



St Gerard's Primary School

NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 WEEK 1

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

◆	Hope	Yr 6
◆	Rafael	Yr 2
◆	Mezin	Yr 5
◆	Zion	Yr 4
◆	Ekene	Yr 1
◆	Rhythm	Yr 4
◆	Julian	Yr 3



Hospitality is a gift we give to others. Next week our Give Me 5 goal is to Be Positive in our learning spaces by taking the time to listen and to be welcoming of others.

In the gospel on Sunday we hear about Jesus eating at the home of Martha and Mary. While Martha works very hard cleaning and preparing the meal, her sister Mary sits with Jesus, listening to him. Martha gets a little angry about this, and asks Jesus to tell Mary to help her. But that is not what Jesus did. He told Martha not to worry so much. He said what Mary was doing was much more important.

After hearing the story of Martha and Mary, and sympathising with Martha over all the work she had to do, we will talk about trying to be more like Mary in our relationship with Jesus. We will discuss giving Jesus the central place in our lives, and how we can do that.



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Principal's Message



Dear families,

Welcome to Term 3!!!

I hope that you all had a wonderful and healthy holiday. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm and smiles on the faces of our children (and parents) as they returned to school this week. I would like to congratulate everyone for the way they have settled so quickly back into our routines.

As we enter the second half of the year, this term promises to be one full of learning opportunities for our children and a continued return to 'normal' school events.

Our **Year 4** children are preparing to celebrate their **First Communion** and a significant aspect of this is our Family Workshop which was held last night (Thursday). It is always heartwarming and inspiring to see families discussing, exploring and sharing our faith. I ask you to keep these children and their families in your thoughts and prayers over the coming weeks.

Today (Friday) our Year 5/6 children participated in their second Gala Day for the year with St Gerard's having teams in Soccer and Volleyball. A great day was had by everyone and once again, our school was represented well both on and off the field for which I would like to congratulate our senior students. A **big thank you to Mrs Wilson** for all her organisation to ensure the day ran smoothly.

As you are no doubt aware, we are still being challenged by **COVID** both at school and in the wider community. Our school continues to follow the **School Operations Guide** which is provided by **Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV)** which follows the current health advice. For us here at St Gerard's that means we will continue with our previous protocols and procedures. Any changes will be communicated as soon as possible to our families. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via email: principal@sgdandenongnth.catholic.edu.au, phone 9791 7553 or Seesaw.

A reminder to those families who have children with a **Medical Management Plan** that if there are changes to any aspect of the plan you need to **contact the School Office**. It is vital that the information we have here at school is current and accurate.

Finally, our **2021 Annual Report to the School Community** has been published. This report appears on our school website and there is a copy in the school foyer. If families would like a paper copy please ask at the School Office.

Please continue to stay safe and God bless.

Paul Cowan.

"Stop and Listen"
(Luke 10:38-42)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacrament Dates, 2022

First Communion: (Grade 4)

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



First Communion Family Workshop last night

Class Masses:

This term students and staff are invited to engage in designing a Class Mass and families will be invited to attend. It would be fantastic to see lots of families there.

Year 1/2L: Thursday 28th July, 10:15am

Year 3S: Thursday 4th August, 10:15am

Year 1/2FW: Thursday 11th August, 10:15am

Whole School Mass

Monday, 15th August: Feast of the Assumption at 9:15 (Parish Mass)

Other Important Dates:

Mary of the Cross Paraliturg: Monday, 8th August at 2:50

Talent Quest Auditions: Week 10

St Gerard's Talent Quest Auditions

Early next term, as part of our celebrations for our Feast Day and raising awareness for Mission Month, we will be holding our annual Talent Quest. Children will need to audition for this event in the last week of term.



DID YOU KNOW? Facts from the Be You website

How do decision-making skills develop?

Children and young people's decision-making is strongly influenced by the expectations and values they learn from those around them.

This occurs when they:

- observe others (particularly those close to them)
- hear about and discuss values
- have opportunities to make choices and experience their consequences.

Young children regularly choose how they'll behave, which toys or games they'd like to play with, which books they would like to read, or which television shows they want to watch. As they get older, children make bigger decisions that often involve their family, friends and schoolwork. The kinds of choices children and young people make affect their wellbeing, relationships and success.

Young children have some skills for making decisions, but they don't yet have the experience to understand complex adult situations. As their brain grows, a child is more able to hold things in their mind and remember what they've learned. They also improve the way they manage their thinking and feelings, control impulsive behaviour, think about time and plan ahead, and evaluate long-term versus short-term goals. All these skills help children become better at taking action and keeping things on track.

WELLBEING NEWS

Give Me 5 News

This week the Give Me Five focus was to 'Be Positive in the Learning Areas'.

The teachers were looking for students who were being positive in the classroom by never giving up. These students were rewarded with a raffle ticket.

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 will be drawn next week on the 22nd of July and the lucky winners will be announced shortly after.



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 • Keep the area neat and tidy	Speak appropriately and use manners • Give other users their privacy Care for property • Keep toilets tidy and flush Wash hands	Speak appropriately and use manners Care for property • 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 • 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 • 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. • Say sorry and forgive others Be kind

Chicken Eggs For Sale

St Gerard's would like to offer parents the opportunity to purchase delicious organic eggs laid by our resident flock of chickens.

You can purchase these eggs from the school office at a cost of \$6 per dozen.

All proceeds from the sale of the eggs will go towards purchasing food for our feathered friends.

Please email [Nicole Fernandez](#) if you would like to purchase some eggs.



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



GUESS WHO JUST ARRIVED?



*Our baby girl..
Kehlani Jean Njane*

Our sweet 3.41kg sugar baby arrived
22nd June, 2022 at 6:05am

Welcome Kehlani Jean Njane!

We have the honour to congratulate Shantelle and Simon on bringing the cutest and the newest member to the family.

May God bless your child and bring loads of joy, love and smiles in all your lives.

Our best blessings are with you!

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
- ❖ Dandenong Basketball - New Information
- ❖ Lyndale United Football Club (Soccer)
- ❖ Lysterfield Basketball Club
- ❖ Swimland Swim Club
- ❖ Springvale Indoor Sports

ST GERARD'S OHSC

If you would like to enrol your child, please do so by contacting Marina.

Contact

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Nominated Supervisor/Educational Leader OSHC