



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 6

Tuesday, 6th March, 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

2018 Open Day at Good Shepherd Primary School



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great day we had on Sunday for the start of Catholic School's week. We were excited to welcome Bishop Vincent for his first visit to Good Shepherd School.

Our school captains and vice captains were very welcoming and gracious when they met Bishop Vincent and took him on a tour of the school. It was wonderful to see the number of our school leaders and year six students who came along to be tour guides. They were obviously proud of their school and this shone forth.

Thank you to the parents of these students for ensuring that they were here and looking their best. They were a credit to you.

As part of Catholic school's week we will be having a Liturgy at 9.00 am on Wednesday and open classrooms following that. We also have some fun activities for the rest of the day.

You are most welcome to join us for the Liturgy and/or open classrooms. Once again thank you for your support.

Patricia Carr

Tricia Carr
Principal



2018 Open Day at Good Shepherd Primary School (Continued)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 4th March - Friday, 9th March	Catholic Schools Week
Monday, 5th March:	Book Fair continues at Good Shepherd School. Concludes Thursday, 15th March.
Wednesday, 7th March:	Catholic Schools Week Liturgy (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church. Following the Liturgy, there will be Open Classrooms and activities.)
Friday, 9th March:	Year 6 visit to St Clare's Catholic High School
Tuesday, 13th March:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Friday, 16th March:	National Day against Bullying
Tuesday, 20th March:	Year 5 attending Mass at Good Shepherd Church (9.00 am)
Friday, 23rd March:	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Tuesday, 27th March:	Easter Raffle (2.15 pm Good Shepherd School)
Thursday, 29th March:	Kinder Easter Hat Parade (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Sunday, 1st April:	Easter Sunday
Looking ahead:	
Term 1 Concludes:	Friday, 13th April

Information regarding Leave from School

Leave from school for holiday/overseas trips in school time is not encouraged and must be explained in writing to the School Principal.

An exemption from attendance may be granted for leave taken due to exceptional circumstances (not holidays).

A leave form ("Application for Extended Leave") must be completed at least 4 weeks in advance if over 4 working school days. Leave forms can be obtained from the school administration office. Leave during school terms is strongly discouraged.

Leave of less than 4 days needs to also be approved by the Principal. Please write a letter to your child's class teacher outlining the details of the leave, including the first and last school day that the child will be absent.

In NSW, school attendance is compulsory for children over the age of six years until the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. Students must complete Year 10, and after Year 10 until they turn 17 years of age, students must be:

in school or registered for home schooling, or in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship), or in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours per week) or in a combination of work, education and/or training.



Confirmation

Parish News

Sacrament of Confirmation

Dear Parents & Guardians, our Parish will be holding preparation lessons for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will take place on Monday, 21st May at 7.30 pm in the Good Shepherd Church. Please refer to the attached flyer for all details. If you need to contact the

Parish, their number is Ph. 9832 4461.

Policies and Forms

For all policies and forms, please refer to our School Website. Please note our Parent Handbook is on our School Website for your perusal. refer also to our School Website for our Parent Handbook.

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.

Supervision

Before school supervision commences at 8:10 am. No responsibility can be taken for children arriving before that time. Children arriving before this time are expected to sit in the designated area. Supervision is provided for children during class and play times during the school day. Staff supervise children waiting for buses, walkers who cross driveways in the immediate vicinity of the school and those waiting for collection by parents. Children are supervised by teachers until 3:15 pm after which time, parents will be contacted. It is the parents/carers responsibility to ensure children are collected before 3:15 pm every day.

**Term 1 Conclusion Date is
Friday, 13th April**

**Term 2 Commences
Monday, 30th April**



Book Fair at Good Shepherd School!

Dear Parents & Carers, just a reminder that our Book Fair continues this week and next week, and is held in the School's Resource Centre. It concludes on Thursday, 15th 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.

For up to date information regarding the School Opal, please refer to the attached flyer from Busways.



