



# St Gerard's Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

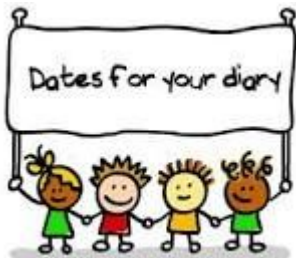


**Term 3, Week 5**

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**16 August 2019**



## **Monday, 19 August**

- Reading before school, 8:15 am
- UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED

## **Tuesday, 20 August**

- Running Club at 8:15 am
- Reading before school, 8:15 am

## **Wednesday, 21 August**

- Reading before school, 8:15 am
- Book Week dress up & activity day
- Book Week assembly, Yr P, 1/2 - 9:00 am
- **NO HOMEWORK CLUB**

## **Thursday, 22 August**

- Reading before school, 8:15 am

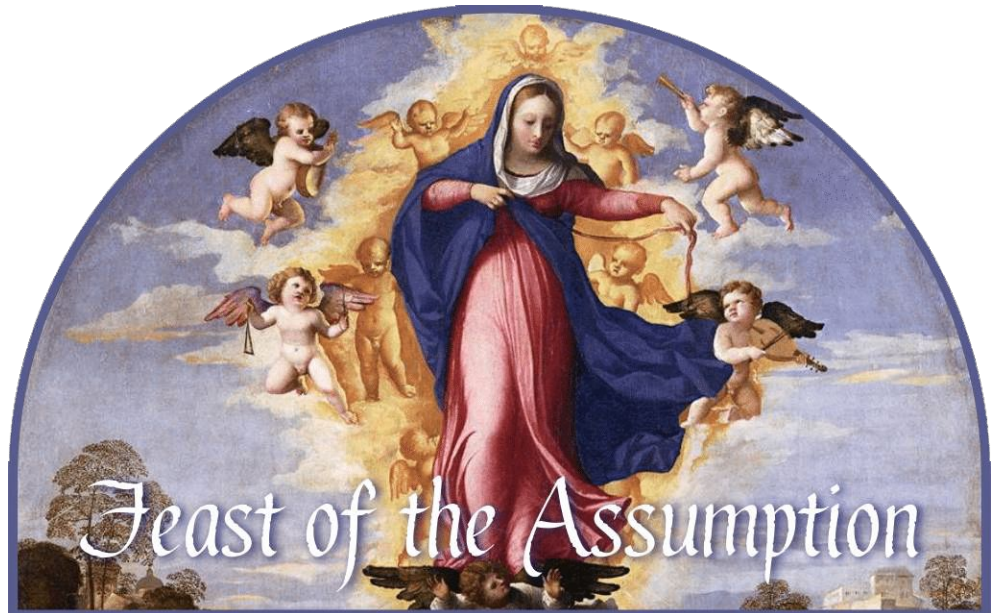
## **Friday, 23 August**

- Reading before school, 8:15 am
- Sporting Schools
- Ride to School Day
- SRC Meeting - 1:10 pm

The Uniform Shop  
**WILL NOT** be open  
Monday, 19 August

Order forms can be  
collected from the front  
office.

Apologies for any  
inconvenience



On this feast of the Assumption, it is fitting to reflect on Mary's attitude to life. Unmarried and pregnant, she was able to praise her God. 'The Mighty One has done great things for me' was her response to this particular crisis in her life. It was not, 'This is too much – I can't take any more', or some such sentiment.

Of course, we don't know if Mary had any initial fears of what lay ahead. Whatever emotions she may have felt, she was still able to maintain a positive outlook.

In our own lives, there are always circumstances when we feel justified in displaying bitterness, crankiness or other negative attitudes. If we reflect daily on our responses to events, then we can emulate Mary's attitude. After all, we don't have to do it alone – we have Mary walking with us. Let us call upon her guidance today.

*Mary is taken up to  
heaven, and the angels of  
God shout for joy.*

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that this is the middle week of the term. Reflecting on the last five weeks there has certainly been numerous and various opportunities for our students. The expression '*time flies when you're having fun*' could be added to with '*and when you're involved and learning*'. I have seen firsthand that this is the case at our school and I would like to thank the staff for their dedication and hard work for the learning experiences they provide for our students every day.

This is no more evident than when I look at what we are offering next week. As we are celebrating **Book Week**, there will be **reading before school every morning from 8.15am** in the space outside the Year 3/4 classrooms. Families are more than welcome to come in, find a space and read. On Tuesday morning there is also Running Club from 8.15am. On **Wednesday** we have our **Book Week Dress up and Activity Day**. The day will start with a special assembly at 9.00am, families are more than welcome to come and join in the celebration of books with us. I would also like to thank the staff that have organised and co-ordinated our Book Fair this week. It has been wonderful to see the excitement and energy for reading that it has promoted. Friday is **Ride to School Day**. It was great to see children take up this challenge last time and some have continued to use this mode of transport. If your child is going to ride to school, please ensure that they have a **helmet** and that they are **wearing it while riding**.

Yesterday (Thursday) we came together as a school to celebrate the **Feast of the Assumption**. This was my first whole school mass at St Gerard's and I was impressed by the reverence and involvement of our students. It is always wonderful to come together with our parish community to celebrate our faith.

