



St Gerard's Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Term 3 Week 6

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following students who celebrated their birthday this week a very happy birthday!

- Anita - 5/6VT
- Minh-Dang - 5/6O
- Emmanuel - 1/2FP
- Francis - 1/2L
- Ariana - 1/2FP
- Arielle - 5/6O
- Kanwer - 3/4C

**Stay at home,
be safe,
be healthy.**

Current restrictions see the students back at school on Thursday, 19 August

School Prayer

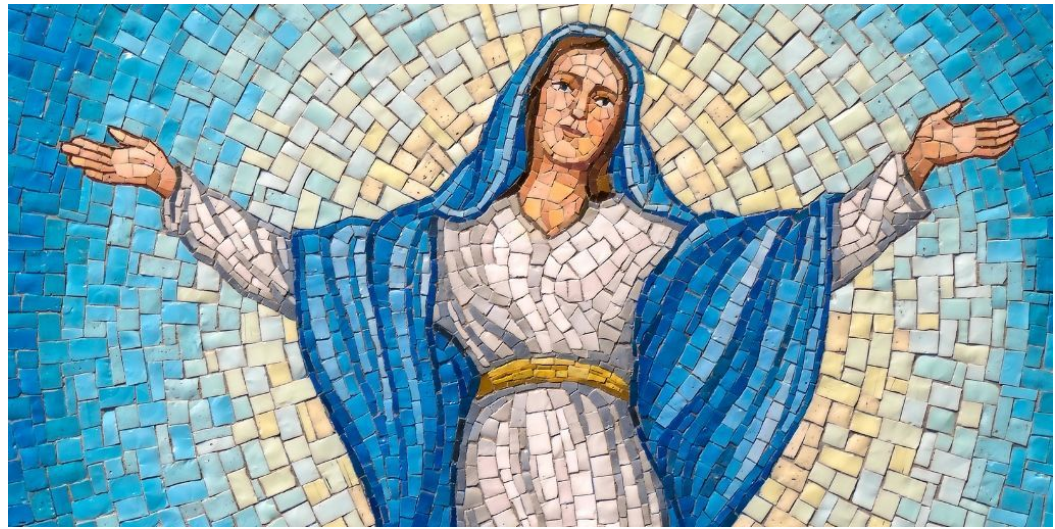
God, our Father, as members of the Parish Community of St Gerard's we praise you for your love.

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

Happy Feast of The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven



On Sunday, 15th August, we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Mary, the mother of God. We celebrate Mary's passing from this world into the glory of God. We remember her deep faith and her constant trust in God. We pray that we will be inspired by Mary's life and see her as a model of commitment and devotion.

God of love, inspired by Mary's example,
may we live as your faithful and trusting disciples.
We pray for the strength and courage we need
to be hope-filled and generous people,
ready to reach out to others just as Mary did.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, your Son.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

As we finish a week of Remote Learning I would like to once again acknowledge the efforts of our students, families and staff in continuing the learning of our children. With the announcement on Wednesday that we will be in lockdown until next Thursday (19 August) we will continue with our current arrangements and structures. While learning modes may be different we continue to provide opportunities for our students to develop. Please **check Seesaw** for assigned work and Google Meetings set by your child's teacher. **As always, I encourage families to contact the school via Seesaw, email or phone if we can help in any way. Please stay connected with us.** I appreciate that this can be challenging in many ways for families and my thoughts and prayers are with our school community at this time.

Due to the current circumstances we have had to **postpone** the celebration of the **Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion**. We are continuing to work closely with the parish to be able to celebrate these important stages in our children's faith journey in a safe manner. The families directly involved will be updated as soon as possible. In the meantime I ask our community to pray for these children and their families.

This Sunday is the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This is a very significant event in the Church year and highlights once again the pivotal role Mary plays in our faith. Normally as a school we would attend Mass as close to this feast day as we can and participate in a '**Living Rosary**' involving students, staff and our parish community.

In light of our current situation, we have shared our **2020 Living Rosary as part of this week's assembly**. Please feel free to use this when you need. The power of prayer is always important, particularly when we are challenged.

A message was sent to all families last week via Seesaw about **enrolments for Prep in 2022**. If you have a child who will be starting school next year please contact the School Office. **Existing families are our first category for enrolments**. We are **getting enquiries from new families** so it is important that we enrol our existing families as soon as possible.

God bless.

Paul Cowan
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sacrament Dates Rescheduled due to Lockdown Extension

Due to the extension to the current lockdown, we have rescheduled the dates for Confirmation and First Communion.

The new date for Confirmation will now be **Friday 20th August, 7pm**. The two First Communion Masses will be on **Saturday 21st August at 11:30am and 2pm**.

Of course, this is dependent on the current restrictions being lifted. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Stack.

St Gerard's Talent Quest Auditions

Early next term, as part of our celebrations for our Feast Day we will be holding our annual Talent Quest. Children will need to audition for this event in the last week of term.

WELLBEING NEWS



Kitchen to Garden



FAMILY COOKING

Ethan being helpful at home by helping his mum to cook dinner during the lockdown. Ethan made fried noodles and assisted with peeling the carrots, cleaning the sprouts and marinating the meat.



Cook a meal with your family, write a short description of what you made and send photos of yourself and your family cooking together. Email your photos to Mrs Fernandez at nfernandez@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au



On Tuesday 17th August we will be having 'Crazy Hair/Hat Day!' Take a photo of yourself with crazy hair or a crazy hat and send it to your teacher on Seesaw.

Mums, dads, brothers, sisters and grandparents are invited to join in the fun too! We would love to see how creative your family can be!



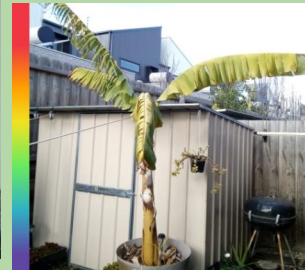
WELLBEING NEWS CONT'D



This plant is called Loropetalum. This plant is my favourite plant because it is the prettiest plant in my backyard. The plant is one of my favourite colours, bright pink. In the picture it looks purple but it is actually pink. It has leaves but not many leaves.



Ariana 1/2FP



My favourite plant in our backyard is our banana plant. It is my favourite because we got it on my brother's birthday. The plant has no fruit yet but I can not wait for it to grow some! The plant has grown super tall since we got it. In summer we water it a lot since there is not much rain, but in winter it rains a LOT so we can't go outside.

Chelsea 1/2FP

Due to lockdown we cannot get into our school garden to see what is growing but we can have a look at what is growing in your backyard/front yard. This week the 1/2 students shared their favourite plant in their garden.

If you would like to share what is growing in your garden please email Mrs Fernandez at nfernandez@sgdandeno.nsnth.catholic.edu.au



Anjanha 1/2FP

Lavender and sweet pea is growing in my garden. I like lavender because of its fragrance. I like sweet pea because it is beautiful with smell.



This is my favourite type of flower. It's a bright, yellow pansy. It has a few ornaments around it, including a parrot and a mushroom. The flowers and the ornaments look super pretty.

Antoinia 1/2L



The 1/2 students tried their best to be positive during the lockdown by listing all of the things in their life that they are thankful for. Have a look at some of their work, we have a lot to be grateful for! Next week our whole school will be focusing on Being Positive.



BOOK WEEK 2021



This year Book Week is celebrated from 21st – 27th August. The theme for Book Week 2021 is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'. We have a very exciting Book Week planned this year! More details will be sent home with students next week. In the meantime, here are some costume suggestions to help with your dress up ideas.

