DIARY DATES FOR TERM 3

AUGUST
Sun 21st Sacrament of the First Eucharist at 2pm in the Church
Mon 22nd - Fri 26th Book Week!!!
Thurs 25th Book Week Book Character Parade– Dress up as your favourite Book Character-All families are welcome to come!! (Please note change of day)
Fri 26th Eucharist Assembly at 2.45pm - All families are welcome to come along!
Tues 30th Father’s Activity Night. Please send your forms back ASAP

SEPTEMBER
Thurs 1st BUNNINGS/St Gerard’s Stall Father’s Day Family Night
More information coming soon!

ACTING PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear St Gerard’s Families,

MINI OLYMPICS
On Thursday we had our St. Gerard’s Mini Olympics. Students, parents and teachers had a fabulous day. We began in the school hall where the children were divided into twelve teams consisting of Prep to Grade 6 students. The students took an oath to be good sports and to try their best in their team. The students took part in various activities in the warm sunshine. All students were very well behaved and showed excellent team work and the Grade 6 students took on the leadership role of leading each team. For lunch most students had a Subway lunch! Looking at the weather today it was a great idea that we changed the day to Thursday and not rainy Friday.

NAPLAN RESULTS
This week we received the student’s NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) results. These results provide an indication of how well the literacy and numeracy skills of students are developing in Years 3 and 5. These results will be sent home today with the Grade 3 and 5 students. We will send home further information about the school’s overall results in the coming weeks, so keep a look out in the newsletter for these.

Regards,

Carol Stewart, Acting Principal

PRAYER

Give the Bread!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.

John 6:51

Give faith to those who are in doubt, give doubt to those who believe they possess you, for you alone, Lord, are the truth:

Jesus Christ, bread of life, we pray to you.

John 6:35
Child Safety Standards

Over the past few months our school staff have been learning about the 7 new Child Safety Standards. In addition we have written four new policies outlining how we keep children safe in our school:

- Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct
- Child Safety Policy
- Child Safety Statement
- Child protection – Reporting Obligations

These policies are now on the school website as well as in the school foyer. If you would like your own copies please complete the Reply slip below or call into the Office.

Name: ____________________________________________
Grade: ____________________________________________

Please supply me with the following policies (Please circle):
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Congratulations everyone!!!!!  Well done!!!

Look out Tokyo in 2020!!
YES!!!!! Matthew!!!!!

Daniel’s look of determination!!! Go Isabella!!!!!!!

Olympians in the making! Don’t drop it Lukas!!!!!!!
Whole School Living Rosary:
Please join us in celebrating The Living Rosary on the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thursday 8th September in the School Hall at 12:00.

Level Masses:
- Years 1/2: Thursday, 1st September at 9:15
- Years 3/4: Thursday, 15th September at 9:15. (Please note change of date)

Sacramental Dates for term 3
First Communion: Year 4
First Communion: Sunday, 21st August at 2pm (for Year 4)
First Communion Assembly: Friday 26th August at 2:30

Seasons - A Program for Grief and Loss
Seasons is a peer support program for children and young people who are experiencing grief and loss in their lives. This loss may be the result of a death, separation or divorce. This valuable program is available in term 3.
If you have any questions about the program, please don’t hesitate to speak to Mrs Stack.

Other important dates:
- Level Talent Quest Auditions: Wednesday, 14th September

Rosary
Each Tuesday we have a group that comes together to pray the rosary in the Church at first lunch, led by Jenny Gelderbloem from the Parish. Children are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring their own Rosary beads if they have them. Otherwise, Rosary beads will be provided.

Altar boy training
The boys are trained by Frederick Maroun and supervised by Ron Maroun at St Gerard’s Church each Thursday from 5.30-6.30pm. If any other boys are interested in training please let me know.

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@sgdandennongnth.catholic.edu.au