DIARY DATES FOR TERM 2

**JUNE**
- Mon 20th    World Refugee day
- Mon 20th –Fri 24th   Alpha Dental Van visiting in Parent Room
- Tues 21st    Parent Teacher 3 way Interviews
- Wed 22nd   Ride 2 School Day
- Thur 23rd  Parent Teacher 3 way Interviews
- Fri 24th      Last day of Term 2. Children finish at 2.30pm

**JULY**
- Mon 11th   First Day of Term 3
- Wed 13th   Sticks and Stones Whole school Incursion-more details to come!

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

PRAYER

The Mustard Seed

‘The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.’
(from Mark 4:31)

He also said, ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’

O God from everlasting to everlasting, God of our childhood, God of our future, we have come to this day and we give you praise. We praise you, aware that life is brief and our days are measured – as fragile as the grass and the flower in the song of the psalmist: ‘one gust of wind and their glory is gone’.

There are moments when we encounter you in the small and the ordinary, moments of grace when we glimpse you in what is earthy and transitory: in a glance, a sound, a symbol, a touch, in the fleeting moment filled with infinite grace, in the parables as we hear them again, and remember that, in these small things, we find echoes of your Kingdom.

If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you.

Oh God, from everlasting to everlasting, from whom we come and to whom we go, we have come to this day and we give you praise, Amen
Dear Parents,

We only have one week of term 2 left and it is going to be very busy for parents, students and teachers. The ‘Three Way Interviews’ between parent, student and teacher will occur on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd June.

Interview times have been sent home this week with your child so look out for your appointment time and if you cannot make this time please let the school know. Reports have gone home today with students so look out for them in your child’s bag.

**Term 2 will conclude on Friday 24th June at 2.30 and term 3 will commence on Monday 11th July.**

We wish Mrs Kelly Poynton who will be taking Maternity Leave from Friday, 24th June, 2016, the very best of luck! We thank Mrs Poynton for all of her hard work at St Gerard’s as she will be greatly missed!

Regards,
Carol Stewart, Deputy Principal

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Parents, it is imperative that you meet with the school fee agreement and that we keep communication lines open. If you wish to discuss or change your fee agreement just pop into the school office and see me.

Rachel Thoms - Bursar

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**Give Me Five Principal’s Award**

| Prep B     | Aimee Ann Joseph, Bhavya Bundas, Alessia Trovarelli, Levi Lopez |
| Prep F     | Anna Maria Jins, Martin Allendes Arias, Jovanna Lual, Amy Labour |
| 1/2 P      | Lochlann Gellie, Aloysius Alex, matthew gerges, Beyonca Nisanthan |
| 1/2 A      | Zion Poloie, Tharushi Hewarathubambarendage, Chris Majing, Janusha Jeyapragas |
| 1/2BT      | Mackenzie Perumal, Sneha Roby, Trinity Dang, Ann Maria Joseph |

**Silver Bands Tally**

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Congratulations everyone!!!!!  Well done!!!
Prep Enrolments for 2017 are now “OPEN”

If you have a child who will be turning 5 years of age on or before 30th April, 2017, they will be eligible to commence Primary School next year.

Please phone Kelli Jacobs for an application or for more information on 9791 7553 or email kjacobs@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au