



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 4

Tuesday, 20th February, 2018

Year 4 Excursion to Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre Rouse Hill

First Sunday of Lent



Chadd Ablaza 4B - Muru Mittigar is a really fun place. I have learnt lots about the Aboriginal culture. I learnt that they used a lot of plants for medicine, food and even some plants were used as sandpaper. My favourite part was throwing a boomerang, but mine didn't come back!

Isabelle Deaves 4W - Today at Muru Mittigar I learnt about how the Aboriginal people used nature to survive. My favourite part was learning about the different types of nature and what they were able to use them for. I had a great experience.

Laurina Aziz 4R - Today at Muru Mittigar I have been learning about how the Indigenous people catch their food, where women hold their babies and where they put their food and water. I also learnt how they used instruments to get the emu off their eggs. This has been a great experience.

Nathan Guillermo 4G - At Muru Mittigar I learnt how the Aboriginal people used bark to write. I learnt how to use dot painting to write a story. I enjoyed the museum where I saw all the resources that they needed to survive. Today has been an exciting experience.

Dates for your Diary:

For Upcoming
Events..... Please see
inside for more details
of other events!

Term 1 concludes:
Friday, 13th April



**Term 2
commences:**
Monday, 30th April

Term 2 concludes:
Friday, 6th July



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 23rd February:	Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)
Tuesday, 27th February	School Photos
Sunday, 4th March:	Open Day at Good Shepherd School (10.00 am—1.00 pm)
Sunday, 4th March - Friday, 9th March	Catholic Schools Week—includes Book Fair
Tuesday, 6th March:	Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church—Year 4 attending)
Wednesday, 7th March:	Catholic Schools Week Liturgy (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Friday, 9th March:	Year 6 visit St Clare's Catholic High School
Tuesday, 13th March:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Looking ahead:	
Term 1 Concludes:	Friday, 13th April

School Photos

Dear Parents, School photographs are scheduled for next **Tuesday, 27th February** and will be taken by Advancedlife Photography. **Students are to wear their normal School Uniform (not Sports Uniform).** Online ordering is preferable as this will reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day. Should you have any queries concerning school photos please email advancedlife—email is enquiries@advancedlife.com.au. The 9 Digit Online Order Code for Good Shepherd is **BP8 5JQ VNW**.

Staff Development Day—Term 1 2018

Each year Staff participate in professional development to support them in their roles as educators. The focus of these days is aligned to Good Shepherd School's goals. Staff will use information they have gathered about the children to design learning programs for the children that will best meet their needs. These Staff Development Days are **PUPIL FREE DAYS** and Term 1's will take place this **Friday, 23rd February (Week 4)**. Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children on this day. COSHC will be able to offer limited spaces for care on this day. To make inquiries of COSHC, please telephone COSHC on Ph. 0409 121 980.

Complaints/Grievances Forms

Parents, please note if you would like to make a complaint/grievance in regards to any school matter, you can pick up a form from the school office. All matters will be attended to under strict confidentiality.

Building Child Safe Communities - Forms for all Volunteers and Contractors

Dear Parents & Carers, just a reminder that all Volunteers and Contractors to our school need to have completed an online form. Tutors and coaches providing private services to children will also need to apply for a Working with Children Check. The tutor or coach should provide their name, date of birth and WWCC number of parent/carers for online verification. If you have any queries, please contact the School Office on Ph. 9836 7100.

2018 Dates

Term 1 Concludes:

Concludes: Friday, 13th April

Term 1 School Holidays

Monday 16th April—Friday 27th April

Term 2

Commences: Monday, 30th April (Week 1)

Concludes: Friday, 6th July

Term 2 School Holidays

Monday 9th July—Friday 20th July

Term 3

Commences: Monday, 23rd July (Week 1)

Concludes: Friday, 28th September

Term 3 School Holidays

Monday, 1st October—Friday 12th October

Term 4

Commences: Monday, 15th October (Week 1)

Concludes: Wednesday, 19th December

Term 4 School Holidays

Commences Thursday, 20th December 2018

Please note Staff Development Days will occur throughout the year. Parents will be notified of such dates at the start of each term. Term 1's Staff Development Day is Friday, 23rd February (Week 4).



OPEN DAY AT OUR SCHOOL!!

Good Shepherd Primary School invites current and prospective families to come and explore our school's facilities at an Open Day on Sunday, 4th March, 2018 from 10:00 am—1:00 pm. Learning Spaces will be open, staff will be available to meet and greet,

and a community barbeque will be provided. Hope to see you all there!



