



# St Gerard's Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



Term 2 Week 2

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

- Sherhom Yr 5
- Everlot Yr 1
- Catherine Yr 6
- Mary Y Yr 5

## 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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On Sunday we celebrate our mothers, and all who are like mothers to us. We remember our mothers here present, those who are not with us today, and those who have died and are with God. Through the love they show, the way they nurture and care for us, mothers help us to understand what God is like.



# Happy Mother's Day !

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

As we come to the end of our second week of the term we have certainly been reminded that the cooler months are coming.

As I said in my Seesaw message on Wednesday evening we unfortunately had to **postpone our Whole School Excursion to Melbourne Zoo** that was planned for today (Friday). This was due to circumstances beyond our control and while the children (and staff) are naturally disappointed, we will find another date and experience all that the Zoo has to offer.

On a brighter note, our **Confirmation Candidates** and their families took part in a **Family Workshop last evening**. It was wonderful to see families coming together to share and develop their faith and to have them back on-site. Please keep these Year 6 students and families in your prayers as they continue to prepare to celebrate this important step in their faith journey. **The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Ireland on Saturday 21 May at 5.30pm.**

I would like to welcome **Nadeesha Jayasundara** to our staff as a **Learning Support Officer (LSO)**. Nadeesha has recently completed her studies and as part of her course she was required to complete a placement which she did with us over the past year. Having seen her work with our children and staff, we are confident she will be an asset to our school.

**Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT's)** for the next 2 weeks of this term are available for collection from the School Office. We have had a few cases at school this week which is a timely reminder that we all need to continue to keep our community safe. If at any stage you have any questions or concerns please contact myself via email: [principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au) , Seesaw or phone the Office 9791 7553.

We have had contact from some of our neighbours in McNab Court of **traffic congestion** occurring in the lead up to our end of day dismissal. I am asking families that **arrive before 3.25pm to park in the carpark.** Joining the drop off line creates a backlog of cars which causes issues in McNab Court. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

This Sunday is **Mother's Day** and I have seen a number of special gifts and cards being created throughout the school. Regardless of your age, mothers and significant females hold a very unique place in all our hearts. I hope and pray that all mothers and significant females are made to feel very special on Sunday (and every other day!).

Continue to stay safe and God bless.

Paul Cowan





# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## Sacrament Dates, 2022

### First Communion: (Grade 4)

First Communion Family Workshop:  
First Communion Reflection Day:

First Communion:

First Communion Assembly:

Thursday 14th July, 7pm

Tuesday 23rd August (children may wear casual clothes)

Saturday 27th August, 5:30 pm &  
Sunday 28th August, 10:30 am

Friday 2nd September, 2:50 pm

### Confirmation: (Grade 6)

Confirmation Reflection Day:

Most Rev. Anthony J. Ireland Visit:  
Confirmation:

Confirmation Assembly:

Tuesday 17th May (children may wear casual clothes)

Thursday 19th May, 9:15 am

Saturday 21st May, 5:30 pm (conferred by Bishop Ireland)

Friday 27th May, 2:50 pm



### Other Important Dates:

Our Lady Help of Christians Paraliturg:  
Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast Day  
National Sorry Day:  
Confirmation & National Sorry Day Assembly:  
Refugee Week:  
& Refugee Week Paraliturg:

Tuesday 24th May, 2:50 pm

Thursday 26th May

Friday 27th May, 2:50 pm

19th to 25th June

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2:50 pm



## What is resilience?

Resilience enables people to shift back along the [mental health continuum](#) towards good mental health. It's not static but is something that can change over time due to experiences and circumstance.

### Resilience is particularly important for children and young people

A child or young person's ability to be resilient can depend upon many things, particularly their relative balance of risk and protective factors. Depending upon their situation, a child or young person's resilience may vary. Importantly, specific situations or events that one child or young person may find challenging, another may not.

The transition from being a child to an adolescent to a young adult occurs over a relatively short period of time. Rapid changes in physical, psychological and social development can present numerous challenges. Children and young people who are more resilient are better able to stay on track with the biological, psychological and social demands of growing up and moving through early childhood into adolescence and beyond.

Being resilient is associated with better academic performance and school behaviour and, over the longer term, fewer mental health issues and greater life opportunities (including employment and relationships). Individual resilience (as well as family and community resilience) is something that can be fostered and developed over time.

From the Be You website

## Give Me 5 News

This week the Give Me Five focus was 'Be Your Best in the Playground'. The teachers were looking for students who were keeping their hands, feet and object to themselves and who tried to work out small problems in the playground.



Next week our whole school focus will be on 'Being Cooperative in the learning areas.' The students will be participating in a lesson where they will discuss examples and non-examples of how to be cooperative when working in the learning areas.

Principle	Learning Areas	Corridors	Toilets	Playground/Sandpit
<b>Be Respectful</b>	Speak appropriately and use manners Care for property Take turns Whole body listening Greet people by name	Speak appropriately and use manners Care for property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep the area neat and tidy</li> </ul>	Speak appropriately and use manners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give other users their privacy</li> </ul> Care for property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep toilets tidy and flush</li> </ul> Wash hands	Speak appropriately and use manners Care for property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place rubbish in the bin</li> <li>Keep sand in the sandpit and bark in the garden</li> </ul> Include others Respect everyone's views and space
<b>Be Co-operative</b>	Follow Directions Move safely Stay on task Share with others and help each other	Follow Directions Move safely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk on the left hand side of the corridor to exit and the right hand side to enter</li> </ul>	Follow Directions Move safely Wait for your partner	Follow Directions Move safely Play fairly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accept rules</li> <li>Take turns</li> </ul> Share and use equipment safely
<b>Be Your Best</b>	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Ask for help	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Only enter the area with permission	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Report problems to a teacher	<b>Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself</b> <b>Try to solve your problems</b>
<b>Be Positive</b>	Never give up			Encourage others
<b>Be Spirit filled</b>	Treat others as you would like to be treated. Pray daily and during meditation	Treat others as you would like to be treated.	Treat others as you would like to be treated.	Treat others as you would like to be treated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Say sorry and forgive others</li> </ul> Be kind



# UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE ORDERS



**AGS PRINTS Pty Ltd**  
Wholesalers of Quality Schoolwear & Uniforms  
In House Design & Printing  
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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](http://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 Schoolwear.

Should you have any queries regarding the above, please contact A Plus Schoolwear

9354 8345 or email [angie@agsprints.com.au](mailto: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
- ❖ Lysterfield Basketball Club
- ❖ Swimland Swim Club
- ❖ GKR Karate
- ❖ 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](http://www.sjrc.vic.edu)  
or scan the QR Code



## ST GERARD'S OHSC

If your child/children would like to enrol and you have any questions please feel free to contact Marina on:

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Marina Walallowita

Nominated Supervisor/Educational Leader OSHC