



St Gerard's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

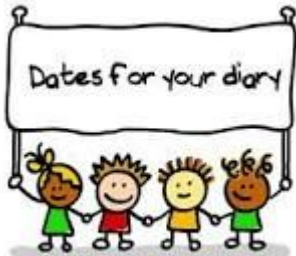


Term 3, Week 4

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Monday, 12 August

Lamont Book Week Fair

Tuesday, 13 August

- Running Club at 8:15am
- Lamont Book Week Fair

Wednesday, 14 August

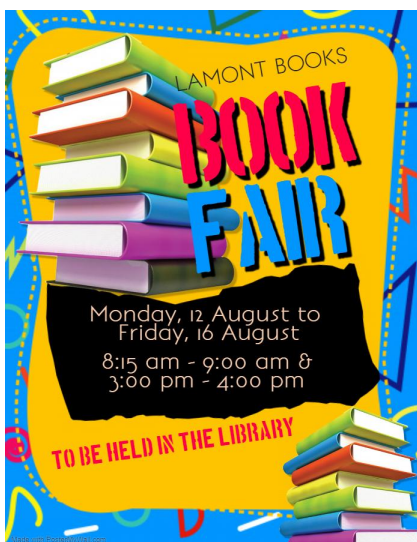
- Homework Club
- Lamont Book Week Fair

Thursday, 15 August

- Feast of Assumption whole school mass - 12:00 pm
- Lamont Book Week Fair

Friday, 16 August

- Yr 3/4S Kitchen Garden
- AFL Yr 3-6
- Lamont Book Week Fair



St Mary Of The Cross Mackillop - Feast Day 8th August

Mary MacKillop lived with radical faith and trust, inspiring hope in entire generations of people. This dynamic woman found life in the call of Jesus, devoting herself to the needs of others, especially the downtrodden, poor and forgotten.

She never lost sight of the personal invitation at the heart of today's gospel, to strive first for the kingdom of God. She proclaimed it and built it up with her Sisters of St Joseph bringing education and relief to the poor. Mary and her companions would see a need, discern a response, and act with love and trust in God. Her letters tell of her fidelity in trial and challenge, joy and consolation. Her courage in the face of persecution is legendary.

Let us look to Mary MacKillop and learn from her as a model of faith, love and generosity. Like her, may we find our joy in God's presence.

*Many women were there by the cross,
watching from a distance, the same women
who had followed Jesus and looked after him.*

MATTHEW 27:55

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

I hope the week has been good and you have managed to stay warm and dry. It has been another busy week with many learning opportunities for our students.

Our Year Three and Four students went to Melbourne Zoo on Monday which enhanced the work they have been doing in their Inquiry Unit. From talking to the children there were many highlights and a variety of favourite animals. The students not only learnt from this experience but represented our school in the right manner displaying our **Give Me Five** Principles.

Thursday was the **Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop)**. With St Mary of the Cross being the first Australian saint this day holds a special place in our hearts. Her influence and involvement in Catholic Education further highlights the significance of this day.

This week our **Garden to Kitchen** program involved Year 1 /2 FP. This wonderful program allows our children to develop many practical skills as well as working together for a common purpose. It has been great to see parents come and be part of this. As I have mentioned in previous weeks, families are more than welcome to and help. If you would like to be involved please contact your child's classroom teacher.

While on the topic of helping in our school, we welcome family support. At all times our school is working on providing a safe environment for our students to learn. If you would like to help in any capacity we ask that you present a current **Working With Children Check (WWCC)** card at the School Office. A Volunteer WWCC is free and requires the person to register online at:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply>

If you have any questions about this or about applying please contact the School Office.

Our Year Five and Six children competed in a **Gala Day** today (Friday) which was rescheduled from last term. This saw our students being involved in Volleyball and Dodgeball games. Having visited both teams it was pleasing to see the way they conducted themselves on and off the court and the way they represented our school.

Finally, Year Five parents are reminded that **Applications for Year 7 enrolments in Catholic Secondary Colleges for 2021 close on Friday, 23rd August, 2019.**

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:

Wednesday, 5 September

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

First Communion Assembly:

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS CONT'D

Thank You from the St Vincent de Paul Society

Last Friday James Tudehope, our representative from the St Vincent de Paul at St Gerard's Parish awarded us with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Victorian State President, Kevin McMahon. The award was in recognition of the ongoing support that our school provides to the St Vincent de Paul Society, especially for the generosity of our all our families who gave so generously throughout the 2019 Winter Appeal.



WELLBEING NEWS



Kitchen Garden - 1/2FP



This week 1/2F 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.

Kitchen Garden Dates

Week	Class
Friday 16 th August @ 11:45- 1:40	3/4S
Friday 23 rd August @ 11:45- 1:40	5/6VT
Friday 30 th August @ 11:45- 1:40	5/6O
Friday 6 th September @ 11:45- 1:40	Prep C

PARENT HELPERS

Parents we would love for you to be involved in the Garden to Kitchen Program. Please see your child's class teacher or Mrs Fernandez if you would like to participate. Also a big thank you to all the lovely parents who have been generously giving up their Friday afternoons to assist the students and teachers in the program!

AN INVITATION TO YEAR 4-6 FAMILIES

You are invited to 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 23rd August 2019
Time: 9:00 - 9:30 am



THE UPCYCLED GARDEN

Turning Trash into Art

ART SHOW - Thursday, 29 August

Dear Families,

Our annual Art Show is soon approaching and we are inviting all families to create a piece of artwork for display.

Your art piece will be exhibited on the night and then be moved to the school garden for permanent display.

Your family art piece needs to:

- withstand the weather
- be an upcycled item
(recycled item eg. Old gumboot/ old watering cans/ old cooking pots etc.)

Your piece can be as big or as little as you would like.

Please send your upcycled garden art piece to school with your child by **Wednesday 28th August**.

Good Luck... We look forward to seeing your creations!

Please contact Nicole Fernandez or Shantelle Theodore if you have any questions.





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



It is a requirement of the Victorian Department of Education that accurate attendance records be kept for every student.

If your child is unable to attend school it is the responsibility of the parent to contact the school office on the day of absence and provide an explanation for their absence.

If your child is going to be absent for an extended period of time, the school office must be notified in writing in advance and approval gained from their class teacher and Principal.



St Gerard's

Dinner Dance

- WHEN:** Saturday, 12 October
- TIME:** 7:00 pm
- WHERE:** St Gerard's Church Hall
71 Gladstone Road
Dandenong North
- TICKETS:** \$40 for adults
\$20 for children 4 - 12 years
Includes buffet dinner, tea & coffee.
BYO drinks
- DRESS CODE:** Smart Casual

Live Music By
Midnight Mist

Catering By
Silver Platter



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