



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

1st Sunday of
Advent



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2019
Commencement Dates

Wednesday, 30/1/2019
Years 1—6

Thursday, 31/1/2019
New Kinder Families

Friday, 1/2/2019
All Students

Term 4

Week 7

Tuesday, 27th November, 2018

Dear Parents,

"Rejoice, exult with gladness; do not fear, dispel your sadness. Raise your hearts, the time is near; Christ the Lord will soon appear."

This ancient Advent prayer-hymn is about living in hope. Being a Christian is about believing and hoping in God and this firstly requires that we seek Him. Seeking God requires that we don't expect all the answers about God at once; it's a lifetime's quest; being a Christian is about the whole of life. Life is almost a constant Advent Season; we are constantly waiting to become..., to discover..., to complete..., to fulfil.

However, Advent is also an invitation to remember, to see again the presence of God among us, God who is here from the beginning. *"Jesus is the single human being who puts together in one life all the 'God-light' scattered over thousands of years from Abraham to Moses to David to Isaiah to John the Baptist to Mary and Joseph, to us here and now."* Author Unknown.

Jesus is not just a special baby, but the One who brings together all the promises, all the hopes, all the visions, all the miracles, all the dreams of all the people of God. Jesus is our promise, our hope, our vision, our miracle, our dream, because Christmas is our story and Advent is our time to remember our collective past and look forward in hope to our future.

We all need periods of waiting in our lives for during such times we mature. We need times of waiting to savour the joy of fulfilment. Sometimes we wait in darkness, when life is not so good, before we can appreciate the coming of dawn. Expectant mothers wait nine months before they can see the faces of their new baby. Seeds are buried in the darkness of the earth before they can emerge into the light of day as new shoots. Ideas need to mature in minds before they can emerge as realities.

So, Advent, the Season of waiting in hopeful expectation, fits in very well with our own life's experiences of waiting, hoping and then enjoying the rewards of our hope and trust.

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, before he became Pope Benedict XVI wrote: *"Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of God who became a child. It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open the doors of hope."*

As we wait and listen in faith, we trust that memory and hope will come alive. Hopefully, when Advent has lead us to Christmas, we will be open to the realisation that God became man, not so that He can be with us but so we can be with Him.

"Come, long-expected Jesus, inspire me to see and appreciate my life in a new way. Help me to rethink the ordinary things in my life in terms of gratitude. Quicken my being with Your coming this Christmas. Amen."

Peace and Best Wishes

Tricia Carr
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 28th November:	Summer Disco
Thursday, 29th November:	Year 4 visit St Agnes Catholic High School Rooty Hill
Friday, 30th November:	Showcase of Talent (Good Shepherd School)
Monday, 3rd December:	Infants End of Term Awards (8.30 am Good Shepherd School)
Thursday, 6th December:	Year 3 & Year 1 Assembly (2.10 pm Good Shepherd School)
Friday, 7th December:	Year 2 & Kindy Assembly (2.10 pm Good Shepherd School)
Monday, 10th December:	Primary End of Term Awards (8.30 am Good Shepherd School)
Friday, 14th December:	Kinder Assembly (2.10 pm Good Shepherd School)
Monday, 17th December:	Year 6 Graduation Mass (6.00 pm Good Shepherd Church)
Tuesday, 18th December:	End of Year Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)

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	Vansh Prasad	KG	Adonay Teame
KR	Isaac-Diesel Frias	KW	Falani Stanley
1B	Taiuli-Rose Bennell	1G	Ethan Ong
1R	Aditiya Prathapan	1W	Caspian Santos
2B	Not Published	2G	Not Published
2R	Amity Thomas	2W	Thomas Planer
3B	Shruthi Lal	3G	Faith MacMillan Savea
3R	Raphael Santos	3W	Lucas Blazevic
4B	Emily Pham	4G	Josephine Telea
4R	Ethan Sarza	4W	Ethan Baxter
5B	Grace Tautua	5G	Breanna Borg
5R	Marquise Cuthbertson-lakopo	5W	Elizach Singh
6B	Carmella Queras	6G	Andre Forcadilla
6R	Brent Bernardo	6W	Lisa Alameh

Showcase of Talent

Our annual Showcase of Talent is happening again this year this **Friday 30th November** during school time. The Showcase of Talent is a chance for students to perform an act or skill to their grade buddies. The best from each grade will perform in front of a larger audience on 30th November during school time.