Book Fair at Good Shepherd School!

Dear Parents & Carers, in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week and our Open Day on Sunday, 4th March, Good Shepherd School warmly invites you to our Book Fair to be held in the School's

Resource Centre commencing Sunday, 4th March through to Friday, 16th March. Purchases can be made before school, lunchtime and after school. Purchases made at the Book Fair go towards purchasing resources for our school. Thank you for your support.

Policies and Forms

For all policies and forms, please refer to our School Website.

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	Aiden Lees	KG	Novaoe Lealamanu'a
KR	Cooper Parica	KW	Amisha Singh
1B	Czarina Caalim	1G	Fatima Mancao
1R	Aaron Botham	1W	Zara Guillermo
2B	Mikayla Villabona	2G	Kaitlin Nguyen
2R	Cassandra Pascual	2W	Dorria Alhamwi
3B	Chris Baluyot	3G	Jenaleigh Brayshaw
3R	Mary Shamoka	3W	Patricia Mateo
4B	Onel Markahe	4G	Ilyana Toma
4R	Bianca Pestridge	4W	Gabrielle Capule
5B	Kaelan Torralba	5G	Joanne Imlay
5R	Siola Haufano	5W	Rianne Villanueva
6B	Reweis Sewiha	6G	Bianca Ilencik
6R	Taylah Sonter	6W	Lily Cook

“Wash your hands after using the bathroom”

★ For those students who returned their instrumental
★ expression of interest letter last year and were tested for
★ the most suitable instrument, the after school lesson
★ program commences this week. By now, your child should
★ have received their note confirming their allotted lesson
★ day and time. Please contact the school office if you have
★ not received a note.


Our school has joined the Coles Sports for Schools program for this year. The program starts on 7th February and continues until the 11th May. For every \$10 spent in any participating Coles, you receive one Coles voucher. Bring the vouchers in to school and hand them into the office, to your child's class teacher or directly into the collection box which is in the student foyer. Ask family, friends and neighbours to start collecting! The more vouchers we collect the more sporting items we can purchase. Thank you for your ongoing support! Mrs Cooke



Dear Parents,
accounts for the first instalment of school fees will be posted out very shortly and payments will be due March 2018. Any family who may experience difficulty paying their fees this

year please contact the School Office for an appointment to discuss options available under the Catholic Education Office financial hardship policy. Catholic Education Office is also offering a Flexible Payment Plan (FPP) for your 2018 School Fees—details will be included with your school fee statement.



 Dear Parents & Carers, please note if someone else will be collecting your child **early or during school hours**, on your behalf, you need to inform the school **in writing or by email to:** (goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au) **PRIOR TO PICKUP**. This policy is **effective immediately**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

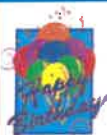
Opening Hours:
Wednesdays & Fridays 8.30 am—
9.00 am
Parent Helpers are urgently required
please. If you can spare an hour or
so on Wednesdays and/or Fridays,
would you please leave your details
with the School Office. Your
assistance would be greatly
appreciated.
Please note **only Cash** is accepted.



A black tactical backpack with a circular logo on the front pocket. The logo features a cross and the text "ARMED & DANGEROUS". The backpack has multiple straps and buckles, suggesting it is designed for carrying equipment.

Dear Parents, please note we have received our first delivery of the new School Logo Bags—they are available for \$40.00 from the School Office & Uniform Shop (Cash Only). We are expecting further deliveries in the upcoming weeks. Thank you for your

cooperation in this matter. Please note as of **Term 1 2019** all students (except Year 6 2019 students) will be expected to be using the Good Shepherd Logo Bag.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Cyrille Raposas, Aahna Patel, Lily-Belle Ellison, Euan Gozon, Bethany Stanton and Lucas Portugal.

Uniform Reminder— School Socks and Sports Socks

Just a reminder that all socks—whether they are school or sport socks, must be turned down socks, not low cut or invisible. Thank you for your cooperation in the matter.

School Commencement and Finishing Times

School commences at 8.30 am and concludes at 2.50 pm. Any child that arrives after this time or leaves school earlier for an appointment etc will need to report to the School Office. It is very important that your child arrive to school on time. Children arriving late to school miss out on valuable learning time and their late entry to the classroom disrupts their fellow students. If your children are late to school, they are to be escorted to the School Office by a Parent/Carer.



Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival

Last Wednesday 12 students represented our school at the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival. The boys and girls did their very best.

Congratulations to three of the students who have gone through to qualify for the

Parramatta Diocesan Carnival at Blacktown Pool on Friday 23rd February. Mark Eckert, Kristiana Ramos and Mikayla Horwood-Campbell will swim in a number of events this coming Friday. We wish them the very best! Thankyou to Mr Escandor and the parents who were there to support the children at the Zone Carnival. Mrs Latham



Parent Group News Easter Drive

As Easter is fast approaching we are starting the process of organising Easter Egg baskets. We would very much appreciate donations of Easter Eggs and Easter goodies to fill baskets and raise much needed funds for our

school. If you are able to donate something for these baskets, please send the goods to the school no later than **Monday, 19th March**.

If you have any baskets that are in **good condition**, please send them in to school as well. Thank you.

Position available— Communications & Development Manager

The Council of Catholic School Parents is looking for a part-time 'Communications and Development Manager', working 3 days / week. This role would be perfect for a parent in a Catholic school. For a confidential discussion about this opportunity please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources on 0402 210 055 or at anthony@reachhr.com.au Additional information for the job role is available via this link below

<http://catholicjobsonline.com.au/jobs/communications-and-development-manager-ccsp-sydney/>



Canteen News

Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal is available until this Friday 23rd February).

Meal Deal 1

Salad Sandwich, Bottle Water and Frozen Juice Cup

Meal Deal 2

Chicken Burger, Juice Popper and Zooper Dooper.

To view the full menu of Classroom Catering, please visit website: www.classroomcatering.com.au



Sincere Condolences

Our sincere condolences to Mrs Doran (School Office) on the passing of her brother. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this very sad time.

Collecting your child

To ensure the safety of all students, students are **not** to be collected from the Bus Bay area. Parents who wish to pick up their child/children need to collect them from the COLA and then accompany them out of school. Students who do not have a Walker's Pass are not permitted to walk out of the school gates unless an adult or carer accompanies them. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Spare Clothes Reminder

A kindly reminder to all parents of infant students, please pack a spare change of underwear, socks and shorts inside your child's bag. As there has been a high number of little accidents over the past few weeks, we have no more spare clothing to change them into. If you do not provide a spare change of clothes, you will be notified and asked to bring these to the school. Thank you.

Privacy Consent

Dear Parents & Carers,

If you **do not** give consent for the use of your child's image and/or works to be published in our School Newsletter or on our website, please notify the school in writing. If you do not want your child to sell raffle tickets, please also inform the school office. Thank you.



NSW Government will provide \$100 to help contribute to the cost of each child's participation in sport and active recreation

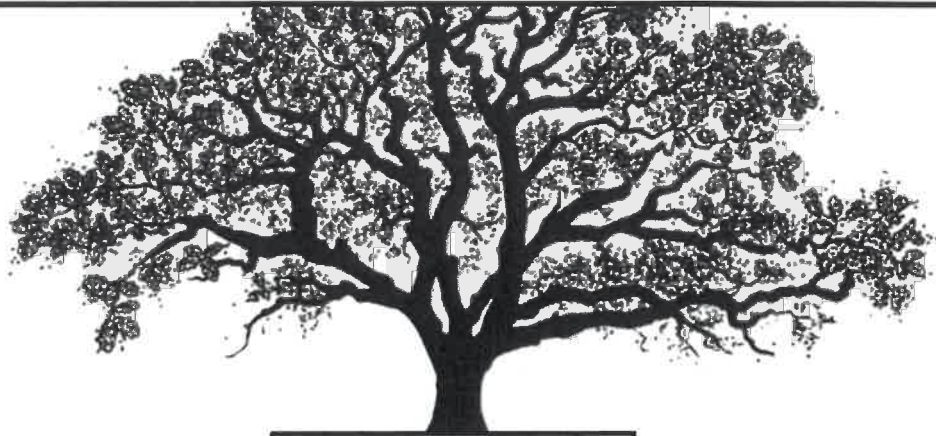
\$100 Sporting Voucher

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids program. From 31st January 2018, parents, guardians and carers can

apply for a \$100 voucher per calendar year for each student enrolled in school. The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities. The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued. Please click on the following link:

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>

ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



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(GREEK)

MEANING:

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EXAMPLES:

decade, decagon



A day here or there doesn't seem like much but absences
add up 2 days a month adds up to 4 weeks a year /
20 days a year which is over one year of lost learning.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

every learner
every day 



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Diocese of Parramatta

Catholic Education Office

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence 16th March, 2018

Registrations are now open for the 2018 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) to be held Friday 16 March 2018.

