



St Gerard's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

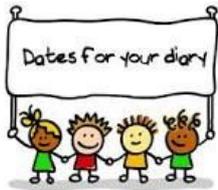


Term 3, Week 9

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Term 4 Resumes
Monday,
7 October

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WELCOME BACK - first day
Term 4

Friday, 11 October

Gala Day 3 - Year 5/6's

Saturday, 12 October

St Gerard's Parish Dinner
Dance

Summer
Uniform



Term 4 sees the change of uniform from winter to summer. The uniform shop will be open on Monday morning, 8:30 - 10:30 Term 4 to purchase any summer uniform requirements.



**JESUS CHRIST WAS RICH
BUT HE BECAME POOR,
TO MAKE YOU RICH
OUT OF HIS POVERTY.**

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

This Sunday's readings have a theme around honesty.

To be a trustee is to make good use of the funds entrusted to us. We will be classified as good and profitable trustees when finally our master asks an account of our stewardship. Matthew, the tax man, handled great sums of money on his path to sainthood: Judas let greed entrap him.

Selfishness and generosity tug against one another in each of us until we accept that policy of Jesus – 'Give, and it shall be given unto you. In as much as you failed to do it for the least of my little ones, you failed me.' That crafty steward in the parable used cheating to gain personal popularity. Does my vanity hunger for popularity too? Jesus, give me a generous heart to give my time, money, listening, patience, knowledge – always being a cheerful giver. Console me with your loving presence, so that my giving flows out of yours.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that the term is over. The last ten weeks seem to have passed by so quickly and I want to again thank everyone for the way they have welcomed me into the community. Time certainly does fly when you're having fun!

Reflecting on the term I feel extremely proud of the **opportunities the school has provided** for our students. We have celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Reconciliation for those students from Years Three to Six. Our children have also had the chance to join with the parish to pray the Rosary as well as coming together as a whole school to pray at our Monday Assemblies. We celebrated Book Week and our Year Five and Six students were involved in a sports Gala Day and District Athletics as well as all levels taking part in cricket clinics. We have highlighted the importance of walking and riding to school and recognised students who are living out our *Give Me 5 Principles* with special lunches. Let's not forget the Art Show which saw our children's talents on display and our choir perform. Today was Footy Day which was another time for us to come together as a school community. This is by no means all we do, but simply some of the highlights from Term Three. **I would like to thank our staff for all that they do to make our school the vibrant place that it is.**

A big thank you to all families that completed the **CEMSIS** survey. Your input is valued and as I have stated previously it helps with planning and setting directions for the future. Congratulations to the Bonnyvensura family who won the **\$50 Village Movie Voucher**.

A reminder that **The Greater City of Dandenong Children's Festival** runs from 21st September – October 6th. This may provide your family with some opportunities over the school holidays. Please use the link below to find out what is happening in the local community.

<https://www.greaterdandenong.com/section/23301/greater-dandenong-children-s-festival>



While I was looking at planning for Term Four there will be a range of opportunities for **families to be involved** in our school. 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.

Finally, I would like to wish our whole school community a happy and safe holiday. I look forward to seeing you **next term which starts on Monday 7th October**.

God Bless.
Paul Cowan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

St Gerard's Feast Day Celebrations Coming

Mass - Subway Lunch - Talent Quest:

Wednesday, 16 October will be a day of celebration for St Gerard's Feast Day. Our celebrations begin with Mass at 9:15, followed by a Subway Lunch and our Talent Quest.

The Social Justice Leadership Team have organized the Talent Quest which will raise money for Catholic Missions. Finalists will perform at the St Gerard's Mission week Talent Quest on Wednesday 16 October at 11:50 in the hall. All parents are welcome to attend.



The St Gerard Majella Award:

The St Gerard Majella Award is the most celebrated award that is bestowed on our students. Students who receive this award show that they are consistently emulating the virtues of St Gerard. Recipients of this award and the Social Justice Team will represent the school at the Mission Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Altar boy training

Thursday, 19 September will be the last day of altar boy training for Term 3 and will recommence 10 October which is the first Thursday of Term 4.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Footy Kicking Competition



FOOTY



FUN



DAY



NAZARETH TASTER DAY

Our Year 4 students were invited to attend a 'Taster Day' at Nazareth College yesterday. This provided them with a snippet of secondary school life.



Congratulations!



Mr Cowan and Gayansa (absent - Charlie)

Congratulations to Gayansa (5/6 VT) & Charlie (5/6 VT) who represented St Gerard's Primary School at the Dandenong Division Athletics today. Gayansa took out first place in the long jump and Charlie placed second in both the 100m and 100m hurdles. They are now eligible to progress to the Regional Championships next month.





St Gerard's Dinner Dance

- WHEN:** Saturday, 12 October
- TIME:** 7:00 pm
- WHERE:** St Gerard's Church Hall
71 Gladstone Road
Dandenong North
- TICKETS:** \$40 for adults
\$20 for children 4 - 12 years
Includes buffet dinner, tea & coffee.
BYO drinks
- DRESS CODE:** Smart Casual

Live Music By
Midnight Mist

Catering By
Silver Platter



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