



# Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 3

Week 2

Tuesday, 31st July, 2018

17th Sunday in

Ordinary Time



**Friday, 3rd August:**

**Census Day and Mufti Day. Students are to wear casual, Sporting heroes or Sporting team colours.. Gold coin donation please. Funds raised will go towards the Children's Hospital at Westmead.**

**Term 3 concludes:**

Thursday,  
27th September

**Term 4 commences:**

Monday, 15th October

**Term 4 concludes:**

Wednesday,  
19th December

## **Celebrating Grandparents Day at our School!**

Thank you to those who came along to the Mass, Morning Tea and Open Classrooms for Grandparents and Special Friends Day last week. This is the biggest group of Grandparents we have had for many years, and we are very appreciative of you coming and celebrating the day with us!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, 2nd August:	The Yard Anti Bullying Presentation (Years 3—6 attending) Good Shepherd School
Friday, 3rd August:	Census Day
Friday, 3rd August:	Mufti Day for all students (Theme: Sporting heroes/ Sporting team colours—or you can wear casual clothes.) Gold coin donation greatly appreciated. All funds received will go towards the Children's Hospital at Westmead.
Monday, 6th August:	Parent Group Meeting (7.00 pm Good Shepherd School). <u>All parents welcome.</u>
Thursday, 9th August:	Year 1 Planetarium Incursion
Thursday, 9th August:	Stage 3 Public Speaking Finals

### Safety Note

Dear Parents, just a gentle reminder that when entering the turning circle at the front of the school, the first car is to move to the sign—children must exit the car from the passenger side, not the driver's side. Please move forward if there is space in front of you as more cars can use this space effectively. This ensures everyone's safety. Thank you for your cooperation.



## 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	Isaiah Ellison	KG	Jason Aziz
KR	Layla Cobban-Hmura	KW	Savannah Attard
1B	Mackenzie Jones	1G	Jasmine Ismail
1R	George Abdallah	1W	Leila Queras
2B	Jack Jamil	2G	Charlie Armitage
2R	Bassam Abdallah	2W	Zaijan Caygill
3B	Julianne Tumalad	3G	Emmanuella Momoh
3R	Raphael Santos	3W	Mark Farhad
4B	Cruz Raza	4G	Angelo Dela Paz
4R	Jordan Lumbre	4W	Aleiah Gillett-Pracy
5B	Summer Catig	5G	Jalil Rizeq
5R	Marley-Poppi Ellison	5W	Marta Ghilagaber
6B	Ruta Leota	6G	Not Published
6R	Raphaella Garcia	6W	James Ballesteros

### Complaints/Grievances Forms

Parents, please note if you would like to make a complaint/ grievance in regards to any school matter, you can visit our school website, look under "About Us", "Policies & Procedures", "Catholic School Community", and you will find the Complaints documents there. Or you can pick up a form from the school office. All matters will be attended to under strict confidentiality.

## Class Captains for Term 3 2018



### Infants

KB:	Scarlet Nguyen & Tyler Talisayon
KG:	Emalyn Shaw & Robin Cruz
KR:	Shristi Kumar & Roy Tawk JR
KW:	Ireanna Tanaki & Aarav Ahwan
1B:	Mayar El-Awar & Aiden Dela Paz
1G:	Fatima Mancao & Ahaan Arora
1R:	Mary Ghilagaber & Aditiya Prathapan
1W:	Rachael Thrikawala & Chauncey Tecson
2B:	Maheen Sehgal & Christin Jane
2G:	Samantha Zacharia & Angelo Cabida
2R:	Amity Thomas & Miguel Reyes
2W:	Darianne Afinidad & Thomas Planer

### Primary

3B:	Ella Rhayem & Nino Santos
3G:	Roopam Thind & Ezekiel Aguila
3R:	Natalia Falemaka & Hanok Woldegabre
3W:	Angeliah Elters & Jarred Mercado
4B:	Bianca Cailao & Vilisiliva Setefano
4G:	Mikayla Uili-Lilo & Jordan Villaruel
4R:	Ashleigh Galletes & Angelo Cruz
4W:	Isabelle Deaves & Haemanvir Dhaliwal
5B:	Aliyah Torres & Kaelan Torralba
5G:	Gemma Soans & Bailey Lees
5R:	Christina Kilberd & Marquise Cuthbertson-Iakopo
5W:	Isabella Cobban & Axzel Yuque
6B:	Temiah Sanelivi & Joshua Thomas
6G:	Charlie Luke & JD Masi
6R:	Taylah Sonter & Jeyanthan Albert Jeyathanasan
6W:	Sara Al Makdissi & Nathaniel Gonzales



## A special invitation to: Dads, Grandads, carers!

In celebration of Father's Day we are holding a special morning for you!

