



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Term 4 concludes:

Wednesday, 16th December

Good Shepherd Primary School News Update

Term 4

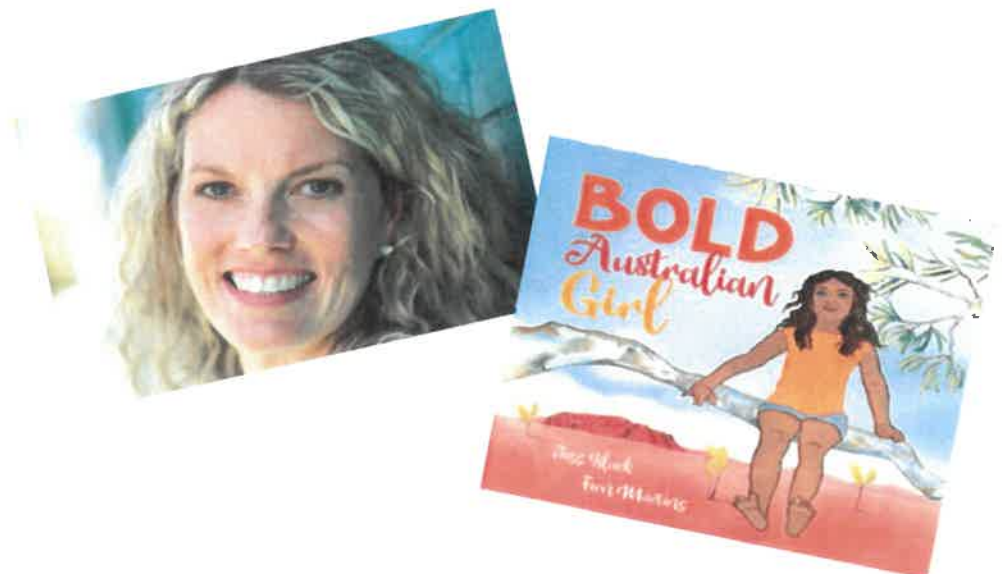
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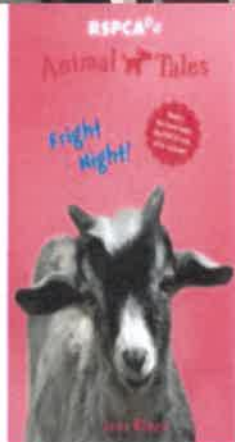
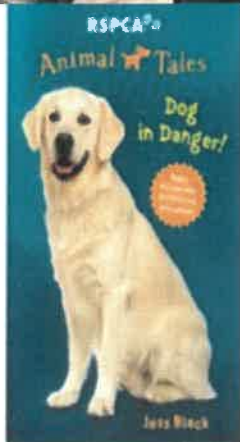
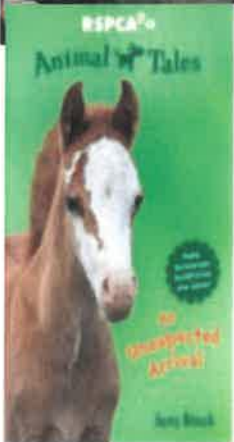
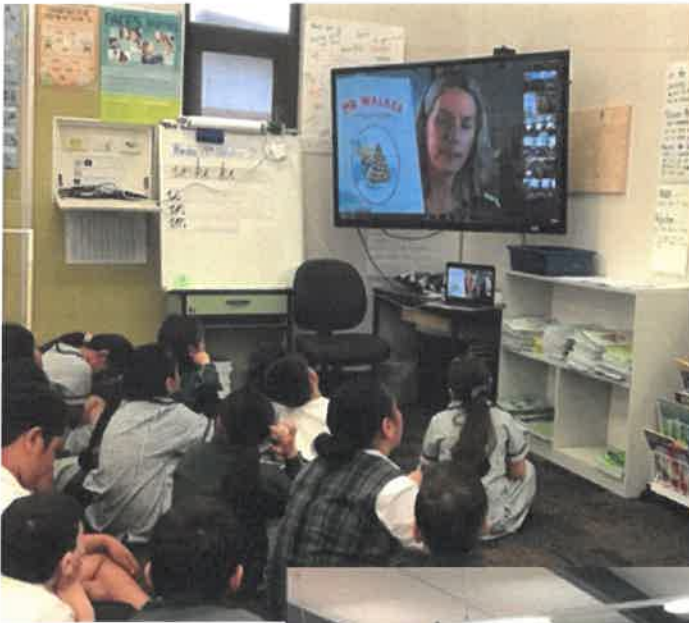
Tuesday, 20th October, 2020

Author Jess Black visits Good Shepherd!

