



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

**The Most Holy
Body and Blood of
Christ
23rd June**



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Term 2

Week 9

Tuesday, 25th June, 2019

Dear Parents & Guardians,

With reports coming home in the next few weeks this is an ideal time to concentrate on your child's positive achievements. I always say to the students that when I read the reports and sign them I am most interested in the effort column. How hard they have tried, not being the smartest or the child who always gets an A. God has given us our gifts and it is up to us to use the gifts to the best of our abilities.

Sometimes, we can allow our own personal achievements to be the measure whereby we accept the achievements of our children: we accept their achievement provided it was up to our standard. We can't impose our adult standard on our children, otherwise, we risk damaging their sense of security, self confidence and even courage.

Our children are gifts in our lives and through our words and actions they need to know that we love and value them for themselves, because they are our children. Build positive memories. If our children know that we have confidence in them, even though their progress might be slow, this could be the difference between success and failure. To show confidence in our children we must really believe that our children are capable of success otherwise, they will have to overcome our doubts as well as their own.

We can engender confidence by being realistic in our expectations, by giving suitable responsibilities, by asking our children's opinion, by not taking over when our children become frustrated with a task. Build positive memories. As our children learn to do more for themselves and do it successfully, as they show confidence in striking out into new ventures and experiences, as they develop their own positive personal standards, we can rejoice in the fact that they are becoming independent and maturing in a responsible manner.

And our bonus as parents – we, too, will have positive memories.

***"God, our Father, we thank you for the talents and strengths that each of us possesses.
Help us to remember that we have value in Your eyes for reasons that have little to do with success or failure.
Amen."***

Peace and Best Wishes

Patricia Carr

**Tricia Carr
Principal**



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

**Term 3 commences:
Monday, 22nd July**

2019 Good Shepherd's Bush Bash

We had such a fantastic time on our Bush Bash last Friday. A very special thank you to the parent volunteers and family members who walked along with our classes. It was great to see so many parents there! Without your help, events such as these are not possible.

All donation money needs to be submitted to school by Monday July 1st (next Monday). After this date we will organise the grade prize draws and hopefully the major surprise for the whole school! We need to raise \$25,000 or more for the students to be eligible for the secret surprise!

A special thank you to the teachers who organised the Bush Bash event. Many hours of organisation and preparation have happened over the year to ensure the day was a success. Now all we need to do is **BRING IN YOUR DONATION MONEY!**

Thank you.
Mrs Cooke



Bush Bash!!



Year 6 Boys Soccer Gala Day



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 26th June: Year 1 Pirate Day

Wednesday, 26th June: Uniform Shop open today only (3.00 pm)

Wednesday, 26th June: School Disco

Thursday, 27th June: Kinder Animal Day

Thursday, 27th June: Year 2 Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)

Friday, 28th June: Kinder & Year 3 Assemblies (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)

Monday, 1st July - Friday, 5th July: Parent Teacher Interviews this week

Friday, 3rd July: Last Day of Term 2



Monday, 22nd July: Day 1 of Term 3 (Students continue to wear their Winter Uniform)

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	Megan Capilli	KG	Elias Alhamwi
KR	Rosieann Villanueva	KW	Tiana-Lily Creswell
1B	Jayda Magele	1G	Jonathan Zeya
1R	Clara Catig	1W	Ronawyn Decena
2B	Aaron Botham	2G	Brooklyn Viray
2R	Isabella Musngi-Kabigting	2W	Asher Gloria
3B	Cassandra Pascual	3G	Cheyenne Sinclair
3R	Daniella Duquilla	3W	Jeremiah Tanielu
4B	Christiano Jamil	4G	Mikayla (Jana) Tato
4R	Hope MacMillan Savea	4W	Raphael Santos
5B	Precious Johnson	5G	Bianca Cailao
5R	Janina Imlay	5W	Skye Monge Alfaro
6R	Megan Ferreira	6G	Gemma Soans
6R	Not Published		

Winter School Disco

Cold outside? Heat up the dance floor at the Winter School Disco.

