



St Gerard's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

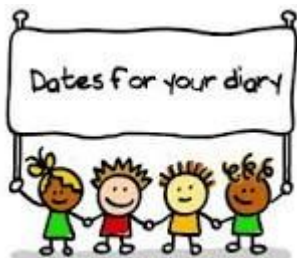


Term 2, Week 8

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14 June 2019



Monday, 17 June

REFUGEE WEEK

- Refugee Week Assembly 9:00
- Gr 3/4 Excursion Melbourne Performing Arts

Tuesday, 18 June

- Running club 8:15 am
- Ride to School

Wednesday, 19 June

- Playgroup 9-10:30 am
- Homework Club
- Soup Kitchen cook up

Thursday, 20 June

- Soup Kitchen Lunch

Wear Full uniform, beanie and gloves

- Coin line Fundraiser
- Refugee Week Assembly 2:15 pm

Friday, 14 June

- Gala Day 2
- Kitchen Garden Cooking 1/2FP
- Reports go home

2020 Prep Enrolments

If your child is starting school in 2020 please pick up an enrolment pack from the office. If you have already done so, please complete and return as soon as possible.



Parent, Teacher & Student 3 Way interviews will be held on:
Tuesday, 25 June & Thursday, 27 June

A blue appointment form has been sent home with your child.



A Prayer for asylum seekers

Lord,
No one is a stranger to you
and no one is ever far from your loving care.
In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers,
those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost
and those who have been exiled from their homes.
Bring them safely to the place where they long to be
and help us always to show your kindness to strangers
and those in need.

Adapted from the Opening Prayer of the Mass for Refugees and Exiles

MESSAGE FROM ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Over the long weekend Mrs Stack and I attended the parish masses to speak to the community about our school and sharing with them the qualities and opportunities at St. Gerard's. Over the last 15 years the enrolment numbers have steadily declined as the demographics of the community has changed and families move from this area to newly developed outer suburbs.

We are working very hard to ensure our student numbers do not continue to decline.

I ask all families to let other families know about St. Gerard's and what we offer both students and their family. We are very proud of our school, our students and their academic progress and the very good behaviour they show and want to share this with everyone.

WORKING BEE

Tomorrow we have our first working bee for the year and I invite you to come along to do a little bit of work in the grounds. The working bee begins at 9.00 and goes till 12.00 but you do not need to stay for this entire time. We have a number of jobs to do in the grounds, these include:

- building a fence around the kitchen garden,
- putting fresh sand in the sandpit and cleaning up the area,
- replenishing tanbark on both the playgrounds and the gardens,
- clearing the entrance to the Out of School Hours building and cutting down some shrubs.



We will be having a sausage sizzle to thank you and **those who attend will also have the \$80.00 maintenance levy deducted from their school fees.** I will be there with a number of staff and the more hands we have the more work we can get done.

If you have tools such as a rake, a spade, a barrow or a saw, please bring these items along also gardening gloves would be a benefit to you.

3 WAY CONVERSATIONS

During Week 10 you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress at school. We encourage you to bring along your child so as they are part of the conversation.

Reports will be sent home at the beginning of the last week of term with the 3 way conversation being held on Tuesday 25th from 3.40 to 7.00 & on Thursday 27th from 3.40 to 6.00 of the last week.

Please return your reply slip for this meeting as soon as possible. School will finish at 3.30 on both of these days.

May God Bless you all,
Carol Stewart
Acting Principal

New Principal Announced

Dear parents and members of the school community,

After a very long wait, I am pleased to inform you that Mr Paul Cowan will be taking up the position of principal of St Gerard's from the beginning of Term 3. He comes to us after serving as Deputy Principal at St Therese's Primary School in Cranbourne.

This has been a time of uncertainty and I am grateful for your patience and your prayers. I especially want to acknowledge the work of Mrs Stewart and Mrs Stack for keeping the ship steady in the absence of a captain. I am very grateful for the extra work they took on for a much longer period of time than expected.

As the school enters a new phase, it is the perfect time to recommit ourselves to the Catholic education of the children and the future of St Gerard's Primary.

In our patron Saint Gerard Majella,

Fr Brendan Arthur
Parish Priest

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Whole School Masses:

Friday 28th June

Sacred Heart of Jesus at 9:00

First Communion: Year 4

First Communion:

Sunday, 8th September at 2pm (for Year 4)

Confirmation: Year 6

Confirmation:

Sunday, 28th July 3:00 pm

Other Important Dates:

Refugee Week Assembly:

Thursday 20th June (Lead by Social Justice team)

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Once again we'll aim to have our food cart to be filled to the brim for the St Vincent De Paul Winter appeal. The social justice leaders to collect food from week two and the collection will finish on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The class that brings in the most items will win a casual dress day. Please donate to this worthwhile appeal.

