



# St Gerard's Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

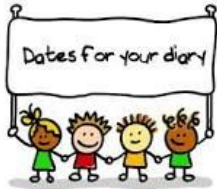


Term 4 Week 11

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BACK  
TO  
SCHOOL  
2021

Gr 1-6  
Thursday,  
28 January

Prep, Friday  
29 January



## Graduates

### Uniform Shop Opening Times 2021

The uniform shop will be open on

Wednesday

27 January, 9am - 12pm

Thursday,

28 January, 8:30 - 10:00

Then Monday mornings  
8:30 - 10:00



Heavenly Father,

Surround our Year 6 students who graduated yesterday with your grace.

Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts.

Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education to use for the good of all humankind.

Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties.

As they commence secondary school, may they grow ever more grateful and wise.

All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your Beloved Son. Amen



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

As we arrive at the last day of school for 2020 it is hard not to have mixed emotions about this year.

While all aspects of our lives have been challenged, there have definitely been positives and learnings. Reflecting back on our periods of Remote Learning I cannot help but feel that the connection between our school, students and families was strengthened. We all needed to find new ways to support our students, which I feel we did extremely well. We have all become more digitally proficient and this is hopefully something we can maintain moving forward. On returning to school it was inspiring to see the enthusiasm and spirit that students bring present once again in our buildings and on the playground.

**I would like to again thank our families for their unwavering support and understanding as we continued to provide learning opportunities for our children while keeping their health and safety as our key focus.**

I trust that families have had the chance to watch our **Christmas Carols event** that was sent out last Friday. Please feel free to watch it as we enter into this wonderful celebration of the coming of Our Lord.

Yesterday we said **farewell and good luck to our Year 6 students**. When speaking to them at their Graduation Ceremony, I mentioned that people who have had a positive impact on society had graduated from Year 6 but that they had not completed their final year of primary school during a global pandemic. I highlighted to them that they certainly have the skills and resilience to contribute to our world in the years to come. Thank you to the families that supported our **'guard of honour'** yesterday afternoon. It was a lovely way for our school community to say goodbye.

As you may have heard, Fr Shanthia has been in hospital and required surgery. I am pleased to inform you that the surgery went well and he is recovering. I am sure you will join with me in keeping Father in your thoughts and prayers.

Finally, there are some important dates for 2021 advertised in this newsletter for your reference.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a holiday period filled with family, friends and fun.

Paul Cowan - Principal





## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



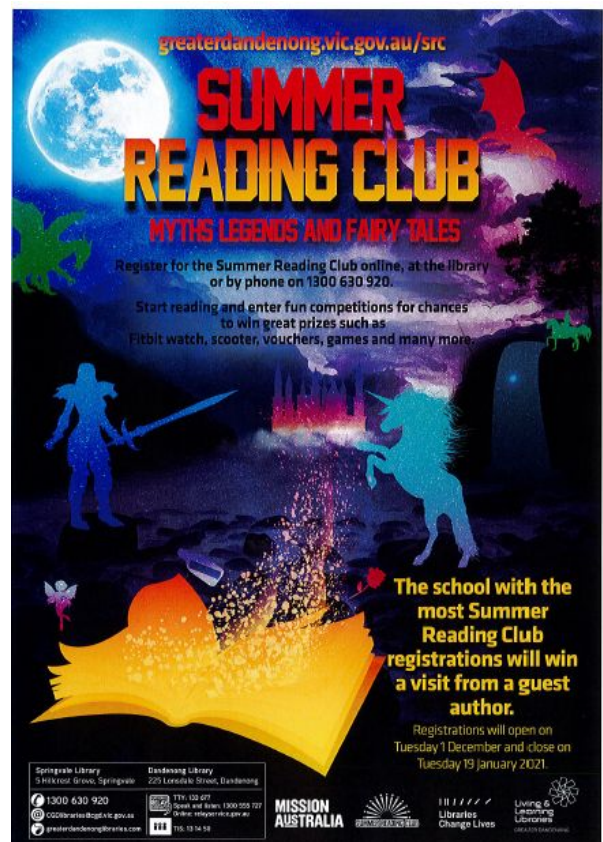
The Maliko Family performing at our Carols Special

### Carols Special Thank You

A special thank you to all who participated to our remote Carols Special, especially our students who contributed such beautiful Christmas artwork, families who sent in photos, and staff who made it all happen. If you have missed our Carols Special you can view it by clicking on the following link: [St Gerard's Christmas Carols Concert](#)

Merry Christmas

## WELLBEING NEWS





## OTHER NEWS