Date: tomorrow Wednesday, 26th June, 2019

Kinder to Year 2: 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm

Year 3 to Year 6: 5.45 pm to 7.00 pm

Entry: \$4.00 per child (pay at the door) Cash only please

Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to help at the disco. If you can spare for a few minutes or a few hours, please inform the school office. Thank you!



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 3: Friday 27th September

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

Year 1 Pirate Day

Dear Parents of Year 1 students, to celebrate the work covered in this special unit, Year 1 are having a Pirate Day on Wednesday, 26th June. Children are asked to come to school dressed as a pirate so they can "climb aboard" and join in all the festivities. The children are to wear warm clothing which includes a jumper and closed in shoes. Children are also asked to bring morning tea, lunch, drinks and hat as normal. **Please do not send in toy swords, guns or pistols for safety reasons.**



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.

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.

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.

Social Skill of the Week

"Cover your nose when you sneeze and then wash your hands"

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.

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 Beaulah 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.

Parent Teacher Interviews (Week 10)

Dear Parents, please see the flyer attached to this newsletter on how to book a Parent Teacher Interview online. **Please note the bookings will close this Sunday 30th June at 5.00 pm.**

The Event Code for Good Shepherd is:

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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.

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 from 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.**



Congratulations!

A big congratulations to Gennina Espino 6B for winning a Gold Medal in Gymnastics at the National Titles in Melbourne. Well done Gennina!!



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.



Evacuation & Lockdown Practices

Each term our school practices either a Lockdown or an Evacuation. This is part of our keeping the children and our whole community safe. There is no need for alarm if your child comes home with stories of "an emergency". We do use the sirens to make the drill realistic. Be assured if ever there is a reason for a Lockdown or Evacuation, all staff are trained and ready. **Please make sure you regularly update your telephone and emergency contact details. If your mobile phone settings are "incoming call restricted" please change these settings so that we can reach you, in the event of an Emergency.—Thank you.**

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 have now been posted. 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.**

Small change for a big result!

Congratulations to date we have made **\$1,509.25** for Fr Luan. This term we hope to be able to further our donation of an additional generator. Thank you for being part of the Small Change—Big Result coin donation.



Kindergarten Animal Day— Thursday, 27th June

This Thursday, 27th June, Kindy students are to come to school dressed as any animal for the day. Please do not go to any expense for a costume, perhaps try and find things from around the house that you can use. If your child does not wear a costume, they are to wear their normal sports uniform.



Child Safety—Protocol regarding discipline

Dear Parents & Carers—just a reminder regarding child safety, please do not approach children who are not your own. If you have a problem or concern please speak to your child's class teacher or teacher on duty. Also please do not approach the parents of other students if you have an issue at school, rather let the school know and we will deal with any issues that may arise. The following is an insert from the Department of Child Protection: "The NSW Child Protection legislation prohibits any adult from disciplining a child other than their own. This is particularly so when children are at school. Issues should always be brought to the attention of the class teacher, assistant principal or principal." Thank you.

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.

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion. We have collected so many stickers and will trade them in shortly for sporting equipment. The promotion closes today so if you have any stickers or sticker sheets still at home, please send them to school this week. We will need to collate them and submit the total number collected very soon. I will let you know what our grand total is soon.

Thank you once again for your continued support.
Mrs Cooke



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.



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.

Winter Uniform

Dear Parents, just a reminder that students will continue wearing their Winter School Uniform for Term 3. Please remember our "No Hat, No Play" policy and ensure that your child has their school hat each day. All clothing and hats should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Don't forget to label lunch boxes and drink bottles. Thank you.

Colourful
words



Translucent:
I can see
through the
translucent
scales of the
unusual fish.

