



St Gerard's Primary School NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 WEEK 9

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Happy Birthday!

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

◆ Emilia A	Yr 5
◆ Ariana L	Yr 3
◆ Kanwer W	Yr 5



It's a baby boy!

"Ten little fingers, ten perfect toes, fill our hearts with love that overflows."

Heaven has smiled upon us, From God's hands to ours, We are pleased to announce the new addition to our family... 'RAGHAV KUNDAL' born @ 06/09 @ 7:04 pm to fill our home with yawns and sighs and to spoil us with his cuteness."



Year 3S onstage at our spectacular school production, *A Kid's Life*.

St Gerard's Parish 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



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Principal's Message



Dear families,

What a wonderful week we have had!

Our **school production 'A Kid's Life'** was presented on Wednesday evening and it was fantastic to see our children shine on stage and share their (many) gifts and talents with us. While the night focussed on them, I must acknowledge all the work done by our staff to have the children ready to perform the way they did. A **huge thank you to our Performing Arts teacher Mr Jon Bode** for his direction, encouragement and vision to produce the night. Secondly, to **all our staff** for their contributions which range from working with our children, backstage work, organising props, photography, lighting, producing and printing the program and of course being present on the night to ensure it ran smoothly. The **biggest thank you needs to go to our children for their energy and enthusiasm.**

In addition to Wednesday night, **all classes** participated in a **St John's First Aid incursion** on Thursday. It is important for all of us to know what to do if we encounter a situation where First Aid is required and our children now have an increased awareness.

Today (Friday) our **Year 4/5/6** children had their **Bizarre Bazaar**. This is the culmination of their **Religious Education / Inquiry topic for the term**. They have been learning about economics and how to produce, advertise and sell items. All classes visited their stalls today in the PAC and the **money raised is being donated to the Cancer Foundation which was the charity chosen by the students**. Congratulations to our Year 4/5/6 children and thank you to our families for your support.

Our school is participating in **Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS)**. MACSSIS is an annual process whereby schools listen to the thoughts and feelings students, families and staff have about how their school is performing and where it can improve. These surveys also help inform the ongoing improvement of schools across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. **An email was sent to all families this week with your family's code for the parent survey**. Students in Years 4 - 6 will complete their survey at school next week. I encourage all families to complete the survey and thank you in advance.

We have **4 children** competing at **Divisional Athletics next Monday**. It is a great effort to qualify for this event and I am sure these 4 athletes will give a good account of themselves both on and off the track. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing about the day.

Next Friday we will have our annual **Footy Day** where we encourage everyone to wear their footy colours to school. We will have a parade at 9.00am in the PAC followed by a longest kick competition. Families are more than welcome to come along and be part of this occasion.

Finally, a reminder that [Term 3 ends next Friday 16 September at 3.30pm.](#)

God bless.

Paul Cowan.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Other Important Dates:

Talent Quest Auditions:

Week 10

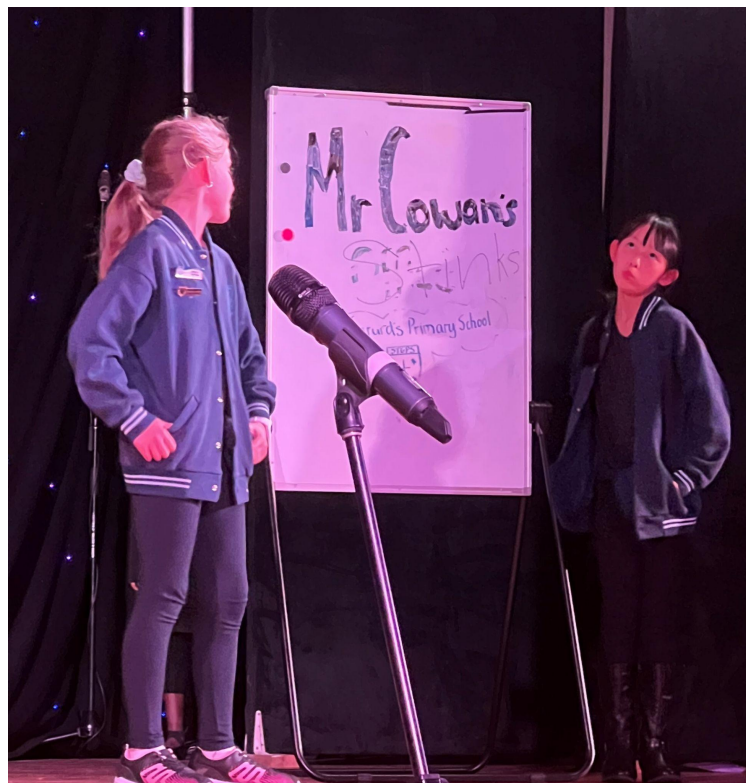
St Gerard's Talent Quest Auditions

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.

