

St Gerard's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

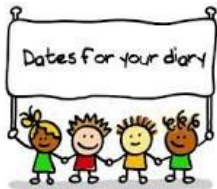


Term 1, Week 3

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14 February 2020



Tuesday, 18 February

- Running club

Wednesday, 19 February

- PLAYGROUP 9am - 10:30am
- NO PREPS
- Garden Stall - 3:20 pm

Friday, 21 February

- Ride to School
- Raffle tickets drawn
- Assembly 2:45 pm



Opening Hours
8:30 am - 10:00 am
Monday mornings

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



St Valentine was a bishop, and is thought to have been a physician. He was arrested for giving aid to Christian prisoners awaiting martyrdom, and while imprisoned he converted the jailer by restoring sight to the jailer's daughter. St Valentine refused to deny Christ before the Emperor Claudius in the year 280 and won the jeweled crown of martyrdom by his faithful witness. The feast of St Valentine was first established in 496 by Pope Gelasius L.

Prayer to St Valentine

O St Valentine, lover to Christ and of the church, we ask your intercession that we may learn how to love God above all things, and to selflessly love one another. O'Glorious St Valentine, pray for us, that we too may have the steadfast faith of the martyrs.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

I hope that you have had a great week. We are well and truly into the school term with all our usual programs up and running after our *Give Me 5* focus in the first two weeks.

It was wonderful to see families at our **3 Way Conversations** on Tuesday. This is an opportunity for our teachers, parents and children to come together to positively impact your child's learning. Having families and the school working together has so many benefits for everyone. If you were unable to attend I strongly encourage you to contact your child(ren's) teacher(s) to arrange a time.

Our **Playgroup** resumed this week and **occurs every Wednesday morning from 9.00am - 10.30am**. It is open to school and parish families and the wider community. This is a great way for children and families to come together, build relationships and make connections. As the flyer for the playgroup says: *'The only cost involved is a friendly smile!'*

We had our first **Whole School Assembly** last Friday which was very well conducted by some of our Year 6 Leaders. As was mentioned last week, we will be having assembly **every Friday afternoon at 2.45pm in the PAC**. We will be reflecting on the week that has just finished, celebrating successes, recognising birthdays, praying together and singing our national anthem. **There is an open invitation to all families to come and be with us at this special time of the week.**

Families should have received their **School Fee Statements last Friday, if you did not, please contact the Office**. A reminder that if you have a **current Health Care Card you are entitled to a reduction**. If there are **families experiencing challenges** with regard to their fees please contact the Office to make an **appointment with myself so we can work through this together**.

Our parish is having a **Trivia Night on Saturday 29 February at 6.30pm in the Hall**. It would be great to have our school well represented at this event. Please see the advertising flyer which is contained in this newsletter. Tickets can be purchased at the School Office.

This Sunday's First Reading, Responsorial Psalm and Gospel all relate to the way in which we are called to live in right relationship with God and with one another. This calling is something to keep in mind not just this week but at all times in our dealings with each other.

Finally, due to work being conducted on parts of the Hall, we have been asked **not to use the carpark between the church and the Hall on Monday and Tuesday next week**. This will allow the work to be completed efficiently and keep people and cars safe. **Children attending Out of School Hours Care (OSHO)** on these 2 days will need to **enter and exit through the main school gate**. I thank you in advance for your co-operation.

God Bless

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Whole School Mass

Wednesday, 26th February:

Ash Wednesday, 9:00am (Day of Fast and Abstinence)

Level Masses:

Years 3/4:

Thursday, 20th Feb at 9:15

Prep and Years 5/6:

Thursday, 12th March at 9:15 (with Preps)

Other Important Dates for Term 1

Tuesday 25th February:

Shrove Tuesday: Tuesday

Tuesday, 17th March:

St Patrick's Feast Day

Tuesday 17th March:

Students wear full school uniform with a touch of green for St Patrick's Day

Tuesday 17th March:

St Patrick's Day Mass at the Cathedral for a delegate of School Leaders representing our school

Tuesday 24th March:

The Passion at 2pm followed by Hot Cross Buns for parents afterwards

Tuesday 14th April:

Easter Assembly at 2:45pm

Sacrament Dates, 2020

Confirmation: (Grade 6)

Confirmation Information Night:

TBA

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Sunday 26th July, 6pm

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Confirmation:

Sunday 26th July, 6pm (Confirmed by Fr Brendan Hayes)

Reconciliation: (Grade 3)

First Reconciliation Information Night:

Thursday 16th July at 7pm

Reconciliation:

Thursday 13th August at 7pm

First Communion: (Grade 4)

First Communion Information Night:

Tuesday 12th May, 7pm

First Communion:

Saturday 13th 5:30pm

Sunday 14th June, 8:30am & 10:30am

The Passion

Please mark this significant event into your diaries and it's well worth taking time off work if needs be to witness The Passion.

Our faith journey with Jesus in Holy Week sees us remembering his last days and moments. It is a journey of jubilation, of anxiety and suffering, of humiliation and abandonment, of dying on a cross.

During the Passion we journey with Jesus towards the cross and prepare to welcome him into our presence.

