



Good Shepherd Primary School News Update

4th Sunday of
Advent

Term 4

Week 11

Tuesday, 14th December 2021



Dear Parents,

During this last week of the school year we reflect on the Christmas story. What a story of faith and humility and trust. Mary and Joseph were required to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem to register their names.

Jesus was born in a humble stable in Bethlehem, into a poor family. Simple shepherds were visited by the angels and went quickly to Bethlehem, they were first witnesses to this event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for the faith and support you have shown to our school this year.

Usually I would be able to address and thank you all at the end of year Mass, but of course, because of the restrictions this was not able to be held this year. This year you have shown resilience and gracious acceptance, as we have had to change the practices and way we teach to accommodate the lockdowns and restrictions. I am very grateful for your hard work and good humour parents when faced with many changes: Zooms, Google classroom, uploading work, lining up and masks! Just to name a few!

We have some changes in our staffing next year also. Unfortunately Sister Paula is leaving us to take up a position in the Newcastle Diocese.

Mrs Travena is leaving us to take up a promotional position in our diocese and Mrs Robinson will be working in the Newcastle diocese, and we will also say farewell to Mrs Tabone who has been on parental leave. Miss Touzell is also leaving us to take up a position at St Mary MacKillop Primary Penrith.

Thank you to these staff members who have been very much loved and respected educators here at Good Shepherd. We wish them much happiness in the future and we will miss them very much.

I wish all of our families and friends, a very happy and peaceful Christmas. I hope that 2022 will be a very different year – but I know no matter what, our wonderful community of parents, guardians, staff and students will work together for the best outcomes for our students here at Good Shepherd.

Thank you

Tricia Carr
Principal



2022

Tues 1st Feb: Years 1 to 6
commence

Wed 2nd Feb: New
Kinders' First Day

Thurs 3rd Feb: Kinder
Siblings' First Day

*“O loving God,
Grant that the message of love brought to us by Mary’s baby, Jesus, may be the
message that we proclaim through what we say and what we do, not only at
Christmas but always.*

*The message of the angels, led the shepherds to find the baby Jesus. They
exhibited their faith.
Help us to be filled with the joy and love of the Lord as we too find Jesus and live
our lives worthy of his love.
Amen”*

2022 Staffing

Principal: Mrs Patricia Carr
Assistant Principal: Mr Paul Battikha
Religious Education Coordinator: Mr Ian Byrne

KB: Miss Alyssia Aloschi
KG: Miss Therese Guerrero
KR: Mrs Carol Sirry
KW: Miss Elaria Rizkalla
Kinder Learning Support: Mrs Yvonne Davies
Kinder Grade Leader: Mrs Yvonne Davies

1B: Mrs Kellie Fox
1G: Mrs Janice Saliba
1R: Mrs Stephanie Van Weverbergh
1W: Mrs Marina Camilleri
Year 1 Learning Support: Mrs Amie Keown & Mrs Melissa O'Connor
Year 1 Grade Leader: Mrs Beulah Frankson

2B: Mrs Maree Callaghan
2G: Mrs Maria Rainert
2R: Mrs Sara McCaffrey & Mrs Clare Burnett
Year 2 Learning Support: Mrs Carolyn Duval
Year 2 Grade Leader: Mrs Trish Conner

3B: Mrs Anita Meredith & Mrs Jenna Joseph
3G: Mrs Karen Fairall & Mrs Susanne Mammoliti
3R: Mrs Linda Freitas & Mrs Tiffany Reid
3W: Ms Nicole Lumagbas
Year 3 Learning Support: Mrs Joan Bellenger
Year 3 Grade Leader: Mr Paul Battikha

4B: Mrs Daniela Del Duca
4G: Mrs Jo-Ann Lindsay & Mrs Dimple Dhiman
4R: Mrs Bronwyn Micallef
4W: Mrs Tania Pereira
Year 4 Learning Support: Mrs Grace Pestano
Year 4 Grade Leader: Mr Paul Battikha

