



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

**Third Sunday
of Easter**



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Term 2

Week 2

Tuesday, 7th May, 2019

Happy Mothers' Day! Happy Grandmothers' Day!

*"God gave mothers special gifts,
He made them all unique.*

*But one thing all mothers love,
Are your kisses on their cheek."*



**Term 2 commences:
Monday, 29th April**

**Term 2 concludes:
Friday, 5th July**

Mother's Day Photos



Upcoming Events

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| Friday, 10th May: | Good Shepherd Day—Mufti Day—Gold coin donation please. Students are to wear appropriate casual clothing. |
| Sunday, 12th May: | Mother's Day |
| Monday, 13th May: | Parent Group Meeting (7.00 pm Good Shepherd School. All parents welcome) |
| Tuesday, 14th May: | Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church) |
| Tuesday, 14th May: | Naplan for Years 3 and 5 commences this week and the following week. |
| Friday, 18th May: | 5c coin fundraiser for Fr Luan |
| Tuesday, 21st May: | Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church) |
| Friday, 24th May: | Kindergarten excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm |
| Tuesday, 28th May: | Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church) |
| Wednesday, 29th May: | Year 6 Girls Soccer Gala Day |
| Friday, 31st May: | 5c coin fundraiser for Fr Luan |



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 | Fernando Jameel | KG | Joanna Halatokoua |
| KR | Mason Dela Cruz | KW | Caleb Bay |
| 1B | Loleta-Elisapeta Taungakava | 1G | Giselle Abdallah |
| 1R | Fehikitaki Haufano | 1W | Kritish Chand |
| 2B | Zhanja Galletes | 2G | Kian Pangan |
| 2R | Geoffrey Manalo | 2W | Liam Pelzmann |
| 3B | Sinit Teame | 3G | Not Published |
| 3R | Sophia Rahme | 3W | Shanel Warnakula |
| 4B | Zaeclan Orayenza | 4G | Soteria Gearman |
| 4R | Jenaleigh Brayshaw | 4W | Carolina Barkho |
| 5B | Gabrielle Capule | 5G | Lana Cruz |
| 5R | Heina Kiteau | 5W | Ethan Escandor |
| 6B | Jalil Rizeq | 6G | Axzel Yuque |
| 6R | Roman Lautier | | |

Winter Uniform for Terms 2 & 3

Dear Parents, please note the following uniform requirements for Terms 2 & 3.

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
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Parents, please note that the changeover date for winter uniform is officially next **Monday, 13th May, 2018 (Week 3 Term 2)**. **All students must be in the correct winter uniform by this date.** The correct school uniform should be worn at all times, in order to maintain expectations. If, for any reason, a child is unable to wear any part of the correct uniform, a note should be sent to your child's class teacher. Parents who have difficulty securing uniforms for their children please make an appointment with Mrs Carr, Principal, to discuss options. **THE SCHOOL HAT IS AN ESSENTIAL ITEM OF SCHOOL UNIFORM. THE WEARING OF THE SCHOOL HAT IS COMPULSORY.**

2019 Dates

Term 2

Commences: Monday, 29th April (Week 1)

Concludes: Friday, 5th July

Term 3

Commences: Monday, 22nd July (Week 1)

Concludes: Thursday, 26th September

Term 4

Commences: Monday, 14th October (Week 1)

Concludes: Wednesday, 18th December

2019 Staff Development Days

(Pupil Free Days)

Term 2: Monday, 6th May

Term 3: Friday 27th September

Term 4: Thursday, 19th December and Friday 20th December

Unfortunately we are losing our financial secretary, Mrs Gabby Smithard, on the 17th May. Congratulations to Gabby as she takes up a permanent position at Catherine McAuley High School. I know anyone who has had any dealings with Gabby would know how much of an asset she has been to our school community. We will miss her and wish her every success in the future.



Social Skill of the Week

"Make way for an adult"

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.

