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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

Tues 6th    Christmas Carols Night
Thurs 8th  End of Year Mass
Fri 9th       Choir Christmas Carols
Excursion to Retirement Villages
Fri 9th       Meet and Greet New classroom teachers for 2017

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,

AMEN
To the school community,
Parents it has been such a busy week at St. Gerard’s, here are just a few things that have happened.

**Working Bee**
Thanks so much to all of our wonderful families who attended the working bee on Saturday morning. We managed to put new sand in the sandpit for the children to play in, soil in the vegetable beds, prune plants, weed the garden beds and distribute tan bark on the gardens! In total 28 families and 8 staff worked so hard to ensure our school environment is looking good and is safe for our students.

**Italian Day**
This week we celebrated our community language Italian. The children had a wonderful day. Everyone joined in dancing Tarantella with Rosa Voto. We all shared pizza and gelato. Over 130 students ordered pizza and all children were able to have gelato. Children came dressed in the colours of the Italian flag!

**Market Day**
What A Great School Community We Have!
Toys, books, jewellery, handbags and games were for sale. You could have a go at lucky dip, making slime, dancing and flipping a bottle. Children and parents shopped and shopped and we raised a total of $714.90 to go towards Jessica’s trip to Sydney to compete in the National Track and Field Championships. Community spirit at its best! That’s what was shown today at our market day.

**St. Gerard’s Family Christmas Breakfast**
Each year the St. Gerard’s staff prepares and cooks breakfast for the families at St. Gerard’s. We welcome you all to join us here for breakfast at 7.30 a.m. on Wednesday 30th November. You can see if any of our staff would be successful on Master Chef!

**Prep Orientation**
We remind our families that Prep orientation continues for your child on Tuesday 15th, 22nd and 29th November. 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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**ACTING PRINCIPAL NEWS**

Let’s help send Jessica Stefanovic to Sydney!!

This morning we had a Market Sale of second hand goods and craft items in order to raise funds to help Jessica get to Sydney.

- Preps raised $20.30
- Grades 1/2 raised $123.50
- Grades 3/4 raised $180.30
- Grades 5/6 raised $358.85
- Miscellaneous donations $ 31.95

The total that was raised is: $714.90

Your support is greatly appreciated!

We will also have a special Subway lunch next Friday, 18th November! Don’t forget to send your child’s Subway Order by Tuesday 14th! This will be the very last day to order.

NO LATE Subway ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED
## Important Dates for your diary

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### Whole School Masses:

- **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**.

If any other boys are interested in training please let me know.

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**Market Day for Jessica!**
Solidarity

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (Mk 12:41-44)
Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.’ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

As Catholics, we are called to show solidarity with all people. This means supporting people, whatever their situation, to help them to live a better life. We are all loved by God and we show this love when we stand with each other through our life’s struggles. Let us ask God to help us to support each other every day...

Lord Jesus
I give you my hands to do your work
I give you my feet to go your way
I give you my eyes to see as you do
I give you my tongue to speak your words
I give you my mind that you may think in me
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me

Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all humanity I give you my whole self that you may grow in me so that it is you Lord Jesus who live and work and pray in me, Amen

Italian Day photo gallery continued…