



St Gerard's Primary School NEWSLETTER



TERM 4 WEEK 5

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

◆	Reyon	Yr 1
◆	John A	Yr 5
◆	Dhanya	Yr 3

Prayer:

*Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us
all adversity, so that,
unhindered in mind and body
alike,
we may pursue in freedom of
heart
the things that are yours.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.*

Amen.



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Our Give Me 5 focus is to not get distracted and
'Be Respectful in the Learning Areas'



LUKE 20:27-38

In the Gospel this Sunday, people were constantly trying to trick Jesus and steer him away from the reason he came to earth. There are people, movies, advertising etc that attempt to lead us away from the love and service of God.

How can we help our children stay on the path toward God? Sometimes we need to tow them away from distractions and park them with us in an activity which allows us to continue to pave a direct road toward the heart of Jesus.

Principal's Message



Dear families,

Despite this being a short week we have still managed to provide a number of learning experiences for our children.

Before School Reading continued on Wednesday and as stated before, families are encouraged to come and read with their children. Students may also wish to come and read with their siblings, friends or by themselves. We are starting to see some 'regulars' but there is always room for more.

Wednesday also saw our whole school **attend the Parish Mass** for the celebration of **All Souls Day**. It is always wonderful to be able to gather with the parish community, and on this day remember those people that have gone before us. I would like to **congratulate our children for the respectful way they participate when they come to celebrations in the church.**

Swimming started yesterday (Thursday) for all classes which was the first time since 2019 that we have been able to offer this vital program. It was great to see the excitement, enthusiasm and smiles on the faces of our children. **These sessions continue next week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.**

Thursday was also our latest **Ride to School day** when we encourage children to ride, walk or skate to school. Hopefully as the weather improves this becomes a habit for some of our families as being active at the start of the day can assist with learning.

Our **Year 1/2L Class Mass** was celebrated by Fr Shanthaiah on Thursday morning. This was a beautiful mass with our children involved in many aspects such as the Readings, Prayers of the Faithful and of course singing! I would like to **thank Mrs Lewis** for her organisation and encouragement of the children. Celebrating mass in the classrooms is a very special experience which will continue throughout the term. As always, families are more than welcome to attend.

Finally, **a reminder that Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT's) are available for collection from the School Office if families require them at any stage.**

Continue to stay safe and God bless.

Paul Cowan
PRINCIPAL



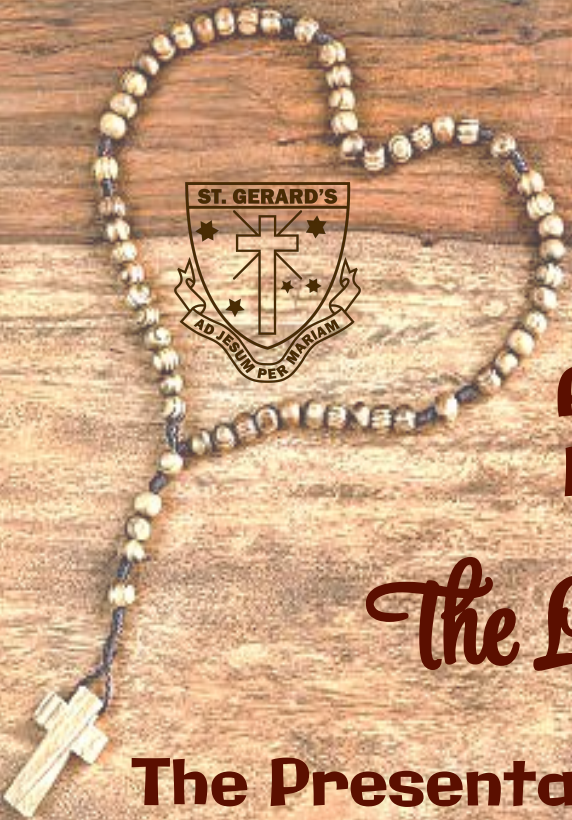
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Important Dates for Term 4

Tuesday, 15th November:	Year 6 Reflection Day
Friday, 25 th November:	Advent Assembly at 2:30
Tuesday 6 th December:	Christmas Carols Evening
Friday, 9 th December:	End of year Mass, 12:00
Friday, 16 th December:	Graduation Mass, 7pm

Whole School Rosary

- 21st November at 10:15 all welcome



ALL FAMILIES & PARISHIONERS

The Living Rosary

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day

Monday, 21st November, 2022
St. Gerard's School @ 10:15 am

WELLBEING



Give Me 5 News

Students who display the expectations present on the school Matrix are rewarded with a raffle ticket from their classroom teacher. Once a month the raffle tickets from each class are collected and drawn during Fridays assembly.