Altar boy training

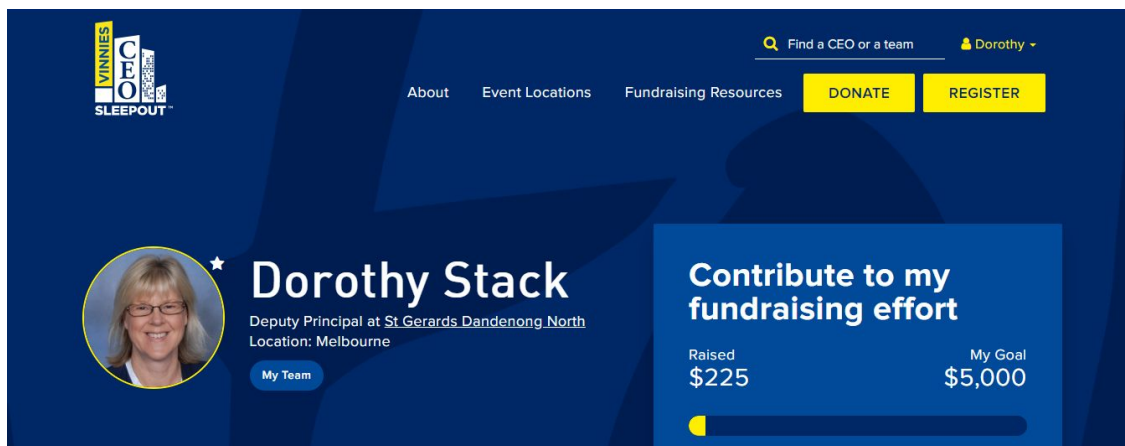
Altar boy training is in the Church from 5pm to 6:30pm every Thursday evening. Please contact Mrs Stack if you are interested in joining our dedicated team of Altar Servers.

The Social Justice Team Promotes Awareness of the Homeless

The Social Justice Team have been busy promoting awareness of the homeless to make a real difference in St Gerard's and wider community. The St Vincent de Paul Society relies on donations from supporters like St Gerard's to ensure that they can continue providing their important services and rebuilding lives.

Raising Awareness that Homelessness is a growing problem with more and more people turning to Vinnies for help. The Vinnies Sleepout encourages students to talk to family and friends about homelessness and how we can each make a difference.

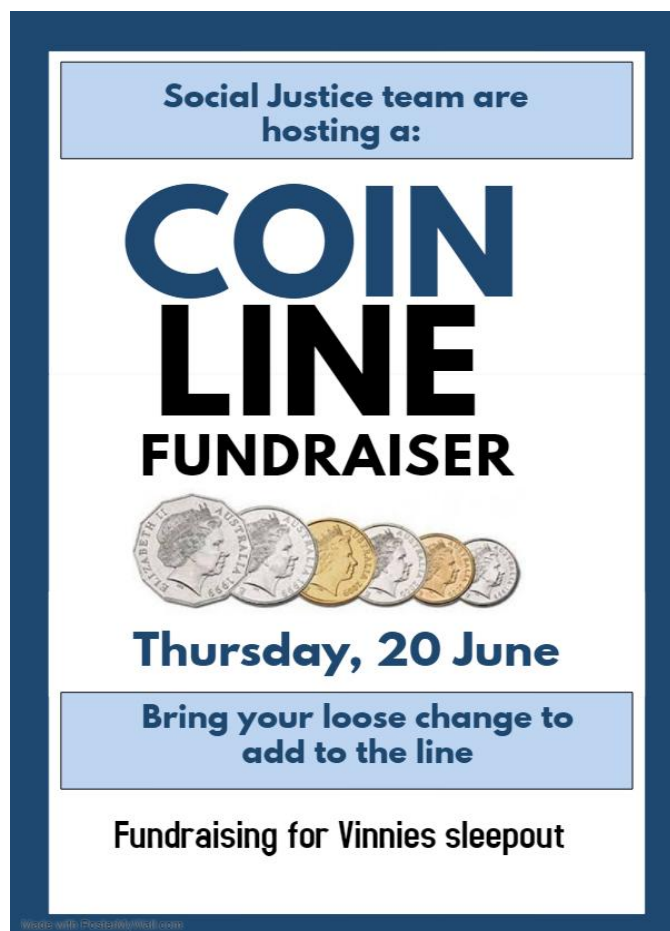
Homelessness is experienced by everyday people living in our local community. Many families living on the edge are only three pay packets away from homelessness. If individuals have no family or friends to rely on, it's easy for someone to fall through the cracks and end up sleeping in their car, couch surfing or on the street.



