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28TH OCTOBER, 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER
Mon 31st  SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

NOVEMBER
Tues 1st  MELBOURNE CUP DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Sat 5th  Working Bee 10-12pm
Tues 8th  2nd Prep 2017 Orientation Day
Tues 15th  3rd Prep 2017 Orientation Day
Tues 22nd  4th Prep 2017 Orientation Day
Tues 22nd  Grade 6 Reflection Day
Wed 30th  Parent “Thank You” Breakfast

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

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,

School Closure Days:
Monday 31st October, 2016 Report Writing Day for staff

And

Tuesday 1st November, 2016 Melbourne Cup Day

Coin Line for Missions
The winning class for 2016 is…….

5/6 OV with a total of $100.20 with
344 X 5cent coins!  113 x 20 cent coins!
4 x $2 coins!   204 x 10 cent coins!
8 x $1 coins!   48 x 50cent coins!

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
To the school community,

**Mission Mass**
Dorothy Stack our Religious Education Leader took a group of students from Grade Prep to Grade 6 to represent our school at the Annual Mission Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral on Tuesday. Once again our students showed how well behaved they are and represented St Gerard’s so well.

**Prep Orientation**
We welcomed our 2017 Preps to St Gerard’s on Tuesday. The children enjoyed being at school and made a book to take home. While the children were in class I spoke to the parents about Literacy at St Gerard’s. It is so enjoyable to welcome our new students!

**Farewell to Mrs. Rodda**
Today we say farewell 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.

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!!**

**We have a STATE Champion here in the school!**

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

We are extremely proud as a school to announce that she won the State Division in the Shotput Event!

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

There will be a gold coin collection for Jessica to support her family make the journey to Sydney in November!

Your support would be greatly appreciated!

The whole of St Gerard’s School Community wishes you the very best of luck Jessica!!
Italian Day at St Gerard’s 2016

On Wednesday 9th November the children at St Gerard’s school will be taking part in Italian Day activities. All children are asked to come to school wearing the Italian colours: Green, red and white. The day will begin at 9:00 am and will continue for the entire day.

The children will have the opportunity to have a special lunch of pizza on the day.

More information to follow...
Weekly Prayer

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

November begins with a double feast in remembrance of those who have died. The feast of All Saints is celebrated on November 1st. On this day we celebrate all the known and unknown saints and martyrs of the Christian faith. Many members of our own families have passed away and now live with God. We pray for them on All Souls Day which is celebrated on November 2nd. On both of these days we are reminded of all who have lived as faithful Christians. They encourage us to grow in our own faith. Our Christian faith tells us that one day we will be reunited with God in heaven, because we share in the resurrection of Jesus.

All throughout his month we offer our prayers to remember the dead and to thank God for their lives.

St Gerard’s will celebrate this Holy occasion with a special whole school Mass on Wednesday 2nd November, at 12.00.

All families are invited to join us at this time.

Prayer for All Saints and All Souls Day

“We praise you O God, and we honour all your holy ones.
We ask help of those men and women who struggled against evil and stood firm, who loved one another, who worked for justice and peace, who healed the sick and fed the hungry.
We on earth, and they in heaven, sing one song of praise. We in grace, and they in glory, from one communion in Christ, your Son.
Make us and all those we love, worth to be called your saints.”

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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