Primary End of Term Awards

The following students from Year 3 to Year 6 will receive Awards for Term 2 2019. These awards will be presented at the Whole School Assembly at 8.30 am next Monday, 1st July (Week 10). Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Class	Religious Education	Learning Achievement	Learning Achievement	Consistent Effort
3B	Cassandra Pascual	Lilly-Belle Ellison	Christin Jane	William Davis
3G	Bronte-Rose Marks	Emily Porter	Abinazer Mesfin	Ishanyaa Suman
3R	Audrina Shiber	Milan Mahajan	Mahi Prasad	Daniella Duquilla
3W	Shanel Warnakula	Veronica Ballesteros	Saschnna Prabhakaran	Kaitlin Nguyen
4B	Christiano Jamil	Kaelyn Aquino	Benji Reyes	Jenna Felizardo
4G	Natalia Falamaka	Kyeesha Narayan	Susanna Wilkes	Joshua Odemwengie
4R	Miguel Diamse	Shanika Dimri	Joseph Nucum	Ella Rahyem
4W	Alexis Purkis	Hannah Gerard	Camille Ebuenga	Angeliah Elters
5B	Lachlan Bell	Bailey Florido	Emmanuella Soliman	Stella Haufano
5G	Karen Gunawan	Satya Patel	Shiloh Sumilang	Maccimos Agpoon
5R	Ilyana Toma	Andrei Jambalos	Cyrille Raposas	Sean Scanlan
5W	Ethan Escandor	Josephine Telea	Cleo Tuaimau	Not Published
6B	Jessica Odemwengie	Gennina Espino	Jude Aloisio	Chloe Angeles
6G	Gemma Soans	Yareli Montarde	Leila Bunyi	Michael Labeeb
6R	Roman Tuaimau	Valerie Gunawan	Hannah Soans	Sesilia-Grace Liu-Ngata



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Don't forget to bring in your completed recording sheetsEnzo Ygay, Rowan Shakya, Gabriel Dela Cruz, Romeo Cayetano, Harley Obrador, Jaden Swamy, Billy Allen, Daven Jambalos, Ursula Telea, Leyna Pham, Alexander Heffernan, Matthew Assey, Oliver Toma, Falani Stanley, Nate Glover, Cooper Parica, Kevin Cole, Ethan Carter Ong, Courtney Banares, Kassandra Nuval, Ysabella Mercado, William Davis, Cheyanne Sinclair, Brianna Saxelby, Kaitlin Nguyen, Bhavya Chand, Veronica Ballesteros, Anjani Patel, Amber Catig, Cooper Lambert, Kyeesha Narayan, Pravish Latchman, Alena Terepo, Joseph Nucum, Carlo Calleja, Ronan Cruz, Brianna Azucena, Ana Vaka and Mia Batac.



