

St Gerard's Primary School NEWSLETTER



TERM 4 WEEK 1

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Happy Birthday!

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

◆	Anointed	Yr 3
◆	Tianna	Prep
◆	Indiana	Yr 4
◆	Rihan	Prep
◆	Duane	Yr 6
◆	Elana	Yr 4
◆	Christian	Yr 1

Prayer:

Gracious God,
you gave us Jesus to
show us how to reach out
with compassion and
love.

Help us to accept our
mission to be faithful
witnesses to Jesus'
message and to bring
your love and peace to
others through our
words and deeds.

We ask this prayer
through Jesus, your Son.

Amen.



<https://www.facebook.com/stgerardsps>



@st.gerards3175

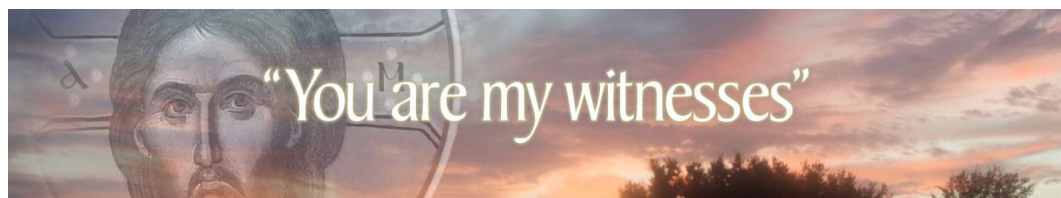


Our Social Justice Leaders are promoting Mission Month during October

This week we launched Mission Month. The theme of this year's World Mission Day is **"You shall be my witnesses."**

Our words and actions are what defines us as witnesses of Jesus' message. Through our Baptism, we are called to be instruments of God's love and peace, mercy and compassion, spreading generosity and kindness throughout our world.

We ask that God's Spirit moves in our hearts and gives us the strength and courage we need to be God's witnesses.



Principal's Message



Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 4 and what promises to be an exciting time filled with many and various learning opportunities. We have had a great first week with all of us quickly getting back into the routines of school.

Earlier in the week an invitation was sent out to all families via Seesaw to the **St Gerard's Feast Day Mass on Sunday 16 October at 10.30am**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our School and Parish to come together and celebrate our patron saint. **Most Rev. Peter A Comensoli Archbishop of Melbourne** will be celebrating the mass and I hope that you will be able to come and be part of this significant event in the life of the School and Parish. The invitation is also contained in this newsletter.

After the success of our before school reading which was part of our Book Week celebrations, it has been decided to have **Before School Reading every Wednesday morning from 8.15am in the Library**. Families are encouraged to come and read with their children from this time or children may wish to come and read with their siblings, friends or by themselves. Reading for enjoyment and pleasure is a gift which is life long and we feel this is a way to foster that gift.

With the commencement of Daylight Savings and warmer weather on the horizon, it is easy to become complacent about COVID-19. As a school we are continuing with our current procedures and processes to keep our students, families and staff safe. This includes increased ventilation, the use of air purifiers in all classrooms and learning spaces, regular handwashing and hand sanitisation. **A reminder that Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT's) are available for collection from the School Office if families require them at any stage.**

A reminder also to those families who have children with a **Medical Management Plan** that if there are changes to any aspect of the plan you need to **contact the School Office**. It is vital that the information we have here at school is current and accurate.

Finally, please save the date of **Friday 28 October for our Grandparents and Special Friends Day celebrations from 9.00am - 10.30am**.

Stay safe and God bless.

Paul Cowan
PRINCIPAL



ST GERARD'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION



We welcome you all to join our Parish and School in celebrating the feast day of our patron, Saint Gerard Majella.

Solemnised by his Most Rev. Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne.

Date: Sunday 16th of October, 2022

Time: 10:30am

Location - St Gerard's Catholic Church
71 Gladstone Road, Dandenong North

There will be a special blessing after the Mass for all the people and expectant mothers, with the relic of St. Gerard Majella.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Whole School Masses

St Gerard Majella Feast Day	(Sunday this year, celebrated with Archbishop at Parish Mass, 10:30)
All Saints' Day (Cup Day, no Mass)	Tuesday 1 st November
All Souls' Day (Parish Mass before swimming)	Wednesday 2 nd November, 9:15
End of Year Mass	Friday 9 th December at 12:00

Class Mass Timetable

1/2FW:	Last term
4/5T:	20th October, 10:15
3S:	27th October, 10:15
1/2L:	3rd November, 10:15
Prep:	10th November, 10:15
5/6O:	1st December, 10:15

World Mission Month 2022

This **October**, we are celebrating World **Mission Month**, a **month** dedicated to the life-giving work of missionaries around the world. As the world witnesses the ongoing devastation of famine and drought in the Horn of Africa, Catholic Missions are responding to the call of Pope Francis, to be a witness of love in the world. St Gerard's school will join Catholic Missions this World Mission Month and walk hand-in-hand with the people of Ethiopia and local church communities towards providing life-changing opportunities to those in most need.

