



# Good Shepherd Primary School News Update

1st Sunday of Lent

Term 1

Week 5

Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is great to be back after my leave and I was delighted to see so many smiling faces coming through the gate yesterday morning.

I am very grateful to Mr Battikha, Mr Byrne and Mrs dela Paz for stepping into different roles while I was away. They are amazing leaders and I was very blessed to be able to leave them to run the school so competently in my absence. Thank you.

The Season of Lent is upon us again and it is a time for us to focus intentionally on what helps or hinders our commitment to Christ. It may be that we not only give up something but to take on something, to build up our spiritual muscles. Maybe that is to take time for our spiritual growth through prayer and reading.

We are all made in the image of God but we may not be as Christ-like as we would like in our behaviour. Maybe this Lent we set different goals for ourselves, which are achievable and also helpful to others.

**“Father in heaven, may Your love be the foundation and motivating force for my life. Help me to step out of my sheltered life and take Your love to other people in a way that is personal to me. Amen”**

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## Open Day and Guided Tours - Sunday, 7 March

Good Shepherd Primary School invites prospective families to come and explore the school's facilities with a guided tour on Sunday, 7 March 2021. Guided tours will be conducted every 30 minutes from 10 am - 1 pm. Members of the school Leadership Team will conduct these tours of our facilities. It is important that participants register for our guided tours. There will be a maximum of 30 participants for each tour as per our COVID-19 Safety Plan.

To book a place on a guided tour, we are asking people to please phone the school office on Ph. 9836 7100 or email goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Please spread the word to family and friends!



Term 1 concludes:  
Thursday, 1st April

Term 2 commences:  
Monday, 19th April

Term 2 concludes:  
Friday, 25th June

## 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	Kalita Tanaki	KG	Joey (Josef) Langi
KR	Isabelle Turner	KW	Porscha Attard
1G	Anthony Rahme	1R	Miguel Largado
1W	Vita Ale		
2B	Michael Ragheb	2G	Sallena Fesolai
2R	Izaak JustinJose	2W	Joshray Ventura
3B	Novaoe Lealamanu'a	3G	Ronawyn Decena
3R	Arthur Alhamwi	3W	Erin Alcober
4B	Jad Alameh	4G	Joshua Toa
4R	Addison Stone	4W	Winston Milad
5B	Roza-Elloise Frias	5G	Mahi Prasad
5R	Tevita Langi	5W	Kirsten Labial
6B	Laiza Chicote	6G	Ava Stone
6R	Cooper Lambert	6W	Shayna Tatafu

### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, 7th March:** Good Shepherd Primary School Open Day  
10.00 am—1.00 pm  
(Please book your tour)

**Friday, 12th March:** Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

Please note we will keep you updated with events etc via our Skoolbag App, Weekly Parent Newsletter and our Facebook page.

### 2021 Term Dates

Term 1 concludes: Thursday, 1st April

Term 2 commences: Monday, 19th April  
Term 2 concludes: Friday, 25 June

Term 3 commences: Monday, 12th July  
Term 3 concludes: Friday, 17th September

Term 4 commences: Monday, 5 October  
Term 4 concludes: Wednesday, 15th December

### 2021 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

Term 1: Friday, 12th March

Terms 2—4 Staff Development Days are to be confirmed.

### Staff Development Day—Term 1 2021

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. These Staff Development Days are **PUPIL FREE DAYS** and Term 1's will take place on **Friday, 12th March (Week 7)**. Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children on these days. COSHC will be able to offer limited spaces for care on these days. To make inquiries of COSHC, please telephone COSHC on Ph. 0409 121 980.

### School Fees

School Fees have now been issued and are due by 17th March.

Please follow the link given on your statement to set your chosen payment plan option before 17th March, or alternatively please contact the school office who can assist with setting up your arrangement.

As we are limiting cash payments to the school, please use your post biller code reference on the statement to pay cash at the post office. Eftpos is available from the school office.

### 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.

### Uniform Shop

Dear Parents,  
Please note our Good Shepherd Uniform Shop will be open on **Wednesdays, from 8.30 am to 9.00 am**. Cash only please.

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**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## Zone Swimming

On Thursday 18th February a team of nine swimmers represented Good Shepherd School at the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival. The swimmers competed in a range of races including 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke and Senior Relay. Our swimmers tried their best in every event with some swimmers beating their own personal best times. We are so proud of the way they competed and represented our school. A special congratulations to our Girls Senior 50m Freestyle Relay team who placed third in their event and Sabina La who placed third in Senior Girls 50m Backstroke. These girls will now compete in the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on the 9th March.



