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14TH OCTOBER, 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER
Sun 16th  Feast of St Gerard Mass
10.30am. All children are
required to be at this
Mass
Thurs  Regional Grand Final for
Basketball & Volleyball
Thur 20th  School Production at 7pm
Sat 22nd  St Gerard’s Parish
Diamond Anniversary
Dinner Dance.
Mon 24th  Grades 1 & 2 excursion
to the Melbourne
Museum
Tues 25th  St Patrick’s Mission
Mass
Tues 25th  First Prep Orientation
Day for Prep 2017
Mon 31st  SCHOOL CLOSURE
DAY

NOVEMBER
Tues 1st  MELBOURNE CUP DAY
SCHOOL CLOSED

UNIFORM SHOP

Open in the Parish Hall each
Monday from
8.30am—10.00am

St Gerard’s Catholic
Primary School
Presents
MONEY MONEY
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When: Thursday, 20th October, 2016
Time: 7.00pm
Where: St Gerard’s Parish Hall

How: Online bookings ONLY

https://www.trybooking.com/NIUD
or
https://www.trybooking.com/234419

Cost:
Adults      $15.00
Children aged 3 – 12        $10.00

Bookings CLOSE
WEDNESDAY

19th October at 7pm

HURRY!  Don’t miss out!

A reminder that all children are to wear their School summer hats from this week onward.
If your child does not have a hat, please purchase one immediately from the Uniform Shop on Monday mornings from 8.30am in the Parish Hall.
Slouch hats are $14.00 and Legionnaires hats are $11.00

School Prayer

God, our Father, as members of
the Parish Community of
St Gerard’s we praise you for
your love.
May we grow stronger in faith
and hope, and may our love for
each other, become deeper in our
daily lives.
Grant this through your Son, and
our brother, Jesus Christ,

AMEN
To the school community,

School Production - Money, Money, Money
There is so much excitement in the school in anticipation for our school production of Money Money Money! All of the acts are looking very good and professional. Tickets are now available on-line. So please get in early to purchase your tickets.

St. Gerard’s Talent Quest
The student’s talents were again showcased today in our annual St. Gerard’s Talent Quest. It was delightful to see so many of our students up on stage performing and to see a large number of parents in attendance.

A big thank you to Mrs. Dorothy Stack for organising this fabulous event!

2017 Prep Information Evening
On Thursday evening we welcomed the parents of our 2017 Prep students. We had a wonderful evening showing them around the Prep classrooms, talking about what preps do at school and preparing their child for school.

This will be followed by 5 orientation sessions starting on Tuesday 25th of October. If you have not enrolled your child for next year, please come to the office and speak to one of our friendly administration staff.

Working Bee
We will be having a Working Bee on Saturday, 5th November from 10.00am - 12.00pm. We would love to see as many parents as possible come to help lend a hand to help make our school beautiful and ready for Spring! You will be able to receive $75.00 off your school fees if you attend.

If you have anything you wish to speak to me about, please feel free to either approach me personally or call the school. I am usually out in the quadrangle in the morning or in the car park in the afternoon.

With kind regards,

Carol Stewart
Acting Principal

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.
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 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

Mission Week Talent Quest – Coin Line:
Children from each class have been asked to bring coins to school to make a coin line to help raise money for the Missions. The grade that makes the longest line and the grade that bring in the most money will win a casual dress day. The coin lines will be made on Friday 28th October.

Other Important Dates for Term 4
Friday, 7th October: Mission Month Assembly (lead by the Social Justice Leadership Team)
Friday, 14th October: Whole School Mission week Talent Quest at 11:50 to commence with a short paralitugy dedicated to St Gerard.
Sunday, 16th October: Mass dedicated to our Patron Saint, St Gerard Majella Parish Mass at 10:30am followed by procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the block and lunch.
Saturday 22nd October: 60th Anniversary Parish Ball
Tuesday 25th October: Mission Week Mass at the Cathedral, Celebrant: Bishop Mark Edwards, Auxiliary Bishop, Melbourne attended by the St Gerard Majella Award recipients, the Social Justice Team and altar servers.
Friday, 28th October: Mission Month Coin Line
Wed, 2nd November: All Souls Day
Tuesday 22nd November: Year 6 Reflection Day
Friday 25th November: Advent Assembly
Tuesday 6th December: Christmas Carols Evening
Friday 9th Dec: Choir Christmas Carols Excursion
Thursday 8th: End of year Mass @ noon
Thursday 15th Dec: Year 6 final assembly and Graduation

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.

Student Saving and Banking
Student School Bank Book Days for Term 4 – 2016
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Weekly Prayer

We gather together in the presence of the God of Life, who invites us all into His Kingdom. Lord Jesus, you said, ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’ (Matthew 5:3)

Give us the spirit of poverty and humility. Lord Jesus, you said, ‘Blest too are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled.’ Teach us to share the tears of our brothers and sisters. Lord Jesus, you said, ‘Blest are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.’ Give each of us a heart that is humble and true. Lord Jesus, you said, ‘Blest are they who hunger and thirst for justice; they shall have their fill.’ Give us souls that thirst for justice. Lord Jesus, you said, ‘Blest are those persecuted for righteousness’ sake; the reign of God is theirs.’

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