



# Good Shepherd Primary School News Update

21st Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



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Term 3 concludes:  
Thursday, 24th September

Term 4 commences:  
Monday, 12th October

Term 4 concludes:  
Wednesday 16th December

Term 3

Week 6

Tuesday, 25th August, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has never been a time when there have been so many different ways we are able to communicate with each other. Social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter and WhatsApp are being used increasingly by people to stay connected.

With this in mind, we feel it is important to remind all members of our school community about some important social media networking protocols. We raise this matter with the wellbeing of all members of our school community as my central concern.

We have been made aware that a number of our students have accessed the Omegle adult social networking site. Omegle is an online chat website that allows users to communicate with others without the need to register. The service randomly pairs users in one-on-one chat or video sessions .

It should be noted that in many cases a child may put themselves at considerable risk due to the misuse of social media accidentally. E.g. giving personal details, publishing photographs to a 'friend' who then distributes this information more widely. Children need to be fully aware of this risk.

To learn more about the risks associated with how people use anonymous social networking apps like Omegle, please take the time to visit the Australian Government's E-Safety Commission website: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide/omegle>

Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Tricia Carr  
Principal



### School Office Procedures

Dear Parents,  
Just a reminder .....Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are changing our School Office visitor procedures. Please limit your visits to our School Office. If your child is late for school, they may come into the office by themselves.

If you need to purchase a new hat (\$15.00) or a library bag (\$10.00), would you please put the correct money in an envelope and send it with your child. The School Office will supply your child with the hat/library bag and receipt.

If your child is having a lunch order, please order online from CASHLESS.SCHOOL before 9.00 am each day. **Please ensure your click on Recess or Lunch.** If you wish to use a brown paper bag, please send the brown paper bag with your child to their class. We will no longer be taking lunch orders or lunches in the school office.

We are trying to maintain a healthy site for all staff and students and we appreciate your cooperation and support in this matter. Thank you.

**PLEASE NOTE**

### Water Bottles

Dear Parents,  
Please ensure your child brings to school each day, their hat and a water bottle. Both items are to be clearly labelled with their name on it. 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	Mahan ShakibaeiShahadati	KG	Ariella-Rose SangYam
KR	Preetish Sharma		Leilani Leota
1B	Leilani Leota	1G	Dianne Nicolas
1R	Joanna Halatokoua	1W	Macklin Yokwe
2B	Taki Haufano	2G	Arthur Alhamwi
2R	Zachary Aquino	2W	Clara Catig
3B	Isabella Musngi-Kabigting	3G	Ava McKeough
3R	Lauren Torres	3W	Geoffrey Manalo
4B	Moses Musgun	4G	Bhavya Chand
4R	Thomas Planer	4W	Taylor Nguyen
5B	Shayna Tatafu	5G	Cooper Lambert
5R	Kristi Patel	5W	Kaiden Blair
6B	Jackson Elvis	6G	Matthew Zacharia
6R	Heina Kiteau	6W	Karen Gunawan

### Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments

Just a friendly reminder .....Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2021 are available from the School Office. **We are filling up quickly so please come in and collect one from the 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.



### 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). Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta 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 **28 August 2020**.

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

**IMPORTANT**

## Changing Schools in 2021?

Are you thinking of or needing to change schools in 2021? Whatever the reason, we would appreciate you letting us know as soon as you can. CEDP require us to estimate our enrolment numbers for 2021 in order to predict and prepare for appropriate staffing and budgeting. It would be appreciated if you could notify the school in writing if your child/ren may be leaving Good Shepherd at the end of the year, from Year groups other than Year 6.



## 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 a phone 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.

## 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.

## Term 3 2020 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, 25th 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.

## Principal's Morning Tea

Dear Parents, last week we held our Infants and Primary Principal's Morning Tea at school. Teachers were asked to nominate one child from each class to attend morning tea with the Principal and the Assistant Principal. These nominated children have shown a positive attitude to all aspects of schooling for Term 1 2020.

Congratulations to the parents and teachers of these children who consistently make good choices about their learning:

The students were: Roy Bernal, Jace Russell, Isaac Hasan, San Trinh, Taysia Paahi, Izaac Justin Jose, Elias Alhamwi, Vanessa Bradley, Fransisca Purwadi, Falani Stanley, Elizabeth Wy, Tiana Waifale, John-Paul Aloisio, Kevin Wilbert J, Belinda Gama, Cassandra Pascual, Maheen Sehgal, Ite Tonga, Aron Deja, Suzanna Wilkes, Charvi Barmalli, Natalia Falemaka, Gabriel Manalo, Bella (Skye) Monge Alfaro, Josette Attard, Carlo Calleja and Jordan Lumbré.



## Summer Uniform

Parents, please note that the official changeover date for summer uniform is **Monday, 2nd November, 2020 (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!!

## 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.

## 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.



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.

## School Fees 2020

Dear Parents, accounts for the third instalment of school fees have been posted out.

Please note any excursions that have been cancelled, will be credited back to your account. **This will reflect in Term 4's Fees Statement.**

Any family having difficulty completing term payments or your family situation has been affected by COVID, please contact the School Office.

**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.**

## 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.

## Student Absences

Dear Parents,  
Please note 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.

## 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.

## 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!

## 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.

## 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.

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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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**every learner every day**

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

Visit [www.parra.catholic.edu.au/everylearnereveryday](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/everylearnereveryday)  
to find out more.

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