



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 celebrated their birthday this past week:!

- Trevor - 5/6O
- Roy - Prep

BOOK FAIR

Lamont Book Fair will take place from November 22 - 26 in the Library. Prices start at \$5



A reminder that if your child is absent from school to please contact the Office either by phone or email. We are required to follow up all unexplained absences each day. Families will receive a text message if their child(ren) are not at school and we have not been informed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Yesterday was Remembrance Day, November 11th, which marked the end of World War 1 over a hundred years ago. Although it was a long time ago, yesterday was 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, but we can help by committing ourselves to creating peace in our own world.

We can recognise that peace begins in our own families, classrooms, schools and communities, and it begins with us. Each one of us can make a peaceful world if we really try.

Gracious God, through your Son Jesus, you show us how to be people of peace, people of generosity and people of forgiveness.

Help us to be kinder and more understanding towards each other so that we may build right relationships and live with compassion and understanding. May we be true peacemakers who want to make a difference in our world. We ask this prayer in Jesus' name.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

It is wonderful to be back in the routines of school and I must commend our children and staff on the way they have transitioned back to Onsite Learning.

Last weekend we celebrated the **Sacraments of Confirmation** (Friday night) and **First Communion** (Saturday). These celebrations have been scheduled and re-scheduled a number of times over the past 2 years so it was fantastic to see the **joy and happiness** expressed by our Year 4, 5 and 6 children and their families.

We are in the process of displaying our students' art work as part of our **Art Show**. Families would have been given a 'taste' of this via Seesaw when students introduced one of their pieces. At this stage we will be sending home a link to a **video of the Art Show** but we are also hoping we may be able to have families visit the Art Show in person - we are waiting to see if we can do this in a COVID Safe manner.

A reminder **that our school gates are opened at 8.30am each morning. If children arrive or are dropped at school before this time there is a safety concern as they are unsupervised and outside the school grounds.**

At after school pick up, please **use the pedestrian crossing and designated walking areas** (please see the map in this newsletter) when walking home or to your car. This is a busy time of the day and we have been out of this routine due to Remote Learning. To assist with this the **Pedestrian Crossing needs to be kept free of cars** and I ask **all drivers to monitor their speed and be very mindful of pedestrians**. I thank you in advance for your understanding, patience and cooperation.

Also, if your child is **displaying COVID-19 symptoms, please do not send them to school**. COVID-19 symptoms include:

- loss or change in sense of smell or taste
- fever
- chills or sweats
- a cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- a runny nose

We are looking **towards 2022** and I am therefore 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 2022 with a level of certainty.

Also with regard to 2022, 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 next Friday 19 November.

Lastly, congratulations to **Arielle (5/6O)** who has been awarded the Julian Hill MP **Community Spirit and Leadership Award** for St Gerard's. Arielle was nominated for this honour by our Year 5/6 teachers for her contribution to our school community. Throughout Remote Learning, Arielle created our online school assemblies which involved collating the videos and photos that helped us stay connected as a school.

Continue to stay safe and God bless.

Paul Cowan
Principal



School Pick up Arrangements Term 4, 2021



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Important Dates for Term 4

TBC	Year 6 Reflection Day
Friday, 26th November	Advent Assembly at 2:30 pm
Friday, 10th December	Special Christmas Carols Evening sent via Vimeo
Friday, 10th December	End of Year Mass - TBC
Tuesday, 14th December	Year 6 Final Assembly, 2 pm and Graduation, 7 pm

Mission Walk Around Thailand

Socktober for Mission Month encourages students across Australia to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children in Thailand and around the world. During term 4 we are encouraging students to learn what life is like for children from Thailand, specifically those from slum areas in Bangkok.

Students are challenged to get fit and raise funds for Catholic Missions by using a map of Thailand to track the distance they have covered when they walk (run, hop, skip, walk backwards, whatever) around the walking track on the oval. Students will be timetabled to walk around the track, 15 minutes a day for the whole term. The Mission Walk Around Thailand will become our main fundraising event for Mission Month.



Carols Evening

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, our Carols Event will again be held remotely this year. We hope to distribute a Vimeo link to our Christmas event for families on **Friday, 10th December.**



WELLBEING NEWS



This week 3/4S enjoyed their Garden lesson. The students harvested some juicy mulberries, weeded the garden beds, planted sunflowers, mint and parsley seeds and collected the eggs.

Thank you to all of our amazing families who supported our garden program by purchasing a produce bag. We hope you enjoyed the herbs and mulberries!

WELLBEING NEWS CONT'D

GIVE ME FIVE WEEK

This week in our SEL lesson we revised the "Being Cooperative in the playground" expectations from our Give Me 5 matrix.

The Prep to 6's discussed the importance of being Cooperative in the playground by following directions and moving safely.

The students worked collaboratively to determine if a scenario demonstrated students being cooperative or not. The student's role played different scenarios of how they could be cooperative in the playground.



What's resilience?

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

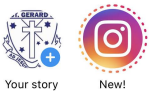


Resilience enables people to shift back along the mental health continuum towards good mental health. A child or young person's ability to be resilient can depend upon many things and can change depending upon their situation. Importantly, specific situations or events that one child or young person 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.

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The next SRC meeting
will be held on Monday
15th November at 1pm.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Remembrance day

A soldier on the battlefield would have experienced many different feelings. They would experience confidence and bravery. They sacrificed their lives for us and we are grateful.

By: Adina

Remembrance day.

A soldier on the battlefield would have experienced a lot of regret. He would be missing his family. He held on to his precious memories. We honour these soldiers for their sacrifice, courage and bravery. Lots of innocent people lost their lives at war.
Happy Remembrance day.

By: Joshlyn

Remembrance Day

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A soldier on the battlefield would have experienced a lot of different emotions. They would have felt sadness, loneliness and the honour of serving their country. He felt sadness because he was killing the innocent people. The feeling of regret will live with him forever.

By Mary

Remembrance Day

A soldier on the battlefield would have experienced sadness and lots of emotions at the same time.

We should honor their death with respect and know that they died so our country has freedom.

By Steve

Students from 3/4 C reflected on Remembrance Day. Above is some of their work.

AN INVITATION TO OUR BOOK FAIR!

Where: St Gerard's Primary School
School Library

Date: November 22 - 26

Time: To Be Confirmed

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Visual ART SHOW



Our students have been working hard at creating beautiful works of art before, during and after remote learning. Over the next three weeks we will show you some of their creations in an on-line exhibition. This week and next week the students will be finalising, mounting and labelling their work. They will then film their art work and each student will present one piece of work on Seesaw for you to see. We will keep you informed as to when the video and students work is available.

OSHC - IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please ensure you supply the Youth Leadership Victoria (YLV) OSHC Service with up to date Asthma or Allergy Plans and medication. Your child's health and safety are paramount to YLV.

