



St Gerard's Primary School

NEWSLETTER



TERM 2 WEEK 4

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20 MAY 2022

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

- Luke J Yr 4
- Amy L Yr 6
- Hirdey 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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<https://www.facebook.com/stgerardsps>



Most Rev Anthony Ireland came to visit Year 6 students ahead of our Confirmation Celebration on Saturday 21st May, 5:30pm. Please keep our Confirmands in your prayers, as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit in this special Sacrament.

Confirmation Candidates 2022

Martin Allendes-Arias, Duane Collom, Catherine Dinh, Hope Donovan,
Trevor Fernando, Amy Labour, Levi Lopez, Minh-Dang Nguyen,
Dominique Perumal, Aswin Sheen, Ella Torelli, Alessia Trovarelli.

Let us pray

Creator God,

You have entrusted us with gifts to be shared with others.

Give us the courage and wisdom to embrace our gifts and talents and
generously share them with others in our family and community.

May the Holy Spirit inspire us to use our gifts for the growth of your kingdom
here on earth.

Amen.

CONFIRMATION



Wisdom Understanding Counsel Fortitude Knowledge Piety Fear of the Lord

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

I hope you have had a great week and that you are all well and good. This week saw our students venture out into the community and welcome a special visitor into our school.

Our **Year 6 students** completed the final stages of their preparation to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. This involved them participating in a **Reflection Day on Tuesday** and a **meeting with Bishop Anthony Island on Thursday**. Along with some final rehearsals, our children are ready to celebrate their final Sacrament of Initiation **this Saturday evening at 5.30pm**. Please keep these children and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

We had our **Year 4, 5 and 6 School Cross Country** on Wednesday at Emerson's Middle School Campus. From this event we selected our School Cross Country Team which competed today (Friday) at Tatterson Park, Keysborough in the Dandenong District event. Congratulations to all the students who were chosen to represent our school and did so with such pride and enthusiasm. **Thank you to Mrs Wilson** for her work in ensuring our students were able to compete at both of these events and Emerson for their hospitality.

Today was **Walk/ Ride to School Day**. While this can be a little more challenging with the cooler weather, it is still important for us to get out and be active. It was wonderful to see so many children walk or ride in through the gates this morning.

As mentioned last week, our **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal** is gaining momentum. Thank you to all those families that have already contributed. **Our Year 6 Social Justice Leaders** are collecting donations daily and keeping us informed on how we are going with this important initiative. Children can bring donations in on any day or they can be left at the School Office.

With our 2023 Prep Enrolments being open we have **3 Open Days** planned for **Tuesday 31 May, Wednesday 15 June and Thursday 23 June** for families to see all the things we offer here at St Gerard's. If you know of families who are looking for a school for 2023 they are more than welcome to come on these days at a time that suits them or they can contact the Office or email: principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au to arrange a meeting and school tour with myself.

Finally, **updated information** was sent out to families on **Tuesday via Seesaw** regarding **Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)** and their use for the remainder of Term 2.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacrament Dates, 2022

First Communion: (Grade 4)

First Communion Family Workshop:	Thursday 14th July, 7pm
First Communion Reflection Day:	Tuesday 23rd August (children may wear casual clothes)
First Communion:	Saturday 27th August, 5:30 pm & Sunday 28th August, 10:30 am
First Communion Assembly:	Friday 2nd September, 2:50 pm

Confirmation: (Grade 6)

Confirmation:	Saturday 21st May, 5:30 pm (conferred by Bishop Ireland)
Confirmation Assembly:	Friday 27th May, 2:50 pm

Emergency Appeal for Ukraine & St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

In Term Two, we will have dual collections in the lead up to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Not only will we aim to have our food cart to be filled to the brim for the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal but we will raise money for *Aid to the Church in Need Australia* (ACN Australia).

ACN Australia has launched an emergency appeal to support the Catholic Church in Ukraine.

The Social Justice and Liturgy Leaders will promote the collection of food and money which will finish on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The classes that bring in the most items for St Vincent De Paul will win a casual dress day. The class that raises the most money for ACN Australia will also win a casual dress day.

Please support these worthwhile appeals.

Other Important Dates:

Our Lady Help of Christians Paraliturgy:	Tuesday 24th May, 2:50 pm
Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast Day	
National Sorry Day:	Thursday 26th May
Confirmation & National Sorry Day Assembly:	Friday 27th May, 2:50 pm
Refugee Week:	19th to 25th June
& Refugee Week Paraliturgy:	Friday 24 th June, 2:50 pm

The Be You website provides information on [wellbeing tools](#) and how to practise [mindfulness](#), which can help with stress management.



Through these meetings the students have the opportunity to voice their opinion, make a difference and ultimately make St Gerard's an even better place. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2nd 2022.





St Gerard's and many other primary school aged children across Australia made an important step towards a healthier future by participating in National Walk Safely to School Day today.

National Walk Safely to School Day is a community initiative that aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide for the long term well-being of our children.

This event draws the spotlight on road safety and support the importance of regular walking, not just on 20 May, but every day. It is important that all students below the age of 10 holds an adults hand to cross the road.

A big thank you to Woolworths in Waverly Gardens for generously donating apples to promote the importance of healthy eating on Walk to School Safely Day!



Well done to:

1st place- 5/60 with 66% walking

2nd place- 3S with 60% riding, scooting or walking

3rd place- 1/2FW with 53% riding, scooting or walking



WELLBEING NEWS



St Gerard's is a Child Safe School. Promoting the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

CROSS COUNTRY 2022

Here are some photos from today's cross country.

Catherine V, Alessia and Ashton all progressed to Division!

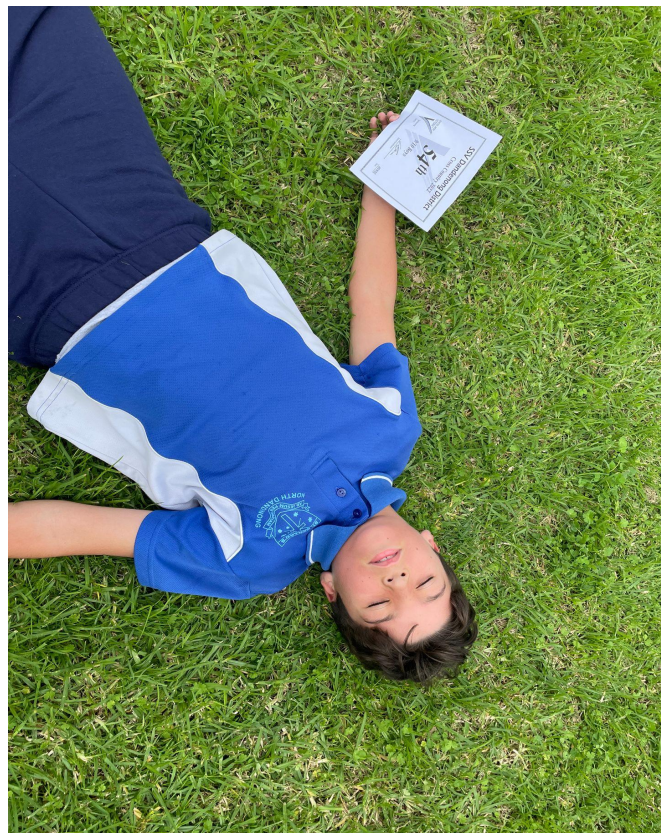


Excellent effort!



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Photos from today's cross country.



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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 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

Nominated Supervisor/Educational Leader OSHC