The raffle tickets were drawn on the 4th of November and the lucky winners will be announced in next week's newsletter.

Principle	Learning Areas	Corridors	Toilets	Playground/Sandpit
Be Respectful	Speak appropriately and use manners Care for property Take turns Whole body listening Greet people by name	Speak appropriately and use manners Care for property • Keep the area neat and tidy	Speak appropriately and use manners • Give other users their privacy Care for property • Keep toilets tidy and flush Wash hands	Speak appropriately and use manners Care for property • Place rubbish in the bin • Keep sand in the sandpit and bark in the garden Include others Respect everyone's views and space
Be Co-operative	Follow Directions Move safely Stay on task Share with others and help each other	Follow Directions Move safely • Walk on the left hand side of the corridor to exit and the right hand side to enter	Follow Directions Move safely Wait for your partner	Follow Directions Move safely Play fairly • Accept rules • Take turns Share and use equipment safely
Be Your Best	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Ask for help	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Only enter the area with permission	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Report problems to a teacher	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Try to solve your problems
Be Positive	Never give up			Encourage others
Be Spirit filled	Treat others as you would like to be treated. Pray daily and during meditation	Treat others as you would like to be treated.	Treat others as you would like to be treated.	Treat others as you would like to be treated. • Say sorry and forgive others Be kind

Student Representative Council



The Student Representative Council (SRC) is made up of a group of students who want to help other students by presenting ideas which are of benefit to all students. The SRC also informs its peers of any important information which affects the student body.

The next SRC meeting will be held on Thursday 10th November where the students will follow up with proposals from last week's meeting and assist with the planning of the Give Me 5 week in 2023.

What's resilience?

Resilience refers to the ability to manage everyday stressors and challenges.

Resilience enables people to shift back along the mental health continuum towards good mental health. A child or young person's ability to be resilient can depend upon many things and can change depending upon their situation. Importantly, specific situations or events that one child or young person may find challenging, another may not. Learn more about how you can help [build resilience in children](#).

A child or young person who is resilient might:

- be optimistic
- use positive self-talk for encouragement
- have a positive sense of self
- identify and express their feelings and thoughts
- not hide away from strong feelings
- have helpful, age-appropriate strategies to manage their emotions when upset
- rearrange their plans to work around an unexpected situation
- have a sense of agency or responsibility
- keep on trying if something doesn't work out and use their judgment about when to stop
- hold a sense of purpose or hope for the future
- actively ask for help if they need it
- feel a sense of attachment to family, their learning community and to learning.



Walk or Ride To School



A big thank you to all of the families who participated in Ride to School day on Thursday 3rd November. Congratulations to 1/2FW who had the most students walking, scooting and riding to school!!

Well done to:

- ★ 1st place- 1/2FW with 41% riding, scooting or walking
- ★ 2nd place- 5/6O with 32% riding, scooting or walking
- ★ 3rd place- 4/5T with 8% riding, scooting or walking

SPECIAL NOTE

Dear Students and Families ,

Reading Before School is back by great demand.

Who? Students and parents

When? Wednesdays in Term 4

Time: 8:15 am - 8:30 am

Where? St Gerard's Library

Come meet us there!!!

Bring a book or borrow one, come along let's have some fun!



GARDEN MARKET STALL

On **Thursday 10th November** we will hold our next garden market stall in the church carpark at **3:15pm**.

We will be selling broad beans, rosemary, eggs, flower bouquets and fennel.

Arrive early to avoid disappointment!

A big thank you to our beautiful students who work in the garden on a daily basis!



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



Community Info Share

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.

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



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 message **Nicole Fernandez** via **Seesaw** if you would like to purchase some eggs.

