

St Gerard's Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Term 1 Week 6

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11th March 2022



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

- Sophia Yr2
- Aswin Yr6



Congratulations to the Hayat Family on the safe arrival of baby Eliza.



@st.gerards3175



<https://www.facebook.com/stgerardsp>



Loving God, help us this Lent to make room for you, in our days, in our minds and in our hearts.

May we, like the disciples so many years ago, go to our 'private room' - the still, silent part of ourselves - and wait humbly and quietly in prayer, until we hear your voice.

We ask these prayers through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Second Week of Lent

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

As we come to the end of another week full of learning opportunities it is hard to believe we are more than half way through the term.

This Sunday is the **Second Sunday of Lent** and in the gospel we hear about the Transfiguration of our Lord. Peter, John and James witness this event and hear the words, ***'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.'*** While they may have been confused by what they had seen, they did listen to Jesus. Our challenge is also to listen to Jesus and Lent provides us with the opportunity to reflect and put into action his teachings.

Our Year 3 children will celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time next Thursday 17 March at 7.00pm. They will participate in a Reflection Day next Tuesday which will be the culmination of their preparation. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they undertake this significant step in their faith journey.

Earlier this week information was sent out regarding a **4 week Auskick program** which will be run on **Wednesday afternoons at school from 3.30pm - 4.30pm**. This invitation is for all St Gerard's students. We have run this program over the past few years and it has proved to be very successful. Interested children are asked to return the registration form by next Tuesday 15 March.

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) for weeks 7 and 8 are available from the school office. I would like to thank our families for their participation in this program to keep us all safe. **A reminder that if your child does test positive, please contact myself as soon as possible via Seesaw, email: principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au or phone the school office 9791 7553.** This allows me to contact families, report to the appropriate governing bodies and support your child and family.

Finally, **School Fee Accounts** were sent home along with information on payment options and possible discounts. **Please contact Ms Rachel Thoms in the office if you have any questions regarding these accounts or options.** If your family is experiencing financial challenges please phone 9791 7553 or email principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au to organise a meeting with myself **so we can work together to achieve a positive outcome.**

Enjoy the long weekend and continue to stay safe.

God bless.

Paul Cowan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Class Mass

This year we will be introducing Class Masses. Each class will prepare a Mass which is an opportunity to encourage the involvement of all in the co-design and organisation of prayer within our St Gerard's community.

3S:	Tuesday 22nd March
4/5T:	Thursday 7th April
Prep B:	TBA for Term 2
1/2FW:	TBA for Term 2
1/2L:	TBA for Term 2

Important Dates for Term 1

Wednesday 17 th March:	St Patrick's Feast Day, students wear full school uniform with a touch of green.
Week 10: 16th April:	The Passion (Time and date TBA) Bishop Ireland will celebrate Easter Vigil at St Gerard's (Time TBA)

Sacrament Dates, 2022

First Reconciliation: (Grade 3)

First Reconciliation Reflection Day:	Tuesday 15th March
First Reconciliation: 18th March)	Thursday 17th March at 7pm (previously)
First Reconciliation Assembly:	Friday 25th March at 2:50pm

First Communion: (Grade 4)

First Communion:	TBA
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Confirmation: (Grade 6)

Confirmation Information Night:	TBA
Most Rev. Anthony J. Ireland Visit:	Thursday 19th May, 9:15am
Confirmation:	Saturday 21st May, 5:30pm

Seasons - A Program for Grief and Loss

Seasons is a peer support program for children and young people who are experiencing grief and loss in their lives. This loss may be the result of a death, separation or divorce.

This valuable program will become available in Term 2. If you have any questions about the program, please don't hesitate to speak to your classroom teacher or to Mrs. Stack.



P-2 Family Literacy Night

Tuesday, March 22 · 7:00 – 8:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ndj-uqce-svv>

An email has been sent to your child's email address

Learning never stops so all readers and writers need to PRACTICE!
PRACTICE! PRACTICE! everyday. Come to the meet with your child and
get some tips to coach your CHAMPION learner!

Take away pack sent home on the day!!!



Surprise
Reader

Parents and teachers collaborating to
provide an effective learning community
for our 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 were drawn today on the 11th of March and the lucky winners will be announced in next weeks newsletter.



Celebrate Kindness Culture with our school for the 2022 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday 18 March.

Students are invited to wear a piece of clothing which is **orange** to signify that we stand together to say no to bullying!



Social and emotional learning

Social and emotional learning (SEL) skills involve developing the ability to understand and manage our emotions, establish positive relationships, develop empathy for others, set and achieve goals and feel good about ourselves.

What is SEL?

A sense of self, emotional skills and social skills are at the core of SEL.

Sense of self

Ideally, this involves feeling good about themselves and what they can do. As children and young people experience success in their efforts to interact with others and explore their world, they develop self-confidence and see themselves as capable. This motivates them to continue engaging in new experiences and feel optimistic about the future.

Emotional skills

Emotional skills include recognising, expressing, understanding and managing a wide range of feelings. These help children and young people develop the ability to interact successfully with others and the world around them. Children and young people who can understand and manage their feelings are more likely to develop a positive sense of self and be confident and curious learners. Read more about [emotional development](#) in children and young people.

Social skills

These skills are about getting along with others. Through their first relationships, children learn they can trust others to care for them and meet their needs. As they grow, children learn to relate to others by watching, imitating and trying out new behaviours. They begin to understand they can have an impact on others and that other children may have different thoughts and feelings from their own. These skills continue to grow, develop and become refined throughout childhood and adolescence. Read more about [social development](#) in children and young people.

