



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 8

Tuesday, 20th March, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Sunday we enter a commemorative week in the life of Christ, when the first day promised so much and what followed was certainly not the way his friends would have expected nor wanted.

Holy Week commences on Palm Sunday with Jesus' grand entry into Jerusalem where He was welcomed with such enthusiasm by a large crowd, who lay palm branches on the ground before him and shouted Alleluia. They were all on Jesus' side, believed in him and wanted to be near him.

By week's end that crowd was no longer there for Jesus; only a few women, together with Mary and John, who were gathered under the Cross. Even his disciples had deserted or denied him.

Maybe this is something that has happened in our life when we find it hard to have the strength to stand up for what is right.

Are we easily swayed with the crowd or with the modern day crowd of the media? Popular opinion is not always the correct opinion and this is the challenge when teaching our children what is right and wrong. Teaching them to follow the right example.

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

Fortunately we are blessed in our community here at Good Shepherd by families who want their children to have strong values and live by them. Just recently we had two incidents where money was found at school and students immediately handed the money in to a teacher. This is great modelling by the children of what they should do. This is an example of standing up for what is right.

On Friday last week we were part of the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. The children participated in activities, watched videos and were involved in discussions about bullying, what it means and how they are responsible even if they are a bystander.

Constant modelling by adults is important to keep these messages an important value in our children's lives. To act with justice, love and compassion are our ideals and not always easy. We don't want to be like the fickle crowd who welcomed Jesus on the Sunday but when things got tough turned away from Jesus. Are we good at sticking by Jesus?

Tricia Carr
Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 23rd March:	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Tuesday, 27th March:	Year 2 Local History Tour
Tuesday, 27th March:	Easter Raffle (2.15 pm Good Shepherd School)
Wednesday, 28th March:	Holy Week Liturgy (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Wednesday, 28th March:	Year 6 Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd Resource Centre)
Thursday, 29th March:	Kinder Easter Hat Parade (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Friday, 30th March:	Good Friday (No school for students)
Sunday, 1st April:	Easter Sunday
Monday, 2nd April:	Easter Monday (No school for students)
Tuesday, 3rd April:	Infants End of Term Awards (8.30 am Good Shepherd School)
Tuesday, 3rd April:	Year 6 Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)

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.

A leave form ("Application for Extended Leave") must be completed at least 4 weeks in advance for 5 or more school days. Leave forms can be obtained from the school administration office. **Leave during school terms is strongly discouraged.**

Leave of 4 days and less 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.

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. If you need to contact the Parish, their number is Ph. 9832 4461.

Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies



Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 pm

Good Friday:

Stations of the Cross at 10.00 am

Commemoration of the Lord's

Passion at 3.00 pm

Easter Vigil:

Service of Light at 7.30 pm

Easter Sunday Mass Times:

7.00 am, 9.00 am, 12:00 Noon

(Vietnamese) and 6.00 pm

Reconciliation:

Wednesday, 14th March 2nd Rite Reconciliation at 7.30 pm and every Saturday from 11.00 am—12.00 noon.

Kindergarten Easter Hat Parade



Dear Parents & Carers, please note on Thursday, 29th March from 2.00 pm in the School's Playground "Cola" area, Kindy students will be participating in an Easter Hat Parade. All very welcome.

Medications, Creams, Lotions etc

Dear Parents, just a reminder that any medication required for your child must be sent in to the school office in its original packaging with the medical permission form attached. This includes prescriptions, Panadol, Nurofen and all "over the counter" medication. This form must be completed with all information stated clearly eg name of medication, dosage, time of dosage to be administered, in order for the medication to be given. The Medical Permission note (a copy is attached for your convenience). Please feel free to call into the school office for more forms if required.

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 convenience.

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.

Enrolments for Nagle College for Year 7 2019 need to be lodged by Friday, 13th April 2018. For any inquiries please telephone (02) 8887 4501.

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

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

Peace & Joy Awards



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Armando Montales, Chrysjon Ablaza, Latif Koudsi, Abigail Milag, Ruta Leota, Taylah Sonter, Sophia Moawad, Antoniette Pascual, Nahome Dabi, Marc Brayden Sincero, Faustina Vaifale, Nishi Patel, Matthew Zacharia, Jenna Felizardo, Roman Lautier, Layla Cobban-Hmura, Christian

Elters and Loleta-Elisapeta Taungakava.