The screenshot shows the Vinnies Sleepout fundraising website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'About', 'Event Locations', 'Fundraising Resources', 'DONATE', and 'REGISTER'. A search bar and a user profile for 'Dorothy' are also visible. The main section features a profile for Dorothy Stack, Deputy Principal at St Gerards Dandenong North, Melbourne. It shows a fundraising goal of \$5,000 with \$225 raised so far. A progress bar indicates the current status.

Help support Mrs Stack raise funds and awareness of the homeless

https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/maddiepearcesvdp-vicorgau/melbourne?ref=ch_1EaAKALegKWokG8ybAdzjRIZ



The poster is for a 'COIN LINE FUNDRAISER' hosted by the Social Justice team. It features a large image of several Australian coins. The text reads: 'Social Justice team are hosting a: COIN LINE FUNDRAISER Thursday, 20 June Bring your loose change to add to the line Fundraising for Vinnies sleepout'. The bottom of the poster mentions 'Made with PosterMyWall.com'.



The poster is for a 'Soup Kitchen Fundraiser' hosted by the St Gerard's Primary School Social Justice Team. It features a large image of a bowl of red soup. The text reads: 'ST GERARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM IS HOSTING A Soup Kitchen Fundraiser Thursday, 20 June Dress: Full School Uniform, gloves & beanie Bring a large mug We are raising awareness that the homeless will be on the cold streets this winter Bring any amount up to \$5 as a donation Volunteers are welcome to help cook soup on Wednesday, 19 June'. The bottom of the poster mentions 'Made with PosterMyWall.com'.

Blessings to you on your **First Reconciliation**

Martin Allendes Arias

Levi Lopez

Duane Collom

Jovanna Lual

Catherine Dinh

Jayden Midhun

Hope Donovan

Minh-Dang Nguyen

Trevor Fernando

Dominique Perumal

Evelyn Joby

Aswin Sheen

Amy Labour

Ella Torelli

Anton Leo

Alessia Trovarelli

On this grace-filled occasion of your first confession, may you discover the peace and the amazing love of God's forgiveness.

First Reconciliation Thank You

Thank you to our committed teachers, Mrs Lewis and Miss Sonno who worked as partners with the parents and the parish, helping our children to know they are individually known and loved by God, that God is always listening to them, and that they can talk to God about what's going on in their life – good and bad.

Thank you to our parents who are the primary educators of their children in the ways of the faith. Your role in your child's religious education is vital from the very beginning.

Thank you to Fr Arthur and Fr Denton for your continued support in the preparation and the celebration of the sacraments. There are not many parish schools that have their priests give regular Religious Instruction to proclaim the Gospel of God like we do. We are truly blessed.



Kitchen Garden - 5/6 VT

This week 5/6VT enjoyed their Garden to Kitchen lesson. The 5/6's enjoyed preparing and eating soda bread and pumpkin soup. 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.



be you *Did You Know?* *What is resilience?*

Resilience enables people to shift back along the [mental health continuum](#) towards good mental health. It's not static but is something that can change over time due to experiences and circumstance.

Resilience is particularly important for children and young people

A child or young person's ability to be resilient can depend upon many things, particularly their relative balance of risk and protective factors. Depending upon their situation, a child or young person's resilience may vary. Importantly, specific situations or events that one child or young person may find challenging, another may not.

The transition from being a child to an adolescent to a young adult occurs over a relatively short period of time. Rapid changes in physical, psychological and social development can present numerous challenges. Children and young people who are more resilient are better able to stay on track with the biological, psychological and social demands of growing up and moving through early childhood into adolescence and beyond.

Being resilient is associated with better academic performance and school behaviour and, over the longer term, fewer mental health issues and greater life opportunities (including employment and relationships). Individual resilience (as well as family and community resilience) is something that can be fostered and developed over time.

From the Be You website

WELLBEING NEWS CONT'D



Walk or Ride To School Tuesday, 18th June 2019



Tuesday, 18th June is a Ride to School Day. Students are encouraged to walk or ride to school from home or from a nearby drop off point. If your child doesn't normally walk to school, you could do this together.

Students who ride are given a sticker and the class who has the most students riding or walking get to keep our Ride to School trophy in their classroom for that month. Students can ride bikes, skateboards or scooters.

They must wear a helmet at all times.