5G: Ms Elizabeth Le Breton & Ms Briana Quinn
5R: Mrs Christina Ellul & Ms Briana Quinn
5W: Mr Karl Rainert
Year 5 Learning Support: Mrs Rhodora Dinh-Vu
Year 5 Grade Leader: Ms Elizabeth Le Breton

6B: Mr Ian Byrne & Mr Henry Escandor
6G: Mrs Debbie dela Paz
6R: Miss Kelly Maloney
6W: Mr Matthew Slager
Year 6 Learning Support: Mrs Cathy Moylan
Year 6 Grade Leader: Mr Ian Byrne

PE Teachers: Mr Henry Escandor & Mrs Dimple Dhiman

Creative Arts Teachers: Mrs Joanne Hocking & Ms Rebecca McMillan

Support (Speech): Ms Jillian Tate

Teachers' Aides: Mrs Joanne Edgerton, Ms Tania Cornett, Mrs Jan Wedgwood,
Mrs Diane Maunder, Mrs Gabrielle Attard, Mrs Antionette Matery, Miss Reilly Fearon &
Mrs Chrisanne Skourmallas

Office Staff: Mrs Kristy Haywood, Mrs Vicki Doran, Mrs Dianne Holmes & Mrs Nikki Babela

IT Trainee: Mr Kailen Shrimpton

Maintenance: Mr Christopher Willard

Counsellor: Ms Vanessa Pollicini

Please note that some Year 1 and Year 4 class names have changed. However, your child's teacher will still be the same.

2022 Good Shepherd Leadership Team

School Captains

Zaijan Caygill & Cassie Pascual

Vice Captains

Samuel Craig & Bianca Galea

Sports Captains & Vice Captains

Newcombe

Captains

Thomas Planer & Sinit Teame

Vice Captains

Izaak Knoester & Cheyanne Sinclair

Fraser

Captains

Malaki Setefano & Grace Kamara

Vice Captains

Jack Jamil & Ite Tonga

McKay

Captains

Oliver Gutierrez & Makayla De Guia

Vice Captains

Miguel Manalili & Riena Manuel

Bradman

Captains

Fabiano Jameel & Seraphina Vaasili

Vice Captains

Vlad Anastasiei & Ruby Cornish



Year 6 Graduation



2022 Commencement Dates

Tuesday 1st Feb: Years 1 to 6 commence their First Day

Wednesday 2nd Feb: New Kinders' First Day

Thursday 3rd Feb: Kinder Siblings' First Day

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 fluro or bright colours. For information on uniform and hairstyle requirements, please see website under 'Parent Handbook'.



Uploading of Photos onto YouTube and Social Media

Parents, please note there is to be no uploading of pictures of students that are not your own child, onto YouTube and Social Media eg Facebook, Instagram etc. from events at school without prior permission from the School Principal. Such events include school functions, excursions, liturgies etc.



Blacktown City Council Holiday Guide

Summer School Holiday Program

Pick up a School Holiday Program from your library today! There are lots of fun activities for ages 3 - 18, including a ukelele workshop, bingo games plus loads of craft activities to keep your children busy and inspired this summer!

For all school holiday activities, please visit <https://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/Home>



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Required items for each grade - 2022

Please label all items with your child's name and class

**ALL STUDENTS IN KINDER TO YEAR 5 MUST HAVE THE GREEN SCHOOL BAG.
THIS IS AVAILABLE FOR SALE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR \$40**

**School hats must be in good order and not frayed or ripped.
Hats are available for sale from the school Office for \$15**

