



St Gerard's Primary School NEWSLETTER

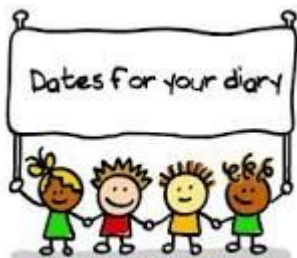


Term 3, Week 3

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Monday, 5 August

Yr 3/4 Zoo Excursion

Tuesday, 6 August

Running Club at 8:15am

Wednesday, 7 August

- Homework Club

Thursday, 8 Augusts

- AFL Yr 3-6

Friday, 9 August

- Yr 1/2FP Kitchen Garden
- Yr 5/6 Rescheduled Gala Day

BYO LUNCH UTENSILS

Parents please remember to pack a spoon or fork if your child requires one for their lunch. The students have been learning about the importance of sustaining our environment and we are no longer supplying plastic spoons or forks.



**EVERY
SCHOOL
DAY
COUNTS**

Thank you from our newly Confirmed



Latest research shows that **gratitude** is one of the keys to wellbeing. Jesus taught us the importance of being **grateful** more than 2000 years ago! Next week we will urge our children to make a habit of praying about all the wonderful things that they should be **grateful** for each night before they go to sleep. Saying "Thank You" aligns with our *Give Me Five Principle, Being Positive*.

World affairs centre on the economy, shares, bank accounts, profit and loss. Through fear, people accumulate more and more. This addiction is not life-giving. In Sunday's gospel, Jesus speaks of a new sort of life disposed to the goodness of our loving Father. It is futile to be anxious about your possessions, he says. Your Father will attend to your needs. Just trust.

The rich man in the story made one mistake: he failed in **gratitude**. He concentrated on his selfishness and greed consumed him. How easy it is to walk down the same path! To place our trust in things.

Let us pray for **gratitude** and detachment. A **gratitude** that enables us to share God's goodness with the less fortunate. A detachment that sets us free from the enslavement of material possessions and greed, so that we can serve God in the least of our brothers and sisters.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

It has been another eventful week which saw us start and finish with a focus on Confirmation. Last Sunday our Year Six students and members of our parish community celebrated this significant step in their faith journey. It was wonderful to see so many staff and families come and support these young people and their families. This afternoon (Friday) we had our Confirmation Assembly which saw students share their reflections and receive their certificates. This was a wonderful opportunity for our school as we not only get to recognise these children but they get to witness their faith.

On Tuesday night we had our First Eucharist Information session. Focus now turns to our Year Four students who will be preparing to celebrate this sacrament on Sunday, September 8. We ask for your prayers for these students and their families.

We had some new members join our school community on Wednesday with five new chickens arriving. The Year One and Two classes were given an impromptu incursion when they arrived. Classes have been asked to suggest names for each of our new members, so keep an eye out for this.

I had the privilege of having lunch with students who have lived out our *Give Me 5* principles. It was wonderful to have time to talk with them and get their impressions of the school.

We had AFL clinics continue today for our Year Three to Six students and Garden to Kitchen saw Year 3/4L create fried rice. As I mentioned last week, there is a standing invitation for parents to come and be part of this program.

In this coming Sunday's Gospel we hear the parable of the rich landowner. An aspect of this parable is that the landowner talks only to himself. He asks and answers questions without seeking the advice or guidance of others. Prayer provides us with the opportunity to have conversations with our God. Something all of us should keep in mind.

God Bless.

Paul Cowan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Whole School Masses:

Feast of the Assumption:

Thursday, 15 August, 2:00 pm

Level Mass:

Prep and Years 5/6:

Thursday, 5 September at 9:15

Sacramental Dates for term 3

First Communion: Year 4

First Communion Reflection Day:

First Communion:

First Communion Assembly:

Wednesday, 5 September

Sunday, 8 September at 2pm
(for Year 4)

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 - 3/4 L



This week 3/4L 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. Next week 1/2FP will participate in their Garden to Kitchen lesson.

AN INVITATION TO YEAR 4-6 FAMILIES

An invitation is extended to Year 4-6 parents to attend a morning tea and information session about working together to make our school a happy and calm learning environment. You will also learn about our school wide positive approach to behaviour

Date – Friday, 23 August

Time – 9:00 am – 9:30 am



Give Me 5 News

A big congratulations to the following students who received their first golden band this week.

Prep C

Elijah

Dhanya



1/2BT

Richard

Well-done to 3/4 L for achieving 50 wristbands!!

They will be negotiating a class reward with Mrs Lewis.

A big congratulations to the following students who have displayed Give Me 5 Principles in the classroom and playground. These students received the Principal's Award for their behaviour.

Prep C

Well done to Jeremiah, Julian, Aaron, Chelsea and Benita.



Give Me 5 News Cont'd

1/2B - Well done to

John, Rachel,

Chris, Ryan and Lachlan!



1/2FP Well done to

Ella, Dahlia,

Jake, Luke and Aditey!



Matrix Lesson

This week in our SEL lesson we revised the "Being Positive in the playground" expectations from our Give Me 5 matrix.

The Prep to 6's discussed the importance of being positive in the playground by respecting other students viewpoints and encouraging others. The students worked collaboratively to determine if a scenario demonstrated students being positive or not. The student's role played different scenarios of how they could be positive in the playground.

WELLBEING NEWS CONT'D



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. Raffle tickets were drawn on 29 July and the following lucky winners were rewarded with hot chips with Mr Cowan on Friday.

Abilas (5/6VT)
Isabella (3/4S)
Amy Labour (3/4S)
Ella Torelli (3/4S)

Dahlia (1/2FP)
Indiana (1/2B)
Kevan (1/2B)
Devaan (1/2FP)



New Girls!

Our new feathered friends arrived on Wednesday, 31 July and received a very warm welcome from our students. Jason from 'Talking Hens,' delivered our 5 chooks at 12pm and the 1/2's eagerly watched as the new chooks made friends with the old ones.



INNOVATING FOR THE FUTURE SHOWCASE

SUN 11 AUGUST 2019
10.00am - 4.00pm

Catholic Leadership Centre
576 Victoria Parade
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THURSDAY,
29 AUGUST 2019

St Gerard's
Primary School

**Art
Show**

7:00 pm