



# St Gerard's Primary School NEWSLETTER



TERM 4 WEEK 2

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*Happy Birthday!*

Happy birthday to those students and staff who have and who will celebrate their birthday this week!

◆	Ainsley	Yr 4
◆	Ella T	Yr 6
◆	Dhalia	Yr 5
◆	Azaria	Yr 2

## *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 GERARD'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION



We welcome you all to join our Parish and School in celebrating the feast day of our patron, Saint Gerard Majella.

Solemnised by his Most Rev. Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne.

**Date:** Sunday 16th of October, 2022

**Time:** 10:30am

**Location** - St Gerard's Catholic Church  
71 Gladstone Road, Dandenong North

There will be a special blessing after the Mass for all the people and expectant mothers, with the relic of St. Gerard Majella.



<https://www.facebook.com/stgerardsp>



@st.gerards3175



# Principal's Message



Dear families,

I hope you have had a good week. We have certainly been challenged by the unpredictable weather - welcome to Spring in Melbourne!

Despite the weather we have been able to provide learning opportunities for our children beyond the regular weekly timetable.

On **Monday** all classes participated in a **Techxibition incursion** conducted by Dandenong Library. This saw our children engage with technology including robotics and green screens. The children were able to investigate, explore, test and adjust a variety of items which we hope we will see them use in other aspects of their learning.

On **Wednesday** we continued with our **Before School Reading from 8.15am in the Library**. Families are encouraged to come and read with their children from this time or children may wish to come and read with their siblings, friends or by themselves.

A reminder of the invitation to all families to the **St Gerard's Feast Day Mass on Sunday 16 October at 10.30am**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our School and Parish to come together and celebrate our patron saint. **Most Rev. Peter A Comensoli Archbishop of Melbourne** will be celebrating the mass and I hope that you will be able to come and be part of this significant event in the life of the School and Parish. The invitation is also contained in this newsletter.

**Next Monday** we have our **Annual Talent Quest** which is part of our Feast Day celebrations for St Gerard. This will be held in the Parish Hall (where our School Production occurred) and starts at **11.50am**. Families are more than welcome to attend and support our children as they share their gifts and talents with us.

Families who have children with a **Medical Management Plan** are reminded that if there are changes to any aspect of the plan you need to **contact the School Office**. It is vital that the information we have here at school is current and accurate.

Lastly, while there have been recent changes to COVID restrictions, **Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT's) are available for collection from the School Office** if families require them at any stage. The current advice is that they are to be used when a child is displaying symptoms. If your child tests positive please contact Mr Paul Cowan (Principal) [principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au) or phone 9791 7553 or via Seesaw so that we can support you as a family and fulfil our reporting requirements.

I hope to see you on Sunday.

**Paul Cowan**  
PRINCIPAL



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Whole School Masses

St Gerard Majella Feast Day	(Sunday this year, celebrated with Archbishop at Parish Mass, 10:30)
All Saints' Day (Cup Day, no Mass)	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
All Souls' Day (Parish Mass before swimming)	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November, 9:15
End of Year Mass	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December at 12:00

## Class Mass Timetable

1/2FW:	Last term
4/5T:	20th October, 10:15
3S:	27th October, 10:15
1/2L:	3rd November, 10:15
Prep:	10th November, 10:15
5/6O:	1st December, 10:15

## World Mission Month 2022

This **October**, we are celebrating World **Mission Month**, a **month** dedicated to the life-giving work of missionaries around the world. As the world witnesses the ongoing devastation of famine and drought in the Horn of Africa, Catholic Missions are responding to the call of Pope Francis, to be a witness of love in the world. St Gerard's school will join Catholic Missions this World Mission Month and walk hand-in-hand with the people of Ethiopia and local church communities towards providing life-changing opportunities to those in most need.

Children are encouraged to raise funds for Catholic Missions by bringing coins for a Coin Collection activity on Friday 28th October.

## Socktober Shootout & Coin Activity

Time to shoot for the stars! Each class will make their own Sockball to kick goals on the oval. We will celebrate Mission Week with a Socktober Shootout. We will use our self made sockballs to kick goals on the oval and get a feel of the reality for children in Ethiopia and other majority world countries and compare it to our own.