Have you changed your details?

As part of maintaining a safe environment for all students and staff at Good Shepherd Primary 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.

Student Supervision

As you know it is a priority at Good Shepherd Primary School to keep every child safe. Teachers have a duty of care to supervise children both in class and on the playground. This supervision commences at 8.10 am each morning. **Prior to then no child should be dropped off at school.**

Similarly afternoon supervision of children concludes at 3.15 pm. All children must be picked up by this time.

It is vital that parents seek a safe, supervised environment whilst they are away at work. It is not the responsibility of school staff to provide before and after school care whilst parents are at work. School staff have their own personal and professional responsibilities to attend to in out of school hours. Thank you for your support with this matter.



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. **The Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday, 27th March at 2.15 pm at Good Shepherd Primary School.**

Safety Message

Dear Parents, just a reminder that the School Crossing Supervisor is there to keep everyone safe, particularly when students, parents and members of the public are walking across the pedestrian crossing. **Please show courtesy and respect when exiting from the School's drop off turning circle/carparks onto Hyatts Road.** This will ensure everyone's safety. Thank you.

Lost Property

Please re-check any items that you pick up in the Lost Property Bin as they may have another child's name on it. If you accidentally picked up another child's clothing, please return it to the Lost Property Bin. Thank you.

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.

State Little Athletics

Please wish two of our students Isabella Lira-Loloa (5R) and Sesilia-Grace Liu-Ngata (5W) all the best as they compete in the State Little Athletics this weekend at Homebush. Isabella will be competing in the Under 10 Girls 1500 metres race, and Sesilia-Grace in the Under 10 Girls Discus & Shot Put! We look forward to hearing the results!



Issue 2 of Bookclub will be due back just before Easter (Thursday, 29th March). Thank you.



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 Zooper Dooper iceblocks will be replaced with a Berri Quelch iceblock instead.

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.

Terms 2 & 3 Winter School and Sports Uniform

School Uniform

Girls

School Uniform Checked Tunic
White Long Sleeve Blouse
Checked Scissor Tie
Green Hair Ribbons
Grey Tights, or Grey Socks
Black School Shoes
Green Zip-Up Jacket
School Uniform Hat

Boys

Black Long Pants
White Long Sleeve Shirt
Green Zip-Up Jacket
Black Socks
Black School Shoes
School Checked Tie
School Uniform Hat

Sports Uniform

Girls

White Polo shirt with School Emblem
Bottle Green Shorts
Bottle Green Tracksuit Uniform
Predominantly White Joggers/Sneakers
A white skivvy (colder weather)
White Socks
School Uniform Hat

Boys

White Polo shirt with School Emblem
Bottle Green Shorts
Bottle Green Tracksuit Uniform
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A white skivvy (colder weather)
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School Uniform Hat

In cooler weather, a bottle green uniform tracksuit is worn, and a white skivvy may be worn under the white polo shirt.



every learner every day ☒

When is sick too sick for school

If I am sick please call the school or write me a note to let the school know why I am not at school.

Send me to school if ...	Keep me home if ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ I have the symptoms of a cold or hayfever✓ I have a sprain, strain or pain and I can function (walk, talk and eat)✓ If I have asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc - school personnel are trained to manage my condition. Talk to the school about my health plan✓ I haven't vomited or had diarrhoea for 24 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ I have a temperature higher than 37 degrees✓ I am vomiting or have diarrhoea✓ My eyes are red, and crusty (conjunctivitis)✓ I have influenza (flu) - combination fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches✓ I have the symptoms of an infectious disease. Go to NSW Health - A-Z of infectious diseases for more information

