

Term 1

Week 2

Tuesday, 4th February 2014

7th February

St Colette



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year!

To all families and to our caring community we offer the warmest of welcomes.

A very special welcome to those of you who are new to the school, whether in Kindergarten, or joining Good Shepherd in a higher grade. You are now part of a wonderful and joyful school community.

Our school community is a place, where we work together for the success and care of all our students.

By success I don't mean getting the highest score or being the smartest, I mean using the gifts that God has given to each and every one of us. Success is reaching your full potential emotionally, physically, socially, academically and spiritually.

This year our school is following the scripture message of Matthew: 19:26 "For God everything is possible."

This will underpin all our liturgies, prayers and our school life during 2014. And it is with God's help that I hope that we can all work together to create an open and caring environment, where parents and staff are of one mind to encourage all students to practise positive school habits. Where everything is possible! Positive school habits means setting personal goals and working hard to achieve those goals, being able to take direction, working cooperatively with others, and having a positive attitude to learning.

Together, staff and parents can provide educational excellence for every student, so that they can achieve their personal best. We know that Education is the key to the future. As parents you know your children better than anyone. At Good Shepherd we have an outstanding staff of dedicated and highly qualified teachers and support staff keen to work in giving your child a great education. They appreciate and welcome the sharing of the insights into your child and their development. Working together is invaluable in the progress of children's education.

Together, we can support one another to provide a friendly academic environment and, when appropriate, celebrate our achievements.

Today as part of our opening school Mass we presented the badges to and officially conferred the role of School Captains and Vice Captains on our new student leaders. This is a very important moment in the school year. These students have been voted by staff and students as worthy leaders for the whole school population at Good Shepherd Primary. This is a great honour and I congratulate these fine young people and their parents for this achievement. I know that they will act with justice and love. Congratulations Julia and Paulo, Rhiannon and Michael and all Sports Captains and Vice Captains.

We welcome new staff members to our school: Mrs Amy Keown in Year Three in a permanent capacity and Ms Cousins and Mr Frankson as PE Teachers, and Mrs Callaghan and Ms Brereton as Creative Arts Teachers. We hope that throughout the year, our school will be a place where staff, students and families have opportunities to experience God's presence in our lives. "The Lord says, I know the plans I have for you plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11.

I look forward to working with you in 2014.

Mrs Tricia Carr
Principal

**"God, our Father,
we ask that Your Spirit be a constant influence in the lives of all who make up our
school community this year.
Help our students to be discerning, so that the outcomes of their choices will be in
accordance with Christian values. Amen."**

- AGM Parent Group
- Coffee & Chat
- Good Shepherd Staffing for 2014
- Library Borrowing Days & Sports Days
- School Fees

Parent Group Annual General Meeting

This will be held on Tuesday, 11th February, 2014 at 7.00 pm in the School's Resource Centre. All committee positions will be available for election for the New Year. Please join us and hear Mrs Carr and Mrs Cooke talk about what is planned for the school during 2014.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 2, Term 1, 2014

Mon 10th February: Prayer Assembly (8.30 am).
Coffee & Chat (9.00 am) in the School Staffroom

Tues 11th February: Annual General Meeting for the School's Parent Group (7.00 pm)
School's Resource Centre

Wednesday, 5th March: Ash Wednesday



Peace & Joy Awards

The Good Shepherd School Community would like to congratulate the following students for their hard work and dedication throughout the past week. These awards are presented for cooperation, respectfulness, responsibility, care, compassion, fair go and integrity.

KB	All of KB	KR	All of KR
KG	All of KG	KW	All of KW
1B	All of 1B	1G	All of 1G
1R	All of 1R	1W	All of 1W
2B	All of 2B	2G	All of 2G
2R	All of 2R	2W	All of 2W
3B	All of 3B	3G	All of 3G
3R	All of 3R	3W	All of 3W
4B	All of 4B	4G	All of 4G
4R	All of 4R	4W	All of 4W
5B	All of 5B	5G	All of 5G
5R	All of 5R	5W	All of 5W
6B	All of 6B	6G	All of 6G
6R	All of 6R	6W	All of 6W

School Terms for 2014

Term 1	Commences:	Wednesday 29th January (for students Years 1–6 only)
	Concludes:	Friday 11th April
Term 2	Commences:	Monday, 28th April
	Concludes:	Friday, 27th June
Term 3	Commences:	Monday, 14th July
	Concludes:	Friday, 19th September
Term 4	Commences:	Tuesday, 7th October
	Concludes:	Friday, 19th December

Please note Staff Development Days may affect commencement and concluding dates. Please refer to our weekly Newsletter in 2014.

