



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Term 3 concludes:
Thursday, 26th September

Term 4 commences:
Monday, 14th October

Term 3

Week 5

Tuesday, 20th August, 2019

Last Friday, we had the pleasure of a visit from The Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv Bishop of Parramatta and our Parish Priest Father Vincy D'Costa OFM CAP.



Voice of Youth Finalists - Isabella Limjap & Renaise Alpuerto

Renaise won the cluster and is now into the semi final!! Well done girls and good luck Renaise!



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 20th August:	Book Week continues
Thursday, 22nd August:	Whole School Book Parade & Book Week Activities—please see attachment
Friday, 23rd August:	Diocesan Athletics
Tuesday, 27th August:	Reconciliation (Good Shepherd Church)
Wednesday, 28th August:	Netball Gala Day
Wednesday, 28th August:	Father's Day Breakfast BBQ (7.00 am—8.00 am Good Shepherd School. Following breakfast there will be a Liturgy in the Good Shepherd Church commencing at 9.00 am)
Thursday, 29th August:	Father's Day Stall
Friday, 30th August:	Kindergarten Teddy Bear's Picnic—(12.00 pm onwards. Please refer to attachment)
Friday, 30th August:	Wakakirri Riverside
Sunday, 1st September:	Father's Day

ACARA Collection Student Background Data Notice:

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.

Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by 30 August 2019

Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.

Summer Uniform

Parents, please note that the official changeover date for summer uniform is **Monday, 28th October, 2019 (Term 4 Week 3)**. 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.** For a full list of the School Uniform requirements, please refer to the following:

GIRLS

Uniform: Regulation School Uniform, Green Hair Ribbons, White turn-down School Socks, Black School Shoes.

Sports: Unisex Sports Shorts with School Crest OR Green School Track Pants, Short sleeved White Polo Shirt with School Crest, Green Sports Jumper, White turn-down School Socks and Joggers predominantly white.

BOYS

Uniform: School white short-sleeved shirt with lay-back collar, Black Shorts, Black turn-down socks and Black School Shoes.

Sports: Unisex Sports Shorts with School Crest OR Green School Track Pants, Short sleeved White Polo Shirt with School Crest, Green Sports Jumper, White turn-down School Socks and Joggers predominantly white. The School Jumper with crest may be worn at any time throughout the year. The School Hat with crest is a compulsory school item to be worn every day. The School's Uniform Supplier is Lowes, Mt Druitt. Please mark all school clothing with your child's name to avoid lost property!!

Term 3 2019 Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

Each year Staff participate in professional development to support them in their roles as educators. The focus of these days is aligned to Good Shepherd School's goals. Staff will use information they have gathered about the children to design learning programs for the children that will best meet their needs. Term 3's Staff Development Day is a Pupil Free Day and will take place on **Friday, 27th September (Week 10)**. Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children on this day. COSHC will be able to offer spaces for care on this day. Please phone COSHC on Ph. 0409 121 980 for all inquiries and bookings.

News from CathWest Innovation College

As you know, from 2020 Loyola and McCarthy Catholic Trade Training Centres will become part of CathWest Innovation College. You and your family are invited to attend the upcoming CathWest Innovation College information events to learn more, details below:

Date: Tuesday 20 August and Wednesday 4 September
Time: 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm, presentations at 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm
Location: CathWest Innovation College
 Loyola Campus
 91 North Parade Mount Druitt

Building on the achievements of both Trade Training Centres as well as Loyola Senior High, CathWest will offer exciting new options for students from Year 10. Professional mentoring, industry partnerships, work placements and recognised qualifications will support this learning.

McCarthy Catholic Trade Training Centre in Emu Plains will become the 'McCarthy Campus' of CathWest Innovation College, and Loyola in Mount Druitt will be known as CathWest Innovation College, 'Loyola Campus'. With innovative pathways for students alongside the current trades training pathway, CathWest Innovation College will have a strong focus on developing skills for success.

