



St Gerard's Primary School NEWSLETTER



TERM 4 WEEK 4

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Happy Birthday!

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

◆	Elaine	Yr1
◆	Sandra	Yr4
◆	Tiffany	Yr5

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



Happy Grandparents Day!

Today we celebrated Mass to honour all our grandparents and grandfriends. We remembered how grandparents and grandfriends bring much joy into the lives of their families and especially the lives of their grandchildren. Grandparents bring a real sense of history to a family as they share many family stories. They can give the rest of the family a sense of belonging. Our grandparents have a special place in our families, our society and our world.

Grandparents and grandfriends are the ones who are responsible for passing on wisdom, values, and principles, from generation to generation, to help us lead a better and more fulfilling life. And, for this we thank them. It was wonderful to see so many of our Grandparents today and we were very excited to celebrate this special time with them.

We also remembered the grandparents who couldn't be with us; those who could not travel, those who live far away, those who are sick, and sadly, those who have died and are now residing with God in heaven.

They are all in our thoughts and prayers wherever they are.



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Principal's Message



Dear families,

We have had another week in which the weather has influenced not only some school activities but also the wider community. Seeing the impact of floods on so many people gives us perspective when we are delayed or have to adjust our plans. Please keep those communities in your prayers over the coming weeks.

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. We are starting to see some 'regulars' but there is always room for more.

Unfortunately the planned Prep - Year 2 Excursion to Tirhatuan Park on Thursday had to be postponed. While this was disappointing for the children and their teachers, I was very impressed with the manner in which the children understood and accepted the decision. The children will get to go to Tirhatuan Park and I am sure it will be worth the wait.

Today (Friday) we welcomed, recognised and celebrated our **Grandparents and Special Friends**. Those people who are '*grandparent figures*' in the lives of our children gathered in the PAC for a very special Mass followed by a visit to classrooms and a chance to look at all that St Gerard's has to offer. I would like to **thank Fr Shanthaiah** for celebrating Mass, **our students** who led aspects of the Mass and **Mrs Stack** for all her organisation and leadership to make this such a memorable occasion.

Also today, our **Year 3 - 6** students had their second in a series of **Cricket Clinics** that are being conducted by Cricket Victoria. It is great to see the children involved and enjoying these sessions.

Lastly, a reminder that **next week we have a School Closure Day on Monday 31 October and that Tuesday 1 November is the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**. Therefore we will see everyone back at school next Wednesday.

Have a lovely (long) weekend and God bless.

Paul Cowan
PRINCIPAL



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Class School Timetable:

- 1/2L: 3rd November, 10:00am

Important Dates for Term 4

Tuesday, 15th November:	Year 6 Reflection Day
Friday, 25 th November:	Advent Assembly at 2:30
Tuesday 6 th December:	Christmas Carols Evening
Friday, 9 th December:	End of year Mass, 12:00
Friday, 16 th December:	Graduation Mass, 7pm

Whole School Rosary

- 21st November at 10:15 all welcome



ALL FAMILIES & PARISHIONERS

The Living Rosary

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day

Monday, 21st November, 2022
St. Gerard's School @ 10:15 am

GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY



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HAPPY
Grandparents
DAY



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



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 on Friday 4th November during next week's assembly.

Good luck to all of our amazing students!

This week and the next the whole school will be focusing on Being Respectful in the learning areas.



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.

Walk or Ride To School

Thursday, 3rd November 2022



Thursday, 3rd November 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).

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



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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



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.

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



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.





O.S.H.C

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

BEFORE SCHOOL - AFTER SCHOOL - VACATION CARE

Dear OSHC families

Wishing all who are Hindu Families :
Dewali.

Regarding the Curriculum Day 31/10/22 we
didn't have enough bookings to run the
program we are closed on this day thanks for
your understanding .
Have a great long weekend,

From
OSHC Team

*Reminder for
parents.*

*OSHC morning
Drop of is from
6:45am.*



OSHC FAMILIES
WE ARE CLOSED ON
MONDAY 31 OCTOBER