



# St Gerard's Primary School NEWSLETTER



TERM 4 WEEK 3

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## Happy Birthday!

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

◆ Marcus Yr 4



*Winners of the prestigious St Gerard Majella Award 2022*



### Petition

Almighty and loving Father, I thank you for giving St. Gerard to us as a great role model and powerful friend.

Through his example, he has shown us how to love and trust You.

You shower many blessings on those who call upon his assistance.

For Your greater glory and my welfare, please grant me the favours which I now ask in his name.

*(Share your request...)*

And you, my powerful patron, intercede for me before the throne of God.

Draw near to His throne and do not leave until you have been heard.

O Good Saint, to you I address my fervent prayers; graciously accept them and let me experience in some way the effects of your powerful intercession. Amen.

**... St Gerard Majella, Pray for Us ...**



Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?

~ Gerard Majella



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# Principal's Message



Dear families,

As we come to the end of another week of learning we have been able to take advantage of some warmer weather. While this can lift our spirits I can't help but spare a thought for those communities that have been impacted by the wet weather from last week.

Last Sunday as a school and parish we gathered for the Feast of St Gerard with the **Archbishop of Melbourne Most Rev. Peter A Comensoli** celebrating the 10.30am mass. This was a very special occasion and it was great to see so many of our school families and staff in attendance. **Thank you** also to our **Student Leaders** who were part of the mass.

On **Monday** we had our **Annual Talent Quest** which is part of our Feast Day celebrations for St Gerard. It was wonderful to see **our children share their gifts and talents** with us and have the courage to get on stage in front of the whole school and perform. It was also pleasing to see some of our families come and be part of this event. I would like to thank our **Year 6 Student Leaders for hosting, organising backstage and coordinating the music**. I would also like to acknowledge the work of **Mrs Stack and Ms Fernandez** in enabling our Student Leaders and supporting the Talent Quest.

On **Wednesday** we continued with our **Before School Reading from 8.15am in the Library**. Families are encouraged to come and read with their children or children may wish to come and read with their siblings, friends or by themselves. Also on Wednesday, we had **3 of our students participate in the Southern Metropolitan Regional Athletics**. This is a great achievement and I want to congratulate **Kevan, Dahlia and Thichot** for making it to this level. **We are all very proud of them!**

**Today** (Friday) our **Year 3 - 6** students were involved in the first of a series of **Cricket Clinics** that are being conducted by Cricket Victoria. With the cricket season quickly approaching, these clinics will provide our children with the skills and knowledge to participate in this very popular sport. I look forward to seeing this learning on display in our playground over the course of the term.

Lastly, next **Friday (28 October)** we will be recognising and celebrating **Grandparents and Special Friends**. People who are '*grandparent figures*' in the lives of our children are invited to join us at school from **9.00am - 10.30 am**. We will all gather in the PAC and there will then be time to visit classrooms and look at all that St Gerard's has to offer. We look forward to welcoming these special people.

Have a lovely weekend and God bless.

Paul Cowan

PRINCIPAL

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Whole School Masses

All Souls' Day  
End of Year Mass

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 9:15  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 12:00

## World Mission Month 2022

This **October**, we are celebrating World **Mission Month**, a **month** dedicated to the life-giving work of missionaries around the world. As the world witnesses the ongoing devastation of famine and drought in the Horn of Africa, Catholic Missions are responding to the call of Pope Francis, to be a witness of love in the world. St Gerard's school will join Catholic Missions this World Mission Month and walk hand-in-hand with the people of Ethiopia and local church communities towards providing life-changing opportunities to those in most need.

Children are encouraged to raise funds for Catholic Missions by bringing coins for a Coin Collection activity on Friday 28th October.

## Socktober Shootout & Coin Activity

Time to shoot for the stars! Each class will make their own Sockball to kick goals on the oval. We will celebrate Mission Week with a Socktober Shootout. We will use our self made sockballs to kick goals on the oval and get a feel of the reality for children in Ethiopia and other majority world countries and compare it to our own.

## Grandparents & Special Friends' Day

## Winners of the St Gerard Majella Award

Winners of the St Gerard Majella Award demonstrate a consistency of emulating the virtues of St Gerard. The recipients of this award goes to:

Prep:	Rihan
1/2FW:	Bhanuri
1/2FW:	Sophia
3S:	Ariana
4/5T	Aditey
5/6O:	Catherine



# TALENT QUEST

## Winners of the St Gerard Majella Talent Quest

How wonderful it was to be able to perform the St Gerard Majella Talent Quest in person again!! It was a fantastic way for our students to show off their special skills to bring our St Gerard's community together for an afternoon of fun and entertainment; and to celebrate our feast day.

