

St Gerard's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

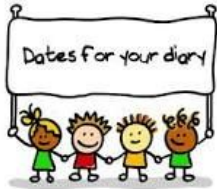


Term 3 Week 1

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24 July 2020



Link for this week's assembly:
[24 July Assembly](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing those students who celebrated birthdays during the holidays and this week the very best wishes.

- Denay - Prep C
- Benita - 1/2B
- Julian - 1/2B
- Elijah 1/2B
- Zion - 1/2FP
- Rachel N - 1/2FP
- Devaan - 3/4S
- Hope - 3/4S
- Mezin - 3/4L
- Abby - 5/6O
- William - 5/6VT
- Joe - 5/6VT
- Mouy - 5/6VT



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



Thank you to our dedicated staff who not only led us with the Boom Chicka Boom at assembly today but are Superstars in cultivating adaptive ways of working together as a team - God bless you!

Caritas Prayer during the Coronavirus Pandemic

May we, remember God's love for us.

May we, remember those who are working hard to provide us with food to eat.

May we, remember those who have lost their jobs and who have no money to buy the things they need.

May we, remember doctors and nurses as they help the people who need them the most at this time.

May we, remember all those living and working around the world who work to end poverty, live justly and show respect.

May we, remember those who have no home or school to attend.

May we, remember those who do not have doctors and nurses in their communities.

May we remember refugees who have no home to go to.

May we give thanks for those who make us laugh and smile, who are kind and caring and who show us how Jesus taught us to live.

During this time of being apart from some of our family, friends and communities, may we continue to hold them close to our hearts.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

St Gerard Majella, pray for us

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 3!

While initial responses to the news that we were returning to Remote Learning may not have been positive, **I have to congratulate our families, students and staff for the way in which we have started this term.** The experiences of Term 2 taught us a lot about Remote Learning and we have **made adjustments to make it even better.** Our **Give Me 5 focus** for this week was **'Be Your Best'.** From talking to staff and seeing the work submitted we have certainly risen to this challenge. **I want to emphasise that the learning of our children is a partnership between the students, families and staff. If you need any support please contact us.**

By now you would have had a chance to read and reflect on your child(ren)'s **Semester One report.** I encourage all families to take the time to **read and discuss them with your child(ren) making sure to celebrate the successes and set goals** for Semester Two. If you have any questions about the report please ask your child's teacher when they contact throughout the week. We will provide the opportunity for you to meet and discuss your child(ren)'s progress in the coming weeks. **As always, if you have any concerns about your child(ren)'s learning please contact their classroom teacher or myself.**

School Fee Statements were sent out late last term. If your **family is experiencing challenges** with regard to **school fees** please contact the School Office or myself pcowan@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au **so we can work through this together.** If you have a **current Health Care Card you are entitled to a reduction.** Our families have **chosen a Catholic education** for their children and in the current economic climate **we all need to support each other.**

Thank you to the families that completed the **optional Remote Learning Survey** which was **organised by Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM)** and Dr Simon Breakspear from *Agile Schools* at the end of last term. The data from the survey will help assist us while we are planning Remote Learning this time.

Prep enrolments for 2021 are open. If you have a child who will be starting school next year please contact the office or myself. **Existing families are our first category for enrolments,** however we are **getting enquiries from new families** so it is important that we know how many places are required.

Lastly, as you may be aware, it was announced to the parish on 3 July that **Father Dean will be leaving St Gerard's in early August.** His new assignment essentially involves the pastoral care of a number of parishes in the Bayside area. I am confident that you would wish Father Dean all the very best and keep him in your prayers.

God Bless.

Paul Cowan - Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

An Invitation for families or individuals to Participate in an online Living Rosary:

St Gerard's Primary School will come together to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary at our assembly on Friday 14th August (the 15th is a Saturday). Replacing the attendance of Mass due to COVID-19, we will have an online "Living" Rosary. If you would like to participate, all you need to do is video yourself (family or individual) praying the Hail Mary or the Our Father and email it to Mrs Stack. These prayers will then be collated to create a Living Rosary. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Stack.

Tips for if you would like to join in:

- Film in landscape
- Pray slowly
- Prepare a prayer space with a statue of Mary or flowers (optional)
- Email your video to Mrs Stack (dstack@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au)

To Know, Worship and Love (KWL) Digital Text

All students have been given access to the digital version of the, To Know, Worship and Love, (KWL) Religious Education textbooks through their School Email Address. **Access is very easy**

Year 3-6 Students:

All you need to do to access the KWL app for the first time is to click on the following website:

1. <https://app.kwl.com.au>.
2. Then click on the "Sign in with Google" button (giving your email address and password)

Year Prep-2 Students:

All you need to do to access the KWL app for the first time is to click on the following website:

1. <https://app.kwl.com.au>.
2. Use the Username and password provided to you through Seesaw

St Gerard's Talent Quest Auditions:

Early next term, as part of our celebrations for our Feast Day we will be holding our annual Talent Quest. This year our Talent Quest may be presented remotely. Children will need to audition for this event in the last week of term, which is likely to be conducted remotely.

Congratulations Year 5/6O:

Thank you to all the families that generously donated food for our St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. This Winter Vinnies Appeal helps our local St Vincent de Paul Society to provide emergency relief to people at risk and experiencing homelessness. Your donation will help our St Gerard's Vinnies volunteers to rebuild lives in the Dandenong region. Year 5/6O was the winner of the food collection we had for St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal. They win a casual day...again!

