FOOTY DAY!!

Well it’s that time of the year again when we celebrate the end of the Footy Season. Each year the children celebrate this Aussie cultural event with a Footy Day dress up parade and AFL activities.

Yesterday we also celebrated with a Subway lunch which was enjoyed by all!

Thank you families for supporting our school and supporting our children with this event. The children had a wonderful time in their footy gear!

On Thursday the 15th September, it was Footy day! The whole school dressed up in their favourite team colours and had a big parade.

Collingwood had the most supporters!

After the Big Parade, we went and had a footy clinic lead by SEDA from Sporting Schools. We had an enthusiastic, energetic, fantastic lesson playing Octopus.

After that we went inside to do our Talent Quest Auditions. The teachers decided who would move into the finals. Finally, we had our delicious Subway Lunch.

This was a memorable day!

Ardra Puthanveettil 5/6 SR
and
Palak Walia 5/6 OV

Go Hawks for tonight!!!!!
To our St. Gerard’s Families,

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate Mrs Rodda on her appointment as Deputy Principal to St Luke’s in Wantirna. Mrs Rodda is a hard working, dedicated and much loved member of St. Gerard’s staff. She holds down many roles including Grade 5 / 6 teacher and leader, Learning and Teacher Leader and I.C.T Leader. She has also coordinated the school production for many years, has produced and overseen the student reports and has led the Grade 6 Graduation. Mrs. Rodda will certainly be missed at St. Gerard’s and we know she will do an excellent job at St. Luke’s. We wish her all the best and will miss her greatly.

Footy Fun Day

We had such a fabulous day on Thursday celebrating Aussie rules! Children and teachers came dressed in their favourite footy colours. We began with the children meeting in the hall and taking part in a parade to celebrate all of the teams. There was much singing and cheering for the teams. All of the children took part in a footy clinic run by Sporting Schools. We also had Subway for lunch! It certainly was another great day at St. Gerard’s.

School Production

We are all busy preparing for our 2016 school production called Money, Money, Money. It will be on Thursday 20th October at the school. All children will be involved in the production so please keep this date free. Tickets will go on sale during the first week of Term 4 and these will be on-line. Further information will be sent home on the first day of Term 4.

I hope you all have a wonderful break over the holidays with your family and come back ready for Term 4.

May God Bless you all and with kind regards from, Carol Stewart, Acting Principal

Footy Day 2016!!
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

Silver Bands Tally
3/4 SL 19
3/4 L 17
3/4 C 31
5/6 OV 6
5/6 SR 41

Congratulations everyone!!!!! Well done!!!

St Gerard’s Primary School Presents
MONEY MONEY MONEY
When: Thursday, 20th October, 2016
Time: 7.00pm
Where: St Gerard’s Parish Hall
71 Gladstone Road, Dandenong North

Booking Information will come on the first day of Term 4

St Gerard’s Parish Diamond Dinner Dance
When: Sat 22nd October 2016
7.00pm til 11.30pm
Where: Freccia Azzurra, 784 -796 Springvale Rd, Braeside.
Dress: Ladies – Cocktail dress/gown Men – Lounge suit & tie
Tickets: $55 Per Head Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks included in ticket price.
Featuring Live Music and a Three Course Dinner.
Rachael Blackburn 0413 191 190
Angele Pacifique 0411 578 404
Andrew Vacarro 0404 390 824

Give Me Five Principal’s Award
Prep B Bhavya Bundas, Nelson Thearath
Prep F Shawn Kistoo, Jovanna Lual, Hope Donovan
1/2 P Devmi Kulasinghe, Joann Jackson
1/2 A Arielle Punsalan, Charlie Ashweel
1/2BT Emmanuel Biju, Jacob Poloie, Anna Maria Jins

School Hours
8.45am First Bell - Children to Classrooms
11.05am -11.45am - 1st Lunch break
1.50pm - 2.30pm - 2nd Lunch break
3.30pm - Dismissal
Children need to be at school at 8.45am and ready to begin class at 8.50pm

Term Dates
Term 3:
Monday,11th July-Friday,16th September

Term 4:
Monday, 4th October
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**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.

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**WEEKLY PRAYER**

**Justice And Peace in the World**

A Reading from the Gospel of John. (Jn 3:16-17)

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost, but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

For all who face difficulty and suffering at this time.
May the cross of Christ inspire us.
For those persecuted unjustly.
May the passion of Christ heal us.
For those who are afraid.
May the love of Christ protect us.
For those feeling overwhelmed by their ‘crosses.’
May the arms of Christ enfold us.

Compassionate God, may our imitation of the selfless loving of your Son Jesus Christ, lighten our burdens, strengthen our faith and inspire us to be hopeful witnesses to your saving love.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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**St Gerard Majella Feast Day**

**Sunday, 16th October, 2016**

Father Brendan Arthur cordially invites all students and their families to share in the celebration of Mass dedicated to our Patron Saint on the 60th Anniversary of St Gerard’s Church in North Dandenong.

We will be commencing our Feast Day celebrations with a special Mass conducted by Bishop Elliott at 10.30am. Children are required to wear their **FULL SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM (NOT THE SPORT UNIFORM)**

After the Mass is celebrated there will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the block immediately following the 10.30am Mass.

Lunch will follow the procession in the Parish Hall. (Please BYO a plate of food to share)

*It would be wonderful to see all families represented at this 10.30 Mass on Sunday 16th October, 2016*