



St Gerard's Primary School NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 WEEK 6

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Happy Birthday!

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

❖ Minh-Dang Yr 6



On Monday 15th August, we celebrated the feast of the Assumption of Mary, the mother of God by attending Mass.

We celebrate Mary's passing from this world into the glory of God. We remember her deep faith and her constant trust in God. We pray that we are inspired by Mary's life and see her as a model of hope and trust in God.

Prayer:

Gracious and generous God, you looked upon your faithful and trusting servant,

Mary, and raised her up to live with you in glory.

May we be inspired by her constant hope and faith in you, always believing and always trusting in your goodness.

We ask this through Jesus, your Son.

Amen



The Assumption
OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY



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Principal's Message



Dear families,

We find ourselves at the end of another week of learning opportunities when we were also able to celebrate a significant event in the Church calendar with our parish.

On **Monday** we celebrated the **Feast of the Assumption** by attending the parish 9.15am mass. This was the first time in over 2 years that we gathered in the church as a whole school to celebrate with the parish community and highlight once again the pivotal role Mary plays in our faith. It was wonderful to see our children and parishioners together again and we hope this can now continue.

We had the **second of our 3 Open Days** for this term on Tuesday. If you know of families who are looking for a school for 2023 they are more than welcome to come at a time that suits them by contacting the Office or email: principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au to arrange a meeting and school tour with myself. The third and final Open Day for the term is on **Thursday 1 September**.

Two pieces of information were sent out on Tuesday via Seesaw to all families. One was information about our **Fathers and Significant Adult Males Celebration** that will be held on **Friday 2 September**. The other was information about our **Book Week activities** for this year which will occur **from Monday 22 August - Friday 26 August**. Both of these events promise to be wonderful experiences for our children and families.

A reminder to families in cars to reduce the traffic congestion in McNab Court. **Families that arrive before 3.25pm are asked to park in the carpark.** Joining the drop off/ pick up line creates a backlog of cars which causes issues and does not allow families wishing to park access to the carpark.

Lastly, please keep in your thoughts and prayers our children (and their families) that are in the final stages of their preparation for **First Communion**. This is a significant milestone in a person's life and will be **celebrated on Sunday 28 August at 10.30am**.

Please continue to stay safe and God bless.

Paul Cowan.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacrament Dates, 2022

First Communion: (Grade 4)

First Communion Reflection Day:

First Communion:

First Communion Assembly:

Tuesday, 23rd August (children may wear casual clothes)

Saturday, 27th August, 5:30 pm &

Sunday, 28th August, 10:30 am

Friday, 2nd September, 2:50 pm

Other Important Dates:

Talent Quest Auditions:

Week 10

St Gerard's Talent Quest Auditions

Early next term, as part of our celebrations for our Feast Day and raising awareness for Mission Month, we will be holding our annual Talent Quest. Children will need to audition for this event in the last week of term.

Altar Servers

Altar Server training has resumed and is conducted on Thursdays from 5.30pm - 6.30pm in the Church.

This is for existing altar servers and any 'new recruits' wishing to help our parish celebrate Mass. For more information contact St Gerard's Parish Office 9792 4422 or Mrs Stack 9791 7553.

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



FATHER'S DAY



**F A T H E R ' S D A Y
B R E A K F A S T**

SAVE THE DATE

SEPT
FRIDAY **2** **AT 8:00AM**
2022

ST GERARD'S P.S.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



WELLBEING NEWS



Give Me 5 News

This week in our SEL lesson we revised the “Being Cooperative in the learning areas” expectations from our Give Me 5 matrix.

The Prep to 6's discussed the importance of being Cooperative in the learning areas by following directions, moving safely, staying on task, sharing with others and helping each other.

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

St. Gerard's Give Me 5 Whole School Matrix



Principle	Learning Areas	Corridors	Toilets	Playground/Sandpit
Be Respectful	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"> Keep the area neat and tidy 	Speak appropriately and use manners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give other users their privacy Care for property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep toilets tidy and flush Wash hands	Speak appropriately and use manners Care for property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place rubbish in the bin Keep sand in the sandpit and bark in the garden Include others Respect everyone's views and space
Be Co-operative	Follow Directions Move safely Stay on task Share with others and help each other	Follow Directions Move safely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk on the left hand side of the corridor to exit and the right hand side to enter 	Follow Directions Move safely Wait for your partner	Follow Directions Move safely Play fairly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accept rules Take turns Share and use equipment safely
Be Your Best	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
Be Positive	Never give up			Encourage others
Be Spirit filled	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"> Say sorry and forgive others Be kind



Why is SEL important for learning?

Research shows that children and young people's learning is influenced by a range of social and emotional factors.

Children and young people with social and emotional learning skills have better academic outcomes, as well as improved physical health and a better quality of life. How well individuals do in their learning community is affected by things such as how:

- confident they feel about their abilities
- effectively they're able to manage their own behaviour
- well they can concentrate and organise themselves
- effectively they can solve problems
- positively they can get on with educators and their peers
- effectively they consider others' needs
- well they can understand and accept responsibilities.

Therefore, SEL and success within the learning community go hand in hand.

MARKET STALL

Our second garden market stall for Term 3 will be held next Thursday 25th August at 3:20pm in the church car park (*weather permitting*).

We will be selling eggs, lettuce, oranges, lemons, parsley, mandarins, olives, plants and rosemary.

A big thank you to our beautiful students who work in the garden on a daily basis!

Get in quick to pick up a bargain!



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 email Nicole [Nicole Fernandez](#) if you would like to purchase some eggs.

Feedback from Parent
Michelle Davis (2022)

Thank you so much Nicole!
I appreciate you doing that. We have been
loving the eggs, they are so yum.



BOOK WEEK 2022

Dear Families,

From Monday 22nd August to Friday 26th August, St. Gerards will be celebrating Book Week 2022!

The theme for this year's Book Week is '*Dreaming with eyes open...*'

Each morning during this week families are invited to read a book with their child / ren from 8:15am to 8.30am, in the Library.

We have an exciting Book Week planned.

This year's activities include:

- *Dress Up Day*
Dress up day will be held on **Thursday the 25th of August**. Students are invited to dress up as their **favorite book character**! There will be **prizes** for the best costume.
- *Surprise Reader*
Another fun activity planned is our surprise reader, who will read a book to the school through the PA system.
- *Class Competitions*
Thanks to our Classroom teachers who are planning exciting class competitions and fun activities throughout the day.
- *A visit from Lamont Book Fair*
From Monday 29th August to Friday 2nd September Lamont Book Fair will be visiting our school. The trolleys will be set up in the **Library**. Parents and students will be able to purchase books between **8.45 to 9.15 am** and also from **3.15 to 3.45 pm**.



Costume ideas:



UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE ORDERS



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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
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



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.

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

[ST GERARD'S OHSC](#)

If you would like to enrol your child in after school care, please do so by contacting Marina.

Contact

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Nominated Supervisor/Educational
Leader OSHC

School Pick up Arrangements from Term 3, 2022

