



# St Gerard's Primary School NEWSLETTER

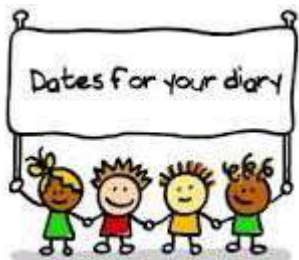


**Term 2, Week 9**

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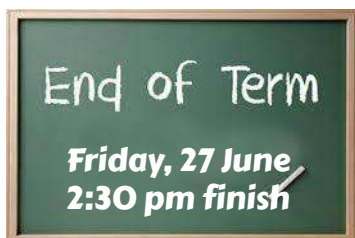


**Monday, 24 June**

- Monash Dental Visit

**Friday, 28 June**

- Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass - 9:15 am
- End of Term - 2:30



*"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited me in." ~ Matthew 25:35*

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**SCHOOL**  
**MONDAY, 15 JULY**

## Prayer for the Vincentian Family

Lord Jesus, you who loved the poor, give us eyes and a heart directed toward the poor; help us recognise you in them, in their thirst, their hunger, their loneliness and their struggle.

Enkindle within our Vincentian Family, courage, unity, simplicity, humility, grace and the fire of love that burned in St Vincent de Paul, St Louise de Marillac, Blessed Rosalie Rendu, Blessed Frederic Ozanam and Father Gerald Ward.

Strengthen us, so that faithful to the practice of these virtues, we may contemplate you and serve you in the person of the poor, and may one day be united with you in your Kingdom.

**Amen.**



Parent, Teacher & Student 3 Way interviews will be held on:  
**Tuesday, 25 June & Thursday, 27 June**

A blue appointment form has been sent home with your child.

**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**



# MESSAGE FROM ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

## **ST GERARD'S NEW PRINCIPAL**

I am delighted that Paul Cowan has been named the new principal of St. Gerard's. It has been a very long process and I thank you all for your continued support while I have been in the role as Acting Principal. Paul will take up his role as Principal at the beginning of Term 3.

## **WORKING BEE**

What a wonderful working bee we had on Saturday morning. We had over twenty families attend and twelve members of staff! I would like to thank everyone who attended and worked so hard to improve our school. This was a fabulous attendance and we were able to get so much work done in the school grounds. Thank you so much to the families and staff who gave up their Saturday morning.



## **STUDENT REPORTS AND 3 WAY CONVERSATIONS**

Your child will be taking home their school report today. They will also bring home the interview time for your interview with the teacher. I encourage you to come along with your child to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress at school. These 3 way conversations are being held on Tuesday 25th from 3.40 to 7.00 & on Thursday 27th from 3.40 to 6.00 next week.

## **REFUGEE WEEK**

This has been Refugee Week and it has been incredibly busy with so many things occurring at school. We have had parents in helping with the cooking and serving of soup and the whole school sitting down to eat soup and reflect on refugees and homelessness. I would like to thank Mrs Stack and Mrs Munro for organising, cooking and serving the soup. The children said it was delicious, tasty, enjoyable and yummy!

May God Bless you all,  
Carol Stewart  
Acting Principal

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## **Whole School Masses:**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Sacred Heart of Jesus at 9:00

## **First Communion: Year 4**

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Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm (for Year 4)

## **Confirmation: Year 6**

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Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 3:00 pm

## **Altar boy training**

Please be advised that the last altar boy training for Term 2 will be Friday 27 June and will recommence Term 3 on Friday, 25 July.

## **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

What a sensational response to our Vinnies Winter Appeal collection. Believe it or not, we raised exactly 1000 food items. Our food cart was simply overflowing with non-perishable food items that will be passed on to our St Gerard's, St Vincent de Paul Society who will distribute these items to provide help and compassion to local families in need. Thank you so much for your generosity.

The classes that raised the most items are as follows:

- 1st Place: 5/6O (winner of casual day)
- 2nd Place: Prep C
- 3rd Place: 5/6VT



## **Coin Line to Raise Awareness of the Homeless**

Help us end the cycle of Homelessness for all Australians

Everyone deserves a safe place to call home.