Thank you Mrs Cooke



Assemblies

Dear Parents, please note that there will be a Year 3 assembly and a Year 1 assembly on Thursday, 6th December commencing at 2.10 pm in their respective classrooms at Good Shepherd School.

Year 2 will hold their assembly on Friday, 7th December at 2.10 pm in their Year 2 space.

Also, please note a change of date for the Kindergarten assembly. This will now be on Friday, 14th December at 2.10 pm.

All very welcome.

School Banking

Dear Parents, please note the last day for School Banking for the year is **Tuesday, 4th December.**



Hall Carpark closed

Dear Parents, please note from today **Tuesday 27th November through to Friday 30th November** the Hall Carpark will be out of action due to construction work. Please park in the Parish Carpark or in the carpark across the road from the school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Reconciliation and Christmas Mass Times

Reconciliation: 13th December at 7.30 pm

Christmas Mass times:

24th December: 6.00 pm Children's Mass
8.00 pm Youth Mass
Midnight Mass (commencing at 11.30 pm with Carols)
25th December: 7.00 am & 9.00 am
12.00 Noon (Vietnamese)

Please note there will be **NO** 6.00 pm Christmas Day Mass.



Social Skill of the Week

"Open the door for another person"

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 (please see attached 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.

Term 4 2018 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

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 4's Staff Development Days are Pupil Free Days and will take place on **Thursday, 20th December and Friday, 21st December**. Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children on this day. **COSHC will be unable to offer spaces for care on these days due to staff training.**



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.

Library News

Dear Parents, please note the last week for borrowing is this week. All students will need to **return any books they have no later than Friday of Week 9 (14th December)**.

Also Bookclub Issue 8 will close this Friday 30th November.



Back to School 2019



Parents, if you intend travelling overseas or interstate during the **Christmas holidays** and your child/children will be **returning to school after school resumes**, would you please notify the office in writing that this will be happening and note the date your child will be returning for the 2019 school year. (NB, please remember you require an interview with the Principal for leave of 10 school days or more **prior to taking leave**. You will need to complete an Application for Extended Leave form which can be picked up from the school office). **This must be completed, travel documentation attached to it, and returned to the school office prior to going on leave**. An interview will then be arranged with the Principal in order for leave to be approved.

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.

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.

Term 4 Dates

Concludes: Wednesday, 19th December

Term 4 School Holidays

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

Commencement Dates for 2019

Wednesday, 30th January, 2019	Years 1—6
Thursday, 31st January, 2019	New Kinder Families
Friday, 1st February, 2019	All Students

School Commencement and Finishing Times

School commences at 8.30 am and concludes at 2.50 pm. Any child who 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.**



COSHC Notice

Dear Parents & Carers, please note there will be **no child care** available on the last two days of Term 4 which are the Staff Development Days (Pupil Free days)

Thursday, 20th December and Friday, 21st December. Students finish Term 4 on Wednesday, 19th December, 2018.