Sports Update

Today 25 Good Shepherd students will be competing at the Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek Raceway. They will be running distances of 2 km and 3 km around the complex. Good Luck and run well.

Congratulations to Jude Aloisio, Year 6 who has been selected into the Parramatta Diocesan Rugby Union team to compete at the Mackillop trials later in the term. Well done Jude and good luck at the trials in Forbes.

This Friday 10th May, Roman Tuaimau and EJ Laulu will compete at the Mackillop Rugby League trials as members of the Parramatta Diocesan Rugby League team. Best of luck boys and play well. Mrs Latham

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 under "Enrol Now" 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.

Mobile Phone—Settings on your phone

Parents, would you please check your Settings for "Incoming Call restrictions" and "Do Not Disturb" notifications on your mobile phones so as in a case of an emergency, we need to be able to contact you. Would you please ensure that you can be contacted quickly and easily. Thank you.

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: Mrs Beulah Frankson

Year 5: Mr Ian Byrne

Year 6: Ms Elizabeth Le Breton

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.

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**. If leave is **10 days or more**, an interview with the Principal is also required, together with an Application for Extended Leave form. Leave forms can be obtained from the School Office.

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.**

Leave during school terms is strongly discouraged.

School Safety Procedures

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.

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.



Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2020 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 2020.

School Fees 2019

Dear Parents, accounts for the second instalment of school fees will be posted to you shortly. Any family having difficulty completing term payments on time and who wish to make payments by instalments using cash, Centrelink or BPay etc, please contact the School Office for an appointment to set up a new arrangement. **Please note that a term's notice in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or 10 week's fees will be payable.**

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.

Small change for a big result!

Congratulations we were able to make \$1373.30 with enough money to purchase a generator for Fr Luan. This term we hope to be able to further our donation with an additional generator. Thank you for being part of the Small Change—Big Result coin donation.



Religious Education News

This year our Religious Education Action Plan is to know and understand our Catholic Values.

These values are:

- POSITIVE VIEW OF LIFE
- COMMUNITY AND COMMON GOOD
- FREEDOM FROM OPPRESSION
- SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND WISDOM
- SACRAMENTALITY/GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD
- RECONCILIATION
- HOPE AND RESURRECTION

These values will be incorporated across all Key Learning Areas throughout all teaching programs.

Each week we will outline the significant aspects of each Catholic Value.

Ian Byrne
(Religious Education Coordinator)

Hairstyling, Grooming and Earrings

Students are expected to keep their hair clean, neat and tidy at all times. Students are to keep hair off their face and out of their eyes. Student haircuts are to be in a sensible and conventional style. There are to be no extremes of fashion in hairstyle cut or colour. Shaving of any part of the head or undercuts, and haircuts with a number 1 or 2 blade are not permitted. Rat's tails are not permitted. For girls, long hair below the shoulder should be tied back by a ribbon, 'scrunchy', hair band or clip in school colours. Only one pair of sleepers or studs are to be worn in the lower ear lobe. No dangling earrings.

Building Child Safe Communities - Forms for all Volunteers and Contractors

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

Bookclub Issue No. 3

Dear Parents, just a friendly reminder that Book Club Issue No. 3 is due back on **Monday 20th May, Week 4.**

Parent Group News

Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop is open on Fridays from 8:30 am to 9:00 am during school term.

The shop is located next to the library behind the Year 5 classrooms Thank you to the parents who volunteer each week to run the shop.

We are always accepting donations of the new school uniform, so if your child has grown out of theirs, we'd be happy to find it a new home.

Socks on Sale

Brand new white socks are only \$3 per pack from the uniform shop!

Please note cash sales only—No Eftpos!

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back!

Help support our school by collecting as many Earn and Learn stickers as possible so we can trade them for much needed sporting equipment.

The promotion begins on Wednesday 1st May till Tuesday 25th June. 1 token will be given for every \$10 spent in any Woolworths store (excluding alcohol and tobacco products). Stick them onto the sticker chart that was sent home or bring the stickers into school and put them in the big green box in the office. The more stickers we collect, the more items we can obtain. Ask your family and friends to collect the stickers also!

Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Cooke



Children Absent from School

In the event of your child being absent from school due to illness, please inform the school office by phone or email. It is necessary that a written note of explanation be forwarded to the

class teacher on the day of your child's return to school.

Prolonged absences from school due to illness should be supported by a medical certificate.

Naplan 2019

NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5 will be held from the 14th - 24th May. From this year NAPLAN tests will be online, except for the Year 3 writing test which will still be completed on paper. The children will use the technology that we have at school to complete the tests.

The children will complete four tests during this testing period.

Writing
Reading
Conventions of Language
Numeracy

More information will come home soon though if you would like to read more, visit this Catholic Education Office Parramatta web page.

<https://sites.google.com/parra.catholic.edu.au/2019-cedp-naplan-online/information-for-parents>

Mrs Cooke



Colourful
words



Vivid:
Beyond the pond
was a **vivid** green
line of bushes and
trees, bordering
the creek.

Attendance at School

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 your child's teacher 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!



every learner
every day ✓



Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have participated in this challenge. What a fabulous achievement!! Each week we will be submitting names, and these names are in no particular order.....

Joshua Caruana, Siena Rhayem, Elias Alhamwi, Vanessa Bradley, Arthur Alhamwi, Cyan Santos, Xavier Santos, Levi Findlay, Zooey Davis, Zhania Galletes, Jad Alameh, Isabella Adams, Dorria Alhamwi, Sonny Stanley, Aarav Sharma, Christin Jane, Bianca Galea, Saschnaa Prabhakaran, Miguel Manalili, Riena Manuel, Jamie Attard, Lucas Blazevic, Jenna Felizardo, Zaeclan Orayenza, Jacob Gigante, Kaelyn Aquino, Joshua Odemwengie, Hanok Woldegabre, Nino Santos, Angeliah Elters, Ava Stone, Hannah Gerard, Alexis Purkis, Crystle Rose Manalili, Riane Salentes, Josette Attard, Ashleigh Galletes, Catharina Purwadi, Andrei Jambalos, Jasmin Javed, Mat Alampayan, Mariah Attard, Mariem Tungul, Reuben-Marcel Frias, Joanne Imlay, Rianne Villanueva and Christina Kilberd.



News from the Catholic Education Office

Catholic Trade Training Centres are enrolling now for 2020

Fast track your trade while you finish your HSC!

Catholic Trade Training Centres offer a flexible schooling experience for Year 11 and Year 12 students wanting to pursue a career in a vocational field. We also offer the opportunity to accelerate your

qualifications and be paid as a School-Based Apprentice or Trainee as you complete your HSC. Get a head start in:

- Aged Care Nursing
- Automotive (Light Vehicle Servicing)
- Business/Financial Services
- Bricklaying
- Carpentry
- Civil Construction
- Early Childhood Education and Care
- Electrotechnology (Electrician)
- Engineering (Metal Fabrication)
- Hairdressing
- Hospitality (Commercial Cookery)
- Landscaping
- Plumbing
- Shopfitting

Interested in another trade or vocational course? Then talk to us to see what opportunities are available.

Attend one of our Information Evenings to choose the right trade for you.

NAIDOC Week 2019 - Voice, Treaty, Truth

NAIDOC Week 2019 will run nationally from 7-14 July 2019 and is an occasion for all Australians to come together to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people - the oldest continuing cultures on the planet.

These dates occur during the school holiday break so schools usually celebrate:

- in the last week of term 2 (1 to 5 July) or
- in the first week of term 3 (22 to 26 July)

It is recommended to start planning 3 significant activities to highlight this special event in 2019.

