



Second Sunday
of Lent



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Term 1 concludes:
Thursday, 9th April

Term 2 commences:
Monday, 27th April

Term 2 concludes:
Friday, 3rd July

Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 7

Tuesday, 10th March, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Now that we are in the season of Lent with the old problem of "what to give up for lent" around us, perhaps the following might offer some new alternatives:

Fast from anger and hatred

– be more patient and understanding.

Fast from judging others

– think kindly thoughts.

Fast from discouragement

– be full of hope.

Fast from complaining

– focus on gratitude.

Fast from resentment or bitterness

- turn to forgiveness.

Of recent times, Lent has lost some of its importance to Christians, but a Christianity that celebrates only the joyful times, like Christmas and Easter, leaves us with a fractured Spirituality. We need to have the balance of being challenged by the sometimes harsh truths of human life – our weaknesses and failings.

We need the Season of Lent if we are to live in imitation of Christ, to be Christians. We need to work out for ourselves what it is in our lives that needs to die, to be no longer part of our lives, that which makes us candidates to receive the forgiveness that Jesus gained for us when He died on Good Friday. If we are able to achieve this, to sweep out the negatives, then Easter will not be a shallow celebration but one full of meaning, for we will be totally aware of the new birth as stated in the Resurrection of Jesus.

The Season of Lent is a time to review the past, admit to our shortcomings, reaffirm our commitment to the higher values that we had actually lived, and prepare ourselves to try harder in the year ahead. It is a time to acknowledge our less than best choices and to feel sorry for the lost opportunities; it is a time to have a clean room to offer the new life of Easter.

Jesus

May we be encouraged this Lent

as we reflect on the difficulties

You had in Your life.

Give us a like courage to face

the challenges that daily enter our lives.

For Your Attention... COVID-19

As noted in Mr Gregory Whitby's letter to parents and carers dated 9th March 2020 - if your child is unwell and you are concerned, the advice from NSW Health is for them *not* to attend school and to seek medical advice.

We remind families and students to be conscious of handwashing and coughing into your elbow.

For information and updates please see www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/

Thank you for your co-operation.

As always, our students health and wellbeing are our primary concern.

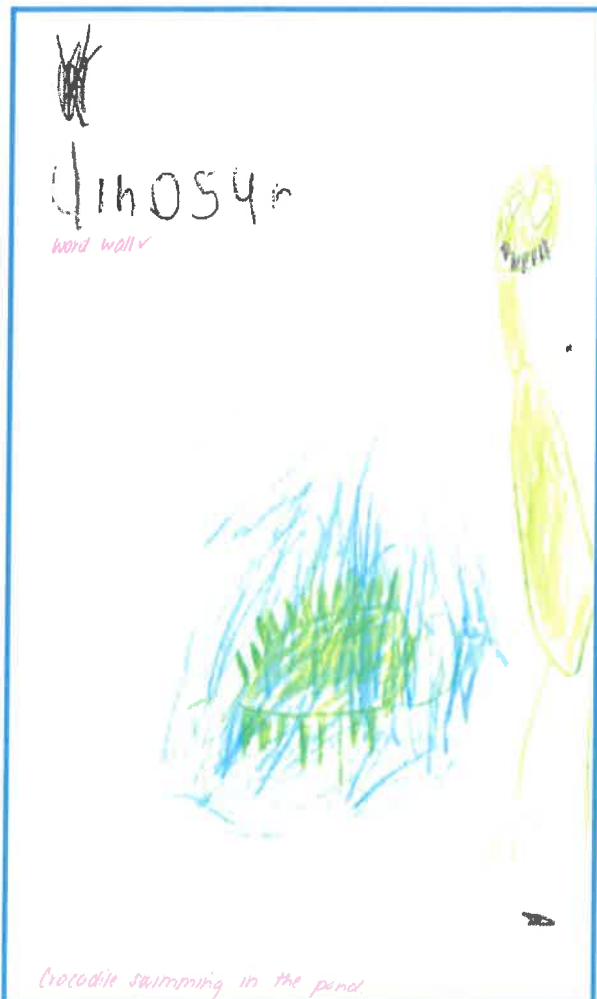
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Principal

