



**14th June  
The Most Holy  
Body and Blood of  
Christ**



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Friday, 3rd July

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Monday, 20th July

Term 3 concludes:  
Thursday, 24th September

# Good Shepherd Primary School News Update

**Term 2**

**Week 7**

**Tuesday, 9th June, 2020**

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I hope you were able to enjoy the long weekend with your family and as some of the lockdowns have eased, that you were able to do more things.

Because we have been confined to home and limited to what we could do for so long, most of us have used our devices much more often to keep in contact with others. And that has been a blessing, but it has also come with its own problems and that is often the supervision of children on devices and social media sites needs closer attention.

We have recently heard of some instances where children have their own media sites, for example TikTok and Facebook and have used them in a manner which has hurt others. Unfortunately they are under age for these sites and at times using them inappropriately.

Cyber safety is an crucial part of our children's education and we will continue to give it importance in our school. We need you to work with us in this area and discuss the dangers and how careful our precious children need to be.

Some important points for you to discuss with your children:

- Never use ICT disrespectfully, dishonestly or unlawfully
- Never say or do things that you wouldn't like others to do or say to you
- Never make mean and nasty comments to someone anonymously
- Never have your own social networking until you are 13 years old
- Never access sites meant for people in older age groups than yourself.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. We need to keep all of our children safe.

*Patricia Carr*

**Tricia Carr  
Principal**

**Internet  
Safety**



### 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)

### The Gospel of St. Matthew continued:

Chapter 4 begins the ministry of Jesus. After John the Baptist's arrest Jesus goes to the town of Capernaum, a city by the Sea of Galilee. The mission of Jesus starts with the founding of his first community, he calls his First Disciples (4:18-22). It is symbolic that Jesus first calls four fishermen as v19 states: 'fishers of men'.



### Student Absences

Dear Parents,  
 Just a quick reminder that **ALL student absences from now on as we are back to normal school, 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.**

### Sports Uniform—Kindergarten

Dear Parents, please note the following days your child needs to wear their Sports Uniform to school:

**Tuesdays:** KB, KG & KR  
**Wednesdays:** KG & KB  
**Fridays:** KR

### Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2021 are available from the School Office. We are filling up quickly so please come in and pick one up from us. 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.



### 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	Clara Montenegro	KG	Grace Yalan
KR	Alyssa Azucena		
1B	Romeo Cayetano	1G	Grace Gearman
1R	Feyi Owoseni	1W	Aaron Dela Paz
2B	Isaac Frias	2G	Nova Lealamanu'a
2R	Edwin John Elisapeci	2W	Matilda Holly Marks
3B	Aleksandra Zeinati	3G	Kassandra Nuval
3R	Mikaella DeGuzman	3W	Joshua Caruana
4B	Lily-Belle Ellison	4G	Maheen Sehgal
4R	Samir Al Hamwi	4W	Emily Porter
5B	Henry Sene	5G	Mahalea Miles
5R	Zarrie Faustino	5W	Christiano Jamil
6B	Angelo Dela Paz	6G	Eunice Gutierrez
6R	Gabrielle Capule	6W	Emily Pham

### 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.

### **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.

### **Parents picking up ....**

Parents, unfortunately we have noticed recently that many parents are not coming to collect their children until well after 3.15 pm. **Children need to be picked up before 3.15 pm.** There is only teacher's supervision until 3.15 pm. If you are unable to collect your child before this time, please make inquiries about COSHC (Ph. 0409 121 980). Thank you for your attention.



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.

### **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 .

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



### **Lost Property & Change of Underwear**

As the weather is cooler, please check that your child's clothing has their name on it—in particular jackets and hats, as there are many items that end up in the Lost Property Bin. 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 pick up another child's clothing, please return it to the Lost Property Bin. **Also it would be a good idea to put an extra pair of underwear, socks/stockings in your child's backpack, as with the weather being cooler, little accidents can happen.** Thank you.



### **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 Handbook is on our School Website under "Enrol Now" for your convenience.

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