2019 Dates

Term 3

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

Social Skill of the Week

"Say please and thank you"

Religious Education News

Catholic Value 3: "Freedom from Oppression"

In a world where some speak mostly of 'rights' and others mostly of 'responsibilities', the Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Also each of us has the responsibility to ensure the freedom of oppression of others.



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.

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.



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	Shariel Jackson	KG	Shahd Matta
KR	Nathaniel Stanislaus	KW	Aryan Kumar
1B	Xavier Lautier	1G	Noah Scali
1R	Aarav Ahwan	1W	Coope Parica
2B	Aleksandra Zeinati	2G	Malia Tupou
2R	Jasmine Ismail	2W	Lillian Dunn
3B	Moses Musgun	3G	Amity Thomas
3R	Riya Prasad	3W	Yvette Pineda
4B	Hasini Tirumalasetti	4G	Alexis Palu
4R	Opeti Vatikini	4W	Hannah Gerard
5B	Levi Finau	5G	Charlene Forcadilla
5R	Lincoln Magro	5W	Kingston Tauaifaga
6B	Isabella Limjap	6G	Alison Wedgwood-Kemp
6R	Sesilia-Grace Liu-Ngata		

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.

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.

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!

A special invitation to: Dads, Grandads, carers!

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

Wednesday 28th August 7.00 am to 8.00 am

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

We will celebrate your special day with a Liturgy in Church at 9.00 am! Everyone welcome. Please RSVP this Thursday, 22nd August.

School Shoes & Joggers

At this time of the year we often find that children need their school shoes & joggers replaced. Please remember if you are buying new school shoes, **they are to be black**. If you need to replace joggers, they should be **predominantly white**. No fluro or bright colours. For information on uniform and hairstyle requirements, please see our school website.



Contact Details

Parents, it is vital that all contact information including phone/mobile numbers, emergency contacts, home address, email address are kept up to date. **Please contact the School Office if any changes need to be made.** Thank you.

Australian Citizenship Papers

If parents or students become Australian Citizens at any time during the year, could you please provide the school with a copy of your certificate so we can put it with your child's enrolment forms. This is needed for audit purposes. Thank you.



Condolences

Sincere condolences to the Soliman family (Shyla 4W) on the sudden passing of Shyla's grandmother. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



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 third instalment of school fees have been posted out. **Payment is due 28th August**. 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!

Dear Families of Good Shepherd, Please continue to keep the goodwill rolling for Fr Luan. If you have any noisy, rattling coins in your car, wallet or purse we can help you! Every Friday we will be collecting 5 cents or other coins. Your small change makes a **BIG** difference. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Parent Group News

Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop is open on Fridays from 8:30 am to 9:00 am during the 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. **Please note cash sales only—No Eftpos!**

Is my child too ill to attend school?

What signs should I watch for to see if my child should stay home from school? Sick children who are lethargic or whiny are often giving clues that they require rest at home to recuperate. Other possible signs of illness are fever, uncontrolled coughing, difficulty breathing, wheezing or persistent crying. Did the doctor diagnose a contagious illness that should keep your child at home? In this case, your child should remain at home until the risk of passing on the illness has passed. When can my child return to school?

As long as there is no fever or discomfort, a child with a cold may go to school, as long as they are not too uncomfortable to function in school. Instruct the child on the proper use of tissues for coughing, sneezing, and nose blowing. They should also be taught good hand-washing techniques, since research has shown that more colds are spread via contaminated hands than by infected droplets in the air.



Damage to Library Books

Each week damaged library books are returned to the Resource Centre. The most common cause is leaking drink bottles. Some books have also made their way into the hands of younger siblings and have been scribbled all over. Please encourage your children to take care with school resources. If an accident does occur, please ask your children to inform us. The book needs to be replaced. Plastic or vinyl Library bags help protect books from leaking drink bottles or drink bottle bags keep drink bottles away from books. Each week we get at least one or two damaged books. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



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. Prior to then no child should be dropped off at school. 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.