Learn more about the [five areas of social and emotional learning](#).

LUNCHTIME GARDENING CLUB

At St Gerard's students have the opportunity to learn about the garden during lunch time Gardening Club.

This week the students collected parsley seeds, chicken eggs, harvested zucchinis, corn, weeded, watered the plants and watched the pumpkins grow!

Have a look at some of the students enjoying themselves in the garden.

Our first garden market stall will be held next Wednesday 16th March at 3:20pm in the church car park.

We will be selling eggs, zucchinis, corn, chives, tomatoes, pumpkin, parsley and rosemary.

A big thank you to our beautiful students who work in the garden on a daily basis!



ATHLECTICS DAY

Athletics Day 2022 was another fantastic event on the St Gerard's calendar although the weather was a tad warm. The students eagerly participated throughout the day displaying great support for each other with lots of cheering and good sportsmanship. It's about participation and having fun!

Thank you to the parents, family members and friends who came along and supported the students. We hope you enjoyed the day.

Here are some of the feedback from the children.

On Friday the whole school in St Gerard did athletics. When we went to the athletics carnival we had a small snack. After having a small snack we went in our groups and started playing games. First of all we threw a ball in a hoop and it was very fun and it was hot.

After throwing a ball in a hoop we played hardels and I was jumping so much that my legs were so tired that I could not jump.

Second lastly we played light battens and we had to run up and down. sometimes it dropped and there was a 'clink!'

Lastly we played sack races and the hessian bags were so prickly and kind of small when we finished the adults went in the hessian bag and raced to.

By shaun

On Friday
St Gerard's school went on multiple buses to the Athletics Carnival. We started to play the games. Next we ate lunch. Finally we got on the bus and we went back to school. the games we gumpu over the hurdles. then we played with the hula hoops. next we did a sack race. Finally we played the reay race and we had to hold the batons.

By Mila 1/2L

I played with the hoopla. I ran fast on the grass. I saw all the people.

By Roy

On Athletics Day I held the baton and ran fast. Then I ate lunch.

By Evelyn 1/2L

We participated in games called skipping ropes it was fun.

By Elaine 1/2L

On Athletics day the whole school went to Athletics. I was happy because we played a lot of games and we played with the ball.

By Jsbel

At Athletics Day I went on the bus to the sports and ran. I threw a vortex into the hula hoop. I jumped in a sack. I did relay races. I had fun.

By Joram 1/2L

On Friday we did activities. First we did hula hooping. Then we did a throwing activity. Lastly, I did a sack race.

By Jsabella 1/2L

On Friday I went on the bus because it was athletics day. First we ran the sack race. It was fun.

By Reyon 1/2L

UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE ORDERS



AGS PRINTS Pty Ltd
Wholesalers of Quality Schoolwear & Uniforms
In House Design & Printing
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E-MAIL: info@agsprints.com.au

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

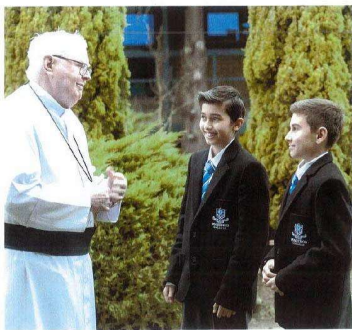
9354 8345 or email angie@agsprints.com.au

Community Notice Board

Finally, 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.

- ❖ Lyndale United Football Club (Soccer)
- ❖ Dandenong Basketball
- ❖ Soccer 5's
- ❖ Noble Park Community Centre Art Show
- ❖ Noble Park Junior Football Club (AFL)
- ❖ Swimland Swim Club

MAZENOD COLLEGE OPEN DAY




Tuesday 29th March 2022
4.00pm - 8.00pm (Last tour 7.30pm)
MAZENOD COLLEGE
5 Kernet Avenue, Mulgrave, Victoria

Visit our website to make your reservation:
www.mazenod.vic.edu.au

Year 7/2024 Applications Close
Friday 19th August 2022

t: (03) 9560 0911
e: frontdesk@mazenod.vic.edu.au



OPEN EVENING

22 MARCH 2022

Session 1

4:00 - 5:30 pm

Session 2

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Session 3

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Explore the difference a Nazareth education provides

The Nazareth College Open Evening is a great opportunity for the whole family to experience all our College has to offer. You will hear from our Principal, Mr Sam Cosentino, view performances and demonstrations from several learning areas as well as have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss important aspects of the College with key members of our staff.

Registrations essential

www.nazareth.vic.edu.au/enrolments/school-tours



BUS DRIVERS WANTED

Emerson School is looking for part time bus drivers.

Emerson is a P-12 Specialist School situated at
1430 Heatherton Road, Dandenong.

Please ring if you are interested.

Contact: Jenny La'Brooy
Emerson School
Ph: 9791 8900



St John's
REGIONAL COLLEGE

**A New
Future With
STEM**

School Tours
EVERY Thursday at 9.15am

We invite you to tour our College to discover the
opportunities for students from Year 7 to 12 including the
New STEM building (Opening 2022)

Register today for your guided tour
and meet the Principal
www.sjrc.vic.edu
or scan the QR Code



ST GERARD'S OHSC

If your child/children who is enrolled to OSHC Care and attending Auskick for next 4 weeks please inform Marina as we have a permission form to be filled by families. If you have any questions please feel free to talk to Marina
contact details
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Marina Walallowita
Nominated Supervisor/Educational Leader OSHC