This annual positive day of action provides a national focus for school communities to talk about the importance of 'taking a stand' against bullying and violence. Each official NDA school will have access to a range of downloadable resources and materials to make the day your own, including parent and student tips, lesson plans, classroom discussion starters to encourage students to say 'Bullying. No Way!'.

Join the movement now and register for the NDA. All Australian schools are invited to register as an official NDA school and start planning early! [The Bullying. No Way!](http://TheBullying.NoWay!) website offers schools a range of resources, materials, lesson plans and classroom discussion starters to support NDA activities. For more information and to register visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

From the Bishop's Office

Walk the Lenten Journey on your mobile phone

The Xt3 Lent Calendar App 2018 is available for download on Apple and Android devices (search for Xt3 Lent) and can be viewed from the website: www.xt3.com/lent

The Lent calendar will run from Ash Wednesday to Divine Mercy Sunday. Each day will unlock a new video, meditation or podcast, to help you prayerfully journey through Lent. The theme for the Xt3 Lent Calendar 2018 is "Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus."

Pre-marriage preparation courses

The Life, Marriage and Family Office are again offering Pre-Marriage preparation courses for couples intending to marry. Couples are invited to book online to attend either a weekend course or individual couple preparation. The website for online booking is www.parracatholic.org/pmp. The dates for all courses in 2018 will be found online. Further enquiries: 02 8838 3460.

World Youth Day 2019 Information Evenings

Every three years WYD provides an opportunity for young people (aged 16-35) to be immersed in the beauty, intensity and adventure of our Catholic faith as we unite with the youth of the world in the presence of Pope Francis. Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people of our Diocese on a journey to the host city of Panama in Central America during January 2019. Unique to our Diocese, we will be immersed in a sharing of faith, culture and local experiences in the shadow of ancient pyramids, Basilica's and the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe as we pass first through Mexico. Visit www.parrawyd.org and join us for one of three upcoming information evenings to learn more. All are from 7-8:30pm.

Tuesday 20 February – Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Mary's

Good Shepherd Primary School

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14 February 2018
Ash Wednesday

Dear brothers and sisters in ministry,

Earlier this week, Fairfax Media ran a series of articles on the alleged wealth of the Catholic Church in Australia and the way it deals with survivors of abuse. These articles appear to be part of a relentless campaign with similar articles likely to be published in the future.

Though these articles are mostly concerned with the financial position of the Archdioceses of Sydney and Melbourne, it is a timely reminder for us to look at what the Diocese of Parramatta is doing in the area of providing justice to survivors of abuse.

As the articles highlight, in the light of the extent of the abuse in the Church and its handling by some Church leaders, it is reasonable for people to have lost trust in the Church. As the Diocese of Parramatta, we need to rebuild this trust. It is incumbent upon us to rebuild a broken Church.

In the Diocese of Parramatta, we are constantly looking at ways to enact and demonstrate accountability and transparency in the responsible administration of the resources of the Church, despite the media reports.

In the Diocese of Parramatta, our commitment to survivors of abuse comes first. We take this commitment very seriously. We have honoured most claims of abuse brought forward from survivors and we are in the process of finalising other claims. We also have arrangements in place to meet the financial obligations to survivors of abuse.

Any suggestion that we would not honour financial commitments to a survivor of abuse to “protect” our financial assets is wrong and misleading.

It is important to note that the Catholic Church in Australia was the first organisation to commit to a National Redress Scheme. We remain fully supportive of this endeavour.

What needs to be clear is that “Church property”, usually acquired through the generous donations and volunteer work of generations of Catholics, cannot simply be compared to a normal commercial building. Church property usually belongs to an individual parish or is held in trust. Comparing a commercial building to a Church property is not the same thing and would be like comparing apples to oranges.

As Bishop of Parramatta, I reiterate my pledge to work towards having the best systems in place to protect children from harm in the future when they engage in ministry of the Diocese of Parramatta.

My offer to meet with every survivor of abuse in this Diocese is ongoing and I will continue my work in this area.

The Diocese of Parramatta remains committed to responding to survivors of abuse with justice, compassion, integrity, care and professionalism.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL
Bishop of Parramatta

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ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019



Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.



OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 13 March 2018 4.00pm - 7.00pm

This school open event will give visitors the opportunity to tour the school and view facilities as well as meet our School Principal and School Leadership Team

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 6TH APRIL 2018

ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

HASSALL GROVE

St Clare's is a co-educational high school
focused on educating our students to
become exceptional young people.


OPEN DAY

7 March

3pm - 6pm



ENROL NOW



With a focus on high expectations and setting personal goals, St Clare Catholic High School students:

- learn and challenge themselves by developing the knowledge and skills they need to thrive in today's changing world.
- have opportunities to explore and enrich their faith and develop values they can take with them throughout their life
- are supported by a passionate team of professional staff in a connected, flexible learning environment
- participate in a diverse range of extra-curricular activities including sports, music, arts and public speaking



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Position Description

Communications and Development Manager

Reporting to:	Executive Director
The Mission:	<p>The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT (CCSP) is a private association within the Catholic Church and is the leading non-government parent body in NSW, representing the interests of the parents and carers of more than 250,000 Catholic school students in nearly 600 schools. Its mission is to provide leadership, advocacy and support by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advancing the partnership between families and schools• Improving the outcomes for students by lobbying state and federal governments, and• Providing professional learning for teachers, principals, school executives and parents. <p>CCSP also produces a range of resources to support schools, parents and parishes to build and sustain informed and effective school advisory bodies.</p>
The Position:	<p>The Communications and Development Manager works closely with the Executive Director to develop and write interesting, original and compelling content which focusses on the mission of CCSP as well as the challenges that face families and schools within the Catholic Education system. This will include writing engaging features and stories to be distributed across CCSP's multiple communications channels including its websites, social media platforms, video and other publications.</p> <p>The Communications and Development Manager will also be responsible for building and maintaining strong relationships with media personnel and government stakeholders, keeping abreast of public policy and emerging issues in education that affect Catholic schools, and seeking opportunities to promote the work of CCSP and the role of families and parent engagement with government and others.</p>
Responsibilities:	<p>The Communications and Development Manager is accountable for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sourcing and writing stories in line with the aims and objectives of the CCSP, and where applicable, rapidly respond to issues as they arise• Providing compelling content for CCSP's websites, social media channels and news print publications that appeal to varying audiences• Providing summaries of statistics of social media usage• Creating draft press releases and statements as required• Establishing and maintaining relationships with journalists and media outlets• Establishing and maintaining relationships with relevant state and federal government stakeholders• Providing strategic communications advice and proactive identification of media opportunities and topics for the Executive Director to engage across a broad range of Catholic and secular media• Developing a communications plan with important events to consider for all

	<p>media coverage and CCSP activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopting the voice of parents to authentically represent them in media channels when required • Developing an awareness and staying on top of the key issues facing schools, families and students • Responding to correspondence and other inquiries in a timely, concise and considered manner • Other duties as required Executive Director
Inter-relationships:	<p>The Communications and Development Manager interacts with the following stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director and CCSP office staff • CCSP volunteers • Communications staff in Catholic schools and Catholic education offices • NSW Catholic Schools • Journalists and media personnel • Government stakeholders
Qualifications and Experience:	<p>The ideal Communications and Development Manager will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated commitment to the ethos and values of the Catholic Church • Minimum of three years' experience in a similar role • Tertiary qualifications in Communications or other relevant discipline • Proven track record of writing original and compelling content • Familiarity of current key issues facing schools, parents and families • Experience with Microsoft Office suite as well as building digital stories for websites and social media platforms • Experience in digital content publishing • Experience in video production is desirable • An ability to recognise external media opportunities • Excellent interpersonal, communication, listening and organisational skills
Attributes:	<p>The Communications and Development Manager will demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ability to develop and maintain sound relationships across many stakeholders • A genuine interest in and knowledge of Catholic Education • Sound communication skills with superior verbal and written skills • Good negotiation and influencing skills • A proactive and self-starting approach to work • A professional manner and presentation – mature and articulate • Sound negotiation skills and prudent judgment • An ability to build and work in a team environment and collaborate as required • Strong attention to detail and a well-ordered approach to work • A drive and commitment to ensure deadlines are met
Performance Management:	<p>The performance of the Communications and Development Manager will be assessed annually having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful outcomes of the major accountabilities of the role • Achievement of the agreed objectives of annual work plans under limited supervision • Service levels and the level of satisfaction expressed by key stakeholders