



St Gerard's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

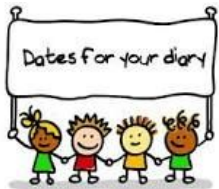


Term 2 Week 7

www.sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au

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29 May 2020



School Assembly Link

Link to our assembly for this week:

[29 May 2020](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing the following students a happy birthday for this week:

- Chris Majing
- Anastasia Nguyen
- Nevyn Thearath

We hope you have a great day!!!

CONGRATULATIONS
JOSHYLYN A



This Most
Splendiferous
Certificate of
Extraordinary
Academic Success
— is felicitously awarded to —

Joshlyn A

Score: 704

Date: 29/05/2020



KEEP UP
THE GREAT WORK!

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Thank you to Chris George, Charlie's Dad for Reading the picture book, "Stories for Simon" at our Sorry Day Assembly.

FATHER OF ALL, YOU GAVE OUR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE THE DREAMING
YOU HAVE SPOKEN TO THEM THROUGH THEIR BELIEFS,
YOU THEN MADE YOUR LOVE CLEAR TO THEM IN THE PERSON OF JESUS.
WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARE OF THESE PEOPLE.
YOU OWN THEM. YOU ARE THEIR HOPE.
MAKE THEM STRONG AS THEY FACE THE PROBLEMS OF CHANGE.
WE ASK YOU TO HELP US, THE PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA,
TO LISTEN TO THEM AND RESPECT THEIR CULTURE.
MAKE THE KNOWLEDGE OF YOU GROW STRONG IN ALL PEOPLE
SO THAT YOU CAN BE AT HOME IN ALL OF US,
AND SO THAT WE CAN MAKE A HOME FOR EVERYONE IN OUR LAND.
AMEN.

Principal - Mr Paul Cowan
Parish Priest - Father Dean Mathieson
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome to the end of an exciting week as we **welcomed back our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2** children from Remote Learning. It is hard to work out who had the **biggest smiles, children, parents or staff** (I think the parents might have!). I would also like to **congratulate our children for the way they have settled back into school** and in following some new procedures and protocols. Also, I would like to **thank our families** for their support with **our new before and after school arrangements**. I am asking for families to **use the Pedestrian Crossing and the path along the side of the Church when walking children to their cars**. Please refer to the map at the bottom of this page.

Our **Year 3, 4, 5 and 6** students have 1 more week of Remote Learning before they **return to school on Tuesday 9 June**. I will be sending out information next week so that their return to school is also a smooth transition. **The health and safety of our students, staff and families is our first priority** at St Gerard's and with this in mind we have **implemented a number of procedures and processes to keep us all safe**. **If you do have any questions or concerns please contact myself via email:** pcowan@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au , **phone 9791 7553 or send me a message via SeeSaw.**

The focus this week from our **Give Me 5** principles was **Be Spirit Filled**. This is a **key principle of our faith** and our school and should be evident through our interactions with others and the way we conduct ourselves. This is also a timely focus given that this Sunday is **Pentecost Sunday**. Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the church. Jesus had ascended to Heaven and the Apostles were scared, confused and not sure what to do. The **Holy Spirit gave them courage, knowledge, direction and commitment** and it is that same Spirit that we need today.

Our other focus for this week was **National Sorry Day**. This day assists us as a school and wider community to **acknowledge and understand aspects of Australian history** and help us move towards **reconciliation with Indigenous Australians**. I would like to thank Chris George (father of Charlie Year 6) and his family for giving our school community a 'local' perspective. Chris features in **today's (Friday) assembly and I encourage everyone to watch it**.

Thank you to the families that have contacted us about **Prep enrolments for 2021**. 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**. We are **getting enquiries from new families** so it is important that we know how many places are required for current families.

As I have said each week of this term (and at the end of Term 1), Finally, a reminder that 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.

Stay safe and God Bless.

Paul Cowan - Principal



School Pick up Arrangements from Tuesday 26 May, 2020



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Meditation and Assemblies during Remote Learning:

An attempt to replicate meditation that we normally have on a Monday Morning and Assembly we normally have on a Friday afternoon will happen through remote learning. Please look out for the Seesaw messages as they come through.

Sacraments

All sacraments have been postponed due to COVID 19 until further notice.

Important Dates:

Refugee Week Assembly:	Friday 12th June @ 2:30 (Lead remotely by Social Justice team)
Refugee Week:	Refugee Week 14th to 20th June 2020
Sacred Heart of Jesus Assembly:	Friday 19th June @ 2:30 (led remotely by Liturgy Captains)

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Winter Appeal

I have spoken to James Tudehope, from St Vincent de Paul, St. Gerard's Parish who has informed me that they have replaced the soup van for making hampers to give away due to COVID 19. Several local St Vincent de Paul groups have merged and are working out of our hall to make up these hampers.

