



St Gerard's Primary School NEWSLETTER



TERM 4 WEEK 10

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Important Dates for Term 4

Friday, 16th December:

Graduation Mass, 7pm



Celebrations at our Carols Evening last Tuesday

Next week we will talk about preparing the way for Jesus. We will talk about making changes in our lives and how sometimes we need courage to make changes. This week sit down with your children and talk about change. Maybe you can think of some changes you would like to make. Ask them what changes they would like to make. Be encouraging of one another to make these changes possible.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

The weeks are certainly moving by very quickly with us finding ourselves at the end of Week 10!

Our **Christmas Carols Event** on Tuesday night in the courtyard was a wonderful way to spread some Christmas cheer and remember the true meaning of Christmas. Looking out at our school community gathered together and the enthusiasm and joy of our children was truly heartwarming. As I said on the night, *'welcome but also welcome back!'* I would like to acknowledge the time and effort of our staff in making the night so special, our Year 6 Leaders who compared and organised the music so that it ran smoothly, our 2 surprise guests Dorothy the Dinosaur and Santa and of course our children who made the evening so magical.

On Wednesday our **Year 6** children had their **End of Year 6 Excursion**. This was their last excursion as St Gerard's students where they got to spend time bowling and then celebrating together back at school in the PAC with a Subway lunch (a school favourite!). Our attention with regard to our Year 6 children now turns to their **Graduation Mass and Ceremony next Friday 16 December at 7.00pm in the PAC**. We will have a **Guard of Honour next Friday afternoon at 3.15pm** as they leave Primary School for the final time. Families are more than welcome to come and be part of this farewell.

Every year our school gets to nominate a Year 6 student to receive a **Community Spirit and Leadership Award**. This award is presented by Julian Hill (MP) Federal Member for Bruce.

I would like to congratulate Anita who is our 2022 recipient! Anita is one of our student Technology Leaders who has helped students and teachers address their technology issues with a sense of duty and diligence. She has used her knowledge and skills to enable our Whole School Assemblies to be engaging and run efficiently which has impacted positively on our school community. She always follows our Give Me Five principles and her humble and persistent character makes her a most deserving recipient of this award.

Unfortunately we had to postpone our **End of Year School Mass** planned for today (Friday). This is an opportunity for our school to gather and be thankful for the year we have had together. We will advise you of the new date and time as soon as possible. I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Next Tuesday 13 December we have the final day of our **Swimming Program which is the Activity/Fun Day**. The timetable and arrangements will be the same as the previous swimming days. This promises to be a fun and exciting way to end this important program.

Finally, a reminder that **Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT's)** are available for collection from the School Office if families require them at any stage. If your child does **test positive** please contact me so that we can support you and fulfill our reporting obligations.

Continue to stay safe and God bless.

Paul Cowan
PRINCIPAL



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GIVE ME FIVE 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 the Friday assembly.

The raffle tickets were drawn on Friday 2nd of December and the following lucky winners will enjoy a special treat with Mr Cowan:

1. Sherom
2. Alessia
3. Thichot
4. Dhanya
5. Maleah
6. Layla
7. Mila
8. Reyon



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.



2.2.2023

Save
the Date

GIVE ME 5

FAMILY NIGHT



PREP NATIVITY SCENES



I like Prep because ...

Natalie: I did lots of learning.

Blessed: I like playing with my friends Naman, Yohannes and Kai.

Kai: I like playing with Yohannes and Naman.

Layla: I like playing with the new play dough.

Tianna: I am lucky to have lots of friends.

Aryan: I like studying and reading.

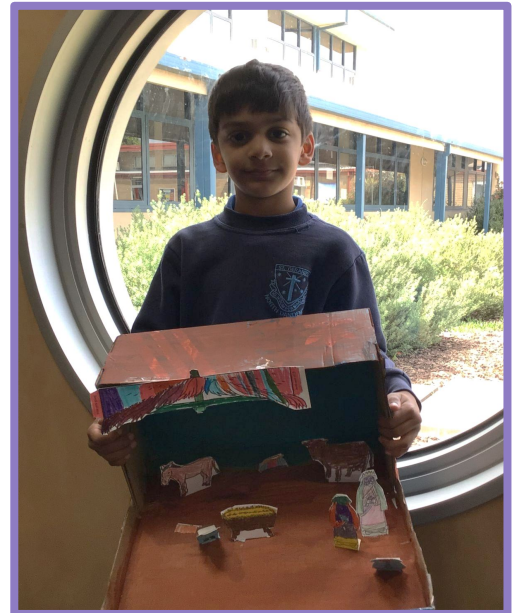
Yohannes: I like playing with the playdough with Naman and Kai.

Naman: I like to use my iPad.

Leonardo: I like having free time.



PREP NATIVITY SCENES



My best day in Prep B was ...

- Natalie:** the Christmas Carols.
- Blessed:** going swimming.
- Layla:** the 100 Days of Prep.
- Tianna:** the 100 Days of Prep.
- Aryan:** the 100 Days of Prep.
- Yohannes:** going swimming.
- Naman:** going to the zoo.
- Leonardo:** the Christmas Carols.
- Kai:** going swimming.

GARDEN MARKET STALL

On **Thursday 15th December** we will hold our last garden market stall for 2022 in the church carpark at **3:15pm**. We will be selling broad beans, mulberries, succulents, rosemary, eggs and flower bouquets. Arrive early to avoid disappointment!
A big thank you to our beautiful students who work in the garden on a daily basis!



Exciting news!

We've just received a
2022 Victorian Junior Landcare
and Biodiversity Grant!



Environment,
Land, Water
and Planning

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.



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



2023 OSHC BOOKINGS / RE-ENROLMENTS

Dear Families,

If you are requiring care next year, could you please notify us as soon as possible. Your enrolments / bookings do not roll over to the next year. Bookings can be made via contacting Marina on: 0402 192 685. This is also a good time to let us know if there are any changes with the enrolments such as phone numbers or any changes to emergency contacts.

New families are welcome to enrol your child/ren please go to <https://ylv.com.au/online-oshc-enrolments/>

We appreciate your support in this and helping us ensure your bookings are secured.

Thank you everyone for another great year.

Marina