

ST GERARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 2 - WEEK 1

28th APRIL, 2023



Dear Lord,

This ANZAC day we remember the brave men and women who served our country, we pray for their courage, sacrifice and commitment to peace.

We give thanks for their selfless acts and unwavering dedication to defending our freedom and protecting our values. We ask that you continue to bless their families and loved ones, and comfort those who have lost someone dear to them.

May we always remember the sacrifices made by those who have served and continue to serve our country. And may we be inspired to work towards a world where peace, justice and freedom reigns.

Amen.

Honoring the Sacrifices of Our Heroes - Our School Leaders paying tribute at the ANZAC Memorial in Dandenong.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear families,

Welcome to Term 2!

I hope that you all had a Happy and Holy Easter and a restful holiday.

It was great to be able to welcome everyone back for the start of what promises to be a **term full of positive learning opportunities for all our students.**

On **Monday** we had an **ANZAC Day ceremony to remember, acknowledge and thank** all those people who have experienced war and those that made the ultimate sacrifice. The actions of so many people allow us to enjoy the life we do here in Australia. Lest we forget.

On **Tuesday** our school was represented by **2 of our Student Leaders who attended the Dandenong ANZAC Day ceremony.** I would like to thank these 2 leaders for giving up their time and the respectful way they conducted themselves as they laid a wreath on behalf of our school community.

Our **Year 5/6** students set off to **Camp** on Wednesday morning which was at **CYC The Island, Cowes (Phillip Island).** A school camp provides valuable life skills and enables students and staff to work together in different ways to the 'normal' school day. Apart from activities at the Camp, we also attended the Phillip Island Penguin Parade on Thursday night. This is an international tourist destination and a highlight of the camp. To see the smiles on the children and their families faces this afternoon (Friday) as they were reunited was wonderful to see. **I would like to thank Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Te, Mrs Jolly and Mr Milne (Rob) for the care and encouragement they provided and in giving up their own family time to create memorable experiences for our senior students.**

Enrolments for 2024 are open and new families are invited to come and see all the things we offer here at St Gerard's. Our **Open Days for Term 2 are on Tuesday 16 May, Wednesday 31 May and Thursday 15 June.** If you know families who are looking for a school in 2024 they are more than welcome to come on one of those days from 9.15am - 5.00pm at a time that suits them or they can contact the School Office on 9791 7553 or email: principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au to arrange a meeting and school tour with myself.

Lastly, a reminder to those families who have children with a **Medical Management Plan** that if there are changes to any aspect of the plan they need to **contact the School Office.** It is vital that the **information we have here at school is current and accurate.**

God bless.

Paul COWAN
PRINCIPAL



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacrament Dates, 2023

First Communion: (Grade 4)

First Communion Reflection Day:	Thursday 8th June (children may wear casual clothes)
First Communion:	Sunday 11th June, 10:30am
First Communion Assembly:	Friday 16th June, 2:50pm

Confirmation: (Grade 6)

Most Rev. Anthony J. Ireland Visit:	Monday 1st May, 2:00pm
Confirmation Reflection Day:	Thursday 9th May (children may wear casual clothes)
Confirmation:	Saturday 13th May, 5:30pm (conferred by Bishop Ireland)
Confirmation Assembly:	Friday 19th May, 2:50pm

Whole School Mass:

Wednesday 24 th May	Our Lady Help of Christians at 9:15 (Parish Mass)
Friday 24 th June	Sacred Heart of Jesus at 9:15 (Parish Mass, Adoration available throughout the day)

Class Mass:

5/6O:	Thursday 18th May, 10:15am
3/4S:	Friday 19th May, 10:15am

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal:

Our goal is to fill our food cart to the brim once more for the St Vincent De Paul Winter appeal. Starting from week two, the Social Justice and Spirituality Leaders will gather food items, and the collection will end on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The class that donates the most items will earn a casual dress day.

Vinnie's

WINTER APPEAL



'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, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Whatever you did for one of the least of mine, you did for me.' Mathew 25

WELLBEING



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Facts from the Be You website

DID YOU KNOW?

Children and young people's decision-making is strongly influenced by the expectations and values they learn from those around them.

This occurs when they:

- observe others (particularly those close to them)
- hear about and discuss values
- have opportunities to make choices and experience their consequences.

Young children regularly choose how they'll behave, which toys or games they'd like to play with, which books they would like to read, or which television shows they want to watch. As they get older, children make bigger decisions that often involve their family, friends and schoolwork. The kinds of choices children and young people make affect their wellbeing, relationships and success.

Young children have some skills for making decisions, but they don't yet have the experience to understand complex adult situations. As their brain grows, a child is more able to hold things in their mind and remember what they've learned. They also improve the way they manage their thinking and feelings, control impulsive behaviour, think about time and plan ahead, and evaluate long-term versus short-term goals. All these skills help children become better at taking action and keeping things on track.

WELLBEING

Give Me 5 News

This week the Give Me Five focus was to 'Be Cooperative' in all areas.

The teachers were looking for students who were being cooperative in the classroom and playground. These students were rewarded with a raffle ticket in the classroom and silver wristband in the playground.

St. Gerard's Give Me 5 Whole School Matrix



Principle	Learning Areas	Corridors	Toilets	Playground/Sandpit
Be Respectful	Speak appropriately and use manners Care for property Take turns Whole body listening Greet people by name	Speak appropriately and use manners Care for property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep the area neat and tidy 	Speak appropriately and use manners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give other users their privacy Care for property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep toilets tidy and flush Wash hands	Speak appropriately and use manners Care for property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place rubbish in the bin Keep sand in the sandpit and bark in the garden Include others Respect everyone's views and space
Be Co-operative	Follow Directions Move safely Stay on task Share with others and help each other	Follow Directions Move safely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk on the left hand side of the corridor to exit and the right hand side to enter 	Follow Directions Move safely Wait for your partner	Follow Directions Move safely Play fairly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accept rules Take turns Share and use equipment safely
Be Your Best	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Ask for help	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Only enter the area with permission	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Report problems to a teacher	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Try to solve your problems
Be Positive	Never give up			Encourage others
Be Spirit filled	Treat others as you would like to be treated. Pray daily and during meditation	Treat others as you would like to be treated.	Treat others as you would like to be treated.	Treat others as you would like to be treated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Say sorry and forgive others Be kind

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

IMPORTANT DATES



Happy Birthday to all who had celebrated and will celebrate their birthdays this week

- Enki Yr 2
- Anjanna Yr 4
- Dhanvin Yr 2
- Liam Yr 6
- Ethan Yr 4
- Taavish Yr 5
- Leo Yr 1
- Ashton Yr 6
- Anjali Yr 3
- Thomas B Foundation
- Matej Yr 3
- Sofiya Yr 4
- Prophet Yr 2



Save the Date: 18th May
From: 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

- Springvale Indoor Sports - School Holiday Program
- Syndal Softball Club
- Noble Park Junior football Club (AFL)
- Netball Dandenong
- Ukraine Support Fund
- Swimland Swim Club
- Noble Park Auskick Centre (AFL)

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.