Sacraments, 2020

All Sacraments for 2020 will be rescheduled due to COVID-19 to a date to be advised.

Other important dates:

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day	8th August
Whole School Living Rosary	14th August at 2:30, during assembly
Feast of the Assumption	15th August
Level Talent Quest Auditions:	Last week of term



How does exercise affect mental health and wellbeing?

Physical activity promotes many aspects of child and adolescent development, including social and emotional skills, as well as physical development of motor skills.

It also supports mental wellbeing. We know that high levels of inactivity can lead to a greater risk of both physical and mental health problems.

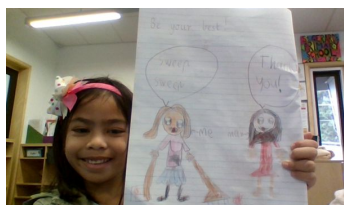
Physical activity:

- can increase levels of serotonin and endorphins; the neurotransmitters involved in regulating and improving mood
- promotes sleep – which also helps regulate moods, increase energy levels and improve memory and learning
- increases the connections between the brain neurons, which improves memory and learning capacity
- pumps blood to the brain to boost mood, concentration and alertness
- promotes relaxation by reducing skeletal muscle tension
- provides children and young people with an outlet for excess energy and frustration, which relieves tension
- provides an opportunity for children and young to socialise and meet new people, reducing loneliness and isolation
- improves motor and cognitive skills, which boosts self-esteem
- distracts children and young people from negative thoughts.

These benefits also serve to improve classroom behaviour and promote a more positive learning environment.



This week the whole school focus was 'Be Your Best'. The Grade One and Two students drew pictures of what it looks like to be their best at home. Have a look at some of their beautiful drawings.



Dhanya is being her best by helping her mum to sweep the house.

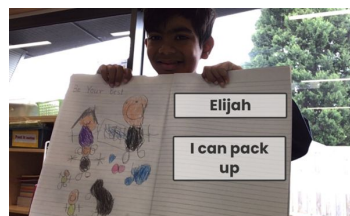
Aditey is being his best by helping his dad wash the car?



Luke is being his best by trying his best and not giving up. Well done Luke!

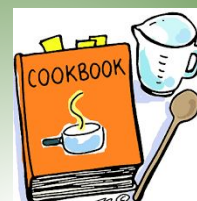


Francis is being his best at home by helping mum and dad wash the dishes.



Elijah is being his best by packing up his toys

Garden to Kitchen News



Cook a meal with your family, write a short description of what you made and send photos of yourself and your family cooking together. Email your photos to Mrs Fernandez nfernandez@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au.



ART NEWS

Our Art Teacher, Mrs Stewart, has continued to come up with some wonderful, creative art activities for our students. The focus this week was to make a fish using recycled materials where possible.

Duane -
3/4



Petro
5/6



i enjoyed
this
activity!!!

and im
really
happy on
how the fish
turned
out!!!

Trinity
5/6



Mary
3/4



Eva 3/4



John 1/2



Dear parents, guardians and carers

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards

Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS



**MAZENOD
COLLEGE**

17th July 2020

St Gerards Primary School
71 Gladstone Road
Dandenong Nth Vic 3175

Attention Principal: Mr. Paul Cowan

Dear Principal,

Due to the current COVID-19 Victoria Government Health Information, all Mazenod College Open Days and Tours have been postponed until further notice. It is important to us to protect our school community and keep our families safe during these unprecedented times. In the meantime we are directing families to the Mazenod College website mazenod.vic.edu.au to view a snapshot of our school, until such time as our Enrolments for Year 7 2022 close on Friday 9th October 2020, (Grade 5 2020 students). If you require any further information regarding enrolments please contact our Registrar Aylene Robinson on 9560 0911.

Regards
Michelle Symss
Development Manager
Mazenod College

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GET
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**St John's
REGIONAL COLLEGE**

SJRC Open Events

St John's Regional College is a Catholic Co-Educational secondary school that welcomes and celebrates the diversity of cultures, gifts and talents, which enriches the school and marks its unique identity. Our College Motto "Courage Reaches for the Stars" inspires all to work hard to be the best they can be.

We are delighted to invite you to attend a virtual school tour held via Zoom video conferencing

Parents wishing to take a virtual tour of our facilities and meet the Principal in an online forum should make a booking through <https://www.trybooking.com/BALBU> for the following dates:

Saturday 25 July - 10.00am

Thursday 13 August - 9.15am

Year 7 Enrolments in 2021 and 2022

Year 7 in 2021 and 2022 applications for current Grade 5 & 6 Students are *OPEN*

All families considering an enrolment should complete and submit an enrolment application form.

This application should be returned with all requested documentation to the College Registrar.

Enrolment Applications

Enrolment Application Forms can be downloaded at: www.sjrc.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar, Ms Symone Goodwin at sjohns@sjrc.vic.edu.au or call the College on 8793 2000



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Join us virtually via zoom video conferencing to experience Nazareth College. 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.

14 JULY

**Tuesday
5pm**

15 JULY

**Wednesday
12pm**

16 JULY

**Thursday
2pm**

Register at

<http://www.nazareth.vic.edu.au/enrolments/virtual-school-tours/>