



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Term 4 concludes:

Wednesday, 16th December

Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 4

Week 6

Tuesday, 17th November, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are getting close to the end of the year and I wanted to advise about how our end of year will take place. As you know Covid-19 restrictions have had a huge impact on the life of the school this year but throughout all the changes and disruptions our beautiful community has been supportive and understanding.

We have been able to have some minor changes such as an assembly this week with just the children in the open space.

Normally we would have a Year 6 graduation Mass and supper with parents present but we aren't able to do that this year because of the four square metre rule. Therefore we have decided to live stream the Year 6 Graduation during the day. The graduation will be in the church but only teachers and students will be there. To access the live stream and the video please "like" our Good Shepherd Primary School Face book page this will result in you receiving a notification before the live stream.

Patricia Carr

Tricia Carr
Principal



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Upcoming Events

Friday, 20th November:

"Christmas" themed Mufti Day in support of the Annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Gold coin donation greatly appreciated.

Monday, 14th December:

Year 6 Graduation Live Stream—see above for details on accessing the livestream.

Wednesday, 16th December:

Last Day of Term 4 for Students



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	Kilisitina Pifeleti	KG	Angel Danguilan
KR	Lucianna Decena		
1B	Elouize Knoester	1G	Shahd Matta
1R	Deng Dut	1W	Emmanuel Sene
2B	Owen Pender	2G	Athena Aloisio-Malatai
2R	Jasmine Eskandari	2W	Emalyn Shaw
3B	Aaron Botham	3G	Charlotte Russell
3R	Jasmine Hoang	3W	Winston Milag
4B	Jeremiah Tanielu	4G	Nixon Baduria
4R	Joelle Soliman	4W	Fabiano Jameel
5B	Maya Portugal	5G	Emmanuel Momoh
5R	Marvin Malual	5W	Pravish Latchman
6B	Gerard Aloisio	6G	Eunice Gutierrez
6R	Keoki Simonsen	6W	Lachlan Bell

Mufti Day this Friday, 20th November

Dear Parents, as we are unable to collect food items for the annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal this year, we will be conducting a Christmas Mufti Day.

This will be held this Friday, 20th November. We would encourage students to wear something "Christmassy". Also, we would ask for a gold coin donation that will be given to the local St Vincent De Paul group to purchase food hampers for the needy in our local area.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Mr Ian Byrne
Religious Education Coordinator



Social Skill of the Week

"Speak in a friendly tone of voice"

School Fees Statement

Dear Families
The final statements for 2020 have now been sent out. **The due date for your account is Friday 18th December.** If you require any support with payments please contact the school office on 98367100. Thank you.

Class Placement for 2021

Very soon we will start to formulate classes for 2021. If you have any issues regarding your child's class placement, please inform Mrs Patricia Carr, Principal, in writing no later than **Friday, 20th November.** Whilst we endeavour to take into account your considerations, final decisions are made by the School.

If your family is not returning to Good Shepherd in 2021, would you please let Mrs Carr know in writing by **Friday, 20th November.** Please indicate the school that they will be attending for our records. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Club Issue 8—closing date is:

Wednesday, 25th November.



COSHC (Before and After School Care) Enrolments

Please note to enrol for COSHC online, go to eyec.enrolments@cdpsl.org.au
Click on the link to complete the Expression of Interest.

Pupil Free Days 17th and 18th December 2020

Dear Parents, please note that COSHC will not be able to provide care for the Pupil Free Days of 17th and 18th December 2020 due to professional development training on those dates. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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.

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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.

School Shoes & Joggers

At this time of the year we often find that children need their school shoes & joggers replaced. Please remember if you are buying new school shoes, they are to be **black**. **If you need to replace joggers, they should be predominantly white. No fluoro or bright colours.** For information on uniform and hairstyle requirements, please see website.

Building Child Safe Communities - Forms for all Volunteers and Contractors

Dear Parents & Carers, just a reminder that all Volunteers and Contractors to our school need to have completed an online form. Tutors and coaches providing private services to children will also need to apply for a Working with Children Check. The tutor or coach should provide their name, date of birth and WWCC number of parent/carers for online verification. If you have any queries, please contact the School Office on Ph. 9836 7100.

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.

Lost Property tub is overflowing !!

Dear Parents, please take the time to go through the lost property tub as there are many items of clothing that may be your child's! The lost property tub is located in the foyer section of the school office.



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.

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.

YEAR 7 2021

**ORIENTATION DAY 7th and 8th
December 2020
9.00am- 1.30pm**



**ST CLARE'S
CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**

- Monday 7th for Students with surnames A- K
- Tuesday 8th for students with surnames L- Z

Parent Information Sessions will not be able to occur this year due to Covid restrictions however a video will be sent to parents/ carers via email closer to the date. Students will also receive information packs on their Orientation Day.