James sounded concerned for the vulnerable populations during this pandemic. He said that our families can still help the needy by donating non perishable items. These items can be dropped into our school foyer during school hours throughout term 2.

Seasons

The Seasons program, which offers children a safe space to come together and share their experiences of change and loss will be postponed until further notice.

Stay Connected: Mass Online

During the COVID 19 pandemic, Mass online is available from our new parish website:

<https://www.saintgerardparish.com>.

Church Re-opening

The Church is open from 11.30am until 5.30pm with a limit of 10 people at a time.
Fr Dean is putting on extra Masses for the next little while.

The current Mass times are as follows:

Monday – 9.15 am & 10.45am
Tuesday – 9.15am & 6.00pm
Wednesday - 9.15 am & 10.45am
Thursday - 9.15am & 6.00pm
Friday - 9.15 am & 10.45am
Saturday – 9.15am & 5.30pm
Sunday – 10.30am & 5.30pm

To attend Mass it is essential that you register your name through the link provided below or by speaking to the volunteer who is collecting details at the entrance of the Church.

<https://calendly.com/saintgerardparish/mass-at-st-gerard-s>

Please only book once per individual for the week ahead.

WELLBEING NEWS



How does confidence develop?

Babies are born curious

They want to touch, see, hear and taste everything within their reach. Toddlers and preschoolers demonstrate their need to understand their world by asking many 'why' questions. From their repeated experiences of seeing their actions affect their world and the people in it, young children begin to see themselves as capable and having control. This helps them to feel good about themselves and builds their self-confidence.

When they begin school, children typically start out with high expectations

But when they see how they do things compared to others, their view of their own abilities often changes. They learn that they're good at some things and not so good at others. They also see how other children and educators respond to what they do. These things influence children's confidence in their abilities. They also influence how willing they are to have a go in situations where they feel unsure.

Your response

The way adults respond to children as they explore their place in the world is their template for solving many challenging and difficult problems later on. For young children, it helps strengthen their sense of self when significant adults nurture their natural curiosity and demonstrate patience and interest. In primary school years, children who are suddenly less sure of themselves may need extra support and encouragement to build a functional sense of confidence they can take with them into adolescence.



This week the whole school focus was **'Be Spirit Filled'**. Have a look at how the Prep to 2 students demonstrate this principle at school.



Krystn being spirit filled by meditating and praying.



1/2FP are being spirit filled by meditating and praying.



Alina and Jacob treating others as they would like to be treated

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

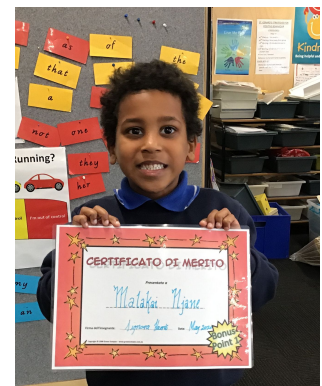


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MATIFIC REMOTE LEARNING CHAMPIONS 2020!

The top three students earning gold, silver and bronze are: Edwin in Year 1/2B, Nelson in 3/4S, Eva in 3/4S



Preps having fun in PE with the parachute

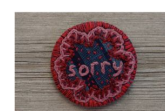
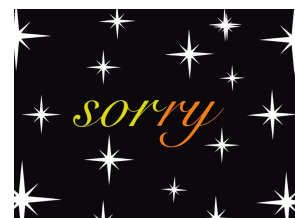


Congratulations Malakai (Prep C) for his wonderful work in Italian

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS



Some of the artwork completed by our students for National Sorry Day.



National Sorry Day!!

saying 'sorry' is something more than just saying 'sorry'. you need to mean it. And actually mean it by your heart. we need to apologize to Australia's first people.

Sorry



SJRC Open Event for St Gerard's Primary School Parents

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 the St Gerard's Primary School Community 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 date:

Tuesday 23 June 9.30am - 10.30am

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 or by contacting the College Registrar, Ms Symone Goodwin at stjohns@sjrc.vic.edu.au or call the College on 8793 2000



OSHC NEWS



YLV

Youth Leadership Victoria Inc.

OSHC

Out of School Hours Care has reopened. If you require care for your child either before or after school, please contract Marina on: 0402192685. If your child is not registered with the program, enrolment information and forms can be found by following the link: [YLV Website](#)