On Monday 19th October, Good Shepherd kicked off Book Week 2020 with an author visit. Jess Black visited Good Shepherd Primary School via a live zoom presentation. Jess was very engaging and shared lots of interesting facts and ideas about her life and journey as an author. Jess Black is a mother of two daughters, she has a husband and a rescue dog which is a Kelpie Cross. Jess Black thinks she really does have the best job in the world because Jess absolutely loves writing. Did you know that Jess Black wanted to become a Vet but her mathematics wasn't the best and didn't get into uni. Her creative ability and part time jobs as an editor lead her to become an author. Throughout the presentation Jess Black shared some interesting ideas about what she believes makes a good writer.

- * Jess Black has an emotional connection to the books she writes about and has a sense of responsibility to the character she creates.
- * She loves the research that is involved when learning about new places and things she has chosen to write about.
- * Jess Black writes for herself, the things she likes, her life experiences and things that inspire her. From this she hopes that her stories attract and interest others.
- * She always starts to write with a character in mind first. She gets to know her character and falls in love with her character. Character development and building is the key to a successful book.
- * Jess Black always writes in her office at home, but she always carries a notebook ready to jot down any ideas that come to mind no matter where she is.
- * She believes that writing stories involves lots of problem solving, building suspense and tension.
- * Messages in her story depend on the story she is writing at the time. Her main focus is always developing the character and developing what the character needs then the message will fall into place.
- * She stated that she can not choose her illustrator. The publishing company will match an illustrator to her book.
- * Books take months to years to write, edit, re-write, edit, publish, illustrate before it makes it to the shelf.
- * Jess Black has written many books, some of her titles include: Bold Australian Girl, Moon Dance, Kaboom Kid, The Tales of Mr Walker, Little Paws, Keeper of the Crystals, RSPCA and Bindi.
- * The students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed her presentation and are inspired to continue to write creative and interesting stories.





Library Borrowing & Sports Days for Term 4, 2020

Library Borrowing:

Mondays: Kinder and Year 6

Tuesdays: Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesdays: Year 3 and Year 5

Thursdays: Year 4

Sports Days:

Wednesdays: Year 4 and Year 6

Thursdays: 1R, 1W, Year 2 and Year 3

Fridays: Kinder, 1B, 1G and Year 5

Please note that Kindergarten will be required to wear their Sports Uniform on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Social Skill of the Week

"Open the door for another person"

Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments

Only a few spots left so please come in and collect an Enrolment pack from the office. Parents, if you already have a child at Good Shepherd, you will need to submit an Enrolment Form for any new siblings for 2021.

Attention Please!

Term 4 2020 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

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 4's Staff Development Days are Pupil Free Days and will take place on **Thursday, 17th December** and **Friday, 18th December (Week 10)**. Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children. COSHC will be able to offer spaces for care on these days. 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.

Summer Uniform

Parents, please note that the official changeover date for summer uniform is **Monday, 26th October, 2020**. Students must be wearing their full summer uniform by then. 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 Drutt.** Please mark all school clothing with your child's name to avoid lost property!!

Updated Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education now available online

For several years now, our Catholic community has been working together to update the way we share our faith with children and young people. An updated version of the Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education with references to the relevant sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is now available on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website together with a guide to help community members learn more.

The Draft New Curriculum remains faithful to Sacred Scripture and Tradition while ensuring that the way that the learning and teaching happens is kept up-to-date. When it is launched in late 2021 the Draft New Curriculum will replace 'Sharing Our Story', the current curriculum that has been in place for more than 20 years.

We appreciate that there is a significant level of engagement from some school communities in relation to these matters.

Should you require any additional information to support these conversations, please contact your Director Performance.

Regards
Christine Howe
Relieving Executive Director

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.



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	Cruz Schwalger	KG	Pichayada Mallari
KR	Benjamin Burke		
1B	Michael Ragheb	1G	Liam Stone
1R	Eli Tamani	1W	Joseph Fesolai
2B	Shaun Alex	2G	Noah Scali
2R	Alexius Gozun	2W	Elizabeth Wy
3B	Loreign Bautista	3G	Kian Pangan
3R	Achan Mawien	3W	George Abdallah
4B	Samuel Craig	4G	Kaitlin Nguyen
4R	Elijah Iaulu	4W	Aron Deja
5B	Rolesena Lonesborough Togahai	5G	Chris Baluyot
5R	Felise Ahovelu	5W	Lebron Manalo
6B	Jonathan Gama	6G	Reuben-Marcel Frias
6R	Jarred Hide	6W	Lucas Lobos

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.

