



26th May



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Term 2 concludes:
Friday, 3rd July

Term 3 commences:
Monday, 20th July

Term 3 concludes:
Thursday, 24th September

Good Shepherd Primary School News Update

Term 2

Week 5

Tuesday, 26th May, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a great day it was on Monday to see all of our students coming back through the gates with such lovely smiles on their faces. We have missed them and we miss our parents as well.

We have had to instigate many new procedures in the school for the safety of our students and staff and I wanted to thank you all for your support and understanding during this time.

One exciting new event was having our school assembly in school via zoom. Even though we couldn't meet for an assembly it was great that the classes could meet together and pray and sing our national anthem together. Ask them about it!

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday a very important and beautiful occasion. The disciples at the first Pentecost were a group of demoralised people, whose future was uncertain after the death of their inspirational leader. Yet, after the coming of the Holy Spirit, they were transformed into persons with remarkable abilities and courage to take Christ to the people around them and to people in other lands and cultures.

Pentecost is the Church's birthday, the day it was gifted with the presence of God through the Holy Spirit. It was the day the Church was given life, the life that is in us as we are entrusted to be the Church today; it is through us that God's love is distributed throughout the world. The Church is the people of God, united and empowered by God to share God's love with the world. However, this will occur only if we activate the potential of the Spirit within us.

*"Spirit of God within us,
we ask You to help identify
the gifts that You have given
separately to each of us.
Help us to celebrate these gifts
and to make positive use
of them in our daily activities.
Amen."*

Patricia Carr

Tricia Carr
Principal



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:

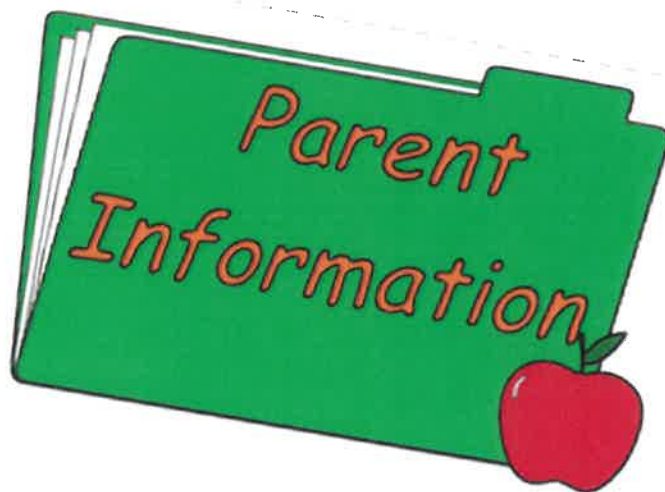
White Polo Shirt with School Emblem
Bottle Green Shorts
Bottle Green Tracksuit Uniform
Predominantly White Joggers/Sneakers
A White Skivvy (colder weather)
White Socks
School Uniform Hat

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 under the white polo shirt.



2020 Term Dates

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 3: Friday, 25th September (to be confirmed)
Term 4: Thursday, 17th December and
Friday, 18th December (to be confirmed)

Sports & Library Borrowing Days for Term 2, 2020

Sports Days

Wednesdays: KB, KG, 2R, 2W and Year 6
Thursdays: 1B, 1G, 2B, 2G, 4R, 4W and Year 5
Fridays: KR, 1R, 1W, Year 3, 4B and 4G

Library Borrowing

Mondays: Kinder and Year 6
Tuesdays: Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesdays: Year 4 and Year 5
Thursdays: Year 3

Religious Education News

The Gospel of St. Matthew continued:

The Gospel without any warning takes us from the time of Jesus' childhood to the period just before the beginning of his adult ministry. This time of preparation has three stages:
John the Baptist's preaching (3:1-12)
Jesus' own baptism (3:13-17)
The temptations of Jesus (4:1-11)

Matthew makes John, like Jesus, a proclaimer of the Kingdom of Heaven. He fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah 40:3 'a voice crying in the wilderness'. Matthew presents Jesus as the One whose main concern is to heal and lift the burdens of the afflicted people.



Second Hand Winter School and Sports Uniforms

If anyone has any second hand uniforms (School and Sports), we would be very grateful if you were able to donate them to our clothing pool. Thank you.
Mrs Carr



School Fee Account

Statements have now been sent out for your information purposes. If you require assistance with fees due to COVID-19, please go to <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/> and apply online or alternatively please contact Mrs Kristy Haywood on 98367100 to obtain an application form.



School Commencement and Finishing Times

School commences at 8.30 am and concludes at 2.50 pm. Any child who arrives after this time or leaves school earlier for an appointment etc will need to report to the School Office. It is very important that your child arrive to school on time. Children arriving late to school miss out on valuable learning time and their late entry to the classroom disrupts their fellow students. **If your children are late to school, they are to be escorted to the School Office by a Parent/Carer.**



Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2021 are 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.



Canteen Online Ordering

If you are going to order lunch for your children, we encourage you to use the option of online ordering. If you choose to send your child with a lunch order, please fill out a brown lunch bag at home. This will minimise the congestion in the front office in the mornings. We are trying to maintain the appropriate social distancing as we interact with our families as children will be returning to school next week. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

If you need to take further steps after speaking with the Year Group Co-Ordinator, you can email, write a letter or make a phone call to our Assistant Principal, then to the Principal.

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.



Privacy Consent

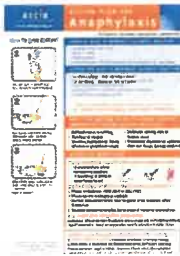
Dear Parents & Carers,

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.

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.



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.

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.

Just a friendly reminder ...

Dear parents please ensure that all children bring their own water bottles with them as bubblers will be closed. Refills are available at the office.

The Canteen is in full function and we encourage online ordering or please fill out a brown lunch bag at home .

All devices that were on loan will need to be returned back to school. **Please bring them to the office.**

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Visa Status

Could you please ensure the school has the most up-to-date paperwork on your child's Visa Status i.e. if his/her status has changed or if your child is now an Australian Citizen or the passport has expired and a new one has been reissued, please contact the school office immediately.

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.

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

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