Whole School Writing Stimulus Term 1

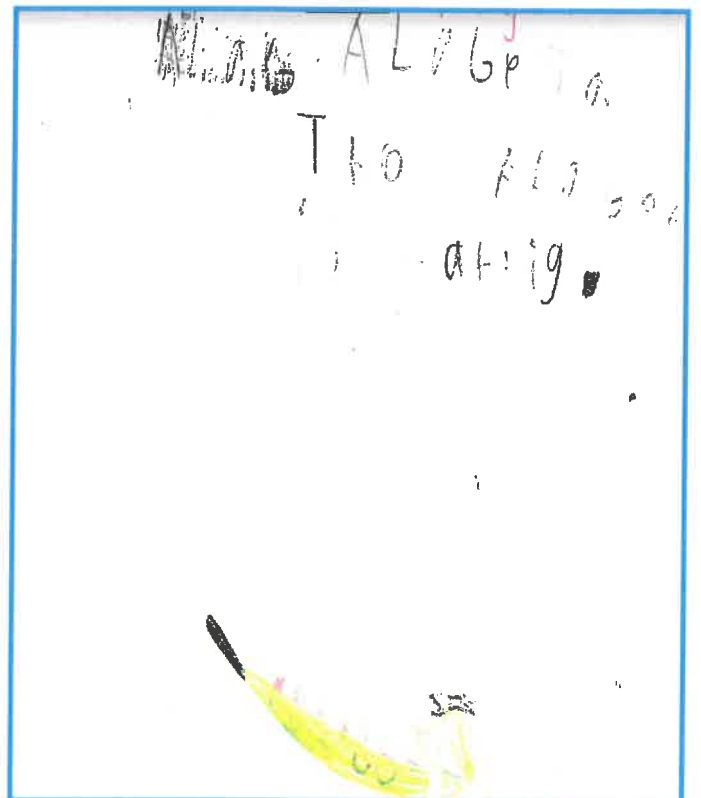
All the classes across the school participated in our whole school writing last week. This was Kindergarten's first ever writing using a stimulus. They used drawing to represent what they saw and writing to convey their message.



By Juliana KR



By Elias KG



By Jade Hoang KB

Sports Update

DIOCESAN SPORTS TRIALS

During the last couple of weeks a number of Good Shepherd students have attended Diocesan Sports trials for selection into a Parramatta Diocesan Sports team. Lucas Blazevic attended Soccer trials, Mahalia Miles and Natalia Falemaka attended Netball trials, Tevita Ma'asi, Samuel Tonga and Marley Tamani attended Rugby League trials. Congratulations to Marley Tamani who has been selected into the 11yrs Diocesan Rugby League team to play at the Mackillop trials in Canberra in May. Well done everybody for giving it a go. Good luck to Marley in Canberra.



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

School Uniform

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

Sports Uniform

Boys:

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

In cooler weather, a bottle green uniform tracksuit is worn, and a white skivvy may be worn over the white polo shirt.



Upcoming Events

Thursday, 12th March:	Year 2 Excursion to Hambleton Cottage Excursion
Thursday, 19th March:	Kindergarten Grade Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School. All welcome)
Friday, 20th March:	Year 6 Excursion to Canberra National Day Against Bullying
Tuesday, 24th March:	Year 1 Excursion Australian Pioneer Village, Wilberforce
Monday, 30th March:	Infants End of Term Awards (8.30 am Good Shepherd School)
Thursday, 2nd April:	Kindergarten Weather Day
Friday, 3rd April:	Cross Country—Hanna Reserve
Monday, 6th April:	Primary End of Term Awards (8.30 am Good Shepherd School)
Tuesday, 7th April:	Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church—Year 6 attending)
Wednesday, 8th April:	Whole School Holy Week Liturgy (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Wednesday, 8th April:	Kindergarten Easter Hat Parade (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)

Communication between Parents and Staff for 2020

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 Grade Leader.