School Fees 2014

Parents, accounts for Term 1 school fees will be posted out early February and payments will be due on Friday, 7th March. Arrangements made in 2013 are now finished and any family having difficulty completing term payments on time and who wish to make payments by instalments using cash, Centrelink or BPAY etc, please contact the School Office for an appointment with Mrs Carr to set up a new arrangement. Catholic Education Office is also offering a Flexible Payment Plan (FPP) for your 2014 School Fees—details will be included with your school fee statement.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthday last week and this week:
Phoenix Leupolu,
Maselino Palu,
Isaac Luke, Emily Pham, Esha Menon, Clare Wilkes, Hannah Fraser, Josette Attard, Edrea Santos, Marquise Cuthbertson-lakopo, Mark Eckert, Jude Aloisio, Nicolas Mellado Diaz, Joshua Polea-Vizcarra, Jessica Dela Paz, Angela Gallego, Jai Singh, Alek Mawien, Dennis Jose, Maxx Usatti, Rosary Tima and Sesilia-Grace Liu-Ngata.



Anaphylaxis Asthma Diabetic

Parents, students who are known to be Anaphylactic, Asthmatic or Diabetic wear identification bracelets during school hours at Good Shepherd School.

The identification bracelets assist awareness for all staff and provide a quicker response should any of these students show signs of these illnesses while they are in our care.

The identification bracelets are to remain at school after school hours. We would appreciate parents encouraging their child to put it on in class each morning and remove it at the end of each school day.



The **ALERT! ASTHMATIC** bracelet is pale blue, the **ALERT! DIABETIC** is dark blue and the **Anaphylaxis ALERT!** is red.



If your child suffers from Anaphylaxis, is Asthmatic or Diabetic **or has any other medical problem** and the school has not been informed or you know your child hasn't been given the appropriate bracelet, we would appreciate correspondence from you so that he/she can be given the bracelet and his/her individual Medical Action Plan can be put in place. Thank you for your assistance.

Ventolin Sprays

Parents, if your child has a puffer at school, please call into the office to check the "use by" date.



If you would like to volunteer at our school, you will need to complete an online Child Protection Course—website <http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/module1/index.htm>

Also please feel free to come along to our "Coffee & Chat" (9.00 am) after morning assembly on Monday, 10th February for more information on this. A computer will be available for you at the Coffee & Chat morning tea.

Good Shepherd Staffing 2014

Principal	Mrs Patricia Carr	Office Administrator	Mrs Gabby Smithard
Assistant Principal	Mrs Bianca Cooke	Secretaries	Mrs Vicki Doran
REC	Mr Ian Byrne		Mrs Nicole Bennett
REC Assistant	Mrs Megan Baird		Mrs Dianne Holmes
Leaders of Learning	Mrs Patricia Carr (Kinder)	Maintenance	Mr Chris Willard
	Mrs Yvonne Davies (Yr 1)	IT Technician	Mr Hayden McKechnie
	Mrs Bianca Cooke (Yr 2)	IT Trainee	Miss Gennalle Espino
	Ms Elizabeth Dowd (Yr 3)	Business Trainee	Miss Mikayla Dunn
	Mrs Kim Platts (Yr 4)		
	Mrs Beaulah Frankson (Yr 5)	Learning Support	Mrs Grace Pestano
Pastoral Care Support	Mr Ian Byrne (Yr 6)		Mrs Louise Gray
Teacher Librarian	Sr Helen Stannard		Mrs Yvonne Davies
Library Assistant	Mrs Kim Platts		Mrs Karen Fairall
School Counsellor	Mrs Jo Edgerton		Miss Di Touzell
Physical Education	Mrs Anna Madigan-Singh		Mrs Jo Hocking
Creative Arts	Mr Byron Frankson		Mrs Carolyn Duval
Music	Miss Jeanine Cousins	Teacher Assistants	Mrs Julie Smith
	Mrs Maree Callaghan		Mrs Leslee Summers
	Miss Seon Brereton		Mrs Tania Cornett
	Mrs Anita Meredith		Mrs Jan Wedgwood