Last night Mrs Stack joined the supporters of the Vinnies CEO Sleepout raise awareness about the homeless and to provide essential support to tens of thousands of Australians.



*Mrs Stacks sleeping quarters for the night*



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS CONT'D

## St Gerard's Coin Line

Yesterday St Gerard's had a coin line to support the work of 2019 Vinnies CEO Sleepout.

Thank you to each and every one of you for collecting your coins and supporting vulnerable Australian children, young people, adults and families through the Vinnies CEO Sleepout!

The classes that made the longest coin lines are as follows:

1st Place: 3/4S (winner of casual day)

2nd Place: Prep C

3rd Place: 3/4L

The classes that made raised the most money in the coin lines are as follows:

1st Place: 5/6O (winner of casual day)

2nd Place: 1/2FP

3rd Place: 3/4L

The total that was raised from our coin line is \$381.30



## Making Soup for the Soup Kitchen

Our fabulous social justice team together with some volunteers had a soup making day to serve at our Fundraising Soup Kitchen Event. A special thank you to Mrs Munro and Latha Shivalingappa for their help in making the soup.



## Soup Kitchen Fundraiser

The spirit of St Gerard who had a special affinity for the poor was certainly with us yesterday for our super Soup Kitchen event. There was a fellowship in a spiritual and welcoming atmosphere. The money we raised again went to the Vinnies CEO Sleepout.

The soup kitchen was run by the Social Justice team, Mrs Munro, Latha Shivalingappa and Rachel Perumal.



**The total amount raised from the Soup Kitchen event is \$352.80.**

**The grand total that we have raised so far for the Vinnies CEO sleepout is \$1203.00 and counting.**

## Ride to School Day

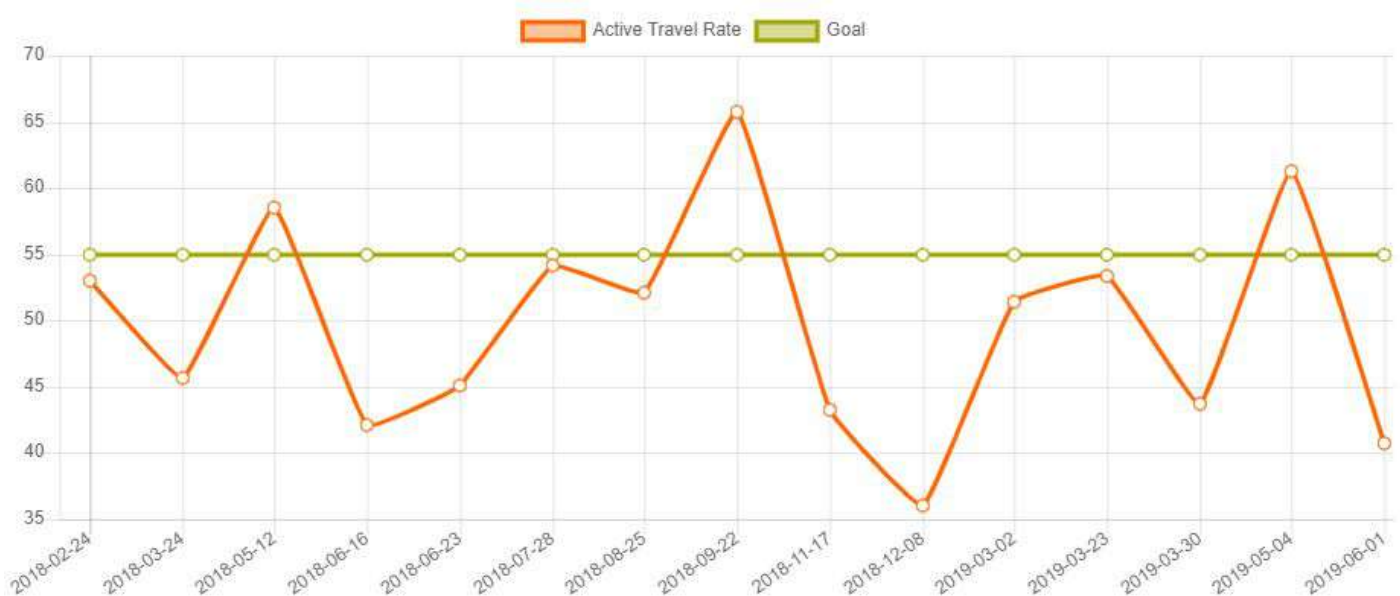
A big thankyou to all of the families who participated in the Ride to School day on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Our current data shows that we did not achieve our active travel goal for this month. I hope we have better luck and weather next Ride to School Day.