<p>Year 1</p>	<p>1 x waterproof paint shirt with long sleeves 1 x Cloth/plastic Library Bag 4 x Glue Sticks 1 x Personal Earphones/headphones for Computer use (Labelled in a ziplock bag) 1 x box of tissues 4 x Baby Wipe Packets</p>
<p>Year 2</p>	<p>2 x Boxes of tissues (to be stored by the teacher) 1 x Paint shirt with Long Sleeves (an old shirt to cover arms is ideal) 2 x Glue Sticks 1 x Cloth/plastic library bag 1 x Personal Earphones for Computer use (Labelled in a ziplock bag) 3 x Baby Wipe Packets Coloured pencils, crayons and textas in a pencil case</p>
<p>Year 3</p>	<p>2 x Baby Wipe Packets 2 x Boxes of Tissues 1 x Cloth or Plastic Library Bag 4 x Glue Sticks 1 X Plastic or Wooden 30cm ruler (Marked with cm and mm) Please no metal or bendy rulers HB Lead Pencils (10 per Term) 1 x Pencil Sharpener with barrel 2 x Highlighters 2 x Erasers 1 x pair of scissors Coloured pencils 1 x Pencil Case (big enough to hold their ruler) Personal earphones for computer use (no headphones) 1 x Paint shirt with Long Sleeves (an old shirt to cover arms is ideal)</p>
<p>Year 4</p>	<p>2 x Baby Wipe Packets 4 x Boxes of Tissues 1 x Paint shirt with Long Sleeves (an old shirt to cover arms is ideal) 1 x Plastic Library Bag 4 x Glue Sticks 1 x Plastic 30cm ruler (Marked with cm and mm) Please no metal or bendy rulers 4 x HB Lead Pencils 1 x Pencil Sharpener, 2 x Highlighter Packet 1 x Eraser 1 x pair of scissors, Coloured textas and pencils Personal ear/headphones for computer use. 1 x Small Pencil Case (used for everyday) 1x Medium Pencil Case (used for coloured pencils and textas) <i>(items to be replenished throughout the year)</i></p>



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<p>Year 5</p>	<p>One box of tissues per term 1 packet of baby wipes per term 1 x Cloth or Plastic Library Bag Glue sticks as needed 1 X plastic 30cm ruler (Marked with cm and mm) Please no metal or bendy rulers HB Lead Pencils as needed 1 x Pencil Sharpener 1 x Highlighter Packet 2 x pencil cases (small – Pens, eraser, lead pencils, large – Coloured textas, pencils, crayons) 2 x Erasers 1 x pair scissors 1 x small stapler small pocket calculator personal earphones for computer use Coloured textas, coloured pencils, crayons 2 x Blue and Red Pens Post-it notes 1 x Paint shirt with Long Sleeves (an old shirt to cover arms is ideal) Plastic Wallet/Folder - personal paperwork</p>
<p>Year 6</p>	<p>4 x Boxes of Tissues (to be stored by the teacher) 2 x packets of baby wipes 1 x Paint shirt with Long Sleeves (an old shirt to cover arms is ideal) 1 x Cloth or Plastic Library Bag 2 x Glue Sticks 1 X plastic 30cm ruler (Marked with cm and mm) Please no metal or bendy rulers HB Lead Pencils 1 x Pencil Sharpener 1 x Highlighter Packet 2 x pencil cases (small – Pens, eraser, lead pencils, large – Coloured textas, pencils, crayons) 2 x Erasers 1 x pair scissors 1 x small stapler personal earphones for computer use Coloured textas, coloured pencils, crayons 2 x Blue and Red Pens Plastic Wallet/Folder - personal paperwork</p>

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

December 24

(Friday)

4 pm Spanish Mass

6 pm Children's Mass

8 pm Youth Mass

Midnight Mass commencing at 11:00 pm with X'Mass Carols

Holy Mass follows at 12:00 am



December 25

(Saturday)

7:00 am - 9:00 am - 12 Noon Vietnamese Mass

There will be no 6:00 pm Mass on 25th Dec



December 26

(Sunday)

Boxing Day

7:00 am - 9:00 am - 12 Noon Vietnamese Mass

4:00 pm *Extra Mass*

6:00 pm

