



St Gerard's Primary School NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 WEEK 7

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Happy Birthday!

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

◆ Akash	Yr 3
◆ Francis	Yr3

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



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Baking bread rolls at our First Communion Reflection Day

This Sunday, 28th August we celebrate First Communion at 10:30am. Please remember all of our first communicants in prayers this weekend as they receive the Body of Christ for the very first time.

We pray that they will grow in goodness and faith as they come to know Jesus more. We pray that our Parish of St. Gerard's will come closer together as we share in the life of Jesus in the Eucharist. May God bless them on this very special day.



*Warmest
congratulations
to Dhanvin on the
birth of your
sweet baby sister
Divisha born on
19th, August
2022.
Congratulations
also to Suganyan,
Ranganath and
sister Drisika.
Mother and baby
are doing well.*

Principal's Message



Dear families,

It has been an exciting week with a strong focus on Reading through our **Book Week celebrations**.

All week we have had **before school reading in the Library** which has seen families come and share the love of reading together. Our **Dress-up and activity day** yesterday (Thursday) saw our school filled with **characters from all different types of books, activities** based on the shortlisted books for The *Children's Book Council of Australia Awards* and a **special assembly and parade**. I would like to thank our school community for making this such a great week and acknowledge all the work **Mrs O'Brien** did to make this such a successful week.

Information about our **School Production 'A Kid's Life'** was sent out on Tuesday via Seesaw to all families. This information explains the **costumes the children are to wear and procedures for the night**. We are in the final stages of preparation and this promises to be a wonderful evening where our children get to display their gifts and talents.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our children (and their families) that are making their **First Communion** this **Sunday 28 August at 10.30am**. This is a significant step in the faith journey of a person and cause for celebration not only for the family but also our parish. We will celebrate with these children at Assembly next Friday.

Next Friday 2 September also sees us celebrate our **Father's and Significant Adult Males** who play such a key role in the lives of our children. From **8.00am** we will be serving a breakfast of bacon and egg sandwiches, have some activities to engage with the children and a special assembly. We are looking forward to welcoming and thanking these very important people.

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.**

Finally, we have the **last of our 3 Open Days** for this term **next Thursday 1 September**. 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.

Please continue to stay safe and God bless.

Paul Cowan.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacrament Dates, 2022

First Communion: (Grade 4)

First Communion Assembly:

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 is 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.

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!





Give Me 5 News

Students who display the expectations present on the school Matrix are rewarded with a raffle ticket from their classroom teacher. Once a month the raffle tickets from each class are collected and drawn during the Friday assembly.

The raffle tickets will be drawn today on the 26th of August and the lucky winners will be announced in next week's newsletter.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) is made up of a group of students who want to help other students by presenting ideas which are of benefit to all students. The SRC also informs its peers of any important information which affects the student body.

This Thursday a special guest from the Dandenong Council, Kate Beveridge will attend our SRC meeting. Kate will be discussing the importance of student voice and the impact they can have in our school and the wider community.





Thursday, 1st September is a Ride to School Day. Students are encouraged to walk or ride to school from home or from a nearby drop off point. If your child doesn't normally walk to school, you could do this together.

Students who ride are given a sticker and the class who has the most students riding or walking get to keep our Ride to School trophy in their classroom for that month.

Students can ride bikes, skateboards or scooters.

They must wear a helmet at all times.

Upon arrival at school, students must hop off their bike or scooter and lock up their bike or scooter in our bike parking area (in front of the Performing Arts Centre).



