

St Gerard's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

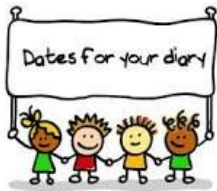


Term 3, Week 9

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13 September 2019



Tuesday, 17 September

- Running Club - 8:15 am
- Nazareth Taster Day Year 4's

Wednesday, 18 September

- **LAST DAY OF TERM 3, 3:30 PM FINISH**
- Subway Lunch
- Footy Colors Day
- Football Parade - 9 am Hall
- Football kicking competition 11:45 am
- **NO Homework Club**

Thursday, 19 September &

Friday, 20 September

- **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS**

Term 4 Resumes
Monday,
7 October



Thank you Natasha Marsh and our Parish Choir for the splendid singing at First Communion Mass last week.



Thank you to all the altar servers who assisted at First Communion Mass last week



GOD WAS IN CHRIST, TO RECONCILE THE
WORLD TO HIMSELF; AND THE GOOD
NEWS OF RECONCILIATION HE HAS
ENTRUSTED TO US.

1 Corinthians 5:19

This Sunday's readings are about Mercy.

'God's love for the world. Vast / flood of mercy / flung on resistance', writes poet Denise Levertov. In another image, Levertov describes God's mercy: '... it / Becomes the steady / air you glide on, arms / stretched like the wings of flying foxes.'

How far removed this is from the fear of a harsh judge God who pardons grudgingly. Yet how well it resonates with images of a father rushing out to embrace a long-lost son, a shepherd searching for the one lost sheep or a woman looking for a lost coin. Jesus laboured the point. His listeners may well have been as reluctant to accept the wonder of unconditional love as we can be.

Jesus, break down my reluctance to believe. Let me live in awareness of the immensity of the Father's love and mercy. Give me a spirit of understanding and peace in your presence.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

As mentioned last week, our **NAPLAN results** were sent home to the families of our Year Three and Five students. From a school perspective NAPLAN provides us with a range of data to indicate our **performance over time** and the **educational growth** of our Year Five students over the two year period from 2017 – 2019. Our Year Three and Year Five data has shown **an increase in all five areas** (Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy) **compared to 2018**. The majority of our Year Five students recorded **high or medium educational growth in all five areas**. This data reflects the hard work of our teachers and the efforts our children put into their learning. Well done to everyone!

As I stated a few weeks ago, we welcome family support at St Gerard's. At all times our school is working on providing a safe environment for our students to learn. If you would like to help in any capacity we ask that you present a current **Working With Children Check (WWCC)** card at the School Office. A Volunteer WWCC is free and requires the person to register online at:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply>

If you have any questions about this or about applying please contact the School Office.

A reminder to all families about **CEMSIS**, a survey which is conducted annually to identify areas of strength in our school and challenges that we face. As part of the information sent out there was a return slip. Once families complete the survey they can fill it in and return it to the office to go into the draw to win a **\$50 Village Movie Voucher**. This will be drawn next Wednesday afternoon as this is the last day of term for students. The voucher may prove useful over the school holidays! At the moment we have had 17 families complete the survey. I thank all our families in anticipation.

We have **Footy day** next Wednesday 18th September. Children are encouraged to wear their footy colours and the day will start with an **assembly in the Hall at 9.00am**. Families are more than welcome to come and join us.

The Greater City of Dandenong Children's Festival runs from 21st September – October 6th. This may provide your family with some opportunities over the school holidays. Please use the link below to find out what is happening in the local community.

<https://www.greaterdandenong.com/section/23301/greater-dandenong-children-s-festival>

Finally, a reminder that our **last day of school this term is next Wednesday 18th September at 3.30pm**. All staff are involved in a two day conference with two of our neighbouring Catholic Primary Schools. There will be a final newsletter for the term published on this date.

God Bless.

Paul Cowan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

St Gerard's Feast Day Celebrations Coming

Mass - Subway Lunch - Talent Quest:

Wednesday, 16 October will be a day of celebration for St Gerard's Feast Day. Our celebrations begin with Mass at 9:15, followed by a Subway Lunch and our Talent Quest.

The Social Justice Leadership Team have organized the Talent Quest which will raise money for Catholic Missions. Finalists will perform at the St Gerard's Mission week Talent Quest on Wednesday 16 October at 11:50 in the hall. All parents are welcome to attend.



The St Gerard Majella Award:

The St Gerard Majella Award is the most celebrated award that is bestowed to our students. Students who receive this award show that they are consistently emulating the virtues of St Gerard. Recipients of this award and the Social Justice Team will represent the school at the Mission Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Altar boy training

Thursday, 19 September will be the last day of altar boy training for Term 3 and will recommence 10 October which is the first Thursday of Term 4.

WELLBEING NEWS

Give Me 5 News!



This week in our Social and Emotional lesson the students in years P-2 looked at what it means to be **respectful** in all learning areas. They created posters showing what being respectful looks like in the learning areas at St Gerard's.

The students in years 3-6 looked at what it means to be **respectful** in all learning areas. They developed charts stating what being respectful looks like, sounds like and feels like in all learning areas.