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.



Flora
and
fauna

**Arboreal:
A brushtail
possum is an
arboreal animal.**

Sports News

Blacktown Zone Athletics

Last Tuesday 36 Good Shepherd students competed at the Blacktown Zone Athletics carnival. An outstanding day with 20 of the students progressing to the Diocesan Athletics carnival this Friday, 23rd August. Congratulations to Betty Tanaki who was named Junior Girl Age Champion after her events. Students will be competing in Relays, 100 m, 200 m, 800 m, Long Jump, Shot Put and Discus. Good luck to all!

Netball Gala Day

Next Wednesday, 28th August, five Good Shepherd teams (including one boys team) will participate at the Netball Gala Day at Penrith. We wish them good luck for the day. Thank you in advance for the St Clare students who will be assisting with umpiring and coaching for the day.



Betty Tanaki - Age Champion at the Zone Athletics—Well done Betty!



Our star athletes who went to Zone Athletics last week

Attendance matters !!

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**ON
TIME,
EVERY
DAY**

Partial absences = missed learning.
Let students know that every day
counts by recognising punctuality,
good and improved attendance.

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How can you promote a healthy
attendance culture in your school?

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every day** ✓



News from the Catholic Education Office



Parents Representative Council

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Building Young People to Face Modern Day Challenges

James will speak to the modern day challenges facing our young people as revealed through a number of recent national and local surveys, Diocesan student forums and countless candid conversations with young people in the Diocese of Parramatta. James presentation will explore a culture of belonging, Wellbeing and positive engagement. He will outline what and how his team is able to assist young people to face these modern day challenges.



High school aged students are invited to attend with a caregiver or parent.



Our guest speaker for the evening is:

JAMES CAMDEN

Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au



Monday, 26th August 2019

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)

(PRC General Meeting - will be held prior to guest speaker)

St Andrews Primary School,

36 Breakfast Rd, Marayong, NSW 2148

Light supper and refreshments will be provided, and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

www.prc.catholic.edu.au



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THANK YOU TO OUR 2019 SPONSOR

Floral Expressions

For details on the School fundraising program

Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116



News from the Catholic Education Office Cont'd

Reflection Day for Women - Saturday, 7th September 9.30 am to 3 pm (Flyer attached)

Theme: "Give me the living water, that I may never thirst again." Jn4:15

Speaker: Sr M. Isabell Naumann

Cost: \$25 / BYO Lunch, tea and coffee provided

Please register by calling 4773 8338 or by emailing: info@schoenstatt.org.au

Weekend Retreat for Adults - Friday 1st November 5 pm to Sunday 3rd November 3 pm

With details to be finalised this is a great weekend to get away for some peace and prayer, in the lovely retreat centre at Mt Schoenstatt. You will experience the graces of the Shrine along with comfortable and clean, twin share rooms with ensuite, home cooked meals and the tranquil atmosphere of the property. To express your interest in this weekend please phone: 02 4773 8338 or email: info@schoenstatt.org.au. Further details will be provided in the next few weeks.

News from the Bishop's Office

2019 Faith in Marriage Seminar: 30 August

American Catholic Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is the guest speaker at The Life, Family and Marriage Office's 2019 Faith in Marriage Seminar on Friday 30 August at St Paul's Catholic College Hall, Greystanes from 7.30pm. Free entry and a light supper will be served afterwards. Donations are welcome. Please register your attendance to 02 8838 3460 or lmf@parracatholic.org

Bishop's Annual Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests: 1 September

There will be a special collection for the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese – on Father's Day. Your donation helps them cover healthcare costs and expenses associated with everyday living, supplementing the pension that some receive. Please give generously this Father's Day Appeal. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Donations can be made here: parracatholic.org/csf

Adult Confirmation: 10 September

Adult Confirmation for 2019 will be held on Tuesday 10 September at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 7.30pm. A Catechesis Day for Adult Confirmation will be held on Saturday 31 August from 9.30am to 2pm. Any adult over 16 years wanting to be confirmed please see your Parish Office for information or contact the Office for Worship on 02 8838 3456 or mary-louise.walsh@parracatholic.org

Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Ongoing Formation: 14 September

The Office for Worship is organising a formation day for those already involved in the ministry, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and the Dying on Saturday 14 September at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown, from 9:30am until 2pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. RSVP by 10 September. To RSVP, please contact the Office for Worship team on anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org or 8838 3456.