## Grandparents & Special Friends' Day

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Friday 28th October, 2022

Please join us for prayer and  
activities

9:00 - 10:30 am

St Gerard's

Performing Arts Centre



# **TALENT QUEST**

**St Gerard's Primary School  
Presents**

**The St Gerard Majella  
Feast Day**

# **TALENT QUEST**

**Monday, 17th October 11:50am**

**Parish Hall**

**All Welcome!**



## 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



## Give Me 5 News

This week the Give Me Five focus was 'Be Spirit Filled' in the playground. The teachers were looking for students who were treating others as they would like to be treated, saying sorry and forgiving others in the playground.

Next week the whole school will be focusing on Being Cooperative in the Learning Areas.



## St. Gerard's Give Me 5 Whole School Matrix

Principle	Learning Areas	Corridors	Toilets	Playground/Sandpit
<b>Be Respectful</b>	Speak appropriately and use manners Care for property Take turns Whole body listening Greet people by name	Speak appropriately and use manners Care for property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep the area neat and tidy</li> </ul>	Speak appropriately and use manners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give other users their privacy</li> </ul> Care for property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep toilets tidy and flush</li> </ul> Wash hands	Speak appropriately and use manners Care for property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place rubbish in the bin</li> <li>Keep sand in the sandpit and bark in the garden</li> </ul> Include others Respect everyone's views and space
<b>Be Co-operative</b>	Follow Directions Move safely Stay on task Share with others and help each other	Follow Directions Move safely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk on the left hand side of the corridor to exit and the left hand side to enter</li> </ul>	Follow Directions Move safely Wait for your partner	Follow Directions Move safely Play fairly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accept rules</li> <li>Take turns</li> </ul> Share and use equipment safely
<b>Be Your Best</b>	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Ask for help	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Only enter the area with permission	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Report problems to a teacher	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Try to solve your problems
<b>Be Positive</b>	Never give up			Encourage others
<b>Be Spirit filled</b>	Treat others as you would like to be treated. Pray daily and during meditation	Treat others as you would like to be treated.	Treat others as you would like to be treated.	Treat others as you would like to be treated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Say sorry and forgive others</li> </ul> Be kind

# TECHXIBITION

A huge thank you to Don and Zoran from Dandenong Library who provided an amazing hands on incursion to all of our students on Monday 10th October.

The students enjoyed playing and experimenting with robots, 3D printing machines, Bee-Bots, Spheros, and a green screen.

Have a look at some of the fun that we had!



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*Yesterday we had Exhibition \ by Don and Zoron.*

*First I took a photo of the green screen and made it a fun disco background!!!.*

*Then I played with the beebots they were very cool!!!.After that I played with the colorful spheros.*

**Bhanuri Jayamanna Mohottige**

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Yesterday we went to the P.A.C for the Techxhibition.

Don and Zoran came from the Dandenong Library they brought lego robots in the shape of a mech, cobra, shorpain and a car.

There were also sferos but we needed the ipads to control them. They brought a big green screen I took a photo with Rafael and Chudier, the background was Harry Potter. There were also mini robots that followed the thick black lines and the last thing they brought was the 3D printer.

First I used the mech shaped robot for a minute then I gave it to someone else after that I used the sferos for a minute. Finally then we showed them the thank you booklet we made and it was full of the thank you cards. Then we went back to class. It was a great experience.

**Nevyn Thearath**



# CLASS PREP



**Congratulations Tianna!  
You have mastered the  
Magic 100 Words.**



# SPECIAL NOTE



Dear Students and Families ,

Reading Before School is back by great demand.

Who? Students and parents

**When? Wednesdays in Term 4**

**Time: 8:15 am - 8:30 am**

**Where? St Gerard's Library**



Come meet us there!!!

Bring a book or borrow one, come along let's have some fun!