Positive Behaviours for Learning- Parent Group

All parents are invited to attend a PBL (Positive Behaviours for Learning) Parent Group meeting on Monday 16 September at 9am in the meeting room.

Please feel free to join us and share your thoughts and ideas.

Walk to School

During the month of October St Gerard's will be participating in Walk to School.

Walk to School encourages Victorian primary school kids to walk, ride or scoot to and from school. It's a great way to help students learn healthy habits and achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity, every day. Active travel options to and from school are also a great opportunity to connect and chat with your kids, plus meet up with other local families along the way. If you can't walk all the way, your child can still get involved – simply drive part way and walk, ride or scoot the rest! By participating, you could help our school win great regional prizes and you will enjoy the benefits of walking, riding and scooting to and from school!



WELLBEING NEWS CONT'D



Whole School Classroom Reward System



We now have a whole school class reward system. Students who display the expectations present on the school Matrix will be rewarded with a raffle ticket from their classroom teacher. Every month the raffle tickets from each class will be collected and drawn during Monday assembly. The next raffle will be drawn on Monday, 16 September.



How does confidence develop?

Babies are born curious

They want to touch, see, hear and taste everything within their reach. Toddlers and preschoolers demonstrate their need to understand their world by asking many 'why' questions. From their repeated experiences of seeing their actions affect their world and the people in it, young children begin to see themselves as capable and having control. This helps them to feel good about themselves and builds their self-confidence.

When they begin school, children typically start out with high expectations

But when they see how they do things compared to others, their view of their own abilities often changes. They learn that they're good at some things and not so good at others. They also see how other children and educators respond to what they do. These things influence children's confidence in their abilities. They also influence how willing they are to have a go in situations where they feel unsure.

Your response

The way adults respond to children as they explore their place in the world is their template for solving many challenging and difficult problems later on. For young children, it helps strengthen their sense of self when significant adults nurture their natural curiosity and demonstrate patience and interest. In primary school years, children who are suddenly less sure of themselves may need extra support and encouragement to build a functional sense of confidence they can take with them into adolescence.



MORNING TEA INVITATION

For Mothers at St Gerard's

Friday 18 October
9.30am - 10.30am





come and
have your say

St Gerard's is hosting a visit from staff at Wellsprings for Women to tell us about their services and consult about programs that could be offered for mums in 2020

To RSVP Please register your name at front office



Ride to School Day



A big thank you to all of the families who participated in the Ride to School day on Friday 13th September. Our current data shows that we did not achieve our active travel goal for this month. I hope we have better luck and next Ride to School Day.

Well done to:

1st place- Prep C

2nd place- 1/2FP

3rd place- 1/2B



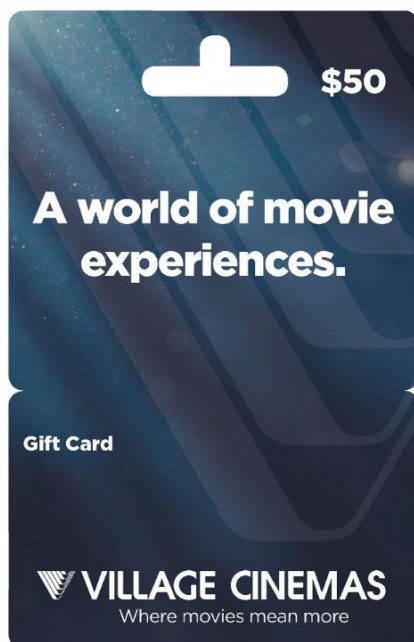
WELLBEING NEWS CONT'D

A big thank you to all the mums, Maria, Leah, Rita, Pamela, Afet, Layale and Latha who attended the Kitchen to Garden planning session this Friday. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication! We are blessed to have such wonderful parents who support us at St Gerard's!!



OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Our beautiful Prep C class celebrated 100 Days of Prep on Wednesday. They had a great day celebrating this milestone with craft activities and a class party. A huge thank you to Jacob's mum, Leah, for the delicious '100' cake she made and to Ethan's mum, Maria, for her generosity and time in supplying the decorations, lovely fruit and setting up the decorations in the room.



Have you filled in the CEMSIS Family Survey?
The winner will be drawn at assembly on Wednesday, 18 September!

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

INFLATABLES

Prep to Year 6 had a great day today with inflatable cricket activities. Thank you to the staff from SEDA who provided this opportunity for our students and to all our students who were commended on their fantastic behaviour.





FOOTY FUN DAY



WHEN:

Wednesday, 18 September 2019
(last day of Term 3)

WHAT TO WEAR:

Come dressed in your
favourite footy colours!!!!!!



FOOTY PARADE:

9:00 am—school hall

FOOTBALL KICKING COMPETITION:

11:45 am—school oval





St Gerard's

Dinner Dance

- WHEN:** Saturday, 12 October
- TIME:** 7:00 pm
- WHERE:** St Gerard's Church Hall
71 Gladstone Road
Dandenong North
- TICKETS:** \$40 for adults
\$20 for children 4 - 12 years
Includes buffet dinner, tea & coffee.
BYO drinks
- DRESS CODE:** Smart Casual

Live Music By
Midnight Mist

Catering By
Silver Platter



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