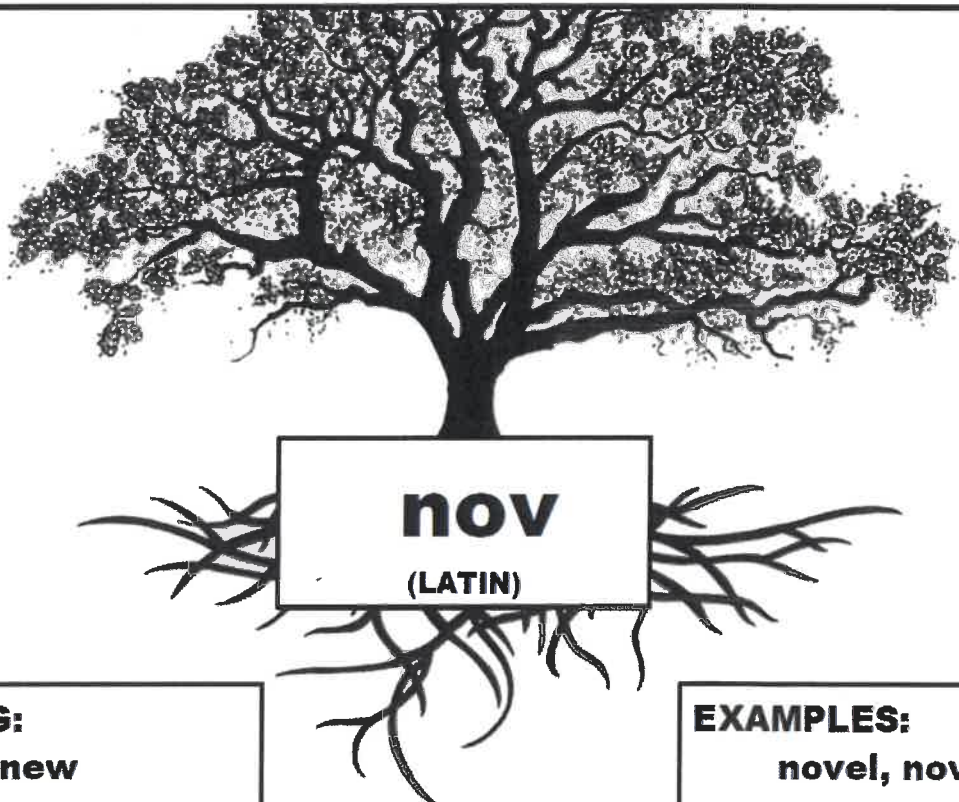
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Attendance Requirements

Just a quick reminder that ALL student absences need to be explained. This is a legal requirement. We ask that on your child's return to school you send a note to explain their absence for school. We need to receive this note within seven days of the last day of absence. We all know that every day counts, but of course when students are unwell it is best for them and their peers, to keep them at home in order for them to recover. Thanks for your prompt action!



ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



MEANING:

new

EXAMPLES:

novel, novelty

Catholic Care Solo Parent Services News

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

Catholic Care Solo Parent Services' YWSG is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children. **Next gathering:** Tuesday 20th March. **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** \$5.00. Registration: Rita Ph. 8843 2530 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

This support group is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those struggling through a separation or divorce. **Next Gathering:** Tuesday 27th March **Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta **Time:** 7pm—9pm. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8843 2530 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



From the Bishop's Office

Palm Sunday Procession: 25 March

Catholic Youth Parramatta are hosting the annual Palm Sunday Procession. Starting at Parramatta Town Hall on Sunday 25th March at 5:15pm and walking to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Details at: parracatholic.org/cyp

Good Friday Night Walk: 30 March

Catholic Youth Parramatta are hosting the annual Good Friday Night Walk. Starting Friday 30th March at 10:00pm from St Patrick's Church, Blacktown and finishing at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Details at: parracatholic.org/cyp

First Mass at St Luke's Marsden Park: 8 April

The new St Luke's Catholic Faith Community, Marsden Park invites you to join them as Bishop Vincent Long, assisted by Deacon Tony, leads their first Mass at St Luke's College, Frontier Avenue, Marsden Park on 8 April at 10am. More info at: <https://stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au>

The Permanent Diaconate: 6 May

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at St John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768. Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. The meetings will commence at 3.00pm until 6.00pm followed by the Parish Mass and Fellowship. The 2018 dates on Sundays: 8 July, 9 September, 4 November. For further information visit www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or please contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270 782, Deacon George – 0408 440 769

PROCLAIM 2018: National Conference on Parish Renewal and Evangelisation 12 – 14 July 2018

The Archdiocese of Brisbane, in collaboration with the ACBC's National Centre for Evangelisation, will host PROCLAIM 2018. This national conference will engage parishes and faith communities in a conversation focusing on five key areas: Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging and Evangelisation.

