



St Gerard's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

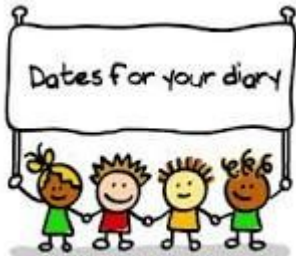


Term 3, Week 2

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26 July 2019



Monday, 29 July

Confirmation Mass - 3 pm

Tuesday, 30 July

- Running Club
- First Communion Parent Information Night - 7pm

Wednesday, 31 July

Homework Club



UNIFORM SHOP


Opening Hours
Monday Mornings
8:30—10:30



Art Show
Thursday, 29 August
7:00 pm

(more information will be sent home with your child)

Celebration of
The Sacrament of Confirmation



St. Gerard's Parish
Dandenong North

Sunday 28th July, 2019
Celebrant: Most Rev. Bishop Peter Elliott

Jesus said: I am the light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. – John 8:12

We would like to invite our School Community to our Confirmation ceremony on Sunday, 28 July at 3pm. We are pleased to welcome Most Rev. Bishop Peter J Elliott who will confirm our Confirmands. Please keep them in your prayers, as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

I hope that your week has been great. We are well and truly into the routines of the term and this week has seen our students presented with numerous opportunities.

As I mentioned last week, our Year Six students are in the final stages of their preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The candidates were involved in a reflection day on Tuesday which saw them celebrate Reconciliation, spend time rehearsing in the church and deepening their understanding of the sacrament. The highlight of the day was the visit of Bishop Peter Elliott to our school. In addition to meeting with our Confirmation students, the Bishop also spent time with staff and joined our Year Three and Four students in praying the Angelus. I would like to thank Mrs Verhoosel, Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Theodore and Mrs Stack for their hard work in supporting our students in this significant stage in their faith journey. Please keep our students and their families in your prayers. Confirmation is this Sunday at 3.00pm and you are more than welcome to come and support our students.

Today (Friday) we promoted Ride to School Day which saw a number of students ride or walk to school. We are all aware of the importance of regular exercise. It was also great to see the students who did ride wearing their helmets. Please keep an eye out for other days when we will highlight this initiative.

We have also had AFL clinics today for our Year Three to Six students. AFL is a great sport which promotes not only fitness and skills but teamwork. It is also open to both boys and girls.

Garden to Kitchen also occurred today with Year 1/2B creating fried rice. There is a standing invitation for parents to come and be part of this program, so please keep it in mind.

July 26 is the feast day of St Anne and Joachim the patron saints of grandparents and the parents of Mary. Grandparents are significant figures in families as they often are the custodians of our family stories and traditions. The relationships they have with their grandchildren are special and they are often asked to play greater and varying roles in our families today. I know from a school perspective that grandparents can play a vital role in the lives of their grandchildren. This feast day can be a timely reminder of this.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge Mrs Carol Stewart for her hard work and dedication to our school in her role as Acting Principal. Carol not only led the school well but has been a great support to me in these first few weeks. Carol will resume her role as Deputy Principal with a focus on Teaching and Learning which is her true passion. Our school is blessed to have Carol as part of our community.

God Bless.

Paul Cowan



Joachim and Anne the father and mother of Mary, and the grandparents of Jesus.

2019 CONFIRMANDS

*Hans Arugay
Jason Assauw
Nash Benedict
Jessica Bonato
Matthew Dinh
Blayke Hudson Ruiz
Theophil Ishaan Ivan
Doki Jada*

*Jada Jada
Nivia Mendo-Fernandez
Selena Rivalta
Sean Thavarajah
Alisha Torelli
Kyan Villalobos-Arias
Keji Yloi*

May the Holy Spirit bless you and guide you throughout your life.

Whole School Masses:

Thursday, 15 August: Feast of the Assumption at 12:00

Level Masses:

Prep and Years 5/6: Thursday, 5 September at 9:15

Years 1/2: Thursday, 1 August at 9:15

Years 3/4: Thursday, 25 July at 9:15

Sacramental Dates for term 3

Confirmation: Year 6

Confirmation Retreat Day: Tuesday, 23 July
Confirmation: Sunday, 28 July, 3pm
Confirmation Assembly: Friday, 2 August, 2:30



First Communion: Year 4

First Communion Parent Information Night: Thursday, 30 July 7pm
First Communion Reflection Day: Wednesday, 5 September
First Communion: Sunday, 8 September at 2pm (for Year 4)
First Communion Assembly: Friday 13 September at 2:30



Altar boy training

Altar boy training is in the Church from 5pm to 6:30 pm every Thursday evening. Please contact Mrs Stack if you are interested in joining our dedicated team of Altar Servers.

