



St Gerard's Primary School NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 WEEK 8

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Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to those students and staff who have and who will celebrate their birthday this week!:

◆ Izabella S	Yr 1
◆ Oscar M	Yr 2
◆ Aryan M	Yr 6



Subway Lunch Orders is Back!

15th September, 2022

PLS NOTE PRICE CHANGE



Father's Day Prayer

Creator God, You are love,
patience, honesty and
faithfulness.

Guide and protect all
fathers

in their role as parent and
provider.

In gratitude we pray
through your Son who
makes us one with you.

Amen

Today we offered a special Father's Day Breakfast to all fathers, as well as those who have taken on the role of fatherhood to us and our families. We acknowledge with gratitude the various ways that fathers contribute to our daily lives and give us a role model of care, understanding and love.

In our Christian context, the relationship of Jesus to God gives us the ideal closeness and strength of unconditional love. Jesus called God 'Abba', meaning 'daddy' or 'papa'. This is the most personal expression of that love.



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Principal's Message



Dear families,

This week has seen us celebrate, participate and prepare.

We celebrated **First Communion** last Sunday with our children, their families and the St Gerard's parish. This is a significant step in the faith journey of a person and it was wonderful to see the children so excited and happy. As a school we congratulated them today (Friday) at a special assembly where they were able to share with us their reflections. I would like to **acknowledge** the work of their teacher **Mrs Te and all staff** in the roles they have played in preparing these children. I also thank **Mrs Stack** for her work in **coordinating our sacramental program this year**. It has been uplifting to be able to celebrate the sacraments as a community after the previous 2 years.

Today saw us celebrate our **Father's and Significant Adult Males** who play such a key role in the lives of our children. After a breakfast of bacon and egg sandwiches, we had some activities and a special assembly. It was lovely to be able to welcome and thank these very important people. **Thank you also to our staff for preparing breakfast and the assembly**. I would like to wish all our fathers and significant adult males a happy **Father's Day** for this coming Sunday. The love, support and guidance of a father is lifelong and the positive impact they can have should never be underestimated. It is truly a blessing to be a father.

We continued the Book Week theme with our annual **Book Week Fair** which operated in the Library before and after school this week. A love of reading is a fabulous experience which is more than just a school task and it was lovely to see families spending time looking at books that they can share together. **Thank you to Mrs Jolly** for coordinating this event.

On Thursday we had **27 children** compete in the **District Athletics** event at Noble Park. It is a great effort to make it to this level and the children represented our school positively both on and off the track. I would also like to congratulate the children who have qualified for the next stage of competition.

Thursday also saw our **Garden Market** occur after school. This is always a great community event with the produce from our school garden for sale along with some donations from families. **Thank you to our students who served our 'customers' and Ms Fernandez for her coordination**. We also had **Ride/Walk to School Day** on Thursday which is always a great way to start the day.

We are in the final stages of preparation for our **School Production 'A Kid's Life' which is being presented next Wednesday 7 September at 7.00pm in the St Gerard's Parish Hall**. This promises to be a wonderful evening where our children get to display their gifts and talents. Information **was sent out last week via Seesaw** to all families. It explains the **costumes the children are to wear and procedures for the night**. A copy of this information is also contained in this newsletter.

Please continue to stay safe and God bless.

Paul Cowan.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Holy Communion



Thank you to all who have helped the children prepare to receive this special Sacrament, especially our parents and classroom teacher, Mrs Te.

Thank you also to Fr Shanthaiah. We are blessed to have such dedicated priest.

Other Important Dates:

Talent Quest Auditions:

Week 10

St Gerard's Talent Quest Auditions

Early next term, as part of our celebrations for our Feast Day and raising awareness for Mission Month, we will be holding our annual Talent Quest. Children will need to audition for this event in the last week of term.

Altar Servers

Altar Server is on Thursdays from 5.30pm - 6.30pm in the Church.

This is for existing altar servers and any 'new recruits' wishing to help our parish celebrate Mass. For more information contact St Gerard's Parish Office 9792 4422 or Mrs Stack 9791 7553.



FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST

Today St Gerard's Primary celebrated our amazing fathers and father figures with a Father's Day Breakfast.