Further details regarding the day will be sent directly to students enrolled.

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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.



Mount Druitt Christmas Concert Thursday 19 November 6 pm to 9 pm

Dawson Mall, Cleeve Close, Mount Druitt
Christmas carols | photo with Santa
lighting of the Christmas tree
blacktown.nsw.gov.au



Thursday 19 November from 6 pm - 9 pm
Dawson Mall, Cleeve Close, Mount Druitt
Join us at the Mount Druitt Christmas Concert as we welcome the 2020 festive season.

Due to current COVID 19 restrictions activities for this year's concert is limited. The event will feature:

live stage performances
Christmas carols
visit from Santa and a photo opportunity
Don't miss the Christmas tree light up at 8.45 pm!
This is a FREE event!

Library News

Dear Parents, please note the last week for borrowing will be next week (Week 7). All students will need to **return any books they have no later than Friday of Week 9** (11th December).

Evacuation & Lockdown Practices

Each term our school practices either a Lockdown or an Evacuation. This is part of our keeping the children and our whole community safe. There is no need for alarm if your child comes home with stories of "an emergency". We do use the sirens to make the drill realistic. Be assured if ever there is a reason for a Lockdown or Evacuation, all staff are trained and ready.

Please make sure you regularly update your telephone and emergency contact details. If your mobile phone settings are "incoming call restricted" please change these settings so that we can reach you, in the event of an emergency. Thank you.

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.



Student Mobile Phones

Parents, please note students are not allowed to have mobiles on their person or in the backpack during school hours. If you need to contact them, please ring the School Office. Students can leave their mobile phones with the office in the morning and collect them at dismissal time. 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. 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.

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!

You can purchase new school bags \$40.00, school hat \$15.00 and library bag \$10.00 every day from the school office. CASH ONLY

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).

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.**

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.

Principal's Morning Tea

Dear Parents, last week we held our 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 3. Congratulations to the parents and teachers of these children who consistently make good choices about their learning.

Emma Bourne, Arianne Gozun, Mia Fletcher, Aliyah Vaafusuaga, Taysia Paahi, Kezia Amofo, Cataleya Caygill, Valentina Milag, Adonay Teame, Amisha Singh, Samantha Melocotones, Clara Catig, Denis Luzardo-Gotts, Ankit Maharaj, Miguel Caballo, Rimoun Khoury, Alexandra Barbor, Kaitlin Nguyen, Joelle Soliman, Fabiano Jameel, Lucas Blazevic, Laiza Chicote, Abbey Irmisch, Shyla Soliman, Gerard Aloisio, Jay Setefano, Angelo Cruz and Mariem Tungul.



Student Absences

Dear Parents,
Just a quick reminder 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.

Visa Updates

If there has been any change to your Visa Status, could you please send in a copy to the school office. It is important that we have the most up-to-date information for our school records.



Attendance is Important!

When you miss "just" ...	that equals ...	which is ...	and therefore from Kindergarten to Year 12, that is ...	This means that the best you can achieve is ...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school learning	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school learning	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

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Dear Families of Good Shepherd School,

2020

BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!

'Building Child Safe Communities' is an initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care.

If you are volunteering to our school, please follow the procedures below to complete the online forms.

It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/sitecore/content/Sites/Generic/CEDP/CEDP-Home-Page/About-Us/Building-Child-Safe-Communities>

START YOUR TRAINING

- **BCSC Undertaking Form and Training Module for Volunteers and Contractors**
- The purpose of this module is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when delivering services to children and students.
- The undertaking should take no more than **5 minutes** to complete and the training module approximately **15 minutes**.
- Once the form and training modules are submitted an automated email will be sent to you within 24 hours to confirm the status of your submission.
- The undertaking form will expire within 2 years or when your WWCC expires (if applicable) whichever is sooner. At this time you will need to complete the Undertaking form and training module again. You will receive an automatic reminder email when this occurs.

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

Thank you for assisting us in keeping our children and community safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Carr". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name.

Mrs Patricia Carr
Principal



Part-Time Work

Multiple Permanent part time position – Multiple Locations Across Sydney – 7010

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
 - Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

School crossings require 20 hours of supervising per fortnight. Shifts for Our Lady of the Angels, Kellyville falls between 8:20am - 9:20am and 2:40pm - 3:40pm and William Clarke College, Kellyville falls between 8.00am - 9:00am and 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
 - ✓ Community spirit
 - ✓ Positive energy

If it does, visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au to apply today! Applications close Sunday, 29th November 2020