Upon arrival at school, students must hop off their bike or scooter and lock up their bike or scooter in our bike parking area (behind the 1/2 gathering space).

OTHER NEWS



EARN & LEARN PROMOTION CLOSSES TUESDAY, 25 JUNE



The office is receiving an abundance of lost jumpers, some of which look very new. PLEASE ensure you label ALL your child's uniform. Today we received what looks like a brand new size 10 jacket with no name. If your child has misplaced it please come and see the office.

OUR NEW WEBSITE HAS LAUNCHED



Our new website is now up and running. It is a great platform for keeping you up-to-date on what is happening here at St Gerards. As of Term 3 we will no longer have the Parent Calendar included with the newsletter as this information can be accessed via the website - check it out at :

<https://www.sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au/>

OSHC NEWS

If you require OSHC for your child please ensure you contact Marina 24 hours prior to the required session. The number of students attending the program are increasing and extra staffing arrangements need to be made if numbers are above 15. This can not be done at short notice.

School dismissal on the last day of Term 2 is 2:30 pm. If you require your child to attend OSHC on this afternoon, please contact Marina on 0402192685 as soon as possible.

ST GERARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TERM 2, 2019 - Parent Calendar

| WEEK | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------|--|---|---|--|---|
| 1 | 22/4 | 23/4 | 24/4 | 25/4 | 26/4 |
| | EASTER MONDAY | First day Term 2 Easter Resurrection Paraliturgy - 2:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playgroup NO Homework Club Gr 5 Ricketts Point Excursion | ANZAC DAY | |
| | | | | | 28/4 10:30 Mass offered up for the Victims of Sri Lanka |
| 2 | 29/4 | 30/4 | 1/5 | 2/5 | 3/5 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melbourne Football Club incursion Gr 3/4 & Gr 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride to school Running Club commences 8:15 am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playgroup 9-10:30 am Homework Club commences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible pet ownership Incursion (prep - 2, 9:30 - 12:30) P/5/6 Level Mass | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sporting Schools Kitchen Garden Cooking Prep C |
| 3 | 6/5 | 7/5 | 8/5 | 9/5 | 10/5 |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running club 8:15 am Reconciliation Parent/Child Info Night @ 7pm 3/4 Cross Country | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playgroup 9-10:30 am Homework Club 5/6 Cross Country | 3/4 Level Mass | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Week Breakfast Sporting Schools Kitchen Garden Cooking 3/4 L |
| | | | | | MOTHERS DAY 12/5 |
| 4 | 13/5 | 14/5 | 15/5 | 16/5 | 17/5 |
| | FAMILY WEEK Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue Rosary in the Church 10:00 Prep, 12:00 1/2, 1:00 3/4, 3:00 5/6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running club 8:15 am NAPLAN Online 14th - 24th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playgroup 9-10:30 am NO Homework Club School Photos | 1/2 Level Mass | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sporting Schools Kitchen Garden Cooking 5/6 O |
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| 6 | 27/5 | 28/5 | 29/5 | 30/5 | 31/5 |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running club 8:15 am Ride to School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playgroup 9-10:30 am Homework Club National Sorry Day Assembly 2:30 | | School Closure Day |
| 7 | 3/6 | 4/6 | 5/6 | 6/6 | 7/6 |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running club 8:15 am Confirmation Child/Parent information night, 7pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playgroup 9-10:30 am NO Homework Club Red Cross 1st Aid Training | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kitchen Garden Cooking 1/2 B |
| 8 | 10/6 | 11/6 | 12/6 | 13/6 | 14/6 |
| | Queen's Birthday Holiday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running club 8:15 am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playgroup 9-10:30 am Homework Club Reconciliation Reflection Activity Day | Grade 3 First Reconciliation 10:15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kitchen Garden Cooking 5/6 VT Reconciliation Assembly 2:30 Sporting Schools |
| | | | | | WORKING BEE 15/6 |
| 9 | 17/6 | 18/6 | 19/6 | 20/6 | 21/6 |
| | REFUGEE WEEK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refugee Week Assembly 9:00 Gr 3/4 Excursion Melbourne Performing Arts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running club 8:15 am Ride to School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playgroup 9-10:30 am Homework Club Soup Kitchen cook up | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soup Kitchen Lunch Wear Full uniform, beanie and gloves Coin line Fundraiser Refugee Week Assembly 2:15 pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gala Day 2 Kitchen Garden Cooking 1/2FP Reports go home |
| 10 | 24/6 | 25/6 | 26/6 | 27/6 | 28/6 |
| | Monash Dental Visit | | | | Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass - 9:15 am End of Term - 2:30 |