The Passion will take place on Tuesday 24th March at 2pm, followed by Hot Cross Buns being served to parents.

Palm leaves needed:

If you have some palm leaves that can be used for props for The Passion, please bring them to Mrs Stack on Monday 23rd March.

Seasons - A Program for Grief and Loss

Seasons is a peer support program for children and young people who are experiencing grief and loss in their lives. This loss may be the result of a death, separation or divorce.

This valuable program will become available in term 2. If you have any questions about the program, please don't hesitate to speak to your classroom teacher or to Mrs. Stack.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS CONT'D

St Patrick's Day Mass

On Tuesday 17th March a delegation of 10 school leaders from Year 6 will represent our school by attending Mass to celebrate St Patrick's Day at St Patrick's Cathedral in East Melbourne. After Mass, we will walk to the Treasury Gardens to have lunch followed by a concert in the park.

Project Compassion

Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Project Compassion Boxes will be distributed to each class during Ash Wednesday Mass. Each class will have a target amount that they would like to raise during lent. Regular updates, by the Social Justice Leadership Team, with the amount raised so far will be announced at the school assembly.

Rosary

Each Tuesday we have a group that comes together to pray the rosary in the Church at first lunch, led by the Legion of Mary from the Parish. Children are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring their own Rosary beads if they have them, otherwise, Rosary beads will be provided.

Meditation

Thank you to everyone that has remembered that we begin each day with meditation. If you arrive late to school and the meditation bell has already gone, you need to wait in the office area until meditation time has finished.

Altar boy training

Altar boy training sessions will resume on Thursday 13th February. After that the boys will be trained at **St Gerard's Church** each Thursday from **5.00-6.30pm** by Frederick Maroun, a senior Altar Server. If your son is in Year 4 or above and is interested in becoming an altar server or would like more information, please contact Mrs. Stack at the school office.

WELLBEING NEWS

Kitchen Garden 3/4L



This week 3/4L enjoyed their Garden to Kitchen lesson. The students enjoyed preparing and eating delicious zucchini fritters and herb yoghurt! Ask them to make it for you at home. Once again a huge thank you to our amazing, dedicated mums who volunteer their precious time every Friday. On the 21st of February **5/6VT** will participate in their Garden to Kitchen lesson. If you would like to assist during the Garden to Kitchen block please contact Anna Munro or Nicole Fernandez. We would love for you to join in!

Week

21 February
28 February
6 March
13 March
20 March

Class

5/6VT
5/6O
NO LESSON
1/2FP
1/2B



Zucchini Fritter Recipe

- 3 zucchini's (about 400g)
- ½ cup of self raising flour
- ½ cup parmesan cheese (grated)
- 1 egg (whisked)
- 1/4 cup chopped spring onions
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Pepper to taste

Herbed greek yoghurt

- 2 cups of greek yoghurt
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons of chopped herbs



Whole School Classroom 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 classroom will be collected and drawn during the Friday assembly.

The raffle tickets will be drawn during assembly on
Friday 21st of February.



St Gerard's Garden Stall

Next week we will hold our first **Garden Market Stall** for 2020.

The Environmental leaders will be selling rosemary, zucchini and eggs straight from the garden. Parents get in early to snap up a bargain. The garden market stall will be held on **Wednesday the 19th of February 2020 at 3:20pm.**

GIVE ME 5 WEEK!

During the Give Me 5 weeks the students attended a technology incursion run by Dandenong Library. The students had the opportunity to experiment with a green screen. Have a look at all of the fun we had!!



Green Screen Fun!



WELLBEING NEWS CONT'D



Healthy eating helps children and young people cope more effectively with stress, better manage their emotions and get a good sleep – all of which assist learning.

Most research about nutrition and mental health has focused on adults. We know that good nutrition is associated with better mental health outcomes, whereas a poor diet is associated with a greater risk of depression and anxiety. However, emerging research that focuses on children and young people has also found a relationship between unhealthy diets and poorer mental health outcomes. Poor nutrition has been associated with:

- externalising behaviour (such as hyperactivity, aggression, disobedience)
- symptoms of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
- poor concentration and tiredness, which interfere with learning
- immune system function, which is also linked to mental health
- delayed brain development – high-fat, high-sugar diets can affect proteins in the body that are important for brain development
- iron deficiency, which has been linked to cognitive function impairments associated with learning and memory
- nutrient deficiencies, which have been associated with mental health conditions including depression and anxiety (we know that fruits and vegetables, grains, fish, lean red meats and olive oils are rich in important nutrients such as folate, magnesium, vitamins and zinc which all impact on body and brain functions, including mood regulation)

LEARNING & TEACHING NEWS

We have welcomed Prep students and are meeting with them on a Wednesday to complete some basic assessment. This assessment includes Literacy which includes oral language, reading and phonics, and Numeracy - place value and counting.

This assessment informs the classroom teacher about what your child knows and what your child needs to learn. This type of assessment will be ongoing during the year and will inform both parents and teachers of students knowledge and growth.