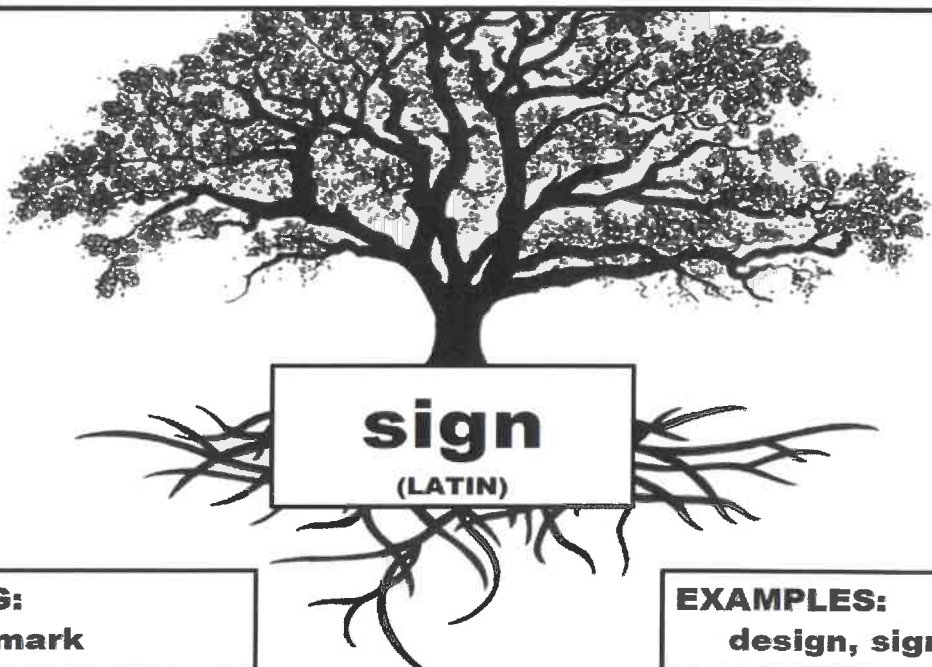
Infants End of Term Awards

The following students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will receive Awards for Term 4 2018. These Awards will be presented at the Whole School Assembly at 8.30 am next Monday, 3rd December (Week 8). Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Class	Religious Education	Learning Achievement	Learning Achievement	Consistent Effort
KB	Taylor Gale	Clara Catig	Angela Montales	Tyler Talisayon
KG	Dev Talati	Ronawyn Decena	Edwin John Elisapeci	Robin Cruz
KR	Shaliyah Johan	Layla Cobban-Hmura	Kruze Tauaifaga	Aman Singh
KW	Enrique Viera	Yaremo Montarde	Aarav Ahwan	Giselle Abdallah
1B	Carter Horne	Aiden Dela Paz	Mayar El-Awar	Taiuli-Rose Bennell
1G	Christopher Gervacio Jr	Florian Barbor	Lusia Laulu	Annabelle Stojanovski
1R	Chrysjon Ablaza	Winston Milag	Tiana Vaifale	Aahana Trivedi
1W	Zara Guillermo	Zhanía Galletes	Kristopher Jayden Leonardo	Leila Queras
2B	Bianca Galea	Emily Porter	Sarah Rose Abwi	Petaia Leota
2G	Ite Tonga	Lily-Belle Ellison	Lena Rizeq	Alexandra Barbor
2R	Averie-Rose Sumajit	Aron Deja	Cheyenne Sinclair	Jaden Taranto
2W	Tomas Mallari	Dorria Alhamwi	Fatima Kamara	Juliana Wilbert J



ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



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EXAMPLES:
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Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Maheen Sehgal, Patricia Mateo, Sherene Zaballa, Ty Smith, Gianna Moeono-Paahi, Caitlyn Dunn, Taiuli-Rose Bennell, Roman Tuaimau, Precious Johnson, Noah Scali, Felicity Baluyot, Hayden-Noah Mercado and Pipiena Setefano.

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. **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 School Summer Disco

The School Summer Disco will be held tomorrow Wednesday, 28th November in the Parish Hall. Sausage Sizzle, Glow jewellery, drinks and chips will be available for purchase on the night. Parents, please note the following times for your children to participate at the Disco:

Infants (Kinder —Year 2): 4.30 pm—5.30 pm
Primary (Year 3—Year 6): 5.45 pm—7.00 pm

Entry fee: \$4.00 per student payable at the door

We require Parent Helpers for the disco, so if you are able to assist and have completed an online Building Child Safe Communities Volunteers application Webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au> then click on "Child Protection Training Forms (halfway down page on the right hand side). Also, would you please leave your name at the office.



Uniform School Bag

Dear Parents, please note as of **Term 1 2019** all students (except Year 6 2019 students) will be expected to be using the new school bag. The decision to have these bags as a standard part of our school uniform was made in 2015, voted in by the school Leadership Team as well as the Parent Group. If you are replacing your child's bag, please purchase the school bag. **The bag is available from the uniform shop or the school office. The cost is \$40.00 and cash only will be accepted.** These bags are designed to evenly distribute weight and are made of extremely durable materials making them good value in the long run. Thank you.



End of School Year Mass

Our End of School Year Mass will take place on Tuesday, 18th December, 2018 at the Good Shepherd Church commencing at 9.00 am. All very welcome! Following Mass, we will be hosting a Parent Helper Morning Tea in the School Staff Room.



Canteen News

Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal is available until Friday, 14th December).