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. Children will need to audition for this event in the last week of term.





Kitchen Garden - 1/2 B



This week 1/2B enjoyed their Garden to Kitchen lesson. The students practised the skills of weeding, pruning and harvesting seeds in the garden. They then enjoyed preparing and eating fried rice! 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.

Parent Helpers



Parents we would love for you to be involved in the Garden to Kitchen Program. Please see your child's class teacher or Mrs Fernandez if you would like to participate. Also a big thank you to all the lovely parents who have been generously giving up their Friday afternoons to assist the students and teachers in the program!



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. Once a month the raffle tickets from each class will be collected and drawn during Monday assembly. The raffle tickets will be drawn on Monday, 29 July and 6 lucky winners will get to have hot chips with the Principal!

Week	Class
Friday 26 th July @ 11:45- 1:40- COMPLETED	3/4L
Friday 2 nd July @ 11:45- 1:40	1/2B
Friday 9 th August @ 11:45- 1:40	1/2FP
Friday 16 th August @ 11:45- 1:40	3/4S
Friday 23 rd August@ 11:45- 1:40	5/6VT
Friday 30 th August@ 11:45- 1:40	5/6O
Friday 6 th September@ 11:45- 1:40	Prep C

Lunchtime Gardening Club

The students were extremely excited to participate in the Garden Club this week. They enjoyed weeding, collecting the eggs and tying up the beanstalks and were under the supervision of Rob and Grade 6 Environmental Leader Matthew Dinh.

The lunch time gardening club will be opened every Monday between 1:50- 2:25 pm (weather permitting). All students are more than welcome to participate in the gardening session.

A big thank you to the members of the Student Representative Council (SRC group) who voiced their desire to create lunchtime gardening club!



Ride to School Day

A big thank you to all of the families who participated in the Ride to School day on Friday 26th July. Congratulations to 5/6O who had the most students walking, scooting and riding to school.

Well done to:

1st place- 5/6O

2nd place- 3/4L and 1/2FP

3rd place- Prep C

Our next Ride to School day will be on the 23rd of August.





Youth Leadership Victoria Philosophy and Goals

YLV OSHC aspires to provide high quality holistic opportunities based on play and the emergent curriculum whilst working in collaborations with all children and in partnership with families and the school community; together being mutually supportive as an ongoing cycle where educators are respectful and ethical and use the outcomes from the National Quality Framework to guide planning for children's wellbeing and sense of belonging. Additionally, YLV OSHC believes in setting high expectations by fostering a spirit of equity, by respecting diversity, planning for the inclusion of children with additional needs whilst maintaining ongoing learning and reflective processes that ultimately guides everyday practice during Outside School Hours Care.

Service Philosophy and Goals

- **St Gerard's Primary OSHC** is committed to working with parents as partners towards achieving individual goals for their children. It is important that we embrace each family's expectations and circumstances by respecting their views regardless of gender, race, cultural background and respect their diversity.
- To provide children with a positive, safe, caring, stimulating and friendly learning environment that meets the individual needs of each child and that of their families.
- To provide affordable child care to parents who are working or pursuing employment or training.
- To provide program planning which reflects a balance of activities to meet the physical, intellectual and emotional needs of children.
- To recognise the need to take in account different ages and gender of the students when making decisions regarding the program.
- Where all children are respected, play is valued and self-esteem fostered.
- To encourage open discussion and communication between staff, families and the school community.
- To meet and exceed The National Quality Standards for Child Care.
- For the program to be a highly valued resource of the school and one which widely informs the community.



OUR PHILOSOPHY

At St Gerard's OSHC, we recognise each child as an individual with important skills and abilities that they can contribute to our community. Our program is based around the key ideas of belonging, being and becoming, based on a knowledge of the developmental stages of School Age Children and the importance of learning through play.

For parents/ families our program values a welcoming, supportive and friendly environment where parental input is encouraged and supported.

For Staff, our program values positive, caring and approachable staff members willing to take the time to get to know the children and families and value their input, feedback and suggestions

Therefore, it is important that this statement reflects the thoughts of our family's staff and management We ask that you look at this document and make suggestions as you see it. Please place your suggestions thank you.

Attached is the Service Statement of Philosophy It is important that this statement reflects the thoughts of our families, staff, and management. We ask that you look at this document and make suggestions as you see fit. Please place your suggestions marked PHILOSOPHY

Thank You
OSHC TEAM



SUGGESTION

Policy
Procedure

PHILOSOPHY