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

Volunteer in the Kimberley

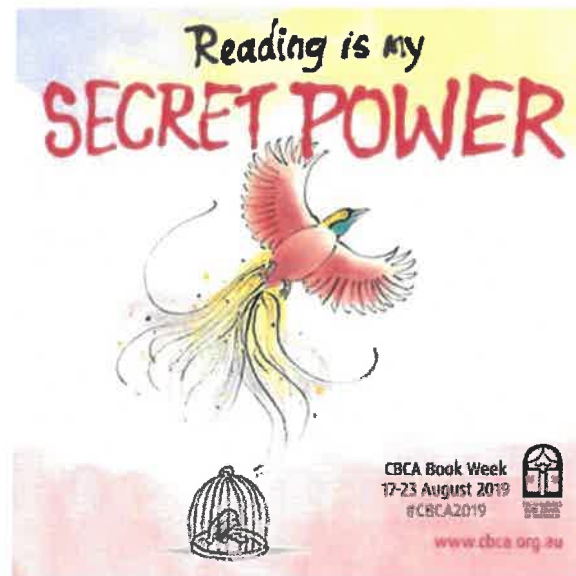
The Catholic Diocese of Broome, WA, is looking for volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of six months. For further details, please contact volunteer coordinator Anneliese Rohr on (08) 9192 1060, email volunteers@broomediocese.org or visit www.broomediocese.org/volunteering

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2019 Book Week!



Book Week was established by the Children's Book Council of Australia in 1946 to recognise and celebrate Australia's most creative authors and illustrators, and promote quality literature for young Australians. The Book Week theme for this year is ***Reading is my Secret Power.***

We will be celebrating in Week 5 at Good Shepherd Primary School with a book study in each grade during literacy throughout the week. To conclude Book Week, on ***Thursday, August 22*** we will have a ***Book Week Parade*** followed by grade activities throughout the day.

Everyone is invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. Remember, it doesn't have to be anything too expensive. You can easily make your costumes from items you have at home.

So start thinking, everyone...

Who will you be dressing up as for our Book Week Celebration Extravaganza??!!



Come Celebrate Father's Day with us!

We are having a "Breakfast Celebration" for Father's Day on Wednesday 28th August at 7am.

Breakfast will be from 7am until 8am and then there will be a Liturgy in the church at 9am.

If you would like to come to Breakfast at 7am on Wednesday 28th August, (you can bring your school age children with you), please fill out the RSVP below so we can cater for everyone. A hot brekky on the BBQ will be served.

We need to know how many are coming, please put down your name, plus how many adults and how many children will be having breakfast.

Fathers, Grandfathers, Special carers – all welcome!

→ _____

**RSVP to Father's Day Breakfast on Wednesday 28th August
at 7am**

Your Name: _____

How many Adults coming to breakfast? _____

How many school children coming to breakfast? _____

**Please return this form to Mrs Doran in the school office NO LATER THAN
Thursday 22nd August 2019. Thank you**



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13th August 2019

Kindergarten are having a



Family and friends are invited to join Kindergarten for a Teddy Bear's Picnic.

On this day, the children are asked to bring their favourite teddy bear to school. They will take part in teddy bear activities, parade their bear for others to see and sing teddy bear songs. Parents, family and friends are invited to join along in the "Beary Festivities" and bring a picnic lunch to share with your child.

If you child does not have a teddy bear, they are welcome to bring any other soft toy.

