



St Gerard's Primary School NEWSLETTER



TERM 4 WEEK 6

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

◆ Trevor F Yr 6
◆ Roy S Yr 1

Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ
we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and
thanksgivings for all whom
we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of
your love;
and bring us all, with them,
to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Amen.



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REMEMBRANCE DAY 2022

Today is Remembrance Day, November 11th, which marked the end of World War 1 over a hundred years ago.

Although it was a long time ago, today is an opportunity to remember all those who have died in wars and conflicts since then.

In our world today, life is difficult and there is still conflict in places such as Ukraine. We pray that we value the freedoms that we enjoy today and commit ourselves to creating peace in our world by recognising that peace begins in our own families, classrooms, schools and communities. Peace really does begin with us.



Principal - Mr Paul Cowan
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

The warmer (drier) weather has been a welcome relief from the previous wet weeks we have had. It has also allowed us to provide some learning opportunities with no disruptions.

Swimming for all classes has continued this week with sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Today (Friday) was **Water Safety Day** which involved the children wearing clothes in the water to have an experience of being in water when it may not have been expected, for example, if you fall into a pool by accident. It has been wonderful to see our children enjoying these sessions but also developing their water awareness, water safety and swimming skills. In the lead up to Summer it is important to be safe around water.

Our **Year 4 - 6 children** have participated in our annual **Bike Ed. program** throughout this week with daily sessions. It has been fantastic to see the sheer joy on the faces of our children who have ridden a bike for the very first time. I would like to **thank Mrs Wilson for her coordination of this program** which, like swimming, develops life long skills.

Before School Reading on Wednesday mornings continues to be well attended with families encouraged to come and read with their children. Students may also wish to come and read with their siblings, friends or by themselves.

At this time of the year our attention turns to the **2023 school year**.

I am asking families to **contact the school office** if your child(ren) **will not be returning to St Gerard's next year**. Having accurate information helps us to be able to plan 2023 with a level of certainty.

Also with regard to 2023, considerable time is spent in preparing class lists with numerous factors needing to be considered. **If families have a specific request for their child this needs to be put in writing and addressed to myself or emailed to principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au** . Requests need to be based on **educational grounds** and will be treated confidentially. **Please note that all requests will be considered but I cannot guarantee that all requests will be granted.** Our aim as a school is to provide the best opportunities for all our students to learn.

Requests need to be received by Friday 25 November.

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



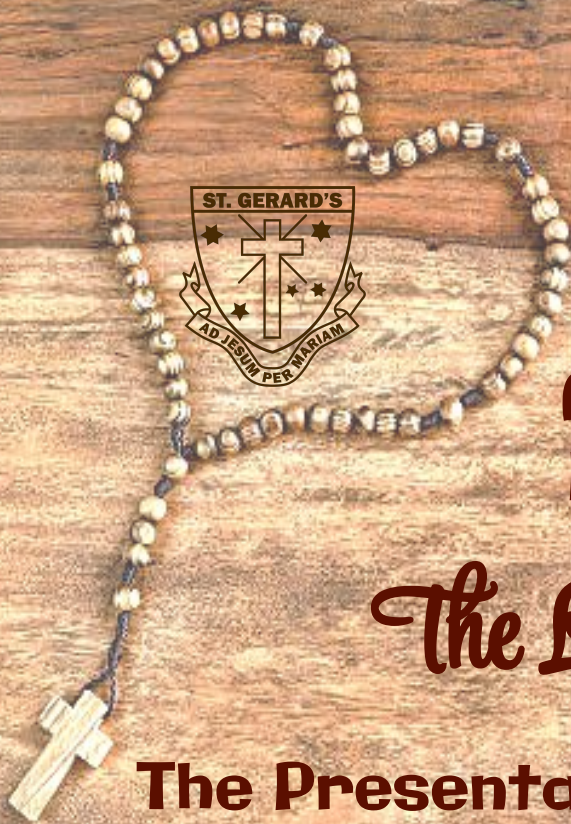
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Important Dates for Term 4

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| 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**

BABY NEWS



We are excited to announce another bundle of joy to our community.

We wish Louise and her growing family all the joy and happiness in the world.

Congratulations !

"Hi everyone,

Just a quick note to let you know our baby boy, Joseph, arrived on Cup Day- November 1st. We are all doing well and adjusting to life as a family of 5.