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	Tyler Talisayon	KG	Ronawyn Decena
KR	Jasmine Eskandari	KW	Nadriel Mathiew Gonzales
1B	Charlotte Russell	1G	Sienna Tuaimau
1R	Winston Milag	1W	Tamara Tamani
2B	Rovin Ayala	2G	Gabriel Burke
2R	Cheyenne Sinclair	2W	Abinazer Dabi
3B	Sofia Nazar	3G	Suzanna Wilkes
3R	Sosaia Fihaki	3W	Mikayla Tato
4B	Not Published	4G	Akuol Acuoth
4R	Angelo Cruz	4W	Natalia Abwi
5B	Kaelan Torralba	5G	Jasleen Singh
5R	Not Published	5W	Marta Ghilagaber
6B	Marco Blazevic	6G	Cooper Jones
6R	Shay-Lee Paris	6W	Annabelle Rahme

"Say please and thank you"



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 & 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:** [\(goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au\)](mailto:goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au)

PRIOR TO PICKUP. This policy is effective immediately. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Dear Parents,
accounts for the first instalment of school fees have now been paid. 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, please note the next delivery of the new School Logo Bags are expected July this year. They will be available for \$40.00 from the School Office & Uniform Shop (Cash Only).

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.

Please note **only Cash** is accepted.



As part of maintaining a safe environment for all students and staff at Good Shepherd School, we conduct regular Emergency

Evacuation and Safety Drills. You may have information come home from your child regarding an Evacuation Practice, please be assured in the event of a real emergency all families will be notified at the earliest possible time. **Please inform the office in writing if you have changed your contact details.** Thank you.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Ashleigh Galletes, Yareli Montarde, Tristan Dennis, James Costigan, Isaiah Ellison, Jaden Taranto, Tuoro Ariki Savea Hosking-Ellis, Lanna Cruz, Marsha Szulgit and Amou Majok.

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.

Communication between Parents and Staff

Just a reminder that the direct line of communication if you need to discuss concerns/issues etc regarding your child is:

Phone call, email or letter addressed to your child's teacher stating your concerns and requesting an interview if required.

Following this, you can request an interview with your child's Year Group Coordinator. Year Group Coordinators are as follows:

Kinder: Mrs Bianca Cooke

Year 1: Mrs Trish Conner

Year 2: Mrs Yvonne Davies

Year 3: Mrs Debbie Dela Paz

Year 4: Mr Ian Byrne

Year 5: Mrs Beaulah Frankson

Year 6: Ms Elizabeth Dowd

If you need to take further steps, after speaking with the Year Group Co-Ordinator, an email, letter or phone call to our Assistant Principal, then to the Principal.

Parent Group News Easter Drive



Just a reminder that our Parent Group is in urgent need of Easter Eggs, Easter goodies and baskets please for their annual Easter Drive. Please hand in items to the school office. As always your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Raffle Tickets have been sent home—First Prize: Large Easter Eggs Basket, 2nd Prize: Medium Easter Eggs Basket and 3rd Prize:

Small Easter Egg Basket. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. Thank you.

No Nut Policy



A number of our students have severe allergies. Please do not send peanut butter/Nutella sandwiches or other foods containing whole or crushed nuts or sesame seeds to school. This also includes Excursions! Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Very important information regarding your contact phone numbers

Dear Parents & Guardians, if you have changed your mobile numbers, work numbers, home number etc would you please ensure you inform the office immediately. This is absolutely vital as we need to be able to contact you if your child is sick or had an accident, has not been picked up at school by dismissal time or for any other urgent matter. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



Canteen News

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

Meal Deal 1

Egg & Lettuce Roll, Juice Popper & Fresh Popcorn

Meal Deal 2

Meatball Sub Roll, Juice Popper and Frozen Cordial Cup.

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

Please note when iceblocks are ordered online they need to be collected from the Canteen. 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.

Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2019 are now available from the School Office. Parents, if you already have a child at Good Shepherd, you will still need to submit an Enrolment Form for any **new siblings** for 2019.

Office Hours

Parents, please note that the hours of business for inquiries, payments, phone calls etc to the school office are between 8.30 am—3.30 pm. Before and after these times the office staff are preparing for or completing their office duties. **If there is a change to how your child will be going home, ie catching the bus, please notify the office prior to 2:30 pm so that the child may be informed prior to home time.** We are happy to attend to your queries or any other business during these hours. Thank you.

Literacy Tips

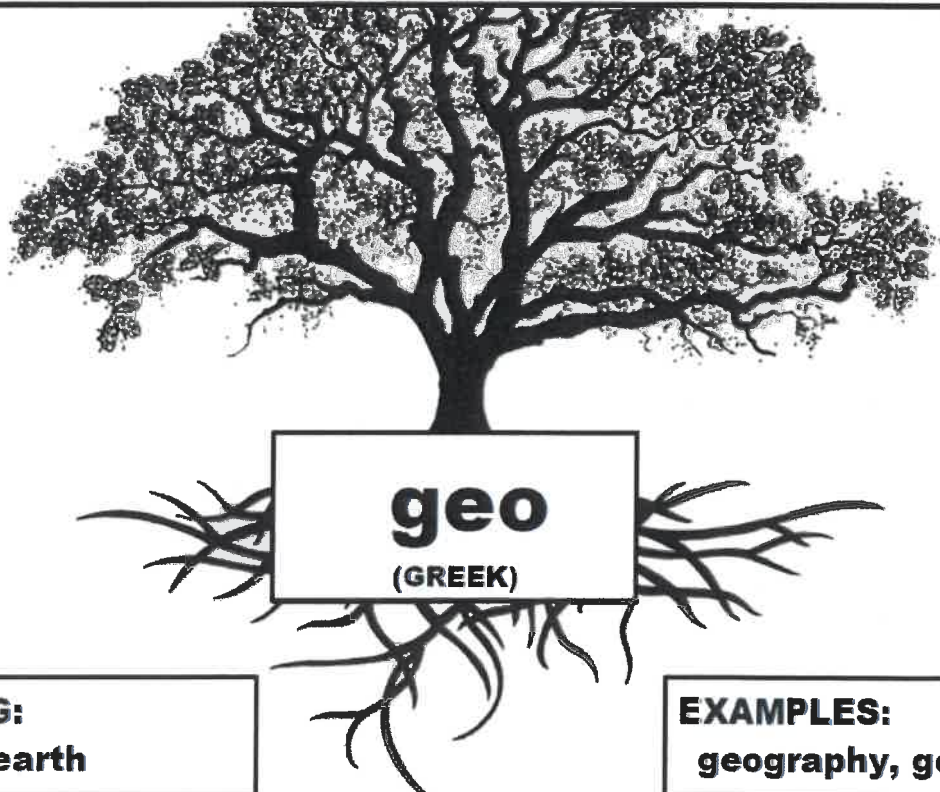
Try this fun way to assist your child to listen attentively.

Play the game 'Ask or Give'.

One person must speak on a familiar topic for 30 seconds, e.g. cats, while the other person shows good listening, for example, by looking at the speaker. At the end of the 30 seconds the listener must ask the speaker a question about something they said, e.g. "What do cats like to eat?", or give their opinion about something the speaker said, e.g. "It is a good idea to put a collar on a kitten". Be sure to model turn-taking.



ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



MEANING:
earth

EXAMPLES:
geography, geologist

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

PRC 2018 Calendar of Events

A copy of the calendar can be downloaded via 2018 Calendar of Events for the Parents Representative Council (PRC). All parents and friends are welcome to attend.



From the Bishop's Office

2018 Lenten Message from Bishop Vincent

To read Bishop Vincent's Lenten Message in full and watch the video, please visit: goo.gl/2F77m9

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.

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."