Children are encouraged to raise funds for Catholic Missions by bringing coins for a Coin Collection activity on Friday 28th October.

Socktober Shootout & Coin Activity

Time to shoot for the stars! Each class will make their own Sockball to kick goals on the oval. We will celebrate Mission Week with a Socktober Shootout. We will use our self made sockballs to kick goals on the oval and get a feel of the reality for children in Ethiopia and other majority world countries and compare it to our own.

Grandparents & Special Friends' Day

TALENT QUEST

**St Gerard's Primary School
Presents**

**The St Gerard Majella
Feast Day**

TALENT QUEST

Monday, 17th October 11:50am

Parish Hall

All Welcome!

GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY

Friday 28th October, 2022

Please join us for prayer and
activities

9:00 - 10:30 am

St Gerard's

Performing Arts Centre





DID YOU KNOW? Facts from the 'Be You' website

How do decision-making skills develop?

Children and young people's decision-making is strongly influenced by the expectations and values they learn from those around them.

This occurs when they:

- observe others (particularly those close to them)
- hear about and discuss values
- have opportunities to make choices and experience their consequences.

Young children regularly choose how they'll behave, which toys or games they'd like to play with, which books they would like to read, or which television shows they want to watch. As they get older, children make bigger decisions that often involve their family, friends and schoolwork. The kinds of choices children and young people make affect their wellbeing, relationships and success.

Young children have some skills for making decisions, but they don't yet have the experience to understand complex adult situations. As their brain grows, a child is more able to hold things in their mind and remember what they've learned. They also improve the way they manage their thinking and feelings, control impulsive behaviour, think about time and plan ahead, and evaluate long-term versus short-term goals. All these skills help children become better at taking action and keeping things on track.

WELLBEING NEWS



Give Me 5 News

This week the Give Me Five focus was 'Be Spirit Filled' in the playground. The teachers were looking for students who were treating others as they would like to be treated, saying sorry and forgiving others in the playground.

Next week the students will be participating in a lesson where they will discuss examples and non-examples of how to be spirit-filled in the playground.

St. Gerard's Give Me 5 Whole School Matrix



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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep the area neat and tidy 	Speak appropriately and use manners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give other users their privacy Care for property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep toilets tidy and flush Wash hands	Speak appropriately and use manners Care for property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk on the left hand side of the corridor to exit and the left hand side to enter 	Follow Directions Move safely Wait for your partner	Follow Directions Move safely Play fairly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Say sorry and forgive others Be kind

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!

SUBWAY

**Thursday,
27th October, 2022**

BIZARRE BAZAAR

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*thank
you*

A huge 'thank you' to all our teachers, families, students for the support we received during Bizarre Bazaar.

It was a real success and we were able to raise **\$1338.10** for The Cancer Council.

UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE ORDERS



AGS PRINTS Pty Ltd
Wholesalers of Quality Schoolwear & Uniforms
In House Design & Printing
www.aplusschoolwear.com.au
BOR NO: 2010 / 2532

ADDRESS: 133 BAKERS ROAD
NORTH COBURG
VIC, 3058
PHONE: 03 9354 8345
FAX: 03 9354 5777
E-MAIL: info@agsprints.com.au

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.

SOFTBALL VICTORIA

**GET INTO
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Softball is a great game to play suitable for people of all ages and abilities.

Ages 4-8 Softball Batter Up teaches children the skills to play softball while focusing on fun and engaging activities. The program includes a six-week introduction to softball where participants learn catching, throwing and striking skills in small groups and in a safe environment.

Ages 8-12 Fully Loaded T-Ball is where children play modified softball games in a fun and friendly setting. The sessions run for 1 hour over 8 weeks – with the emphasis being on teamwork and game play. The program is designed for children who have graduated from Softball Batter Up or are new to the sport.

Ages 12 and Under Fully Loaded Junior Softball is for graduates of the tee ball program. It is part of the local association competitions where children play organised games as part of a club team.

Ages 13-18 Junior Fastpitch Softball is the next step playing in a team within your club and association. You are now part of the pathway to a lifelong love of softball, making new friends and keeping active.

Ages 18+ Senior Fastpitch Softball is played at Club Level and available for all levels of skills and fitness.

All ages and abilities - Social 7s is a slowpitch version of the games that is fast, fun and easy to play. Mixed teams of males and females with 7 players on each side.

Get Involved!

Scan your phone on the QR Code below to view the Club Finder and search for your nearest club.

Softball Victoria
p: 03 9415 1745
e: info@softballvic.org.au
w: softballvic.org.au

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

Come Play Softball & T-ball

Boys & Girls! All ages welcome

GO BANDITS!!

BRANDON HEIGHTS SOFTBALL CLUB

Waterley Softball Association, Jells Park

#brandonheightssoftball

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.

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

