so please join us if you can. Reports will go out to parents in the last week of term and ‘Three Way Interviews’ will occur on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd. Please return your interview sheet as soon as possible. Term 2 will conclude on Friday 24th June at 2.30.

Regards,

Carol Stewart, Deputy Principal

School Fees were sent home today with your child, please check your child’s schoolbag. Please ensure you meet with your School Fee Agreement.

If your circumstances have changed, and you need to discuss these changes, just pop into the school office and see me.

Rachel Thoms - Bursar
First and foremost, thank you to Mrs Kelly Poynton for allowing me to coach the children for tee-ball. It was such a pleasure.

The day started well and ended well. Not once throughout the day did I have to use a supervisor or authoritative voice. Every single student behaved magnificently.

What was even more impressive is how the students demonstrated respect and good sportsmanship, not only for their fellow teammates, but for the other schools as well.

I was very pleased to see how well each student encouraged their teammates even if there was a ball missed or a runner who was tagged out. The entire team supported each other.

I had two friends of mine who represent Softball Victoria serving as second coach and official umpire as well to assist with a smooth daily operations. The students were respectful, fun and pleasant to be around.

I will have certificates of excellence for each of the thirteen students who played today ready next week. If possible, I would like to present the certificates to those magnificent children.

St. Gerard’s was well represented today by these thirteen students: Joe Fazio, Marie-Belle, Nirasha, Brijesh, Saaketh, Talei, Sojwala, Mi Chaela, Ben Allendes-Arias, Israel, Fulton, Alex Urriola and Adrian Tyrone.

Out of those students, a few stood out amongst all the others for superior leadership skills and pure raw talent. Those students are: Joe Fazio, Israel, Ben Allendes-Arias, Sojwala and Marie-Belle.

It was an absolute pleasure to share the day with these fine young people.

I will happily coach the tee-ball anytime.

Warm regards,
Brandi Rinaldi

Look at the amazing donations for needy families in our community for the Feast of the Sacred Heart!

What a wonderful School Community we have!

Thank you all so much!
Congratulations to the following children who have taken the next step in their Spiritual Journey.

**Confirmation Candidates**
- Teresa Joseph
- Emilie Skey
- Shania Assauw
- Nancy Jada
- Jessica Stefanovic
- Jonel Jimenez
- Olivia Soyza
- Rebecca Linnell
- Chelsea Skey
- Chloe Wong Mew Wah
- Sampras Kiriella
- Katelyn Trnka
- Fulton Dang
- Benjamin Allendes-Arias
- Nigel Perera
- Alex Urriola
- Israel Koi
- Marc Labour

**Reconciliation Candidates**
- Jason Assauw
- Nash Benedict
- Jessica Bonato
- Abbie Diaz
- Matthew Dinh
- Blayke Hudson’Ruiz
- Ishaan Ivan
- Junior Jada
- Doki Jada
- Juan Jimmy
- Max Lozina
- Liya Lyju
- Nivia Mendo-Fernandez
- Selena Rivalta
- Sean Thavarajah
- Alisha Torelli
- Alex Uzarevic
- Kyan Villalobos-Arias
- Keji Yloi
- Europa Toomalatai Ahvoo Ngan Woo
- Mercy Diyago
- Melissa Regi
- Sona Roby


St John’s Regional College is holding an evening of Twilight Tours on Tuesday 14th June, 2016 from 4pm until 6.30pm. This is an opportunity for parents and students alike to see what St John’s has to offer.

If you would like to attend this Twilight Tour, please contact the College directly on 9791 3366.