Thank you to all the Dads, Grandparents, Uncles and special visitors who attended our Father's Day Breakfasts today. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the men in our lives and the support they give us.

It was very relaxed with children and their visitors enjoying a warm breakfast and juice together outside. Then engaging them in a range of play activities like Cricket. We wish all families a blessed Father's Day on Sunday.



FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST



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What do we mean by digital mental health?

Digital mental health refers to services delivered via digital platforms online, mobile or via the phone.

It also encompasses the use of social media and online support communities, which allows people to connect with others who are going through similar experiences or who share their interests.

Digital mental health services can be accessed in a confidential way – allowing children and young people to reach out for support when they may not be able to access support in the learning environment or broader community.

Online support services have been shown to support children and young people's learning, development, social networks, mental health and wellbeing. It can also provide access to opportunities to connect with others, and gain support, through the development of new skill sets to complement and build on their existing social and emotional competencies.

There are a range of online sites, services and supports available specifically for young people. The Be You [Wellbeing Tools for Students](#) is your essential guide to the online tools and other resources that will best support children and young people in taking care of their own mental health.

WELLBEING NEWS

This week the SRC members gathered for their meeting. They had a special guest appearance from a member of the Dandenong Council, Kate Beveridge.

Kate spoke to the students about the importance of student voice in our school as well as the wider community. The students discussed the importance of adults listening to their voices when implementing change. They also learned some team building activities which they could play with their own grades.



DISTRICTS

The results from the district athletics are in and the following children qualified to go through to Division which on Monday 12th September at Ross Reserve.

An amazing effort from these kids! Rachel Nguyen also placed 4th in her events.

Division Athletics

9/10 Girls 100m
Catherine Vinod

12/13 Girls 200m
Anita Nguyen

11 Girls Long Jump
Hichot Deng

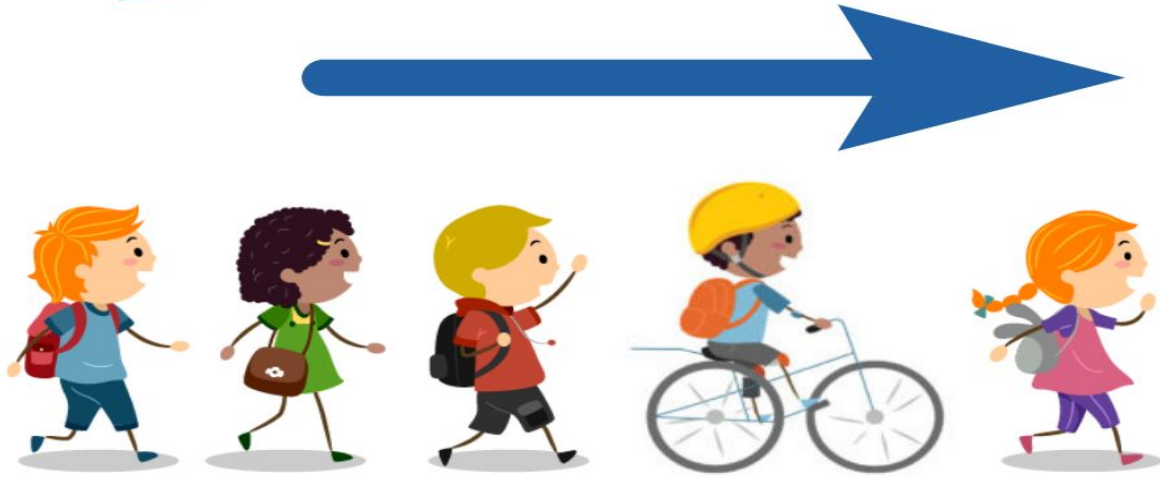
11 Girls Discus
Dahlia Maliko

11 Boys Discus
Kevan Fernando

11 Boys Shotput
Kevan Fernando



WALK & BIKE TO SCHOOL



A big thank you to all of the families who participated in Ride to School day on Thursday 1st September. Congratulations to 1/2FW who had the most students walking, scooting and riding to school!!