Well done to:

1<sup>st</sup> place- 5/6O and Prep C

2<sup>nd</sup> place- 5/6VT

3<sup>rd</sup> place- 1/2 FP



## Kitchen Garden - 1/2 F

This week 1/2F enjoyed their Garden to Kitchen lesson. The 1/2's enjoyed preparing and eating ricotta and cheese and apple pastries! 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.





## Whole School Classroom Reward System

We now have a whole school class reward system. Students who display the expectations present on the matrix will be rewarded with a raffle ticket from their classroom teacher. Every fortnight the raffle tickets from each class will be collected and drawn during Monday assembly.

The first 5 raffle tickets were drawn on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June and the following 5 lucky winners will get to have hot chips with the Principal (Mrs Stewart) next week:

1. Jovanna (3/4)
2. Martin (3/4)
3. Vivaan (3/4)
4. Indianna (1/2)
5. Jefferson (5/6)



## Give Me Five News

A big congratulations to the following students who received their first golden band this week.

Luke 1/2FP!!



The following Prep to 2 student has received 20 wristbands and received a precious gemstone this week. A big congratulations to:

Ryan 1/2 B!!



Well-done to 3/4 S and 5/6VT for achieving 50 wristbands!! They will be negotiating a class reward with Mrs Lewis

## OSHC NEWS

St Gerard's will NOT be running a Holiday Program during the upcoming holidays. St Mary's Primary School & St Anthony's Primary school will be and if you require care for your child please book through the YLC website:

<https://ylv.com.au/>

## OTHER NEWS



### "Alice Through the Opera Glass"

Our Grade 3/4's attending "Alice Through the Opera Glass" earlier in the week. A wonderful introduction to the wonders of Opera and live orchestral music for our students.





## **Did You Know? What is Play?**

**Play can be pretending, learning a new skill, dressing up, being active or being quiet.**

Play can involve other children or be alone. Adults can join in if they're invited – in fact, young children often love to play with close adults. Children decide what to play and how to play. Play is their time to be free and enjoy. It's their language, their work and their relaxation.

It's for all children, of all ages from birth on, and of all abilities.

### **Unstructured, free play is the best type for young children**

This is play that just happens, depending on what takes the child's interest at the time. It isn't planned and lets children use their imagination and move at their own pace. Examples of unstructured play might be:

- creative play alone or with others, including artistic or musical games
- imaginary games (for example, making cubby houses with boxes or blankets, dressing up, playing make-believe)
- exploring new or favourite play spaces like cupboards, backyards, parks, playgrounds and so on.

### **You can be part of a child's unstructured play – or not**

Sometimes all you'll need to do is point them in the right direction – say, towards the jumble of dress-ups and toys on the floor, or to the table with crayons and paper. Sometimes you might need to be a bit more active – for example, “How about we play dress-ups? What do you want to be today?”

### **Structured play is different.**

It's more organised and happens at a fixed time or in a set space, and is often led by a grown-up. Examples of structured play include:

- swimming lessons – you might see these as important lessons for your child, but they might just think they're fun
- storytelling groups for toddlers and preschoolers at the local library
- dance, music or drama classes for children of all ages
- family board or card games
- organised team sports for older children, like basketball, netball and football.

**(From the Be You Website)**



**NAZARETH**  
COLLEGE

# 2019 SCHOOL TOURS

We invite you to join us for a tour of our College.  
Our student led tours provide a look into life at Nazareth College from the perspective of our students. You will hear from our Principal, Mr Sam Cosentino, as well as have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss important aspects of the College with key members of our staff over Morning Tea .

## **Term 2**

26 June

## **Term 3**

23 July  
14 August

## **Term 4**

25 October  
28 November

**Make sure you get your application in for Year 7 2021  
by Friday 23 August.**

**Tours run from 9-10.30am | Register your interest  
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