



St Gerard's Primary School

NEWSLETTER



TERM 2 WEEK 3

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

- Kevan Yr 5
- Thanuja Yr 1



Subway Lunch
Orders Are Back!

26th May, 2022

Families will have the opportunity to order a Subway lunch for their children.

Envelopes have been sent home today.

We cannot accept late orders. Last day for orders is 20th May.

Please have **CORRECT** money. Subway do not give change.



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Momentum is starting to build as our Liturgy and Social Justice Leaders fill our food cart for the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal.

This Sunday's gospel is one of the most beautiful, yet challenging, in our liturgical calendar. Jesus commands us to love one another just as he has loved us. Powerful stuff! Try to spend some time this week reflecting on this passage, what it means for you, and what it might mean for the children.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

I trust that this newsletter finds you all safe and well. This week has presented some unique opportunities for our students and next week will involve the celebration of a key aspect of our faith.

On Monday we had students from **Year 5 and 6** represent our school at the **St John's Regional College Paul Wade Soccer Day**. I would like to congratulate these children for the way they represented our school both on and off the pitch. This is the second year of this event and is a wonderful way for our children to compete against and make connections with children from other schools in the area. **Thank you Mrs Wilson and Mrs Stack** for their work in ensuring our students had a great day. I would also like to acknowledge St John's staff and students for their efforts in organising such a great day.

Our **Year 3 and 5 students** have participated in the annual **NAPLAN** assessments throughout this week. These tasks are now online apart from the Year 3 Writing task. I would like to commend the **children on the way they have applied themselves and thank all the staff for the support they have given our students** in the lead up and during the tasks.

Our **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal** is gaining in momentum. Thank you to all those families that have already contributed. Our **Year 6 Social Justice Leaders** are collecting donations daily. Children can bring donations in on any day or they can be left at the School Office.

On Wednesday we had a shade sail installed to **create a new outdoor learning space**. This space is opposite the 2 sliding doors to our main building. We will now look to furnish the area so that our children have the opportunity to learn in a different setting. Funding for this shade sail was through the **Victorian Government School Shade Sail Program**.

Next week our **Year 6 students** will be in the final stages of their preparations to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. This will see them participate in a **Reflection Day, meet with Bishop Anthony Island** and then celebrate this final Sacrament of Initiation on **Friday evening at 5.30pm**. Please keep these children and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Finally, we have continued to have a few **COVID cases** at school this week which is a timely reminder that we all need to continue to keep our community safe. **Please remember that if your child tests positive, please contact myself via email: principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au , Seesaw or phone the Office 9791 7553 as soon as possible** so that we can fulfill our reporting and informing obligations and importantly support you. If at any stage you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Continue to stay safe and God bless.
Paul Cowan

St John's Regional College Paul Wade Soccer Day.

SOCCER DAY

St John's Regional
College
Paul Wade Soccer
Day.



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 24th June, 2:50 pm



What is play?

Play can be pretending, learning a new skill, dressing up, being active or being quiet.

Play can involve other children or be alone. Adults can join in if they're invited – in fact, young children often love to play with close adults. Children decide what to play and how to play. Play is their time to be free and enjoy. It's their language, their work and their relaxation.

It's for all children, of all ages from birth on, and of all abilities.

Unstructured, free play is the best type for young children

This is play that just happens, depending on what takes the child's interest at the time. It isn't planned and lets children use their imagination and move at their own pace. Examples of unstructured play might be:

- creative play alone or with others, including artistic or musical games
- imaginary games (for example, making cubby houses with boxes or blankets, dressing up, playing make-believe)
- exploring new or favourite play spaces like cupboards, backyards, parks, playgrounds and so on.

You can be part of a child's unstructured play – or not

Sometimes all you'll need to do is point them in the right direction – say, towards the jumble of dress-ups and toys on the floor, or to the table with crayons and paper.

Sometimes you might need to be a bit more active – for example, “How about we play dress-ups? What do you want to be today?”

Structured play is different.

It's more organised and happens at a fixed time or in a set space, and is often led by a grown-up. Examples of structured play include:

- swimming lessons – you might see these as important lessons for your child, but they might just think they're fun
- storytelling groups for toddlers and preschoolers at the local library
- dance, music or drama classes for children of all ages
- family board or card games
- organised team sports for older children, like basketball, netball and football.

From the Be You website

WELLBEING NEWS

Give Me 5 News

A big congratulations to the following students who received their first golden band this week.

Prep B -

Layla



1/2FW

Anastasia
Nevyn



1/2L

Dhanvin
Evelyn



Well-done to 3S and 5/6O for achieving 50 wristbands!! They will be negotiating a class reward with their teachers.

WELLBEING NEWS



Matrix Lesson

This week in our SEL lesson we revised the “Being Cooperative in the learning areas” expectations from our Give Me 5 matrix.

The Prep to 6’s discussed the importance of being Cooperative in the learning areas by following directions, moving safely, staying on task, sharing with others and helping each other.

The students worked collaboratively to determine if a scenario demonstrated students being cooperative or not. The student’s role played different scenarios of how they could be cooperative in the learning areas.

St. Gerard’s Give Me 5 Whole School Matrix



Principle	Learning Areas	Corridors	Toilets	Playground/Sandpit
Be Respectful	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"> Keep the area neat and tidy 	Speak appropriately and use manners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give other users their privacy Care for property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep toilets tidy and flush Wash hands	Speak appropriately and use manners Care for property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place rubbish in the bin Keep sand in the sandpit and bark in the garden Include others Respect everyone’s views and space
Be Co-operative	Follow Directions Move safely Stay on task Share with others and help each other	Follow Directions Move safely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk on the left hand side of the corridor to exit and the right hand side to enter 	Follow Directions Move safely Wait for your partner	Follow Directions Move safely Play fairly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accept rules Take turns Share and use equipment safely
Be Your Best	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	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Try to solve your problems
Be Positive	Never give up			Encourage others
Be Spirit filled	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"> Say sorry and forgive others Be kind

GARDENING

This week 1/2FW enjoyed their Garden lesson. The students learned about the life cycle of a plant. They harvested seeds from our fennel plants and sowed the seeds in soil. The students are excited about watching the seeds grow in the classroom. Next week 1/2L will participate in their Garden lesson.



UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE ORDERS



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Wholesalers of Quality Schoolwear & Uniforms
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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 Schoolwear.

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
- ❖ Lysterfield Basketball Club
- ❖ Swimland Swim Club
- ❖ GKR Karate

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 would like to enrol and you have any questions please feel free to contact Marina on:

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Marina Walallawita

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