



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Fourth Sunday
of Easter



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Term 2

Week 3

Tuesday, 14th May, 2019

2019 Good Shepherd Day

"Last Friday we made a mask with our Year 6 buddies. It was a lamb. We pretended we were the lost sheep and our buddies had to find us. I really liked it." Rosieann Villanueva KR

"My favourite part of Good Shepherd Day was wearing my mufti clothes and seeing my friends in their cultural clothes." Vanessa Bradley 1B

"Last Friday, Good Shepherd celebrated Good Shepherd Day and our school opened an oval. The builders built a soccer field which was awesome!" Jasmine Hoang 2B

"I felt really happy last Friday. It was fun and it was the best day I had. I enjoyed the activities and the grand opening of the oval." William Davis Yr 3

"On Good Shepherd Day my favourite part was when Year 6 chased the Kindy sheep. I also liked listening to the story of the Good Shepherd and drawing myself on the material to make a quilt." Lucas Blazevic 4B

"Good Shepherd Day was really fun! There were lots of activities that we could do. My favourite part of Good Shepherd Day was everything!! It was all extremely fun and exciting." Gabrielle Capule 5B

"We enjoyed seeing everyone running around on the oval, especially during the first ever Kindy-Year 6 Sheep Muster! We could see lots of people smiling as they ran around. We were running and chasing the Kindys and we nearly had them all in their pens, but they started escaping. We also found it funny when the ribbon would not cut and it took a few minutes to cut through. It was a jaw dropping sight to see how much the oval had changed over these months. It was very surprising to see that more parents came to have a picnic and eat food to celebrate the grand opening than when we have assembly each Monday. This is one of the best celebrations this year!" Axzel Yuque 6G & Kaelan Torralba 6G



Term 2 concludes:
Friday, 5th July

Term 3 commences:
Monday, 22nd July

2019 Good Shepherd Day



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Opening of our School Oval



Diocesan Cross Country



A very big congratulations to Isabella Lira-Loloa (6G) who placed **1st** in the 11 years Diocesan Cross Country! Liam Bell (6G) placed 7th in the 12 years race! There were over 120 students in each year group racing. These two students will now proceed to the next level of the State Catholic Carnivals. What an outstanding result!!



Upcoming Events

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:	Our Lady Help of Christians
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
Tuesday, 4th May:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Friday, 7th May:	Primary Athletics (Charli Bali Reserve)
Friday, 7th May:	Years 1 & 2 Soccer Clinic



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	Andrei Austria	KG	Aliyah Vaafusuaga
KR	Mablur Acuoth	KW	Caitlin Casapao
1B	Angel Deeleon Lonesborough Togahai	1G	Athena Aloisio-Malatai
1R	Aman Singh	1W	Robin Cruz
2B	Benjamin Modi	2G	Jacob Heffernan
2R	Fatima Mancao	2W	Mackenzie Jones
3B	Darianne Afinidad	3G	Jaden Taranto
3R	Jack Jamil	3W	Miguel Manalili
4B	Kaelyn Aquino	4G	Pravish Latchman
4R	Shanika Dimri	4W	Camille Ebuenga
5B	Ethan Baxter	5G	Charlotte Pillay
5R	Emanuel-Rian Arago	5W	Jonathan Gama
6B	Taraneh Shiyari	6G	Marley-Poppi Ellison
6R	Gaile Zapanta		

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

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:

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

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White Polo Shirt with School Emblem
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School Uniform Hat



Parents, please note **All students must be in the correct winter uniform by now.** 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

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

"Wash your hands after using the bathroom"

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.

Student Absences

Dear Parents,

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.

Unexplained Attendance letters

Your child may bring home a letter asking for an explanation for your child's absence from school. Would you please complete and return back to your child's teacher promptly.



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.

Bicycle Awareness - Keeping the children safe

Dear families, If your child rides a bicycle to school, (with or without supervision), please ensure that you have signed the Bicycle Policy and returned it to school. Please also ensure that the child enters the school using the walkers' gate and not through the carpark entrances or drop off circle. A copy of the Road Safety Policy & Bicycle Safety Policy 2016 is available at the office or on the school's website.

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.

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.



Term 2 Class Captains

KB	Megan Capili	Eli Tamani
KG	Aubrey Sonter	Elias Alhamwi
KR	Leyna Pham	Izaac JustinJose
KW	Callia Joseph	Alexander Heffernan
1B	Novaoe Lealamanu'a	Arthur Alhamwi
1G	Harper Thomas	Tyler Talisayon
1R	Clara Catig	Oliver Toma
1W	Tript Mutti	Maxwell Siasaga
2B	Siena Rhayem	Thomas Sanak
2G	Leah Angeles	Denis LuzardoGotts
2R	Lauren Torres	Caspian Santos
2W	Taiuli Rose Bennell	Miguel Caballo
3B	Dorria Alhamwi	Aarav Sharma
3G	Skye Ocampo	Oliver Gutierrez
3R	Gabrielle Almazan	Isaac Langi
3W	Anjani Patel	Shlok Samli
4B	Kaelyn Aquino	Jarred Mercado
4G	Natalia Falamaka	Nino Santos
4R	Hope MacMillanSavea	Chris Baluyot
4W	Camille Ebuenga	Serj Pablo
5B	Emmanuella Soliman	Bailey Florido
5G	Lana Cruz	Angelo Dela Paz
5R	Jasmin Javed	Jay Setefano
5W	Melody Cuasay	Alexander Zaya
6B	Taraneh Shiyari	Chris Oquias
6G	Alison Wedgewood-Kemp	Prit Patel
6R	Sesilia-Grace Liu-Ngata	Eyob Musgun



YEAR 7 2020

Enrolments closing 30 May

*Make sure you have your
application in on time.*

*Office open 8am - 3:30pm for
enrolments*



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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 next **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

Dear Parents, just a reminder that NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5 is being 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



Dazzling:
He yielded
his eyes
against the
dazzling sun.

Attendance at School

Attendance at school has a vital and measurable impact upon our children's learning. The data supporting this is reflected in the CEDP attendance campaign title "Every Day Counts". Statistically, students taking more than 10 days off per year are at risk of a measurable, detrimental impact on their learning and success. Please be aware of the number of days your child is missing from school, and work with us in the development of strategies to support you being able to get your child to school each day. Together we can ensure that they have every possible opportunity for success.

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every learner every day 

ABSENCES ADD UP!



DID YOU KNOW



1 IN 6

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT
ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO



GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life



SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP

If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

every learner
every day 



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

News from the Bishop's Office

Positions Vacant

- Risk Officer - Diocese of Parramatta
- Sacramental Coordinator - Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens Parish
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment
- Transition Housing Worker - CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains
More details at: ccss.org.au

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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