Well done to:

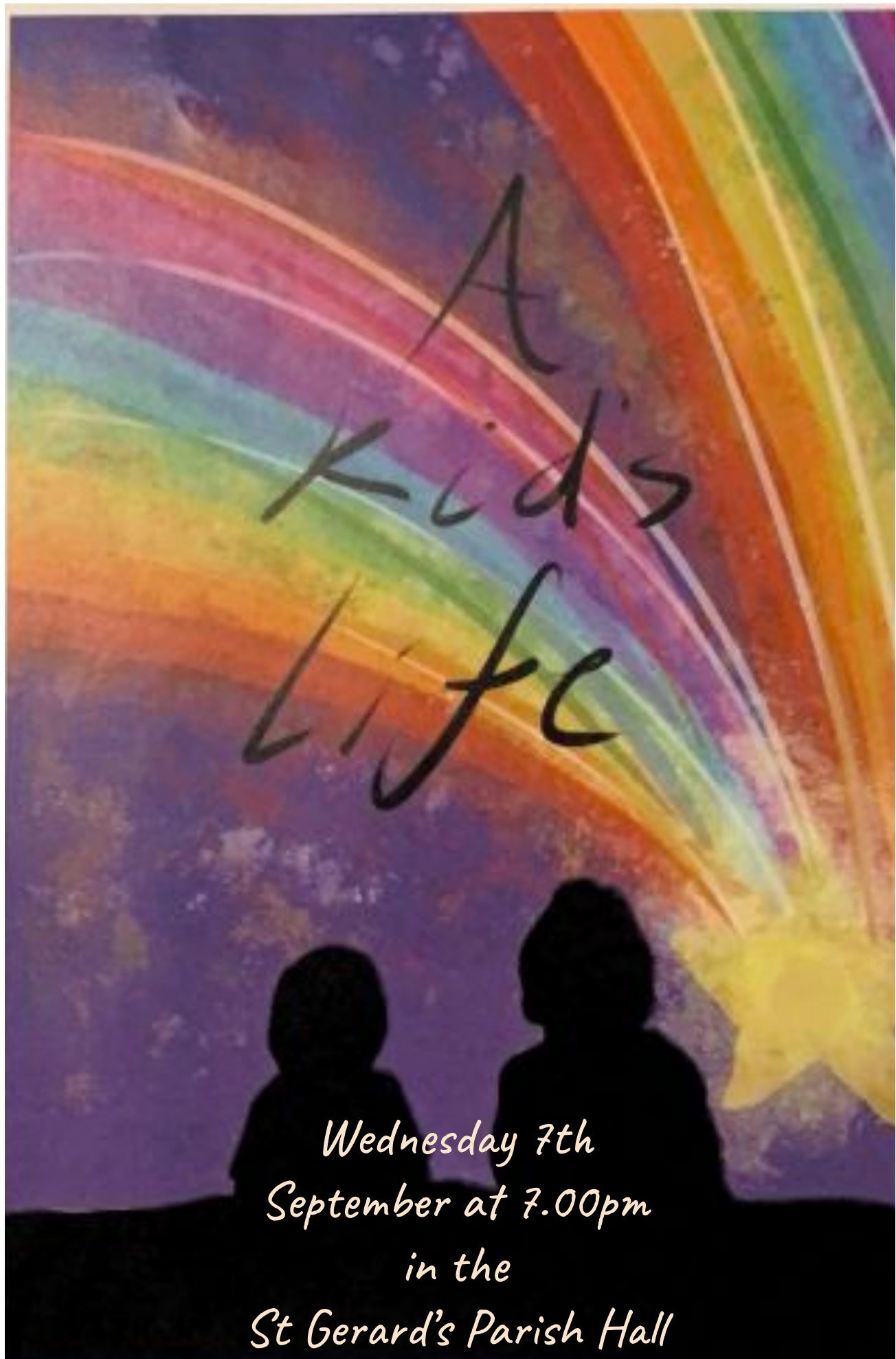
1st place- 1/2FW with 40% riding, scooting or walking

2nd place- 1/2L and 3S with 37% riding, scooting or walking

3rd place- 5/60 with 33% riding, scooting or walking



SCHOOL PRODUCTION



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Tuesday 23 August, 2022

School Production – 'A Kid's Life'

Dear families,

We are in the final stages of preparation for our **school production 'A Kid's Life'**, which will be presented to our school community on **Wednesday 7 September at 7.00pm in the St Gerard's Parish Hall.** The excitement is growing amongst our children and staff as this will be our first school production since 2018!