Wednesday 29th August 7.00 am to 9.30 am

Lets start with a nice hot BBQ Brekky at 7.00 am followed by a liturgy at 9.00 am. Dad, Grandad—if you are bringing the children to school—they can join you for breakfast too!

We will celebrate your special day with a liturgy in Church at 9.00 am! Everyone welcome.

### Social Skill of the Week "Make way for an adult"

#### 2018 Census Day

Dear Parents & Carers, this Friday, 3rd August is the annual Census Day. Please phone the school office on Ph. 9836 7100 from 8:00 am onwards on that Friday if your child is going to be absent from school on this day for any

reason. A signed letter of explanation from you must also be sent to the school on the day your child returns, for our records. This procedure is vital for our funding and audit purposes. Thank you for your assistance.

It will be also be a mufti day for students. Students are to wear sporting team colours and/or sporting heroes theme. A Gold coin donation would be gratefully appreciated as all funds raised will be going to the Children's Hospital at Westmead.

#### Parent Group Meeting—Monday, 7th August

Dear Parents, just a reminder that there will be a meeting held at Good Shepherd School on Monday 7th August commencing at 7.00 pm, concluding at 8.00 pm. Please come along to hear the latest news and enjoy the opportunity of meeting new people!! Hope to see you there ....



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.

## Parent Group News

### Father's Day Raffle—Donations required please

Dear Parents, our school's Parent Group are organising a Father's Day Raffle which will be held at school on Friday, 31st August, and has asked if you would kindly donate male appropriate items for the raffle. These can be brought into the school office at any time and must be **received no later than Friday, 24th August**. Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



### 2018 Dates

#### Term 3

**Concludes:** Thursday, 27th 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

Thursday, 20th December 2018 through to Monday, 28th January 2019

**Please note Staff Development Days will occur throughout the year. Parents will be notified of such dates at the start of each term.**

### Library News

1. Bookclub Issue 5 will be due back by Friday 17th August.
2. Premier Reader's Challenge closes on Friday 10th August. Could all students please bring in the finished record sheets if they haven't already done so.
3. Congratulations to 3R for being the first class to have all students finish the Premier Reader's Challenge.
4. There will be a **Book Character Parade on Friday, 31st August (Week 6)** commencing 8.30 am to mark the end of Bookweek. This will be held in the back Cola area at school. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character or bring in their favourite book/poster about their favourite book.



### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Jayden Aberca, Aleer Acuoth, Isaac -Diesel Frias, Shantel Santana, Vilisiliva Setefano, Lillian Dunn, Fatima Kamara, Lily Stojanovski, Sean Anselmo and Lyana El-Awar.



### Term 3 2018 Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

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. Term 3's Staff Development Day is a Pupil Free Day and will take place on Friday, 28th September (Week 10). Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children on this day. COSHC will be able to offer spaces for care on this day. Please phone COSHC on 0409 121 980 for all inquiries and bookings.

### "Let's Have A Ball and Games Day" - Friday, 24th August

Friday, 24th August is our "Let's Have A Ball and Games Day". This day promises to be more **FUN** than you can imagine! This day is our major fundraiser for the year so gather your sponsors and be prepared for **FUN!!**

There are so many wonderful games and inflatable challenges that are being prepared for our students to enjoy. Please put a he effort into gathering sponsors so that we can have **"FUNtastic"** dollars to buy resources for all students to share!



### Policies and Forms

For all policies and forms, please refer to our School Website—"About Us"—"Policies & Procedures". Please note our Parent Handbook is on our School Website for your convenience.

### If your child is absent from school due to illness

In the event of your child being absent from school due to illness, it is necessary that a note of explanation be forwarded to the class teacher on the day of your child's return to school. In the case of absences of more than one day, a telephone call to the office indicating your child's expected date of return is required. Prolonged absences from school due to illness should be supported by a medical certificate.