During the conference participants can attend keynote presentations, expert panel sessions and discussions facilitated by leaders with 'on the ground' experience. Ideally, this will help those participants to contribute to the formulation of some practical strategies to assist your parish or faith community's own goals in the areas of renewal and evangelisation.

Keynote speakers include Cardinal John Dew (Archdiocese of Wellington, New Zealand), Ron Huntley (Divine Renovation – Canada), Ms Lana Turvey-Collins (Plenary Council 2020 Facilitator), Mons Enrique Figaredo SJ (Cambodia) and host of PROCLAIM 2018 Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archdiocese of Brisbane). To find out more visit www.proclaimconference.com.au and register at our early bird rate.

Good Shepherd Primary School

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Medical Advice to School

To be completed by prescribing Doctor or Parent

Student's Full Name: _____

Medical condition(s) of the child requiring treatment: _____

Essential medication requiring administration during school hours: _____

Medication Details

Condition	Medication	Dosage	Time of Admin

Any Special Conditions:

- Recommended restrictions on participation in school activities (eg sport, use of tools or machinery): _____

- Recommended procedure in crisis situation: _____

- Additional comments: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Prescribing Doctor or Parent

A SPECIAL DAY FOR PARENTS
ACROSS PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS

LAUGH
PRAY
REFLECT

TAKE TIME
OUT FOR
YOURSELF

FREE DAY SPA FOR THE SOUL

Bring a friend!

**BOOK NOW!
LIMITED SPACES
AVAILABLE**

**Thursday 3rd May
9:30am-2 pm**

**MORNING TEA AND
LUNCH INCLUDED**

Enquire and register
by 12 April with Tania
Melki via email:
tmelki@parra.catholic.edu.au
Ph:0429375226

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8 Greyfriar Place Kellyville

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Good Shepherd**



Autumn 2018 VACATION CARE

Apr 16	Apr 17	Apr 18	Apr 19	Apr 20
Constructa Day	Plaster Mould Workshop (Incursion)	101 Ninja Warrior (Excursion)	Games 2u (Incursion)	Feathers, fur, Fins and Reptiles
Apr 23	Apr 24	Apr 25	Apr 26	Apr 27
ANZAC DAY	Mega Mini Golf (Excursion)	CLOSED Public Holiday	Kids in the Kitchen	RAPS- Road Safety (Incursion)

Care is available each day from 7:00am-6:00pm. **All excursions will depart by 8:00am and return by 4:00pm unless otherwise specified**

Please return booking form in person or email to: coshcgoodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au
Contact Centre Supervisor on 0409 121 980

CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS & PAYMENT: Thursday March 29



Catholic Out of School Hours Care
GOOD SHEPHERD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Week 1: Apr 16-20

Mon - Constructa day: Today we do a lot of constructing from recycled materials, food, lego, paper, clay and much, much more!

Tues - COSHC staff will run an Incursion on plaster moulds. Children will be able to paint their mould in any colour of their choice and will be excited to take it home. We will then continue the day with a messy play where we will make slime, moon sand, chalk bombs and make incredible edible sludge.

Weds -101 Ninja: Join in on the action at Sydney's newest Ninja Obstacle Course. The venue, located at the Futsal Institute, Wetherill Park, offers over 22 obstacles to overcome, a basketball slam dunk trampoline, a three-level warped wall to conquer and Sydney's only 2 ninja obstacle inflatable courses. Also on offer are soccer courts with instructors to facilitate games. Each child receives Ninja 101 Socks and a complimentary zooter dooper to keep the energy levels high enough to keep on tackling the course.

Thurs - Games 2u: Children will be able to play laser skirmish, roll in the hamster ball and play video games in the games truck.

Fri - Feathers, Fur, Fins and Reptiles: Today we look at many different types of Animals. We will decorate chameleons, play dinosaur eye spy, make hedgehog Clay sculptures, rainbow weaving fish and so much more!!!

Week 2: Apr 23-27

Mon- ANZAC DAY: Today we will look at the History of the ANZACS and Simpson and his donkey. We will make Vegemite scrolls, Damper, have Billy Tea and look at ways we can create a peaceful world.