Congratulations to all the contestants who took part. The talent that our students produce never fails to amaze.

Congratulations to the following winners:

- ❖ *Prep category: Tianna and Natalie*
- ❖ *Year 1/2 category: Bhanuri*
- ❖ *Year 3/4 category: Indiana*
- ❖ *Year 5/6 category: Amy and Catherine*
  
- ❖ *Overall Winner: Indiana*



*Winners of the St Gerard majella Talent Quest*



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# GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY

Friday 28th October, 2022

Please join us for prayer and  
activities

9:00 - 10:30 am

St Gerard's

Performing Arts Centre





# ITALIAN NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS



To the following students:

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize**

- Steve Robin (gr 5)

**Certificate of excellence**

- Dhanya Caballero (gr 3)
- Ariana Lopez (gr 3)

**High distinction**

- Anita Nguyen (gr 6)

**Merit**

- Ainsley Bonnyvensura (gr 4)
- Iona Rose Jerry (gr 4)
- Catherine Dinh (gr 6)
- Eva Kurian (gr 6)
- Dominique Perumal (gr 6)
- Aswin Sheen (gr 6)
- Alessia Trovarelli (gr 6)

**Honourable mention**

- Edwin Kurian (gr 3)
- Antonia trovarelli (gr 3)
- Indiana D'Costa (gr 4)
- Rachel Nguyen (gr 4)
- Emilia Agosta (gr 5)
- Joshlyn Antony (gr 5)
- Karen Skaf (gr 5)
- Amy Varghese (gr 5)
- Catherine Vinod (gr 5)
- Kanwer Walia (gr 5)
- Dominique Perumal (gr 6)
- Aswin Sheen (gr 6)
- Alessia Trovarelli

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# SPECIAL NOTE

Dear Students and Families ,

Reading Before School is back by great demand.

Who? Students and parents

**When? Wednesdays in Term 4**

**Time: 8:15 am - 8:30 am**

**Where? St Gerard's Library**

Come meet us there!!!

Bring a book or borrow one, come along let's have some fun!





# UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE ORDERS



**AGS PRINTS Pty Ltd**  
Wholesalers of Quality Schoolwear & Uniforms  
In House Design & Printing  
[www.aplusschoolwear.com.au](http://www.aplusschoolwear.com.au)  
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E-MAIL: [info@agsprints.com.au](mailto:info@agsprints.com.au)

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](http://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](mailto:angie@agsprints.com.au)





# Community Info Share

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.

**SOFTBALL VICTORIA**

**GET INTO  
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**Softball is a great game to play suitable for people of all ages and abilities.**

**Ages 4-8 Softball Batter Up** teaches children the skills to play softball while focusing on fun and engaging activities. The program includes a six-week introduction to softball where participants learn catching, throwing and striking skills in small groups and in a safe environment.

**Ages 8-12 Fully Loaded T-Ball** is where children play modified softball games in a fun and friendly setting. The sessions run for 1 hour over 8 weeks – with the emphasis being on teamwork and game play. The program is designed for children who have graduated from Softball Batter Up or are new to the sport.

**Ages 12 and Under Fully Loaded Junior Softball** is for graduates of the tee ball program. It is part of the local association competitions where children play organised games as part of a club team.

**Ages 13-18 Junior Fastpitch Softball** is the next step playing in a team within your club and association. You are now part of the pathway to a lifelong love of softball, making new friends and keeping active.

**Ages 18+ Senior Fastpitch Softball** is played at Club Level and available for all levels of skills and fitness.

**All ages and abilities - Social 7s** is a slowpitch version of the games that is fast, fun and easy to play. Mixed teams of males and females with 7 players on each side.

**Get involved!**

Scan your phone on the QR Code below to view the Club Finder and search for your nearest club.

**Softball Victoria**  
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e: [info@softballvic.org.au](mailto:info@softballvic.org.au)  
w: [softballvic.org.au](http://softballvic.org.au)

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

**Come Play Softball & T-ball**

**Boys & Girls!**  
All ages welcome

**GO BANDITS!!**

**BRANDON HEIGHTS SOFTBALL CLUB**

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[brandonheightssoftballclub.com.au](http://brandonheightssoftballclub.com.au)

Waverley Softball Association, Jells Park

#brandonheightssoftball

## 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 message **Nicole Fernandez** via **Seesaw** if you would like to purchase some eggs.