### Canteen News

**Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal is available until Friday 10th August).**

#### Meal Deal 1

Ham & Cheese Toastie  
Juice Popper  
Popcorn

#### Meal Deal 2

Chicken Tender roll  
Flavoured Milk  
Cookie

To view the full menu of Classroom Catering, please visit website: [www.classroomcatering.com.au](http://www.classroomcatering.com.au)



### 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.



### 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.

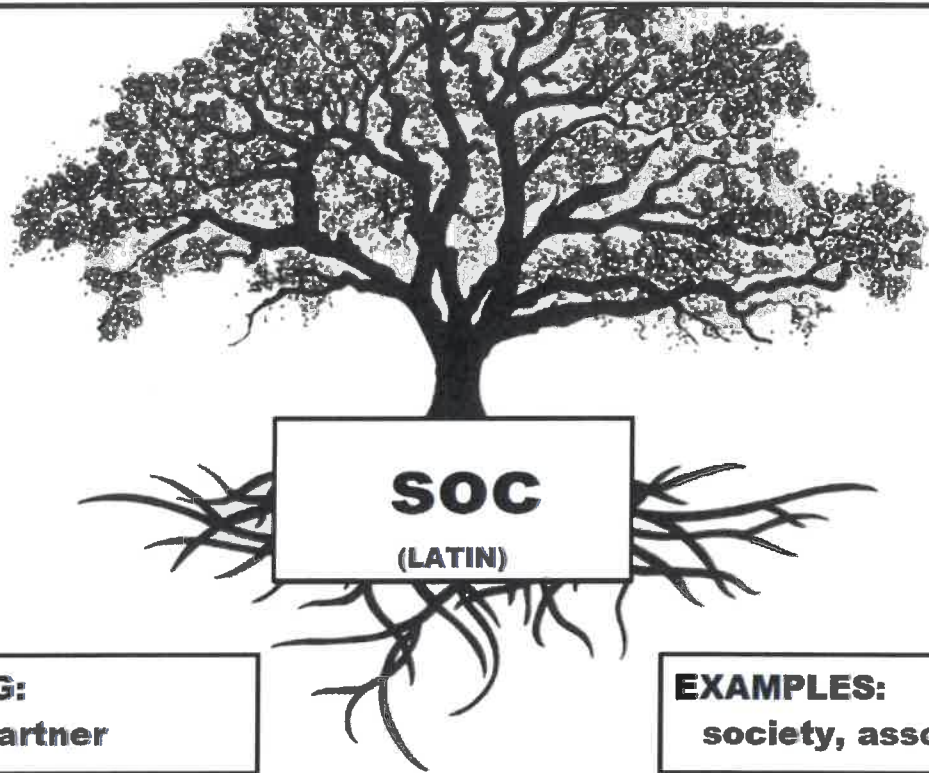
### Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments

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.





# ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



**MEANING:**  
**partner**

**EXAMPLES:**  
**society, association**

## Numeracy Warmup

Each week there will be a new activity or game in the newsletter that you can do with your children at home. These activities can be adapted for children from Kindergarten to Year 6 with a few minor changes. The activity even has some questions you can ask your children. Each activity is one that our teachers use in their Maths lessons. We hope you enjoy doing these activities with your children!

### Handfuls

**Task:** Students grab a handful of small objects. They hold their handful in their hand and estimate (guess) how many objects they think they are holding. Ask them to imagine what that number would look like if they were to organise their items so that it's easy to know how many they have just by looking and thinking. Students can write the number that matches how many they have after they have organised their objects.

**Purpose:** Getting children to think about how much a quantity is and being able to organise things in such a way that we can know how many there are without counting them all or by ones.

**Resources:** small household items that are a similar size like buttons, gemstones, rocks or pebbles. You can also use counter or small blocks.

#### Supporting/Extending Questions:

How many do you have? How do you know?  
How have you organised them?  
What can you see?  
How can you prove that that is how many you have?  
How else could we organise them?  
Could you make an array? (equal rows)  
What if you had one more or one less item?  
What if you had ten more/ten less items?  
What if you had two more/less items?  
What if you had five more/five less items?

#### Extension:

Students grab 2 handfuls of objects.  
You combine your handfuls after you've organised them  
The student organises the handful into an array (equal rows) to be counted by a particular number.

**MATH  
ROCKS**

# Catholic Education Office

## Holy Spirit Seminary Open Day: 19 August

"Come and See Day" at Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park on 19 August 2018 is a whole-day event, inspired by Our Lord's invitation to the two disciples of John the Baptist to "Come and see", found in the Gospel of John. Open Day provides single men open to a priestly vocation with the opportunity to experience seminary life, beginning with Holy Mass at St Oliver's Parish Church at 10 am, followed by talks, a tour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and dinner with Bishop Vincent. RSVP essential. Please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan via [johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org](mailto:johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org) or 0420 310 771. We are currently promoting via our social media channels and parish bulletin notices and will continue to do so until the open day. The image is of Chris del Rosario, one of our seminarians who should be ordained a priest by the end of this year.