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## 2021 OPEN DAY GUIDED TOURS

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Sunday 7th

March 2021

10:00AM - 1:00PM



# Catherine McAuley Westmead

## Enrolling Now for Year 7 2022



Enrolment applications for Year 7 2022 (First Round Offers) are due by Friday, 19th March 2021.

Enrolment packs are available at your primary school office or by visiting the Catherine McAuley Westmead website.

The School Open Afternoon scheduled for Wednesday, 10th March 2021 has been cancelled. Instead the school is offering small group school tours over a number of days in early March. Book a place on a school tour by visiting the school website under Enrolment/Visit Our School.

**Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | [www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au) | Telephone: 9849 9100**

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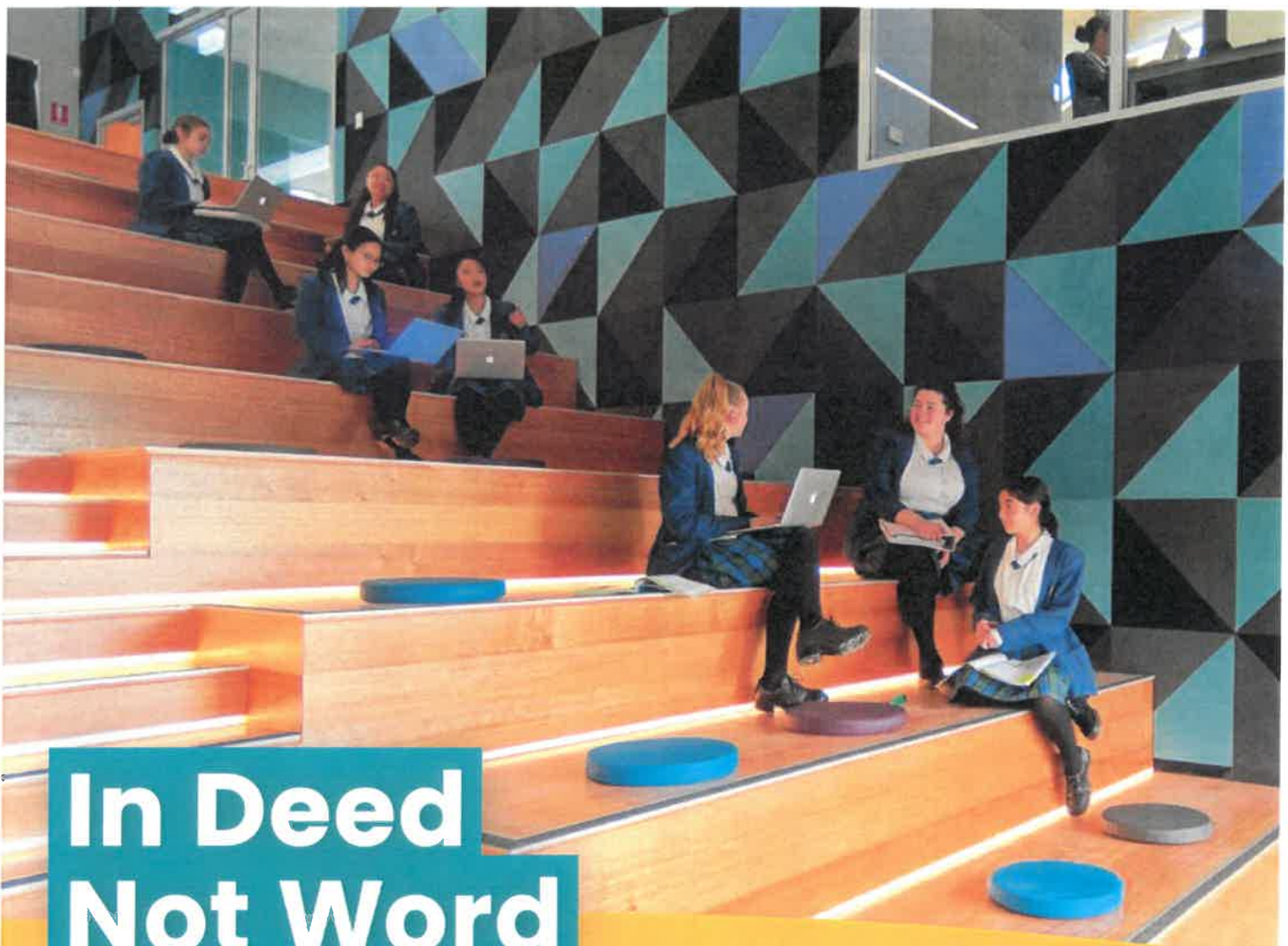


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