*Have a great week!
Louise Brown"*

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 the Friday assembly.

The raffle tickets were drawn on Friday 4th of November and the following lucky winners will enjoy a special treat with Mr Cowan:

1. Liam
2. Rachel
3. Iona
4. Isabella
5. Ezekiel
6. Reyon



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 whole school will be focusing on Being Positive in the learning areas and never giving up.



Facts from the Be You website

What is play?

Play can be pretending, learning a new skill, dressing up, being active or being quiet.

Play can involve other children or be alone. Adults can join in if they're invited – in fact, young children often love to play with close adults. Children decide what to play and how to play. Play is their time to be free and enjoy. It's their language, their work and their relaxation.

It's for all children, of all ages from birth on, and of all abilities.

Unstructured, free play is the best type for young children

This is play that just happens, depending on what takes the child's interest at the time. It isn't planned and lets children use their imagination and move at their own pace. Examples of unstructured play might be:

- creative play alone or with others, including artistic or musical games
- imaginary games (for example, making cubby houses with boxes or blankets, dressing up, playing make-believe)
- exploring new or favourite play spaces like cupboards, backyards, parks, playgrounds and so on.

You can be part of a child's unstructured play – or not

Sometimes all you'll need to do is point them in the right direction – say, towards the jumble of dress-ups and toys on the floor, or to the table with crayons and paper.

Sometimes you might need to be a bit more active – for example, “How about we play dress-ups? What do you want to be today?”

Structured play is different.

It's more organised and happens at a fixed time or in a set space, and is often led by a grown-up. Examples of structured play include:

- swimming lessons – you might see these as important lessons for your child, but they might just think they're fun
- storytelling groups for toddlers and preschoolers at the local library
- dance, music or drama classes for children of all ages
- family board or card games
- organised team sports for older children, like basketball, netball and football.

SPECIAL NOTE

Dear Students and Families ,

Reading Before School is back by great demand.

Who? Students and parents

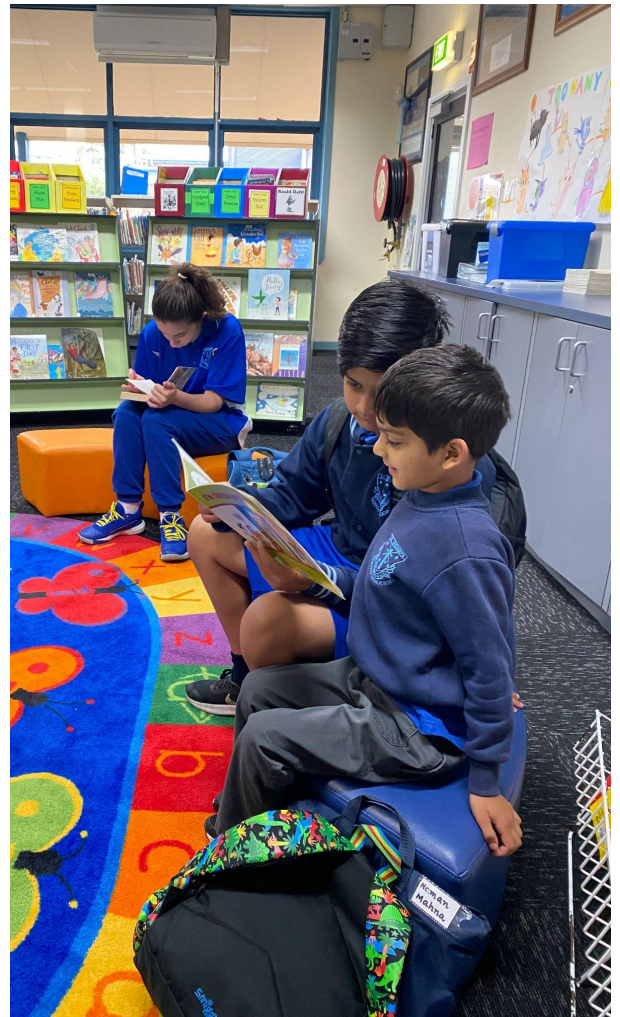
When? Wednesdays in Term 4

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!



UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE ORDERS



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Wholesalers of Quality Schoolwear & Uniforms
In House Design & Printing
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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.