## From the Bishop's Office

### Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

The Office For Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. To be held at the Institute For Mission at 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Enrolments close 9 August. NOTE: Introduction Session on 16 August is compulsory.

Please see your Parish office for a form or for more information contact [ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au) or 02 8838 3456 or [parracatholic.org/office-for-worship](http://parracatholic.org/office-for-worship)

### We're hiring!

If you're studying or recently graduated from accounting and looking to get your foot in the door in finance, the Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Development Fund is looking for a casual Trainee Assistant Accountant with an immediate start. For more information contact [ddffinance@parradfd.org.au](mailto:ddffinance@parradfd.org.au)

### IFM Themes of Faith Program

Exploring Catholic life, faith and action themes – for people keen on very manageable home readings/reflection ready to attend great group conversations. Ten Monday evenings and one Saturday morning are spread out across July 30 to Oct 29. Gatherings break into mentored groups of 10 - excellent for age 18 to seniors - builds confidence to grow and share faith. See [ifm.org.au](http://ifm.org.au) or call the IFM team 9296 6369

### IFM Reflective Ministry Program

This enjoyable program aims to enrich those involved in service/ministry of Catholic communities – excellent chance for learning and further shaping of faith and purpose. Ten Tuesday evenings and two Saturday mornings are spread out across August 18 to Dec 1 – presenters' inputs, journaling and application to ministry – group size about 35. See [ifm.org.au](http://ifm.org.au) or call the IFM team 9296 6369

### ACYMC 2018

Early-bird registration for the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops is now open at [www.acymc.org.au](http://www.acymc.org.au). The event will host up to 500 adult delegates who are engaged in ministry with young people in parishes, schools, agencies and ministries of the Catholic Church. Rooty Hill RSL, September 21-23.

Contact James Camden, Director, Catholic Youth Parramatta for more information (02) 8838 3428 or [james.camden@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.camden@parracatholic.org)

### Save the Date - Liturgy Conference 2018

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta.

Workshops (still to be finalised): Singing the Psalms, RCIA ritual & symbols, Training Junior Altar Servers and Music and Prayer in the Classroom. To register your interest go to: [parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018/](http://parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018/)

Tickets: On sale soon (we'll let you know when).

### Faith in Marriage Seminar: 3 August

All are welcome to attend the 2018 'Faith in Marriage' Seminar address is entitled 'Marriage & Men in Contemporary Society' and will be given by Robert Falzon co-founder of menALIVE. All parishioners are warmly welcome to attend this free event on Friday 3 August at 7.30pm at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Please RSVP to [lmf@parracatholic.org](mailto:lmf@parracatholic.org) or phone 02 8838 3460.

### Office for Worship Formation Day: 11 August

The Office For Worship is offering a Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Ongoing Formation Day on Saturday 11 August, 9.30am – 2.00pm (Morning Tea and lunch provided) at the Institute For Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. RSVP by 6 of August, 2018. For more information or to register contact [ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org](mailto:ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org) 02 8838 3456.

### Good Shepherd Primary School

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## Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

GB:vt

30 July 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I write to you with the news that, following an extensive review, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has made the decision to redesign its Religious Education Curriculum. This is an exciting opportunity to connect our students more closely with our rich Catholic faith and traditions in a way that makes learning meaningful and relevant to their lives and their world.

The development of a new curriculum will be based on contemporary research and collaboration involving teachers and leaders in Religious Education from across the diocese. As the new curriculum starts to take shape, the insights and feedback of parents will also be critical. With this in mind, parent forums are planned for 2019.

Trialling of the new Religious Education Curriculum is planned for 2019 with implementation scheduled for 2020. In the meantime, the existing curriculum, 'Sharing our Story' will continue to be used in all Catholic schools in the Diocese.

The Religious Literacy Assessment (RLA) which has previously been conducted in Years 4, 6, 8 and 10, was also reassessed. While recognising that the RLA provided data about students' religious literacy, it has been decided that it will no longer be used or reported on as a measure of achievement across the Diocese. Suitable alternatives for the RLA are currently under consideration.

Our schools are shaped by their Catholic identity and their call to students to live out the example of Christ. Consequently, the teaching of Religious Education will remain the defining feature of our Catholic schools. Religious Education will continue to be reported on in school reports twice a year as part of the regular school reporting process.

Thank you for your continued support of Religious Education in the Diocese of Parramatta.