Tues - Mini Golf, Campbelltown: Challenge your friends or try to beat your own best score.

Wed- Closed – ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Thurs - Cooking Fun day: Let's cook up a storm! We're going to make cookie and cream icebergs, space balls, pizza scrolls, cheese pastizzi's and grow beans in a jar. We will look at ways we can be safe in the kitchen and how we promote food handling and hygiene and healthy eating.

Fri - RAPS Road Safety: Join us for RAPS for Kids. Learn all about road safety from the Mobile Traffic Course. There are working traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, "children crossing" signs and flags "lolly pop" signs.

Children Must Bring: Fruit snacks, morning tea, lunch and a refillable drink bottle unless otherwise indicated. COSHC will supply breakfast and afternoon tea each day. Children will not be able to purchase food while off site. Please remember, COSHC is a NUT FREE Zone.

Children Must Wear: As per our Sun Safe Policy, all children must wear sun-safe clothing with sleeves and collar, enclosed sport shoes & socks and a sun-safe hat (*Legionnaire hat or Bucket hat with a deep crown and wide brim*) for all outdoor play including all excursions. Children must wear COSHC Hi-Vis Vests on all off site excursions.

Child Information (As listed on your enrolment form)

Child Name: _____ Age: _____ School Year: _____

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Are children currently enrolled in COSHC for Before/After School Care? YES / NO

If No, you will need to also complete a 2018 enrolment form

If YES, which COSHC service do they attend? _____

I hereby give my permission for my child/ren to participate in the excursions and incursions on the dates I have indicated on this booking form:

Preferred Contact Number: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please initial the box for each child, for each day of care that you require

Child's Name	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$55.00	\$50.00	Total \$
						\$
						\$
						\$
Child's Name	\$50.00	\$70.00	Closed	\$70.00	\$55.00	Total \$
						\$
						\$
						\$
						\$
CLOSING DATE FOR PAYMENTS APRIL 4, 2018						TOTAL: \$

Parent / Guardian Permission
(Please read and initial every statement)

I understand that failure to make the full Vacation Care fee payment by April 4, 2018, will result in my child/ren's position at Vacation Care being cancelled without notice.

I understand that **no further bookings OR changes to bookings will be accepted after Thursday March 29 2018**

I agree to abide by all policies and procedures of Catholic Out of School Hours Care.

I accept that children will be supervised at all times, and that all travel between the Centre and excursion venue will be in privately booked buses with seatbelts.

I understand that excursions are compulsory for all children booked in on that day to attend and that the number of participants will not exceed the licensed number.

I understand that "Excursion and Incursion Risk Assessments" have been completed prior to the event and are available to me upon request.

I understand that the ratio's that COSHC adheres to is 1:15 for onsite days and 1:8 for all excursions (water based excursions are 1:5). Additional carers will be rostered where it is deemed to be necessary, based on the activity risk assessment.

I accept that it is my responsibility to ensure we are at the Centre by 8:00am on excursion days (unless another time is specified). I understand that the bus will not wait and I will need to make alternative care arrangements for my child/ren if we arrive late.

I understand that I am required to sign my child in and out of the program each day. Written notification is required to allow another person to collect my child if they are not listed as an authorised contact.

I understand that my children may be required to participate in activities that may be physically and emotionally demanding. My children's participation in any activity is noncompulsory. COSHC staff will duly exercise their Duty of Care.

I agree to support the centre in implementing the Sun Protection Policy by my child/ren wearing Sun-safe clothing with sleeves & collar, sun-safe hat and sports shoes & socks.

I understand that all programs will continue in the event of inclement weather unless notified. I understand that should the scheduled venue need to change due to inclement weather, the back-up venues COSHC will use are the Movies, Bowling and Sydney Aquarium/Wildlife World.

I understand that COSHC will take no responsibility for lost property. This includes all electronic devices.

I give permission for my child/ren to have their face painted and hair sprayed as part of the centre program throughout the holidays.

I understand that my enrolment form terms and conditions apply for Vacation Care, Before & After School Care.

Parent 1 Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent 2 Signature: _____

Date: _____

Staff Signature: _____

Date Received: _____