Scholastic Book Club

Dear Parents & Carers,
 Issue No. 7 orders are due no later than Friday, 30th October. 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.

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.

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.

Important information regarding School Opal Cards

From January onwards, there will be a number of School Opal cards expiring, as the physical card has reached its lifespan.

These are cards for students who will be in years 8 to 12 in 2021, and only those Opal cards which haven't been replaced in the last five years.

Impacted students and/or their parent/guardian will be contacted directly by Transport for NSW via email or post. They will be asked to confirm their details online in order for a new School Opal card to be sent to the correct postal address in time for the new school year.

If contacted by Transport for NSW, details should be submitted online by December 1, 2020 at the latest. Affected students who do not confirm their details in time will have a new School Opal card posted to the address we currently have on file.

Mobile Phone—Settings on your phone

Parents, would you please check your Settings for "Incoming Call restrictions" and "Do Not Disturb" notifications on your mobile phones so as in a case of an emergency, we need to be able to contact you. Would you please ensure that you can be contacted quickly and easily. Thank you.



Medications/Lotions/Creams

In order for staff to administer any kind of medication or lotion, whether prescribed by a doctor or not, parents/carers are required to complete a Medical form which is available from the school office. A note is also to be addressed to the class teacher stating when the medicine should be taken. Thank you.



School Hats

Please remember our "No Hat, No Play" policy and ensure that your child has their school hat each day. All clothing and hats should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Thank you.



Anaphylaxis

As you are aware Good Shepherd Primary School has adopted a nut free policy to protect its students. Due to the presence of children who have anaphylactic reactions, nuts represent a considerable threat to the well-being of some of the school community. An anaphylactic reaction can be fatal. Could parents please further assist us by making sure that their children do not bring any nut products to school eg peanut butter, Nutella and other nut spreads, chocolate bars with nuts in them like Snickers, some muesli products, some cake or biscuit products—the list is extensive. If parents could check the labels carefully before buying products for school lunches, it would be greatly appreciated.

If your child has an allergy and he/she does not wear a wrist band at school, please contact Mrs Doran in the School Office. (Wrist Bands are also available for asthma and diabetes).

Parent Group News

Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop is open on Fridays from 8:30 am to 9:00 am during the school term. To access the Uniform Shop go through the Parish Bingo Hall carpark, then through the COSHC gate.

Please note cash sales only—No Eftpos!

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. 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.

Bicycle Awareness - Keeping the children safe

Dear families, If your child rides a bicycle to school, (with or without supervision), please ensure that you have signed the Good Shepherd Primary Bicycle/Scooter Policy and returned it to school. Please also ensure that the child enters the school using the walkers' gate and not through the carpark entrances or drop off circle. A copy of the abovementioned Policy is available in the office and on our website.



School Commencement and Finishing Times

School commences at 8.30 am and concludes at 2.45 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.**

PLEASE NOTE

Pastoral Care & Student Management Policy 2016 and the Countering Discrimination, Harassment & Bullying—Policy

Dear Parents & Carers, for information on the above policies, please refer to our School Website—Our School—Policy & Procedures—Good Shepherd Primary Policies and the Catholic School Community section.

Term 4 Class Captains



KB	Jade Hoang	Solomone Lasalo
KG	Grace Yalan	Jace Russell
KR	Aly Azucena	Carlo Ebuenga
1B	Leilani Leota	Aryan Kumar
1G	Taysia Paahi	Nathaniel Stanislaus
1R	Feyi Owoseni	Femuel Agpoon
2B	Layla Cobban-Hmura	Aditya Sundar
2G	Angela Montales	Nate Glover
2R	Ronawyn Decena	Edwin John Elisapeci
2W	Elizabeth Wy	Zaevar Orayenza
3B	Zhania Galletes	Kristopher Jayden Leonardo
3G	Keilani Sua	Alexandr Gonzales
3R	Mackenzie Jones	Andrei Bichescu
3W	Rachael Thrikawala Badalge	Carter Horne
4B	Audrina Shiber	Aarav Sharma
4G	Jessica Labeeb	Jack Jamil
4R	Lily Russell	Miguel Reyes
4W	Shanel Warnakula	Charlie Armitage
5B	Shayna Tatafu	Nicolas Simonetta
5G	Shanelle Escueta	Nino Santos
5R	Cassandra Cruz	Cyrus McGill
5W	Kylie Pham	Al Jur Cabanlong
6B	Kevianne Dela Cruz	Cruz Raza
6G	Eunice Gutierrez	Nahom Mesfin
6R	Laurina Aziz	Nathan Guillermo
6W	Emily Pham	Tristan Duncan

Student Attendance

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 



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School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at:

<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>