National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD)

National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is on Friday 17 May 2019. Now in its 20th year, it is an annual event where all primary school children, their parents and carers are invited to walk safely to school. It is aimed at promoting Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment

Top 5 tips for parents to get their kids walking to school:

1. Walk some or if you can, walk all the way to school
2. Get off the bus, train, or tram a few stops earlier and walk the rest of the way
3. Leave the car at least 1km away from school and walk the rest of the way
4. Set your alarm 30 minutes earlier to fit in a walk to school
5. If you can't walk in the morning, walk home after school

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR YARN UP

Bringing the Yarn Up into the Catholic community allows for further opportunities to connect with traditional ways of sharing cultural knowledge, building relationships and understanding our role in community. Greg Whitby, the Executive Director of Schools, and Sue Walsh, the Director of Learning, will be joining us for an open forum and discussion.

The Jarara Indigenous Education team invites you to share in this experience

WHERE

**The Jarara Indigenous Education
Aengus Kavanagh Education and Equity
59 Railway Street, Mt Druitt**

WHEN

Thursday 9th May, 2019

12.30-2pm

Light refreshments will be available

Please RSVP to Julie Waddell at jwaddell2@parra.catholic.edu.au
or call 0428 504 157 to confirm your attendance
Thursday 2nd May,





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3 May 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The recent bombings and deaths in Sri Lanka have shocked many of us and those to whom we pastorally minister.

Whilst not all who died were Catholic, the majority were Catholic, and in keeping with Catholic tradition particularly in South Asia, the Diocese of Parramatta will celebrate a Month's Mind Requiem Mass to pray for all who were killed in Sri Lanka.

A Month's Mind Requiem Mass is typically celebrated one month after a person's death and is held in memory of the deceased.

I will be celebrating this Mass at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith on Sunday 19 May at 10am.

I ask too that you make this Mass known to your communities and invite them to this celebration.

During these sad times when people continue to sin against God's gift of life in such a violent way, let us continue to pray for and support each other.

Every blessing in this Holy Season of Easter.

Very Rev Christopher de Souza
Vicar General
Episcopal Vicar for Education & Formation



Casual Work

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a Casual School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm, with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required Monday to Friday during the school term.

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
- ✓ Community spirit
- ✓ Positive energy

If it does, visit iworkfor.nsw.gov.au to apply today! Applications close 11.59pm Sunday, 12 May 2019



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Breakdown safety

Glove box guide

Top tips to stay safe on any road

- Always activate your hazard lights (and parking lights in poor visibility).
- Find a safe spot to pull over, such as a hard shoulder or breakdown lane.
- Position your vehicle as far away from other traffic as possible.
- Stay in your vehicle with your seatbelt on and call roadside assistance.
- If you have to get out of your vehicle, always check for traffic – leave your vehicle from the safest side, away from the traffic, especially at night.
- Try to avoid crossing the road.
- Stand clear of the road and move behind a safety barrier if it is safe to do so.
- Do not attempt to change a tyre unless it is safe to do so. If possible, drive on a flat tyre to a safe spot away from the traffic.

Remember

- Check your fuel, oil, water and tyre pressures (including the spare) regularly.
- Carry a high-visibility vest and a torch inside your vehicle.
- Breakdown lanes are only for breakdowns.
- Use a rest area for making phone calls, toilet stops or attending to children.

Additional advice

While the top tips will help keep you safe no matter where you break down, extra precautions should be taken on freeways, motorways and country roads, and in tunnels.

On freeways, motorways or country roads

- Stay calm, help may take longer to arrive on these roads.
- Country roads can be narrow, for your safety move as far off the road as possible and activate your hazard lights.

In tunnels

- Stay in your vehicle with your seatbelt on.
- Stay calm, major tunnels are constantly monitored and operators will send help.
- Listen to your radio for instructions from the tunnel operator.

If you see a breakdown

- When passing breakdowns, always slow down to about 30km/h below the posted speed limit.
- If stationary emergency vehicles displaying blue or red flashing lights are present, you must slow down to 40km/h.
- Before you help at a breakdown, find a safe spot to pull over and avoid traffic when you leave your vehicle.

More information

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Too many lives lost on NSW roads.

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