Attendance at School

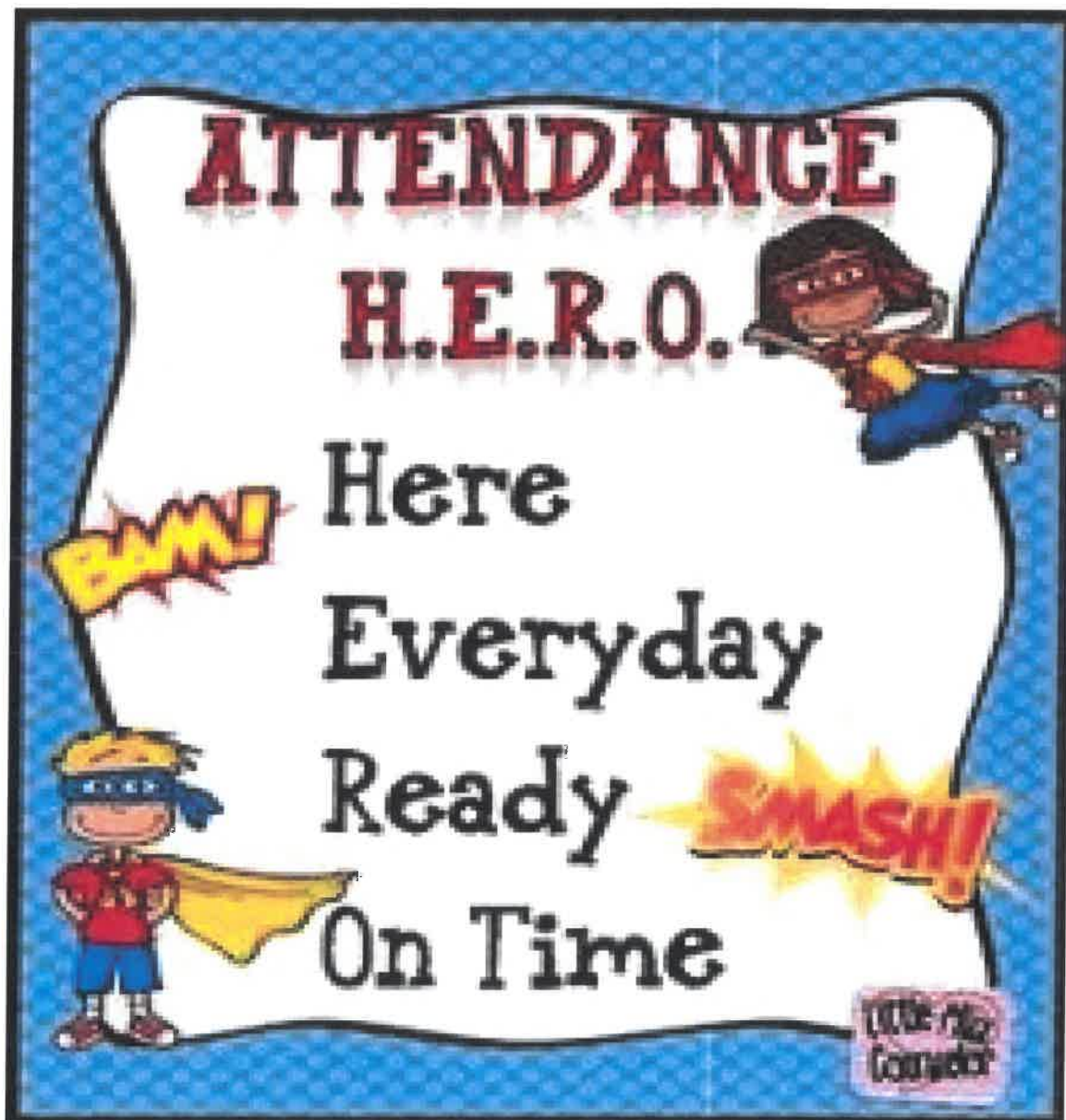
A major learning and pastoral focus of Good Shepherd each year is making sure that every student is at school every day possible.

As you are probably aware, attendance at school has a huge impact on a student's academic success, starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day - they understand why attendance is so important for success in school and life.

We realise some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school — regardless of the reason — it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is absent. Absences can add up quickly and if a student is absent one day a fortnight over the course of a school year they will miss 20 days of education, which is almost half a school term.

Missing school will negatively impact on your child's learning and results.

We want your child to be successful at school and we know that you do too. If you are having a problem with your child attending school regularly, please let us know. There may be ways we can support you in making sure your child attends school on time every day. Thank you, Mrs Carr and Mrs Cooke.



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.

News from the Bishop's Office

CYP LIFTED Retreat 2019: July 5 – 7

CYP invites young adults aged 18 – 35 to attend the annual LIFTED Retreat from July 5-7 at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. You can expect great guest speakers, stimulating discussions, adoration, daily Mass, Reconciliation, soul-stirring music and delicious food. The theme is inspired by Pope Francis – 'Dare to be Different' Register now @ <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat/>

Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Perth: 7 – 11 December 2019

ACYF19 is a biennial national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Bishops of Australia. The event involves three days of exciting, large scale Plenary's, tens of workshops, concerts, prayer experiences, fun, expos and concludes with an outdoor mass with the City of Perth. Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta will be leading an expected 200 participants. Free twin-share hotel accommodation is being offered now. For more information and to register visit www.catholicyouthparramatta.org

Women in Leadership: 4 - 7 July

The Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo invites women of any age and any experience in formal leadership positions, and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes, anywhere to the Women in Leadership workshop. The aim is to support women to explore their unique gifts – as people, as women and as leaders. 4-7 July. 02 4236 0533 or cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au for more information.