Please read the information below carefully as it explains costumes and procedures for the night.

Costumes

The whole school will be wearing black. Rather than costumes we ask that you have an accessory, just something simple you may already have at home.

Children could also come with Crazy Hair. Similar to what we have done previously when Remote Learning.

Costume and Accessories for each Year Level are listed below:

Year Level	Costume
Prep	Black top and pants (no writing or emblems) <u>Accessory</u> - Pyjamas
Year 1/2	Black top and pants (no writing or emblems) <u>Accessory</u> - none required
Year 3	Black top and pants (no writing or emblems) <u>Accessory</u> - something an orphan might wear. ie a sack, pants with a rope belt. oversized shirt.
Year 4/5	Black top and pants (no writing or emblems) <u>Accessory</u> - something a pirate might wear ie bandanna, hat, eye patch - <u>no swords/ weapons please</u>
Year 5/6	Black top and pants (no writing or emblems) <u>Accessory</u> - School Bomber jacket

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Procedures on the Night

Children will need to be **at school at 6.40pm** so they can prepare for the production. The main gates of the school will be open at this time.

- **Prep, Year 1 and 2 children** will need to be dropped at the **school Library** where they will wait until they perform.
- **Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children** will need to be dropped at the **PAC** where they will wait until they perform

Once children have been dropped at their waiting area, families are invited to the Majellan Room which is part of the Parish Hall to wait until the main hall is open.

Seating in the main Hall will be on a first come basis.

There will be no ticketing or cost to families.

At the end of the evening children will be dismissed from the Hall.

If you have any questions regarding this event please contact your child's classroom teacher.

This promises to be a wonderful event where our children get to share their gifts and talents with our school community.

I am looking forward to seeing you all on the night.

Paul COWAN
Principal

UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE ORDERS



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Please note the following changes in relation to uniform purchases for St Gerard's Primary School:

Uniforms can now be purchased in the following ways:

Option 1 - Online Order

Access to our Online Ordering System

1. www.aplusschoolwear.com.au
2. Go to **SHOP ONLINE NOW** (red box)
3. Select your school
4. Uniform listing with images will appear.

Select items you are wishing to purchase:

Style
Size
Colour
Quantity
Add items to bag

5. Once all items are added to bag, proceed to checkout.
6. Select delivery options
 - a. Pick up from school (free) in comments section please enter your child's name and class
 - b. Pick up from A Plus Schoolwear (free)
 - c. Postal address (delivery charges will apply)
7. Either checkout as guest, returning customer or create a new account.

Orders placed by Sunday will be delivered to the school the following Thursday

Option 2 - Fill out the order form and leave it at the school office.

Orders received by Friday will be delivered to the school the following Thursday

RETURNS

Can be given to the school office and will be either exchanged or refunded by A Plus School wear.

Should you have any queries regarding the above, please contact A Plus Schoolwear

9354 8345 or email angie@agsprints.com.au



We have requests from a number of community groups to promote their activities and services. Flyers are placed on our *Community Notice Boards* located in the courtyard and a current list is contained in this newsletter.

- ❖ Ukraine Support Fund
- ❖ Dandenong Basketball
- ❖ Lyndale United Football Club (Soccer)
- ❖ Syndal Softball Club
- ❖ Lysterfield Basketball Club
- ❖ Swimland Swim Club
- ❖ Springvale Indoor Sports
- ❖ Noble Park Cricket Club



Chicken Eggs For Sale

St Gerard's would like to offer families the opportunity to purchase delicious organic eggs laid by our resident flock of chickens.

You can purchase these eggs from the school office at a cost of \$6 per dozen.

All proceeds from the sale of the eggs will go towards purchasing food for our feathered friends.

Please email Nicole Fernandez if you would like to purchase some eggs.

ST GERARD'S OHSC

If you would like to enrol your child in after school care, please do so by contacting Marina.

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