Meal Deal 1

Egg & Lettuce Sandwich, Pop top Juice

Meal Deal 2

Butter Chicken & Rice, Pop Top Juice

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



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:

Email, phone call 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 Beulah 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.

Visa Updates

If there has been any change to your Visa Status, could you please send in a copy to the school office. It is important that we have the most up-to-date information for our school records.

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Dear Families of Good Shepherd School,

2018

BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care.

We realise that many of our dedicated volunteers have already completed a Working with Children Check. Thank you for the providing this information to our school, however, this new requirement is in addition to the current WWCC/APP number that you have provided.

If you are **new** to volunteering to the school, or you have **already completed** your clearance, please follow the procedures below to complete the online forms.

It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

- **Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Volunteer Form](#)' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering. Thank you for assisting us in keeping our children and community safe.

Mrs Patricia Carr

Principal



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20th May 2016

Dear Contractors to Good Shepherd School,

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Then click on '[Contractor Form](#)' (bottom of page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are contracting.

A new form is required:

- For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- If any of the details you have provided on the form change

We thank all contractors for their continued support of Catholic Education.

Mrs Patricia Carr

Principal

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Values-Driven Innovation: A system level case study

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta have commissioned research to investigate school curriculum and policy and change in six Schools within the Parramatta Diocese. Professor Christopher Day (University of Nottingham; University of Sydney) has agreed to conduct the research with Doctor Christine Grice, a researcher from The University of Sydney. We will be grateful for your participation and input into the following key areas.

Key Areas:

- Thinking about how changes to teaching and learning in your school has impacted upon the educational achievements of students in Catholic Schools in the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta
- Reflecting upon how school populations have changed, changes to school fees, and the faith of parents and students in your school.

We hope that this research may assist policy makers in the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and beyond to make good future decisions for families.

Participation in this research study is voluntary.

We seek your involvement in completing an online questionnaire for parents.

If you agree to participate in this research, please click on the survey link:

<https://redcap.sydney.edu.au/surveys/?s=NRCNNXERLD>

Your participation is completely voluntary and not dependent upon the participation of any other individuals in your school. Your participation in the research will be confidential and you will not be identifiable in any reports or publications from the research. Records of questionnaires will be kept in

accordance with the guidelines set out by The University of Sydney human research and ethics. If you or any participants have any concerns about the way that the study is being conducted or wish to make a complaint to someone independent from the study, please contact The University of Sydney using the details outlined below:

The Manager, Ethics Administration, University of Sydney:

Telephone: +61 2 8627 8176

Email: human.ethics@sydney.edu.au

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If you would like to know more about this study, please see attachment 'Participant Information Statement' for more information or you are welcome to contact us via email:

- christopher.day@sydney.edu.au
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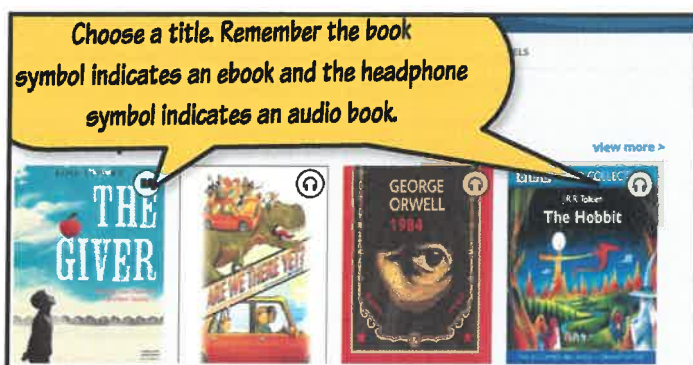
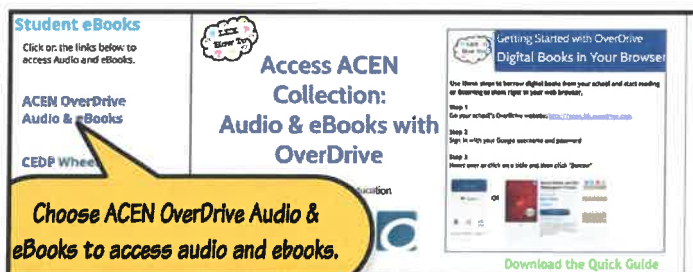
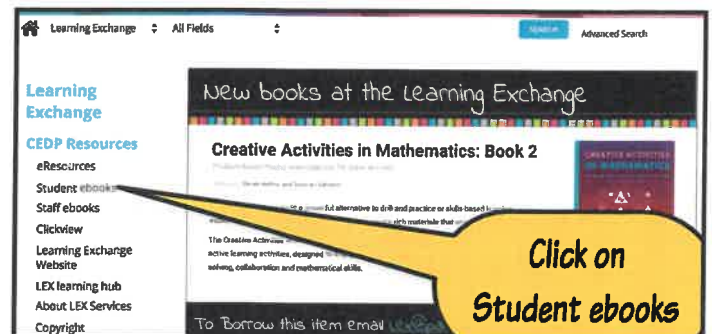
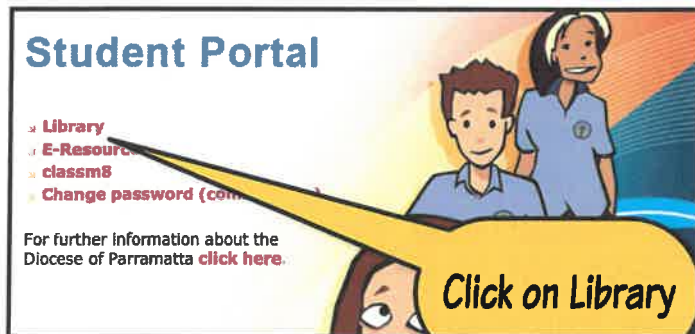
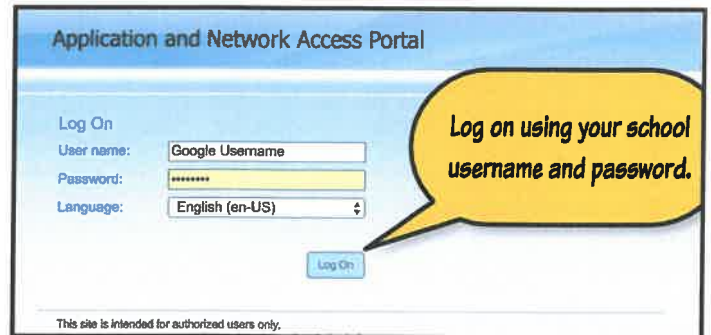
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Regards,