Positions Vacant

Maintenance Manager - St Anthony's Primary School, Girraween

More details at: www.parra.catholic.edu.au/positions-vacant

Private Secretary to the Bishop of the Diocese of Broome

More details at: <http://broomedioocese.org>

Good Shepherd Primary School

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St Clare's Catholic High School

A Catholic school of excellence and improvement

1st March, 2018

Dear parents and carers,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you of an announcement made on 28th February, 2018 by Mr Gregory Whitby, Executive Director, CEDP.

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has been carefully considering the structure of our secondary schools in the Mount Druitt, Rooty Hill and Hassall Grove communities. This follows a review that has spanned more than two years with decision making being driven by the strong aspirations of the students in our community. Feedback from our feeder school communities over many years has suggested that providing an option for students to continue their HSC studies at St Clare's Catholic High School will be well received by students and their families.

As a result, it has been decided that **ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL will provide schooling for students of YEARS 7 – 12 with a Year 11 intake for the first time in 2019.**

CEDP considers that the changes will provide an expanded and more sustainable schooling model to meet the needs of the students in the community and ensure a new approach to deliver the very best skills and vocational training for young people.

A building and/or renovation program will be implemented at St Clare's to ensure that it is equipped with the learning spaces and facilities to meet the aspirations of its students.

OPEN DAY, 2018

St Clare's Catholic High School will be holding it's Open Day next Wednesday, 7th March, 2018 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

The evening is designed to provide more information about St Clare's and the opportunity for interested parents and carers to visit the school and meet our staff and some of our students.

During the evening there will be guided tours of the buildings and classrooms of St Clare's. During this tour there will be an opportunity to see the work of individual Key Learning Areas in order to gain some understanding of the curriculum and material covered at St Clare's. Staff and students will be available during this tour to answer any questions and provide information.

This event is important in preparing your child's transition from primary to secondary school. This transition is one of many key events that takes place in any child's life.

If you have any queries about the evening, please do not hesitate to contact the school. I look forward to meeting you on Wednesday, 7th March.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Shane Morris
Principal

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Web: clarehassallgrove.catholic.edu.au

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.

**Catering for Years 7 – 11 in 2019
and Years 7 – 12 from 2020.**

OPEN DAY

7 March
3pm – 6pm



ENROL NOW



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.



Does your child catch a school bus? Help them keep it!

As the bus operator that providing your child's school bus services, we're asking for your help getting your child to use their Opal card on every bus trip.

Since the introduction of the School Opal card in 2016, school bus patronage data has significantly dropped. This is not reflected in the number of students actually travelling on our buses for various reasons a large number of students are consistently not using their Opal cards as they should be.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used by transport planners and service schedulers to design the bus network that best serves the community utilising the resources available.

If students don't tap on and off then school bus services will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

Please help us reinforce the message that tapping on and off every bus journey with an Opal card is essential to travel on the bus. This will ensure school services continue to be planned for the students that use it, providing the journey to school your children depend on.

To help us achieve this, please talk with your child:

- Ask them if they tap on and off the bus with their Opal card.
- If they do, congratulate them for doing the right thing and talk about why it's important.
- If they sometimes don't or never do, ask them why.
 - Are they confused about why they have to? Talk about why it's important, and that every tap tells the bus planners that the bus is needed.
 - Do they forget? Help them find a way to remember, such as getting into the habit of getting their Opal card out as soon as they arrive at the bus stop or bus line.
 - Is their Opal card at the bottom of their bag? Help find a handier place to keep it.
 - Are they influenced by friends or peers that don't tap? Talk about how they like to travel on the bus with their friends and how tapping is what keeps the service running.
 - Have they lost their Opal card? To order a new Opal card visit www.opal.com.au.

If there's another reason that you'd like to discuss with Busways, please contact us at infoline@busways.com.au or call our customer service team on **9497 1878** to talk to us. We are happy to listen and do what we can to help your child feel comfortable using their Opal card.

Thank you for helping us to best serve your school community.

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