For more events please go to: parracatholic.org/events

Renaissance of Marriage 2019: 26 – 27 July

Renaissance of Marriage 2019 – Building a Catholic Marriage Culture – will be held on 26 and 27 July at the University of Notre Dame Sydney. Keynote Speakers include Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and Kevin Donnelly. Registrations open at www.ROM.org.au

For more events please go to: parracatholic.org/events

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19th June 2019

Dear Parents,

Over the past couple of weeks, we have planned literacy activities around a pirate theme. The children have enjoyed reading pirate books, singing pirate songs, writing pirate stories and making pirate themed crafts.

To celebrate the work covered in this special unit, we are having a 'Year 1 Pirate Day' on **Wednesday 26th June**. Children are asked to come to school dressed as a pirate so they can 'climb aboard' and join in all the festivities. The children are to wear warm clothing which includes a jumper and closed in shoes. Please mark this day on your calendar!

The Year 1 teachers are in the process of planning a fun filled, educational day for their special band of jolly pirates! Children are asked to bring morning tea, lunch, drinks and hat as normal. Please **do not** send in toy swords, guns or pistols for safety reasons.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

The Year 1 Team

Good Shepherd Parent Group Winter School Disco

Wednesday, 26th June, 2019

Dear Parents,

Our School's Parent Group are running a Winter Disco for students. Details as follows:

Kinder to Year 2:	4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Years 3 to 6:	5:45 pm to 7:00 pm
Entry Fee:	\$4.00 per child (payable at the door)

Available for purchase on the night:
Hot Dogs, Drinks, Glow Sticks, Chips & Poppers.

Parents, please ensure you collect your children at the conclusion of the allocated time. Thank you.



ONLINE BOOKINGS- PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

As you know, we are using an online booking system for this term's Parent Teacher Interviews. An instruction letter has gone home to parents and bookings are now open. Bookings will close on Sunday 30th June at 5pm.

To see which bookings have been made or to print up your interview timetable, follow the steps below. You can even make a booking on behalf of a parent if needed.

Go to- www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Click on the SCHOOL ADMIN button at the top of the page

Enter the school username- goodshepherd2

Enter the teacher password- goodshepherd

Click LOG IN

ADMIN LOGIN

This login page is for **administration and teachers only**. To book or update your bookings, [click here](#).

USERNAME

PASSWORD

LOG IN

[Forgotten your password?](#)

Go to the TEACHERS tab



Find your name and click

(Follow the prompts)

Teacher	Classes
Miss Rose-cel Aguilar	1G
Miss Katrina Almazar	KR
Mrs Joan Bellenger	3W
Ms Elizabeth Le Breton	6G
Miss Alexandra Burrows	KB
Mrs Maree Callaghan	2B
Mrs Christina Ellul	4G
Mr Henry Escandor	6R
Mrs Kellie Fox	5R
Miss Marina Georgievska	2R

If you have any questions, please ask.
Thanks, Bianca.

Save learning not institutions



Greg Whitby

THE debate over the funding of TAFE goes back to the Stone Age. While TAFE NSW receives funding from state and federal governments, it is operated by the NSW Government. Hence why in the run-up to election campaigns, there is always vigorous debate about the funding of TAFE.

TAFE NSW dates back to the 1830s when it was set up to provide technical skills and education to meet the growing labour market.

Since then, it has continued to expand its services across NSW. However, as the demand for more skilled workers continues, TAFE has become just one provider (albeit, a very important one) competing in an increasingly competitive post-secondary education marketplace.

Over the past decade, we have seen more private and vocational providers offering similar courses.

New providers in the sector has lead to some inefficiencies, duplications and inequities when it comes to student subsidies. It's not a level playing field because different providers operate under different funding models, government regulations and approaches to learning, teaching and assessment.

What we need is an integrated approach where all education providers, including preschools and schools, unite to deliver the best outcomes for learners.

To do this requires a new framework for learning that covers early years through to learning beyond school.

Such a framework must recognise that learning is lifelong and that there are multiple pathways that allow for the continual development of skills and knowledge.

It is time we thought differently about education policy by consolidating, collaborating and creating genuine partnerships.

Greg Whitby is the executive director of schools for the

Catholic Diocese of Parramatta