Christopher and Christine

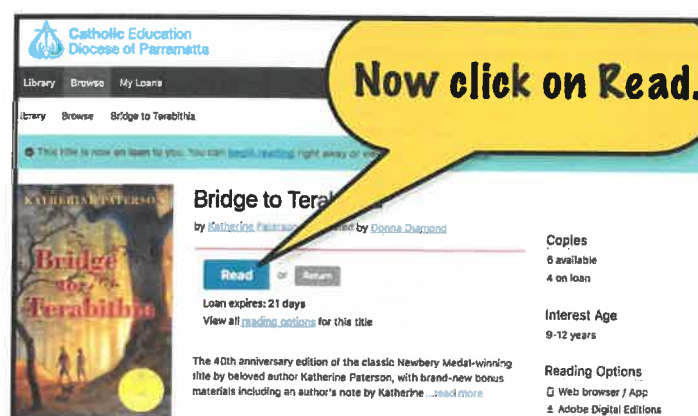
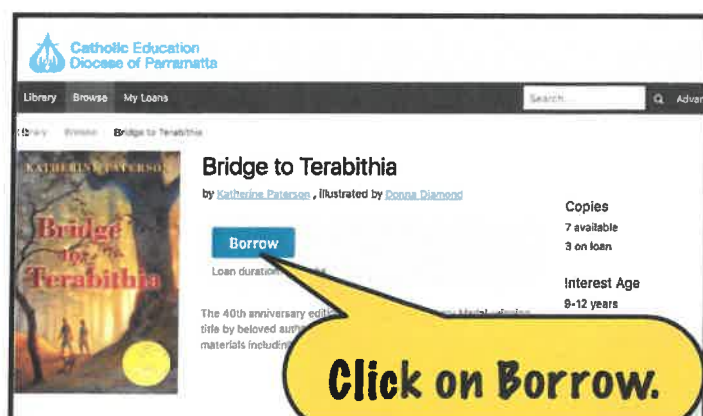
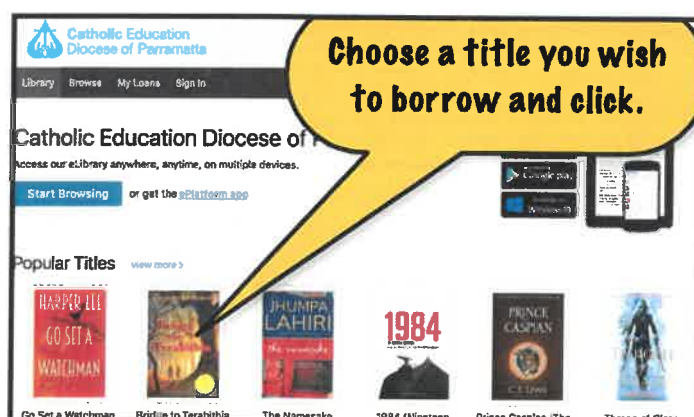
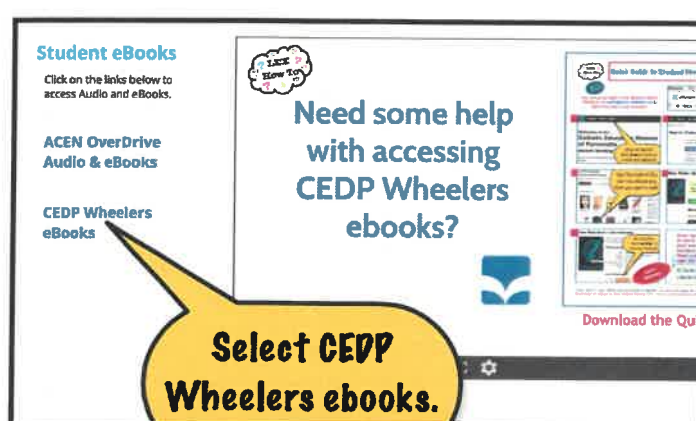
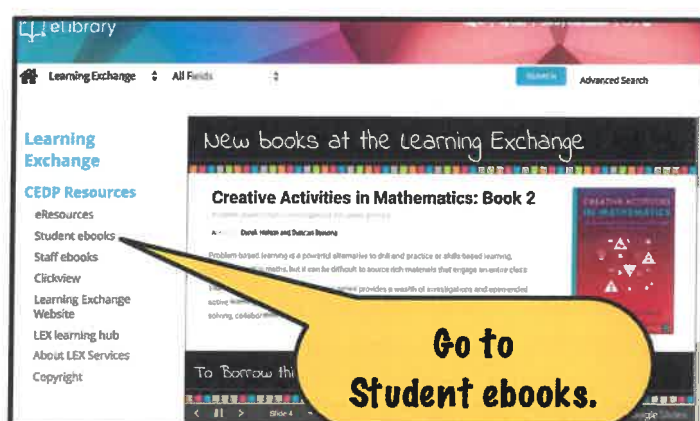
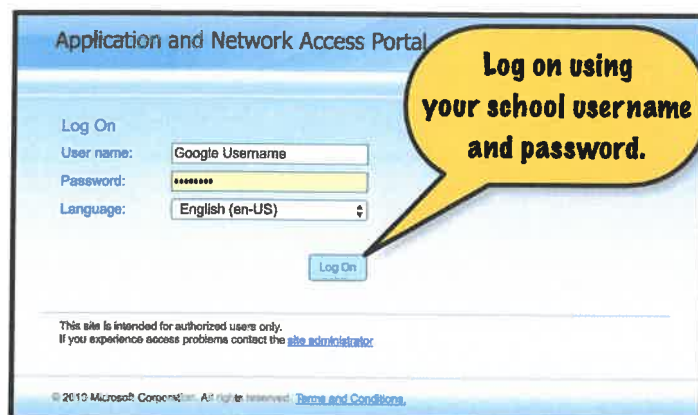
This research project has ethics approval from The University of Sydney, Ethics Approval 2018/042

Student Guide for ACEN OverDrive eBooks & Audio



Remember to check with your parents and teachers if you think a book is right for you. You are allowed to borrow 3 books at a time for a few weeks.

Student Guide for CEDP Wheelers eBooks



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2019

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