Mrs Stewart has been working with the Prep C class this week, helping them create some wonderful masterpieces during their art lesson.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS



IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

St Gerard's Parish School

Tuesday's 3.30-4.30pm

Dates: 18/2, 25/2, 3/3, 10/3, 17/3, 24/2

Cost: Free Location: Oval
Teacher Contact: Dorothy Stack

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nab AFL Auskick

NAB AFL Auskick is one of the best, first experiences kids aged 5-12 will have learning Australian Football.

In weekly sessions, Auskickers and their families will run, jump, kick, laugh and create their own special moments playing footy.

No matter their skill level, ability or knowledge of the game, Auskick is for everyone!

Registration is this simple!

- 1** **WWW.**
Visit play.afl
- 2** **SELECT**
Select 'Where to play'
- 3** **LOCATE**
Enter your suburb
- 4** **REGISTER**
Find your local club and register!

play.afl/auskick

FREE! BIG BASH FAMILY FUN PASS!
Sign up to claim your 4 x general admission passes!

Woolworths CRICKET BLAST

HAVE A BLAST!

GET INTO WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST. IT'S A FUN AND ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES – WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME WITH A BAT OR YOU'RE A BACKYARD CRICKET STAR!

St Gerard's Parish School
Tuesday's 3.30-4.30pm
Dates: 18/2, 25/2, 3/3, 10/3, 17/3, 24/2
Teacher Contact: Dorothy Stack
Cost: Free Location: School Oval

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Woolworths CRICKET BLAST

HAVE A BLAST. BE PART OF THE CREW!

Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast. It's a fun and active program for kids of all abilities – whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard cricket star!

- ✓ It's easy to join a crew and make awesome new friends.
- ✓ Wear the colours of your Big Bash heroes.
- ✓ Parents warm up, you can join in too!

JUNIOR BLASTERS
AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

Learn new skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game based activities.

Sign up now for your Starter Pack. Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Pack with backpack and choice of bonus item!

STARTER KIT **RETURNER KIT**

MASTER BLASTERS
AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket. For kids with basic cricket skills.

Sign up now for your Master Blasters Pack!

FREE! BIG BASH FAMILY FUN PASS!
Sign up for Woolworths Cricket Blast and enjoy the ultimate family experience. You'll be cheering on your favourite Melbourne Stars heroes during a match of non-stop action and entertainment. Access your FREE general admission passes (x4) when you sign up at playcricket.com.au*

ST GERARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
Tuesday's 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
DATES: 25/2, 3/3, 10/3, 17/3, 24/3
Teacher Contact - Dorothy Stack
COST - FREE! Location: School Oval

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NEXT
GENERATION

SAINTS NEXT GENERATION ACADEMY SCHOOLS PROGRAM



Participant information

Given name: _____

Surname: _____

Date of birth: _____

Country of birth: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Do you identify yourself as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Do not wish to disclose

State/Territory: _____

Postcode: _____

Language other than English spoken at home: _____

Parent/guardian contact details

Parent's first name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Mother's country of birth: _____

Father's country of birth: _____

Cultural information provided on this form will help identify participants eligible for AFL Diversity opportunities.

Do you want a Saints Squad* membership: ☐ Yes ☐ No

By joining the Saints Squad, you become part of the Club and will receive:

- * Admission to three St Kilda home games for 2018, plus access to guest passes
- * Access to one junior clinic with St Kilda players
- * Exclusive Saints Squad Drink Bottle

By selecting yes, you are agreeing to the Terms and Conditions of the St Kilda Football Club. We will endeavour to use the information you provide to us only for club-related purposes and in accordance with the club's privacy policy, available from saints.com.au/privacy. Entry into the Saints Squad and attendance to matches is subject to capacity. St Kilda Football Club reserves the right to alter the nature of this offer at any time.

St Kilda Football Club Member: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Membership Number: _____

School attended: _____

Grade/Year Level: _____

AFL club supported: _____

Community Football
Club or Auskick: _____

Media Permission: ☐ Yes ☐ No

The AFL may use my child/ward's:

- Images and footage in any form for marketing and/or promotional activity in connection with the Multicultural Schools Program

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Communications

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Signature

Parent/guardian

For more information, visit:

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CSEF Applications Open!

If you have a current Health Care Card like the one pictured below or a Concession Card, you may be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund reduction on your school fees. Applications were sent home with your school fee statement or you can pick one up from the office. If you have any questions please see the office for assistance.





What has a head and a tail but no body?



SPORT

HISTORY

MUSIC

ST GERARD'S TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us for a fun evening of trivia, puzzles & games to test your general knowledge!

Saturday 29 February 6:30pm

Parish Hall

Adults \$10, Kids free
BYO food and drink
Contact: Jeff Zaher 0477 188 883
Agnelo Miranda 0470 130 041
Angele Pacificque 0411 578 404
Andrew Vaccaro 0404 390 824

PLACES

MOVIES

SCIENCE

When was the last year that New Year's Day came before Christmas?



Before Mt Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain?



Dear parents, guardians and carers

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy \(https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy\)](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal \(https://www.nccd.edu.au\)](https://www.nccd.edu.au).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards

Principal