2020 Year Grade Leader are as follows:

Kinder: Mrs Yvonne Davies
 Year 1: Mrs Trish Conner
 Year 2: Mr Paul Battikha
 Year 3: Mrs Joan Bellenger
 Year 4: Mrs Beaulah Frankson
 Year 5: Ms Elizabeth Le Breton
 Year 6: Mr Ian Byrne

If you need to take further steps, after speaking with the Year Grade Leader, an email, letter or phone call to our Assistant Principal, then to the Principal.

Parent Group News

With Easter fast approaching, our School's Parent Group is asking fellow parents and family members for donations of Easter Eggs, Easter Goodies and baskets for the annual Easter Raffle.

If you are able to donate something for the Easter raffle, please hand in your donations to the school office **no later than**

Friday 3rd April 2020.



2020 Term Dates

Term 1 concludes: Thursday, 9th April

Term 2 commences: Monday, 27th April
 Term 2 concludes: Friday, 3rd July

Term 3 commences: Monday, 20th July
 Term 3 concludes: Thursday, 24th September

Term 4 commences: Monday, 12th October
 Term 4 concludes: Wednesday, 16th December

2020 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

Term 2: Friday, 5th June

Term 3: Friday, 25th September

Term 4: Thursday, 17th December and Friday, 18th December

Kindergarten Easter Hat Parade

Dear Parents & Carers, please note on Wednesday, 8th April from 2.00 pm in the School's Playground "Cola" area, Kinder students will be participating in an Easter Hat Parade. All very welcome.

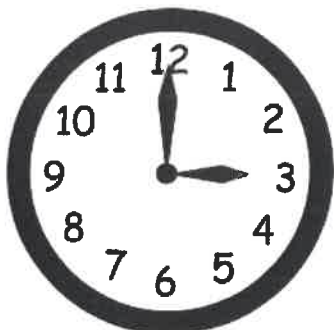


Dear Parents & Carers, please note if someone else will be collecting your child **early or during school hours**, on your behalf, you need to inform the school **in writing or by email to: (goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au) PRIOR TO PICKUP**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

End of Daylight Saving—

Clocks go back 1 hour on

Sunday, 5th April at 3.00 am.



Student Supervision Reminder

All children must be picked up by 3.15 pm

As you know it is a priority at Good Shepherd Primary School to keep every child safe. Teachers have a duty of care to supervise children both in class and on the playground. This supervision commences at 8.10 am each morning. **Similarly afternoon supervision of children concludes at 3.15 pm.**

Parents, please be mindful that 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.

Updated Action Management Plans for Medical Issues

If your child is taking regular medication including Asthma or is Anaphylactic or allergic, please note at the beginning of each year **we require updated information and Action/management plans for these medical issues.**

As part of keeping our children safe, it is vital that we maintain the most current information. Please take the time to update this information as soon as possible.

Pastoral Care & Student Management Policy and the Countering Discrimination, Harassment & Bullying—Policy

Dear Parents & Carers, for information on the above policies, and other policies, 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.

Student Absences

Dear Parents,
Just a quick reminder that **ALL student absences need to be explained. This is a legal requirement.**

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.**

Children Absent from School due to illness

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.** We need to receive this note within seven days of the last day of absence. Prolonged absences from school due to illness should be supported by a medical certificate.



School Fees

The due date for payment is on or before **Wednesday 18th March 2020.**

If you have paid your term fees, thank you. If you have not, please contact the office as soon as possible to arrange a Flexible Payment Plan option.

Please contact the school office if you do not receive your school fee statement.



No Nut Policy

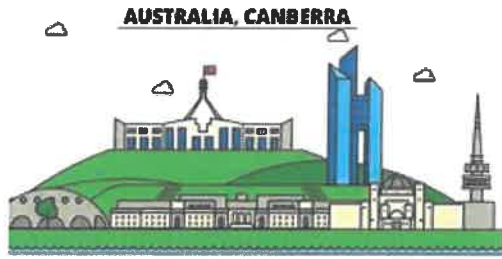
A number of our students have severe allergies. Please do not send peanut butter/Nutella sandwiches or other foods containing whole or crushed nuts or sesame seeds to school. This also includes Excursions! Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

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.