As mentioned last week, at all times our school is working on providing a safe environment for our students to learn. If you would like to help in any capacity we ask that you present a current **Working With Children Check (WWCC)** card at the School Office. A Volunteer WWCC is free and requires the person to register online at: <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply>

If you have any questions about this or about applying please contact the School Office.

A further reminder to our Year Five families that **Applications for Year 7 enrolments in Catholic Secondary Colleges for 2021 close next Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2019.**

God Bless.

Paul Cowan

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Level Mass:

Prep and Years 5/6:

Thursday, 5 September at 9:15

### Sacramental Dates for term 3

First Communion: Year 4

First Communion Reflection Day:

First Communion:

Wednesday, 5 September

Sunday, 8 September at 2pm

(for Year 4)

First Communion Assembly:

Friday 13 September at 2:30

### Altar boy training

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

### 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.





## Kitchen Garden - 3/4 S



This week 3/4S enjoyed their Garden to Kitchen lesson. The students practised the skills of weeding, pruning and harvesting seeds in the garden. They then enjoyed preparing and eating fried rice! 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. Next week 5/6VT will participate in their Garden to Kitchen lesson.



### Kitchen Garden Dates

Week	Class
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August@ 11:45- 1:40	5/6VT
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August@ 11:45- 1:40	5/6O
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September@ 11:45- 1:40	Prep C

### PARENT HELPERS

Parents we would love for you to be involved in the Garden to Kitchen Program. Please see your child's class teacher or Mrs Fernandez if you would like to participate. Also a big thank you to all the lovely parents who have been generously giving up their Friday afternoons to assist the students and teachers in the program!

**NO HOMEWORK CLUB NEXT WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST!!**



## Walk or Ride To School Friday, 23 August 2019



Friday, 23 August 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, scooter or skateboard and lock up their bike or scooter in our bike parking area behind 1/2 BT classroom.



# WELLBEING NEWS CONT'D



## Give Me 5 News!



A big congratulations to the following students who have displayed the Give Me 5 Principles in the classroom and playground. These students received the Principal's Award for their behaviour.

### Prep C

Well done to Akash,  
Jerome, Jacob and Dhanya

### 1/2B

Kanwer, Kevaan,  
Amy V and Indiana!

### 1/2FP

Well done to Tiffany, Karen, Devaan and  
Filomena!



**Keep up the amazing work!!**

### THIS WEEK'S SEL LESSON

This week in our SEL lesson we revised the "Being Spirit Filled in the playground" expectations from our Give Me 5 matrix.

The Prep to 6's discussed the importance of being Spirit Filled in the playground by treating others as they would like to be treated, saying sorry, forgiving others and being kind to others.

The students worked collaboratively to determine if a scenario demonstrated students being Spirit Filled or not. The student's role played different scenarios of how they could be Spirit Filled in the playground.

## THE UPCYCLED GARDEN

Turning Trash into Art

**ART SHOW - Thursday, 29 August**

Dear Families,

Our annual Art Show is soon approaching and we are inviting all families to create a piece of artwork for display.

Your art piece will be exhibited on the night and then be moved to the school garden for permanent display.

Your family art piece needs to:

- withstand the weather
- be an upcycled item  
(recycled item eg. Old gumboot/ old watering cans/ old cooking pots etc.)



Your piece can be as big or as little as you would like.

Please send your upcycled garden art piece to school with your child by **Wednesday 28th August**.

Good Luck... We look forward to seeing your creations!

Please contact Nicole Fernandez or Shantelle Theodore if you have any questions.

## WELLBEING NEWS CONT'D

### AN INVITATION TO YEAR 4-6 FAMILIES

You are invited to a morning tea and information session about working together to make our school a happy and calm learning environment. You will also learn about our school wide positive approach to behaviour.



**Date:** Friday 23rd August 2019  
**Time:** 9:00 – 9:30 am



## SPORTS NEWS



### Year 5/6 Gala Day



Well done to the Year 5/6's who participated in Gala Day 2 last Friday. This event had been postponed from earlier in the year due to the weather, however, it wasn't much better last week. Thankfully our students were in doors competing in volleyball and dodgeball competitions. A huge congratulation to the girls volleyball team for coming second!! A great effort.



## OTHER NEWS

THURSDAY,  
29 AUGUST 2019

St Gerard's  
Primary School

Art  
Show

7:00 pm





**killester college**  
a Catholic School for Girls

**Invites all parents to a**



## **CYBERSAFETY INFORMATION EVENING "IT'S AN ONLINE WORLD"**

**with SUSAN MCLEAN**

Susan McLean is Australia's foremost expert on Cybersafety and its impact on young people. She is a mother of three and former Victorian Police Officer and published author.

**Venue: Kennedy Hall, Killester College, Springvale**

**Time: 7.30 to 9.00 pm**

**Date: Tuesday 20th August 2019**

**Topics covered include:**

*What are kids doing online?*

*Online Grooming*

*Cyberbullying*

*Sexting*

*Potential dangers and safety tips*

*Problematic Internet use and gaming issues*

*What can I do as a parent?*

*Question time*

*"What Susan doesn't know about Cybersafety is not worth knowing. She is absolutely brilliant and her presentations are dynamic and entertaining."*

*Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, Adolescent Psychologist*



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**FREE EVENT**