Class	Teacher	Class	Teacher
KB	Mrs Melisa Mufale Miss Maree Sisson	KG	Miss Sara Hunter
KR	Miss Michelle Cooke	KW	Mrs Clare Burnett
1B	Mrs Megan Robinson	1G	Miss Tasha King
1R	Miss Stephanie Borg	1W	Miss Nicole Gardner
2B	Mrs Melonie Kemp	2G	Mrs Daniela Del Duca Mrs Maria Brennan
2R	Mrs Tiffany Reid	2W	Mrs Joan Bellenger
3B	Mrs Elizabeth Dowd Miss Dorianne Cassar	3G	Mr Luke Baxter
3R	Mrs Amie Keown	3W	Mr Luke Baxter
4B	Mrs Jenna Joseph	4G	Mrs Bronwyn Micallef
4R	Mrs Linda Freitas	4W	Mrs Megan Baird Miss Seon Brereton
5B	Mrs Jo-Ann Lindsay	5G	Mrs Maria Rainert
5R	Mrs Christina Ellul Miss Seon Brereton	5W	Mrs Beaulah Frankson Mrs Carol Sirry
6B	Mrs Karen Voda	6G	Mr Ian Byrne Mrs Anita Meredith
6R	Mrs Debbie dela Paz	6W	Mr Matthew Slager

School Banking

Please note School Banking will resume for students in **Week 3 of Term 1 2014**.



Book Club Orders

The first Book Club orders (Issue 1 January) need to be returned to school with payment by **Thursday, 13th February**. Late orders cannot be processed after this date. Thank you



Canteen \$4.50 Meal Deal

Available every day and finishing Friday, 7th February

**Hot Chicken Roll
Juice Popper
Lemonade Ice Block**

Online Ordering: To order online please visit www.flexischools.com.au
Orders to be placed by 9.00 am daily

Library Borrowing Days

Monday:	Year 3, Year 2
Tuesday:	Year 6
Wednesday:	Year 4, KB, KG
Thursday:	Year 5, KR, KW
Friday:	Year 5, Year 1

Term 1 Sports Day

Wednesday:	KB, KG, 1B, 1G, 2B, 2G All of Year 6
Thursday:	1R, 1W All of Year 4, All of Year 5
Friday:	KR, KW, 2R, 2W, All of Year 3

Our sincere condolences to the Fuller family (Taylah Sonter 2B) on the loss of their Grandmother, Susan Ann Fuller. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time.



Western Raptors Junior Rugby Union Club

Registration Day: Saturday 1st February between 9.00 am and 12.00 noon, and every Tuesday and Thursday from 5.30 pm thereafter at Mittigar Reserve, Hassall Grove. For all inquiries, please call Bill on 0421 733 788.



Roll up your sleeves and give blood

The Mobile Blood Service is visiting Plumpton Marketplace, Cnr Hyatts & Jersey Road, Plumpton on:
Monday 17 February – 12.30 pm – 6.00 pm
Tuesday February – 9.00 am – 2.30 pm
Wednesday 19 February – 12.30 pm – 6.00 pm. Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate. Eat a good sized breakfast or lunch and please bring photo I.D. with you. For further information please call 139596 or visit donateblood.com.au



Penrith RSL Junior Rugby

**Registrations: Saturdays in February
5.00 pm—7.00 pm Penrith RSL Foyer**

Also a 'Come and Try Rugby' program will be held for just \$20.00 for 4 weeks on Tuesday, 4, 11, 18 and 25th February at 5.30 pm at Nepean Rugby Park. For all inquiries please contact Adam on 0421 958 892 or email PenrithRSLJRUC@gmail.com



UWS Penrith Observatory

The University of Western Sydney Penrith Observatory is holding an Astronomy Night featuring "Supernovae, A Life after Death on Saturday, 8th February (8.00 pm – 10.00 pm). For all bookings, please phone (02) 4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au