**Thursday,  
27th October, 2022**

**Price Increase**

**Half Foot \$7.00  
Foot Long \$9.50**

**Please ensure correct  
money is enclosed in  
envelope as Subway  
will not give change.**



# UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE ORDERS



**AGS PRINTS Pty Ltd**  
Wholesalers of Quality Schoolwear & Uniforms  
In House Design & Printing  
[www.aplusschoolwear.com.au](http://www.aplusschoolwear.com.au)  
BOR NO: 2010 / 2532

ADDRESS: 133 BAKERS ROAD  
NORTH COBURG  
VIC, 3058

PHONE: 03 9354 8345  
FAX: 03 9354 5777  
E-MAIL: [info@agsprints.com.au](mailto:info@agsprints.com.au)

Please note the following changes in relation to uniform purchases for St Gerard's Primary School:

Uniforms can now be purchased in the following ways:

## **Option 1 - Online Order**

### **Access to our Online Ordering System**

1. [www.aplusschoolwear.com.au](http://www.aplusschoolwear.com.au)
2. Go to **SHOP ONLINE NOW** (red box)
3. Select your school
4. Uniform listing with images will appear.

Select items you are wishing to purchase:

Style  
Size  
Colour  
Quantity  
Add items to bag

5. Once all items are added to bag, proceed to checkout.
6. Select delivery options
  - a. Pick up from school (free) in comments section please enter your child's name and class
  - b. Pick up from A Plus Schoolwear (free)
  - c. Postal address (delivery charges will apply)
7. Either checkout as guest, returning customer or create a new account.

**Orders placed by Sunday will be delivered to the school the following Thursday**

## **Option 2 - Fill out the order form and leave it at the school office.**

**Orders received by Friday will be delivered to the school the following Thursday**

## **RETURNS**

Can be given to the school office and will be either exchanged or refunded by A Plus School wear.

Should you have any queries regarding the above, please contact A Plus Schoolwear

9354 8345 or email [angie@agsprints.com.au](mailto:angie@agsprints.com.au)



# Community Info Share

We have requests from a number of community groups to promote their activities and services. Flyers are placed on our **Community Notice Boards** located in the courtyard and a current list is contained in this newsletter.

**SOFTBALL VICTORIA**

**GET INTO  
GET INTO  
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**SOFTBALL  
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**Softball is a great game to play suitable for people of all ages and abilities.**

**Ages 4-8 Softball Batter Up** teaches children the skills to play softball while focusing on fun and engaging activities. The program includes a six-week introduction to softball where participants learn catching, throwing and striking skills in small groups and in a safe environment.

**Ages 8-12 Fully Loaded T-Ball** is where children play modified softball games in a fun and friendly setting. The sessions run for 1 hour over 8 weeks – with the emphasis being on teamwork and game play. The program is designed for children who have graduated from Softball Batter Up or are new to the sport.

**Ages 12 and Under Fully Loaded Junior Softball** is for graduates of the tee ball program. It is part of the local association competitions where children play organised games as part of a club team.

**Ages 13-18 Junior Fastpitch Softball** is the next step playing in a team within your club and association. You are now part of the pathway to a lifelong love of softball, making new friends and keeping active.

**Ages 18+ Senior Fastpitch Softball** is played at Club Level and available for all levels of skills and fitness.

**All ages and abilities - Social 7s** is a slowpitch version of the games that is fast, fun and easy to play. Mixed teams of males and females with 7 players on each side.

**Get involved!**

Scan your phone on the QR Code below to view the Club Finder and search for your nearest club.

**Softball Victoria**  
p: 03 9415 1745  
e: info@softballvic.org.au  
w: softballvic.org.au

- ❖ Ukraine Support Fund
- ❖ Dandenong Basketball
- ❖ Lyndale United Football Club (Soccer)
- ❖ Syndal Softball Club
- ❖ Springvale Little Athletics
- ❖ Lysterfield Basketball Club
- ❖ Swimland Swim Club
- ❖ Springvale Indoor Sports
- ❖ Noble Park Cricket Club
- ❖ COG Theatre Group

**Come Play Softball & T-ball**

**Boys & Girls!**  
All ages welcome

**GO BANDITS!!**

**BRANDON HEIGHTS SOFTBALL CLUB**

Waterley Softball Association, Jells Park

#brandonheightssoftball

## Chicken Eggs For Sale

St Gerard's would like to offer families the opportunity to purchase delicious organic eggs laid by our resident flock of chickens.

You can purchase these eggs from the school office at a cost of \$6 per dozen.

All proceeds from the sale of the eggs will go towards purchasing food for our feathered friends.

Please message **Nicole Fernandez via Seesaw** if you would like to purchase some eggs.