WHEN: Friday 30th August 2019 (Week 6)

TIME: Parade from 12.00pm, Picnic from approx. 12:30pm
Playtime concludes at 1:50pm, then children return to class

WHAT TO BRING: A favourite teddy bear (adults too!)
A picnic lunch and something to sit on

WEAR: The children wear their School Uniform as usual.

The children are expected to remain at school after lunch playtime.

If you have any questions, please speak with a Kindergarten teacher.

Hope to see you then!

The Kindergarten Team



MEDIA RELEASE

16 August 2019

Parents urged to speak up for the unborn

The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT (CCSP) is urging all parents, particularly parents of children in Catholic schools, to speak up in opposition to the bill passed in the Lower House of the NSW Parliament last week.

As the bill now moves to the Upper House for further debate, CCSP Chair, Narelle Burke, says that now is the time for all who have experienced the joy of being a parent to speak up to protect innocent unborn children.

"We lament the result delivered by the Legislative Assembly last week and feel betrayed by our Parliament. Not only was this bill sprung upon the people of NSW and passed without appropriate consultation, it is both ill-conceived and poorly drafted.

"We commend the 31 State MPs who voted to support life. We now call upon the members of the Legislative Council to do the right thing by ensuring that this bill does not become law."

"We call upon our elected representatives to defend the most vulnerable and defenceless members of our human family, to be a voice for the voiceless, by doing what is right and voting against this bill," Mrs Burke said.

CCSP Executive Director, Peter Grace, says that parents and all other people of good will who value human life need to let our parliamentarians know that this so-called *Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019* both de-values human life and infringes upon the fundamental rights of doctors who conscientiously object to abortion.

"I encourage all parents to attend the **Rally for Life** being held at 6:00pm on Tuesday 20 August in Martin Place, Macquarie Street, Sydney. We need to make sure our parliamentarians know that any law that gives a green light to abortion on demand up until birth is not good law. As it stands, this bill fails to protect our most vulnerable and defenceless precious little brothers and sisters."

"Because all human beings are made in the image and likeness of God, we must vigorously defend the dignity of the human person and the sacredness of life from conception to natural death. In doing so, we stand in solidarity with both the unborn and with all pregnant women and offer them our support. We call upon our legislators and the wider community to extend to pregnant women facing difficult decisions the compassion and practical support they need.

"Let us stand up for truth, goodness and beauty. This bill is none of those things. We want our elected representatives to do what is decent and right. We have an opportunity to send them this message on Tuesday. Please join us, but if you cannot attend, please pray that our lawmakers will embrace a culture of life by voting against this bill," Mr Grace said.

ENDS

Media contact: CCSP Executive Director, Peter Grace (0422 540 260)

The Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP) is the peak representative body for parents with children in Catholic schools in NSW.



catholic out of school hours care

CHRISTMAS 2019 AND JANUARY 2020: COSHC OPERATION DATES

To assist COSHC families in planning their education and care needs over the Christmas closure period and to plan bookings for Vacation Care in January 2020, a calendar of Closure Dates and Operational Dates has been issued to all families enrolled with COSHC.

COSHC WILL BE CLOSED ON:

- Thursday, 19 December 2019 and Friday, 20 December, 2019. COSHC staff will be participating in professional development in line with teachers and school staff.
- All COSHC and CELC services will close from 23 December, 2019 to 5 January 2020. COSHC will not be operating during these days.
- COSHC will be closed on Australia Day, 27 January, 2019.
- COSHC will be closed on Tuesday, 28 January 2020 for professional development of staff.

FAMILIES, PLEASE NOTE:

1. Christmas Closure

The **last day of operation** of COSHC services will be Wednesday, 18 December 2019.

2. 2019 January Vacation Care

The COSHC Summer Vacation Care Program commences on Monday, 6 January, 2020 to 24 January 2020.

3. 2019 Commencement of COSHC operations for Before- and After-School programs

COSHC will re-open on Wednesday, 29 January, 2020.