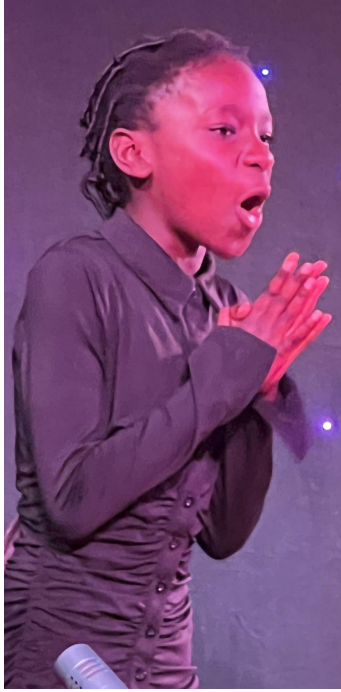


SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Wednesday night, we had our School Production. A big thank you to all of the parents, carers and grandparents who came and supported our talented children. The children really enjoyed performing in front of an audience. Another big thank you to all staff involved in putting the show together.



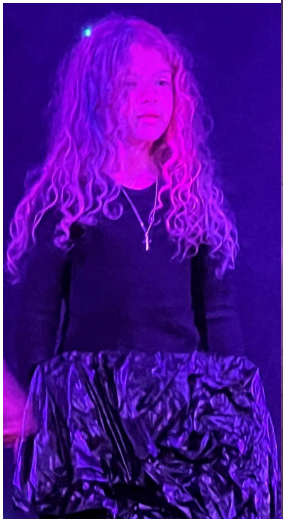
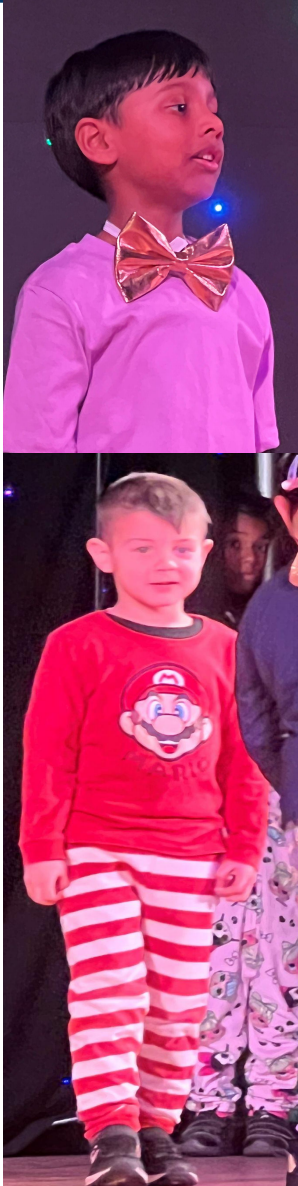
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Recounts about the production from our students.

- ❖ Last Wednesday we had a production and the first song that we sang was, When I Grow Up.
By Grace Vanmelil
- ❖ On Wednesday after school we got ready for the school production.
First, we wore black so the parents' focus was on our arms and face. Also, we could have crazy hair, but I didn't.
Second, at 6:40 PM, we went back to school with our parents so they could see our talent.
Third, the 1/2s went to the library and the parents went to the hall. The teachers took the roll and then we went to the hall.
Next, we sang, When I Grow Up and after that we did a skit called Emergency Alarm. After it, we sang N Apostrophe T and Little People. I felt very happy when everyone clapped.
Lastly, we sang Happiness with a big smile. We then went to our parents and went home.
By Shaun Robin
- ❖ Yesterday, we went to the library, first. Second, we went to the hall. Next, we sang, When I Grow Up, N Apostrophe T, Little People and Happiness. I felt excited because there were so many people. They gave a round of applause. It made me happy.
By Izabella Sunny.





What is resilience?

Resilience enables people to shift back along the [mental health continuum](#) towards good mental health. It's not static but is something that can change over time due to experiences and circumstance.

Resilience is particularly important for children and young people

A child or young person's ability to be resilient can depend upon many things, particularly their relative balance of risk and protective factors. Depending upon their situation, a child or young person's resilience may vary. Importantly, specific situations or events that one child or young person may find challenging, another may not.

The transition from being a child to an adolescent to a young adult occurs over a relatively short period of time. Rapid changes in physical, psychological and social development can present numerous challenges. Children and young people who are more resilient are better able to stay on track with the biological, psychological and social demands of growing up and moving through early childhood into adolescence and beyond.

From the Be You website

WELLBEING NEWS



Give Me 5 News

This week the Give Me Five focus was 'Be Respectful' in the learning areas. The teachers were looking for students who were speaking appropriately, using manners, caring for property, taking turns, showing whole body listening and greeting people by name in the learning areas.

Next week the students will be participating in a lesson where they will discuss examples and non-examples of how to be respectful in the learning areas.

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

BIZARRE BAZAAR

A huge thank you to our students, parents and teachers for their contributions towards the worthy cause.



St Gerard's is a Child Safe School. Promoting the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

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
- ❖ Springvale Little Athletics
- ❖ Lysterfield Basketball Club
- ❖ Swimland Swim Club
- ❖ Springvale Indoor Sports
- ❖ Noble Park Cricket Club
- ❖ COG Theatre Group



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.