Regards

**Gary Borg**  
Director Mission  
Catholic Education  
Diocese of Parramatta

# THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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## **Schedule for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Holy Eucharist 2018 – 2019**

Nov 6 or Nov 9, 2018 – Tuesday/Friday @ 7:30pm – meeting with the Parents only:  
(Parent/s must attend one of these nights in the Parish meeting room)

- Agenda:
- Reflection
  - Information about the sacraments
  - Submit completed forms with copy of Baptismal certificate

***Note: Registration/application forms will be available from October from the church or school***

Nov 11 – Sunday – Enrolment of Students in all masses

Reconciliation classes – Sundays

10:30 to 11:30am at Good Shepherd School premise:

Nov 18 - First lesson

Nov 25 - Second lesson

Dec 02 - Third lesson

Dec 09 - Fourth lesson

Dec 12 - Wednesday - Reconciliation night/2<sup>nd</sup> Rite (further details will be provided)

Holy Eucharist classes: in 2019

Feb 10 - First lesson

Feb 17 - Second lesson

Feb 24 - Third lesson

Mar 03 - Fourth lesson

Holy Communion – chosen mass times, 6pm Saturday/9am, 6pm Sunday  
Communion starts March 09 for 3 weekends (tentative for now)



Entrant Name (Please Print)

Name

Parent/Guardian Permission (Please Print)

I/We

give permission for

to enter the Blacktown City Council International Links and Sister Cities Writing Contest.

- I understand that the winning entries may be published in print form and will include the students name, year and school.
- I agree that if my son/daughter is a winner of the contest the name and photograph of the winning entrants may be published in the local newspaper and Council's website.
- I agree that by entering the contest entrants will indemnify Blacktown City Council from any liability or legal action that may arise from my/our child's activities connected with the contest.

Address

Signature

Contact No

Date

School Details (Please Print)

School Name and Address

Contact No

Date

Principal's Signature

(or authorised school person)

## Guidelines For Entrants

- Entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation.
- Entries are restricted to 200 words or less.
- Entry is open to students in Years 5 and 6 from Primary Schools within the Blacktown LGA.
- There will be 2 winning students per ward.
- Entry form needs to be signed by Parent/Guardian and School Principal or authorised person.

## What Can Entrants Win

- Winners and runners up will receive HOYTS MOVIE VOUCHERS or FEATHERDALE WILDLIFE PARK PASSES.
- The schools of the winning students will receive a \$100 gift voucher to purchase educational items.
- With the approval of School Principals, presentations will be conducted by the Mayor and/or Ward Councillors at individual schools.

## How to Enter

- Entries close 31 AUGUST 2018 at 4 pm.
- Fill in an entry form, signed permission form and send to:  
Gordon Allen / Greg McCallum  
Sister Cities Project Officer  
Blacktown City Council  
PO Box 63 Blacktown NSW 2148  
or hand deliver to Blacktown City Council, 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown.

Please note that Parent/Guardian and Principal's (or authorised school person) signature must accompany your entry.

## Judging

- The judging panel will comprise 3 Council representatives.
- There will be 2 successful works selected for each ward. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Winners will be notified via their School Principal.
- All entries become the property of Blacktown City Council and will not be returned. Personal information on entry forms will not be used for any other purposes than those associated with the winning competition entry and will not be disclosed.

## Information

### Contact

**GORDON ALLEN**

gordon.allen@blacktown.nsw.gov.au  
(9839 6050)

**GREG M<sup>c</sup>CALLUM**

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(9839 6551)

# Blacktown City Council International Links and Sister Cities Years 5 and 6 Writing Contest

Year 5 and 6 students who live or attend a primary school within Blacktown City are invited to enter the Blacktown City Council International Links and Sister Cities Writing Contest.

Students are encouraged in 200 words or less explain how diversity, culture, friendship unite people and the community in which they live. Give examples of this including how Blacktown has interacted with its Sister Cities in recent years.

**Entries close  
31 AUGUST 2018**

Winners and runners up will receive Hoyts or Featherdale passes

Winning schools receive a \$100 gift voucher to purchase educational items

Entrants receive a certificate of participation

To find out more visit the website  
www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/internationallinksandsistercities



**Blacktown City Council**

Entry is easy • Creativity is easy • Go for it

**TOPIC:** In 200 words or less explain how diversity, culture, friendship unite people and the community in which they live. Give examples of this including how Blacktown has interacted with its Sister Cities in recent years. (visit [www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au))

**Entrant Name**  
*Please print*

School  
Please print

HOYTS

School  
Grade[illegible]