



St Gerard's Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Term 4 Week 9

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to those students and staff who have celebrated their birthday this past week:!

- Emmanuel - 3/4\$

Celebrate
ITALIAN DAY
MONDAY
6 DECEMBER

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



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The Word of God can come to us in unexpected ways. We must always be open to hear God's Word and to see God's presence in the lives of those we meet.

Advent is a time for all of us to prepare and change. It is a time to be aware that we can encounter God in many unexpected ways, and we have to be ready.

Help your children to realise that when we respond to an appeal, or reach out to those who society neglects, we are responding to the call to prepare the way of the Lord and to change our lives.

MAY OUR LOVE KEEP GROWING AND MAY HEARTS BE PREPARED FOR THE DAY OF CHRIST. AMEN

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

We are quickly approaching the end of the school year and there is a real sense of Summer and Christmas in the air.

Class preparations are underway for our **Christmas Carols** which will be an **online event this year**, with a link being sent out in the final week of the term. Please be on the lookout for information regarding costumes/ items that your children may bring to school as part of their presentations.

Next **Monday (December 6)** we are having **Italian Day** which is always a great opportunity to enhance the work and experiences our children have had in this subject area. I would like to acknowledge and thank Signora Harris for her coordination of this event and we look forward to seeing our school transformed into red, white and green and 'all things Italian'.

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent. The message in Luke's Gospel is to '**prepare a way for the Lord**'. This reading makes it clear that one way in which we can do this is to recognise our faults and failings and to seek forgiveness. While this should be something we strive for all year there is added significance in the lead up to Christmas.

A reminder that if your child is **displaying COVID-19 symptoms, please do not send them to school**. While some restrictions have been eased, as a school we need to remain vigilant to keep us all safe. I thank you for your continued understanding and support.

COVID-19 symptoms include:

- loss or change in sense of smell or taste
- fever
- chills or sweats
- a cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- a runny nose

Finally, families were sent information via Seesaw about the establishment of a **School Advisory Council** for 2022. I am asking parents to consider this as a way to contribute to our school community. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact me by phone 9791 7553 or email: principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au

Continue to stay safe and God bless.

Paul Cowan
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Important Dates for Term 4

Wednesday, 8th December	Year 6 Reflection Day
Friday, 9th December	Third Week of Advent Assembly at 2:50 pm
From Monday, 13th December	Christmas Carols Event via Seesaw
Tuesday, 14th December	End of Year and Graduation Mass. Time TBC
Tuesday, 14th December	Year 6 Graduation, 7 pm

Mission Walk Around Thailand

Socktober for Mission Month encourages students across Australia to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children in Thailand and around the world. During term 4 we are encouraging students to learn what life is like for children from Thailand, specifically those from slum areas in Bangkok.

Students are challenged to get fit and raise funds for Catholic Missions by using a map of Thailand to track the distance they have covered when they walk (run, hop, skip, walk backwards, whatever) around the walking track on the oval. Students will be timetabled to walk around the track, 15 minutes a day for the whole term. The Mission Walk Around Thailand will become our main fundraising event for Mission Month.



Chicken Eggs For Sale

St Gerard's would like to offer parents 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 \$5 per dozen.

All proceeds from the sale of the eggs will go towards purchasing food for our feathered friends.

Please email [Nicole Fernandez](#) if you would like to purchase some eggs.



GIVE ME FIVE WEEK

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 10th December during next week's assembly. Good luck to all of our amazing students!

Next week the whole school will be focusing on Being Our Best in the learning areas and playground.

DID YOU KNOW? Facts from the Be You website

How do decision-making skills develop?

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.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

REMINDER

SCHOOL'S OUT

YEAR 6 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL -
Tuesday, 14th December

PREP - YEAR 5
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday,
15th December
3:30 pm finish



MONDAY, 6 DECEMBER
ITALIAN DAY!!!!!!

Students are asked to come dressed in Italian colours, a famous Italian or something typically Italian. They are also asked to bring lunch made up of red, white & green.



COMMUNITY NEWS



COME & TRY DAY

Never played before, that's ok!
Come with your friends and have some fun!

Friday 10th December
6pm
Ross Reserve, Memorial Drive, Noble Park

Contact us today!
npcfregistrar@hotmail.com
0433 841 326

For More Info Scan Me

NAZARETH COLLEGE PRESENTS

Nazarene Christmas Carols

VIRTUAL EVENT VIEWABLE

2 DECEMBER, 7PM

VIEW VIA WWW.NAZARETH.VIC.EDU.AU