Year Six Excursion

On Friday, 20th March the Year 6 students and their teachers will be attending an Excursion to Canberra. A special thank you to the Staff members for not only organising the excursion, but for their commitment to the Year 6 students. We join together in wishing everyone a great time.



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.



Misplaced School Hats

Dear Parents, please have a discussion with your child about the importance of taking care of their school belongings, especially their school hat. Write your child's name clearly inside the hat and if you accidentally pick up someone's else hat, please return it to the office. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Uploading of Photos onto YouTube and Social Media

Parents, please note there is to be no uploading of pictures of students that are not your own child, onto YouTube and Social Media eg Facebook, Instagram etc. from events at school without prior permission from the School Principal. Such events include school functions, excursions, liturgies etc.



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.

Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2021 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 2021.



Lost Property

Please re-check any items that you pick up in the Lost Property Bin as they may have another child's name on it. If you accidentally picked up another child's clothing, please return it to the Lost Property Bin. Thank you.

Medications, Creams, Lotions etc

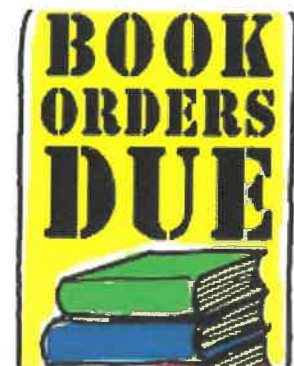
Dear Parents, just a reminder that any medication required for your child must be sent in to the school office in **its original packaging with the medical permission form attached**.

This includes prescriptions, Panadol, Nurofen and all "over the counter" medication. This form must be completed with all information stated clearly eg name of medication, dosage, time of dosage to be administered, in order for the medication to be given. The Medical Permission note can be found on our school website or you can call into the school office and pick one up.



Scholastic Bookclub

Dear Parent, please note the due date for Issue 2 closes on Monday 23rd March Week 9. No late orders will be taken. Thank you.



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	Ashleigh Sultana	KG	Joachim Gutierrez
KR	Tahreesha Foster-Graff		
1B	Sophia De La Cruz	1G	Harry Pender
1R	Alex Rizeq	1W	Aubrey Sonter
2B	Sophia Moawad	2G	Tavalliah Vakai
2R	EJ Elisapeci	2W	Halle Tauaifaga
3B	Leila Queras	3G	Isabella Diamse
3R	Ezra Toa	3W	Carter Home
4B	Samantha Zacharia	4G	Sonny Stanley
4R	Lily Russell	4W	Nishi Patel
5B	Francisco Lira	5G	Kristina Labeeb
5R	Natalia Falemaka	5W	Joseph Stanton
6B	Cyrille Raposas	6G	Matthew Zacharia
6R	Cleo Tuaimau	6W	Shilo Sumilang

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.

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.

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>

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.



Carpark Safety

Dear Parents, just a friendly reminder to be vigilant when driving, parking and walking your children through the school gates. There are a lot of students and families around at both commencement and dismissal times and care needs to be taken for everyone's safety. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Lowe's

Dear Parents, please note Lowe's Mount Druitt are having a sale on Thursday.

20% OFF SCHOOLWEAR.
One day only 12th March

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**PALM SUNDAY
PEACE RALLY AND MARCH**

Welcome
Refugees

**SPEAKERS INCLUDE:
MOST REV. VINCENT LONG
(CATHOLIC BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA)
CRAIG FOSTER (FOOTBALL LEGEND)**

**2PM SUNDAY 5 APRIL
BELMORE PARK (NEAR CENTRAL STATION)
MARCH TO VICTORIA PARK**

**JUSTICE, PEACE, UNITY
NAURU AND PNG: END THE TORTURE
PERMANENT PROTECTION AND FAMILY REUNION**



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Dear Families of Good Shepherd School,

BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Thank you for assisting us in keeping our children and community safe.

Patricia Carr

Mrs Patricia Carr

Principal