Look after yourself

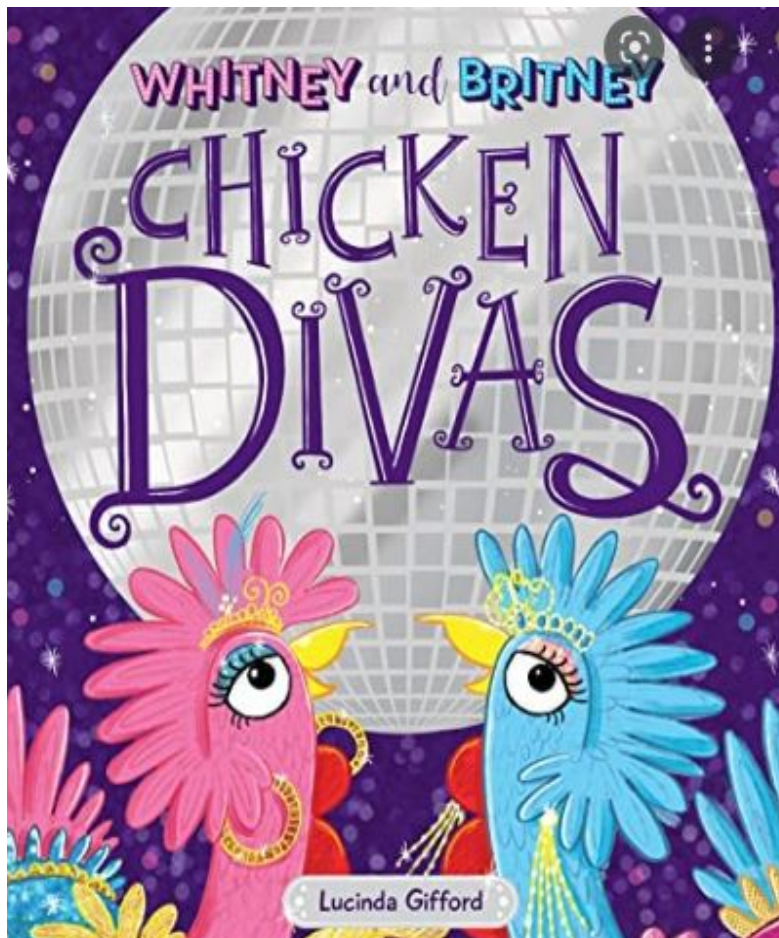
Make time to look after yourself so you're in a better position to support those around you. Children and young people's emotions can be affected by how adults are feeling.

Try to maintain your routines, know your limits, debrief with trusted family or friends and try to do things you enjoy to manage your stress levels.

The Be You website provides information on [wellbeing tools](#) and how to practise [mindfulness](#), which can help with stress management.

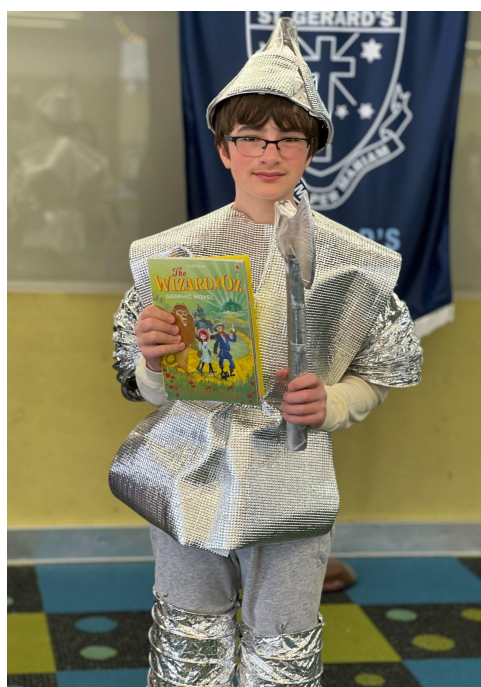
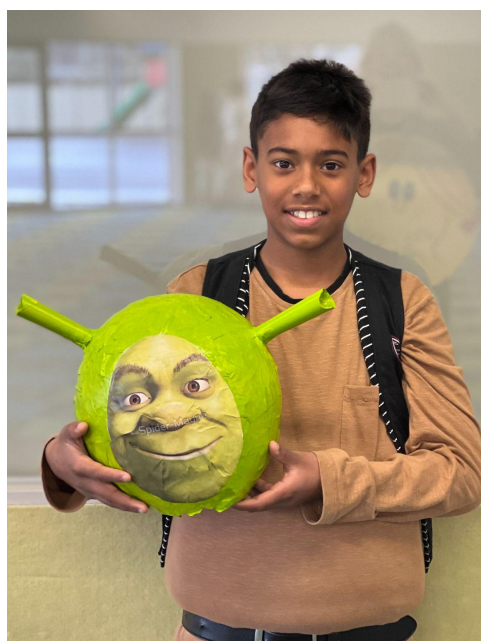
BOOK WEEK

Even our resident chicken dressed up for the occasion.



St Gerard's is a Child Safe School. Promoting the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

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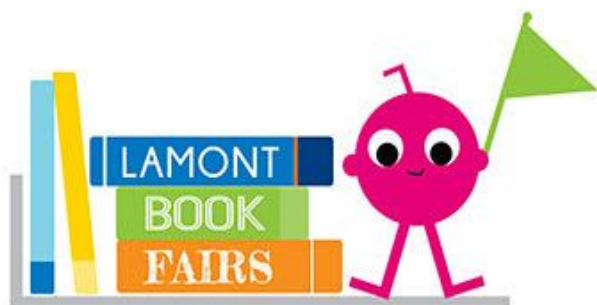


BOOK WEEK



★ **A visit from Lamont Book Fair From Monday 29th August to Friday 2nd September Lamont Book Fair will be visiting our school.**

The trollies 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**.



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

