



# St Gerard's Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

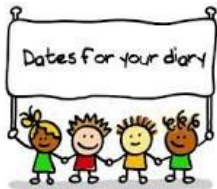


**Term 1, Week 4**

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**22 February 2020**



## **Tuesday, 25 February**

- Shrove Tuesday
- Subway Lunch
- Auskick & Have a Blast Cricket  
3:30 pm

## **Wednesday, 26 February**

- PLAYGROUP 9am - 10:30am
- NO PREPS
- Ash Wednesday Mass, 12:00 pm

## **Thursday, 27 February**

- Year 5 Taster Day Nazareth

## **Friday, 28 February**

- Assembly, 2:45 pm

## **CSEF APPLICATIONS OPEN**

**Do you hold a Health Care or Concession Card? You may be eligible for a reduction in school fees. Ask the office for an application form.**

### *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**



This Sunday's Gospel tells us to 'Love your enemies!'

The enemy is not necessarily found in a war situation, but can be someone in our community or even under the same roof. It is not the ones who hate us, but the ones we ourselves hate, who bring out the worst in us. Hatred is so much wasted energy; it doesn't destroy its object, but surely it destroys the one who hates.

Being called to love my enemy does not mean I have to feel affection for them; for love is a verb and needs to be acted on. St Paul speaks of love, and we would be wise to act like this – patiently with kindness, without jealousy, not bearing grudges.

Our hearts are made for love and we have seen how hatred has poisoned our world down through the ages. Let it not poison our own hearts, but rather call upon the Lord who gives mercy and peace.

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another week full of learning it is great to see our children engaged and making the most of the opportunities presented to them.

While the weather on **Tuesday** was challenging, it did not stop the first session of our **after school AFL/ Cricket clinics**. Even though it was in the Hall, the 40 children who participated had a great time and it was wonderful to see so many parents there supporting the program and their children. It is not too late for your child to be part of this program so if they are interested please collect a form from the office.

The work on a section of the Hall roof has been completed so **access to the car park between the church and Hall and OSHC is back to normal**. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding, the safety of children, staff and families is always our first consideration.

An aspect of **child safety** is ensuring that any adults working with our children have a **valid Working With Children Check (WWCC)**, **have attended an Induction Session and signed our Safeguarding Children Code of Conduct**. This applies to **parents and guardians who volunteer their time at our school in any capacity**. We encourage families to be part of their child's learning but insist that they have fulfilled these requirements. Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding this.

As a school we are always looking at ways to improve our **communication and connectedness to our families**. A way we feel would do this is through **CareMonkey**. This **online platform enables notes and information to be sent electronically to families**. It also allows parents and guardians to give permission for their children to participate in school activities without having to sign paper forms and return them to school. It is **time efficient and saving paper, which is good for our environment**. **CareMonkey** is used by many primary and secondary schools. Please be on the lookout for more information. You can also find out about this platform via <https://www.caremonkey.com/>

We are now taking **Prep enrolments for 2021**. If you have a child who will be starting school next year please contact or come in to the office to obtain an enrolment form. **Existing families are our first category for enrolments**. To assist with planning and processing applications it is important that we know how many places are required for existing families.

Looking to next week, we enter the Church's season of **Lent with Ash Wednesday**. This time of preparation asks us to **Fast, Pray and Almsgive** in the journey towards Easter. As a school we will be attending **Ash wednesday mass at 12.00 noon**. Families are most welcome to come and celebrate with us.

As mentioned last week, **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. Tickets can be purchased at the School Office.

Thank you for your continued support.  
God bless.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## **Whole School Mass**

Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February:

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

## **Level Masses:**

Prep and Years 5/6:

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9:15 (with Preps)

## **Other Important Dates for Term 1**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February:

Shrove Tuesday: Tuesday

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March:

St Patrick's Feast Day

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March:

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

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March:

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

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March:

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

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April:

Easter Assembly at 2:45pm

## **Sacrament Dates, 2020**

### **Confirmation: (Grade 6)**

Confirmation Information Night:

TBA

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Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 6pm

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Confirmation Information Night:

TBA

Confirmation:

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 6pm (Confirmed by Fr Brendan Hayes)

### **Reconciliation: (Grade 3)**

First Reconciliation Information Night:

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm

Reconciliation:

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm

### **First Communion: (Grade 4)**

First Communion Information Night:

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm

First Communion:

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 5/6 VT



This week 5/6VT 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 28<sup>th</sup> of February **5/60** 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

28 February  
6 March  
13 March  
20 March  
27 March

#### Class

5/60  
NO LESSON  
NO LESSON  
1/2B  
1/2FP



#### Zucchini Fritter Recipe

3 zucchini's (about 400g)  
½ cup of self raising flour  
½ cup parmesan cheese (grated)  
1 egg (whisked)  
¼ cup chopped spring onions  
¼ 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 21<sup>st</sup> of February.**



## Ride to School Day



A big thank you to all of the families who participated in the Ride to School day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Congratulations to Prep C who had the most students walking, scooting and riding to school!!

### Well done to:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place- Prep C
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place- 1/2FP
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- 3/4L

Our next Ride to School day will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of March.



## St Gerard's Garden Stall

This week we held our first **Garden Market Stall** for 2020.

The Environmental leaders sold fresh rosemary, zucchini and eggs straight from the garden.

Parents who got in early snapped up a bargain.

The next garden market stall will be held on **Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 at 3:20pm.**

*Freaky*  
Friday 13 March 2020  
**NATIONAL  
RIDE2SCHOOL  
DAY**



Join more than 350,000 students across Australia, who will ride, walk, scoot and skate to school.

Register your school at [ride2school.com.au](http://ride2school.com.au)





### 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.

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

# 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.





# OTHER SCHOOL NEWS CONT'D



## 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

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)

**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](http://play.afl)
- 2 **Select**  
'Where to play'
- 3 **Enter**  
your suburb
- 4 **REGISTER**  
Find your local club and register!

[play.afl/auskick](http://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!

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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

\*TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY. MELBOURNE STARS HOME GAMES ONLY. EXCLUDES THE DERBY. REGISTRATION LINK INCLUDED IN CONFIRMATION EMAIL.

**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 now 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 (x 4) when you sign up at [playericket.com.au](http://playericket.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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OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM



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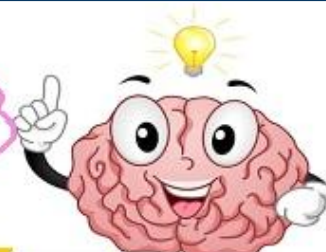


**You will find a registration form at the back of this newsletter.**

# OTHER SCHOOL NEWS



What has a head and  
a tail but no body?



MUSIC

SCIENCE

## ST GERARD'S TRIVIA ★ NIGHT ★

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

HISTORY

Saturday 29 February 6:30pm

MOVIES

Parish Hall

Adults \$10, Kids free

BYO food and drink

Contact: Jeff Zaher 0477 188 883

Agnelo Miranda 0470 130 041

Angele Pacifique 0411 578 404

Andrew Vaccaro 0404 390 824

SPORT

PLACES

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



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





**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](http://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

Disclose the information to AFL clubs, AFL affiliates, AFL partners and third parties for the purposes of research, development and marketing, and any other purpose in accordance with the AFL's Privacy Policy available at: <http://www.aflcommunity.com.au/index.php?id=189>.

Communications

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Signature

Parent/guardian

For more information, visit:

**community.afl**

