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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER
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
Sat 5th  Working Bee

St Gerard’s Talent Quest Winners 2016

Prep: Ella Torelli
3/4 Kiara Di Paolo, Alisha Torelli.  5/6 Teresea Joseph.
Overall winners were Ourania Adampoulos and Isabella Vormwald

Junior Mavondo Prep F
Keji, Mercy, Beadjwok and Doki

The Nay Nay Boyzzzzzz
Nirasha tinkling the ivories!

Antonio and Aloysius Alex

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**

On Thursday evening our students displayed their creativity, learning and talents in our production of ‘Money, Money, Money’ and we are all so proud of them. Special thanks to Father Arthur and Father Williams for attending our show.

Thank you to all of the families who supported the school by coming along and being in the audience to watch the production. The evening would not have happened without the exceptional skills of Mrs Carrie Rodda. She wrote the script and produced the play. Also we thank all of the teachers who worked so hard to teach dance, singing and acting to their students and the Administration staff, especially Kelli Jacobs for organising the on-line ticketing. A special thanks goes out to one of our fabulous parents Allyson Joseph who assisted the making of the props.

Many parents said how much they enjoyed the production especially watching the Preps sing and dance. All the classes showed their singing and dancing skills, we even saw some fabulous break dancing!

**Farewell to Mrs. Rodda**

Next week we say farewell to Mrs. Carrie Rodda, who will be taking up her appointment as Deputy Principal at St. Luke’s in Wantirna. Carrie has been at St. Gerard’s for 15 years and has taught many levels and taught hundreds of children. Carrie will certainly be missed at St. Gerard’s and we know she will do an excellent job at St. Luke’s. This year Carrie teaches in the classroom 3 days a week and that role will be taken by Mrs. Julie Verhoosel who teaches in the other Grade 5 / 6 class two days a week and will now teach for the full week. We are sure the transition for the students will be very smooth.

We wish Carrie all the best in her new role as Deputy Principal and we will all miss her greatly.

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

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**Congratulations to Jessica Stefanovic!!**

Last week our very own Jessica Stefanovic represented St Gerard’s School and competed in the Regional Division for Athletics.

We are extremely proud as a school to announce that she won the Regional Division in the Shotput Event as well as 2 other events!

This now means that she will go on to the State Finals to compete and again represent St Gerard’s School.

The whole of St Gerard’s School Community wishes you the very best of luck Jessica!!
### 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
- **Saturday 22nd Oct:** 60th Anniversary Parish Ball
- **Tuesday 25th Oct:** Mission Mass at the Cathedral, Celebrant: Bishop Mark Auxiliary Bishop, Melbourne attended by the St Gerard Majella Award recipients, the Social Justice Team and altar servers.
- **Friday, 28th Oct:** Mission Month Coin Line
- **Wed, 2nd Nov:** All Souls Day
- **Tuesday 22nd Nov:** Year 6 Reflection Day
- **Friday 25th Nov:** Advent Assembly
- **Tuesday 6th Dec:** 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.

### Whole School Masses:
- **Wednesday 2nd November:** All Soul’s Day
- **Thursday 7th December:** End of year Mass at 12:00

### Level Masses:
- Years Prep and 5/6: Thursday, 10th November at 9:15am
- Years 1/2: Thursday, 17th November at 9:15
- Years 3/4: Thursday, 24th November at 9:15

### 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.
A Kingdom of Peace

Let us pray to the God of Peace. Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: O divine master, grant that I may where there is hatred let me sow love not try to be comforted but to comfort where there is injury let me sow pardon not try to be understood but to understand where there is doubt let me sow faith not try to be loved but to love. Where there is despair let me sow hope. For it is in giving that we receive where there is darkness let me give light it is in forgiving that we are forgiven where there is sadness let me give joy, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

God of all peace, help us to build your Kingdom. May our lives bear witness to the love, light, understanding and joy provided through the life of your Son, Jesus. May your great peace always reign in our hearts.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord,