



St Gerard's Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Term 1 Week 9

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

- Nithin Yr 1
- Aryan Prep
- Enki Yr 1

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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Last week Pope Francis asked all Catholics to pray for the act of consecration of the world, particularly Russia and Ukraine, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us pray this prayer daily until the end of the conflict in Ukraine.

Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war.

Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of
reconciliation.

Queen of Heaven, restore God's peace to the world.
Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us
forgiveness.

Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear
weapons.

Queen of the Rosary, make us realise our need to pray and to love.

Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity.

Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

It is hard to believe that we have one more week until the end of Term 1.

Rehearsals for *The Passion* have been in full swing this week. Classes will be presenting certain aspects of the events of Holy Week which are key elements of our faith. This year *The Passion* will be held in the Courtyard on Friday 8 April at 12.00 noon. Families are more than welcome to attend. A reminder that visitors to our school must be fully vaccinated (2 doses) and are required to show their digital certificate. This is in line with the *Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) COVID-19 Vaccinations - Parents and Carers on School Sites Guidelines*.

Our First Reconciliation Assembly was held today (Friday) with our Year 3 children sharing their reflections on this significant step in their faith journey. It also provided an opportunity for our school to congratulate them and present them with their certificates. I would once again like to recognise and thank Mrs Stack, Ms Sonno, staff and families for their contributions in the preparation and celebration of this special sacrament.

We had the third session of our 4 week Auskick program which is being run on Wednesday afternoons at school from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. With the last session next week we are hoping that our children may continue with Auskick at North Dandenong Masala Auskick Centre.

A reminder that our school gates are opened at 8.30am each morning. If children arrive or are dropped at school before this time there is a genuine safety concern as they are unsupervised and outside the school grounds. Also when it is raining there is no shelter. Therefore I am asking families to drop their children off after 8.30am or wait with them until the gates are opened. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Finally, 2023 Prep Enrolments are now open. If you have a child who will be starting school next year please contact the School Office. Existing families are our first category for enrolments, however we are getting enquiries from new families so it is important that we enroll our existing families as soon as possible. Also, if you do know of families who are looking for a school for 2023 they can contact the Office or email: principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au to arrange a meeting and school tour with myself.

Continue to stay safe and God bless.

Paul Cowan

The Passion Costume Ideas for children Year Prep – 5 Year 5/6O children wear all black

To reflect on the events of Holy Week, we are having a special school event on Friday, 8th April at 12.00 noon. All children will be involved by either being a part of the crowd or re-enacting the events of Holy Week and singing.

We ask that children in Year Prep – 5T come to school dressed 'in the times of Jesus'.

All year 5/O6 children wear all black.

We ask that all children bring a gold coin donation on this day to go towards Project Compassion.

Costume Ideas:

- Traditional Indian/Sri Lankan/Arabic clothing would be fantastic if you already have some at home that could look like they come from the time of Jesus.
- Tea towels on heads with a headband or scarf holding it on
- Cut up old sheets with a rope or belt around the waist
- Scarf around the head



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Important Dates for Term 1

8th April:	The Passion, Friday, 8th April @ 12 Noon.
16th April:	Bishop Ireland will celebrate Easter Vigil at St Gerard's (Time TBA)

Sacrament Dates, 2022

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



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What is resilience?

Resilience refers to the ability to manage everyday stressors and challenges.

Resilience enables people to shift back along the mental health continuum towards good mental health. A child or young person's ability to be resilient can depend upon many things and can change depending upon their situation. Importantly, specific situations or events that one child or young person may find challenging, another may not. Learn more about how you can help [build resilience in children](#).

A child or young person who is resilient might:

- be optimistic
- use positive self-talk for encouragement
- have a positive sense of self
- identify and express their feelings and thoughts
- not hide away from strong feelings
- have helpful, age-appropriate strategies to manage their emotions when upset
- rearrange their plans to work around an unexpected situation
- have a sense of agency or responsibility
- keep on trying if something doesn't work out and use their judgment about when to stop
- hold a sense of purpose or hope for the future
- actively ask for help if they need it
- feel a sense of attachment to family, their learning community and to learning.

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 Fridays assembly.

The raffle tickets were drawn today on the 1st of April and the lucky winners will be announced in next week's newsletter.



SCHOOL GARDEN

Our second garden market stall will be held next Wednesday 6th April at 3:20pm in the church car park.

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

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

Get in early to snap up a bargain!



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

On School Students with Disability

What is the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data?

Schools must now complete the *Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)* every year. It counts the number of students who receive additional adjustments or “help” at school because of a disability. The NCCD helps governments plan for the needs of students with disability.

Who is counted in the data collection?

To count a student in the NCCD, schools must think through some key questions:

1. Is the student getting help at school so that they can take part in education on the same basis as other students?
2. Is the help given because of a disability? The word ‘disability’ comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA) and it can include many students.
3. Has the school talked to you or your child about the help that they provide?
4. Has the school kept records about the help they provide, the student needs and the reasons that the student needs this help? The school will need to keep copies of tests, student work, assessments, records of meetings, medical reports or other paperwork and information about how the student’s learning is moving along over time.

Once the school decides that the student should be counted in the NCCD, they then choose a disability group and one of four levels of help that has been given to the student.

What does the word ‘disability’ mean in the NCCD?

In the NCCD the word ‘disability’ comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA). There are four types of disability that the school can choose from: sensory, cognitive, social-emotional and physical.

Many students that need help at school can be counted in the NCCD. For example, students with learning problems, e.g. specific learning disability or reading difficulty (sometimes called dyslexia), health problems (e.g. epilepsy or diabetes), physical disability (e.g. cerebral palsy), vision/hearing loss and social-emotional problems (e.g. selective mutism, Autism Spectrum Disorder, anxiety).

Letters from doctors or specialists can be very helpful for schools as they plan how to support students with their learning. Schools do not need to have these letters before they can count a

student in NCCD. Teachers can use all that they know about the student's learning and the records that they have collected over time to decide if a student can be counted in the NCCD.

What sort of help does the school give students?

Students need different types of help at school. Some students need a little help sometimes while other students need a lot of help nearly all the time. The type of help given depends on the needs of the student. The help can include changes to the school buildings or grounds (e.g. ramps or things like special desks or chairs), extra teacher help in classes, special learning programs, changes to the work they give the student or extra adult help.

How will the NCCD be different this year?

All schools have been counting students in the NCCD since 2015. The government will use the NCCD data as part of the funding to schools.

What will the school need to know about my child for the NCCD?

Schools work together with families to understand the needs of each child. It is helpful if families give their child's teacher a copy of any letters or reports they have. The letters or reports will help the school understand the child and the help that they might need. Letters from doctors, psychologists, speech pathologists, doctor, and occupational therapists etc. can be very helpful for schools. These reports along with information that the teacher has (i.e. school based tests, your child's work and learning plans) helps the school to understand and meet your child's needs.

What happens to the NCCD data? Who will have the NCCD information?

Each school principal must check the NCCD data in August of each year. The school will give the information to the Catholic Education Office. The school will work with the Catholic Education Office to make sure that the NCCD data is OK before they give the data to the government. The government will not be given the names of any students or any letters or records. Please ask your school for their privacy policy if you need to know more.

Does the school need me to agree with them about counting my child in the NCCD?

Amendments were made to the [Australian Education Act 2013](#) and [Australian Education Regulation 2013](#). Schools do not need you to agree to let them count a child in the NCCD. You cannot ask the school not to count your child.

Where can I find out more?

Please contact your child's school if you have further questions about the NCCD and/or refer to the national [NCCD Portal](#).

UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE ORDERS



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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.

- ❖ Ukraine Support Fund
- ❖ North Dandenong Masala Auskick Centre
- ❖ Lyndale United Football Club (Soccer)
- ❖ Dandenong Basketball
- ❖ Soccer 5's
- ❖ Noble Park Big Day Out
- ❖ Lysterfield Basketball Club
- ❖ Swimland Swim Club
- ❖ Springvale Indoor Sports

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