



# Good Shepherd Primary School News Update

## The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Term 3

Week 8

Tuesday, 8th September, 2020

Today, Tuesday 8th September is Mary's Birthday. We have been praying the Memorare each day at school.

### Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to you do I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen



## Kindergarten Grade Gala Day

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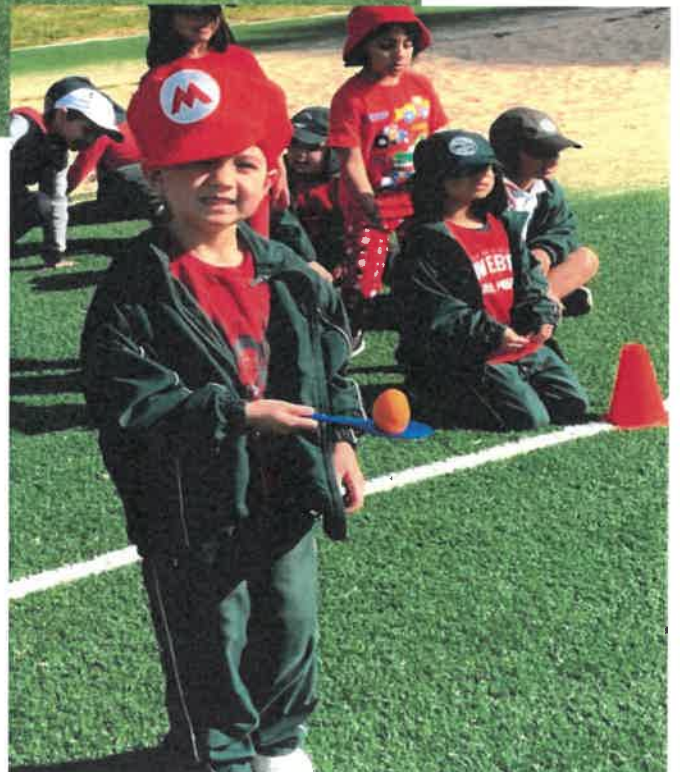


Term 3 concludes:  
Thursday, 24th  
September

Term 4 commences:  
Monday, 12th October

Term 4 concludes:  
Wednesday, 16th December

# Kindergarten Gala Day Cont'd



## 2020 Term 3 Good Shepherd Grade Gala Days

Dear Parents, please note the following information regarding the Grade Gala Days...

- Each grade will hold a gala/sports day.
- Students are to wear 'House/Sport Colour Mufti' for the day. They must wear joggers/sports shoes as they will be participating in activities.
- Recess and Lunch will be as normal for each grade on their Gala/Sports day.
- **Please remember to bring a water bottle on the day.**
- Please see the following timetable for your child's grade fun day.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>
Kindergarten	Week 7	Tuesday 1st September
Year 1	Week 8	Monday 7th September
Year 6	Week 8	Tuesday 8th September
Year 2	Week 9	Monday 14th September
Year 3	Week 9	Tuesday 15th September
Year 5	Week 10	Monday 21st September
Year 4	Week 10	Tuesday 22nd September





### 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	Solomone Lasalo	KG	Elias Shiber
KR	Skyla Moana		
1B	Shonalli Lal	1G	Harley Obrador
1R	Not Published	1W	Ruby Luzardo Gotts
2B	Alisi Kusitafu	2G	Dominic McDonell
2R	Emmanuel McGill	2W	Nadriel Gonzales
3B	Denis Luzardo Gotts	3G	Malia Tupou
3R	Asher Gloria	3W	Jesse Taylor
4B	Johnny-Vee Tupou	4G	Kaitlin Nguyen
4R	Vlad Anastasiei	4W	Kirsten Labial
5B	Suzanna Wilkes	5G	Jaiden Rosas
5R	Sabina La	5W	Mary Shamoka
6B	Jonathan Gama	6G	Peighton Laurente
6R	Ethan Baxter	6W	Tristan Duncan

### Matthew's Gospel cont'd:

Chapter 13 begins with the Parables of Jesus (13:1-53). There is an agricultural theme in them as they point to the growth of the Kingdom of God. These parables give us an understanding of the mystery of God. The latter parables refer to the final judgement(13:47-50).



### Summer Uniform

Parents, please note that the official changeover date for summer uniform is **Monday, 26th October, 2020 (Week 3 of Term 4)**. Students must be wearing their full summer uniform by then.

**If the weather is warmer, students may wear their summer uniform prior to Week 3 of Term 4.**

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!!

### National Child Protection Week eSafety Webinars for Parents/Carers

Join the eSafety Commissioner's expert education and training team for National Child Protection Week parent/carer webinars.

This live webinar (**no cost**) focuses on popular apps used by young people. It will include case studies, research and targeted advice so you can support the young people in your life to have safe, enjoyable online experiences.

Tuesday 8 September 12:30 pm

Wednesday 9 September 7:30 pm

Thursday 10 September 12:30 pm

Register: <https://www.napcan.org.au/event/esafetys-parent-guide-to-popular-apps/2020-09-08/>

Join our  
eSafety training



### If you child is feeling unwell and/or displaying flu-like symptoms ...

Dear Parents, just a reminder as per previous advice to you, if your child displays flu like symptoms, please do not send them to school. Please have them COVID tested and the results sent to school prior to your child returning to school.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments

Just a friendly reminder ....Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2021 are available from the School Office. **Places are limited so please come in and collect one from the office as soon as possible.** 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.

### 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.**

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 sent 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.



### 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.

### 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!

# Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,

That equals ..

Which is ...

and over 13 years of schooling that's ...

10 minutes per day

50 minutes per week

Nearly 1.5 weeks per year

Nearly half a year

20 minutes per day

1 hour 40mins per week

Over 2.5 weeks per year

Nearly 1 year

Half an hour per day

Half a day per week

4 weeks per year

Nearly 1 and a half years

1 hour per day

1 day per week

8 weeks per year

Over 2 and a half years

every learner  
every day 



Catholic Education  
Diocese of Parramatta

### 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.

### 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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