



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

33rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Term 4

Week 7

Tuesday, 16th November 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

With COVID-19 continuing to be present in our local communities, I am writing to encourage you to stay updated with the latest NSW Health advice.

Several Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta schools have recently been impacted by COVID-19 cases on-site. This includes Delany College Granville, Mother Teresa Primary Westmead, Nagle College Blacktown South, St Patrick's Primary Guildford and St Thomas Aquinas Primary Springwood.

It is likely that some of the students in schools where there has been a COVID-19 case will have connections to our school, either through family or friends. With this in mind, please monitor your children carefully and if any member of your household displays symptoms of COVID-19, please ensure they get tested immediately and self-isolate until receiving a negative test result.

You can find out more about COVID-19 symptoms and testing [here](#). Also, if someone in your household is affected, please contact the school as soon as you have been advised of this by NSW Health.

Please let the school know if there is any information that you feel we should know about your family's needs at this time. As always, we are ready to support your children in their learning and wellbeing.

Thanks again for your support during these challenging times.

Kind regards

Tricia Carr
Principal



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Term 4 concludes:
Wednesday 15th December

2022

Tues 1st Feb: Years 1 to 6
commence

Wed 2nd Feb: New
Kinders' First Day

Thurs 3rd Feb: Kinder
Siblings' First Day

Upcoming Events

Monday, 22nd November	Year 5 Grade Gala Day
Tuesday, 23rd November	Year 3 Grade Gala Day
Thursday, 25th November	Year 4 Fairytale Day
Friday, 26th November	Vinnies Appeal Christmas Mufti Day (Gold coin donation please)
Monday, 29th November	Year 6 Grade Gala Day
Tuesday, 30th November	Year 1 Grade Gala Day
Tuesday, 30th November	Year 6 Reflection Day
Monday, 6th December	Year 2 Grade Gala Day

Reflection from our Vice Captain

“This year has been one rollercoaster. Yes I agree this year was tough with the Covid-19 pandemic, but it has helped us grow as people and realise how we can compromise, when these things happen.

2021 when I was elected as captain I was amazed and joyful about how I got to share this experience with the other three captains. But as I was there, covid struck. Everything happened in a blink. Things were shut down, events at school were cancelled and we were at home looking at a screen. This can be a lot to take in for kids because we were used to being outside socialising and not having to annoy our parents when things got hard. At the same time it has been amazing how well our school students have got through it.

Kids at Good Shepherd are not ordinary kids. They’re achievers. When I was in lockdown, I admit I felt lonely not being with my friends but it brought me closer to being alone with myself which means I got to try difference things. The great news is that there have been some events that we were able to do online like public speaking which was awesome by the way (because I was a contestant!).

I am very grateful to the teachers who put so much effort and hard work into making this year a good one even with the events that have happened. If I could, I would give them a pay rise (but I don’t think I can do that!!) Anyway School Vice Captain Suzanna signing off”



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	Maahyar ShakibaeiShahadati	KG	Oliver Vaasili
KR	Jackson McKeough	KW	Ashana Ramirez
1G	Olivia Rivera	1R	Jade Hoang
1W	Taaliala Taupau-Moors		
2B	Anthony Lauulu	2G	Titus Fruean
2R	Enzo Ygay	2W	Layla David
3B	Fehikitaki Haufano	3G	Alexander La
3R	Jayda Magele	3W	Edwin Elisapeci
4B	Chauncey Tecson	4G	Aryan Shah
4R	Aahana Trivedi	4W	George Abdallah
5B	Ite Tonga	5G	Anjani Patel
5R	Amity Thomas	5W	Mikayla Villabona
6B	Denielle Pascual	6G	Carolina Barkho
6R	Zaeclan Orayenza	6W	Chris Baluyot

Class Placement for 2022

Dear Parents,

Very soon we will start to formulate classes for 2022. If you have any issues regarding your child's class placement, please inform Mrs Patricia Carr, Principal, in writing no later than Friday 19th 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 2022, would you also please inform Mrs Carr in writing by Friday, 19th November. Please indicate the school that they will be attending for our records. Thank you.

Social Skill of the Week

"Make way for an adult"

Changing Schools in 2022?

Are you thinking of or needing to change schools in 2022? Whatever the reason, we would appreciate you letting us know as soon as you can. CEDP require us to estimate our enrolment numbers for 2022 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.

If your child has any cold flu like symptoms, please take your child to have a covid test and supply the certificate prior to returning to school. Thank you, Mrs Carr.

Term 4 2021 Staff Development Days

(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 4's Staff Development Day is a Pupil Free Day and will take place on **Thursday, 16th December (Week 11)**. Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children. COSHC will **not** be able to offer spaces for care on this day.

School Fees

Dear Families

Just a reminder that Term 4 fees are due this Friday, 19th November. Families experiencing hardship are encouraged to seek support by contacting Mrs Haywood on 9836 7100. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

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**. Thank you.

Baby News

Congratulations to the Deeleon Lonesborough Togahai family (Angel 3R and Rolesena 6W) on the birth of a new baby boy. May your life be blessed with many happy moments and joy.



GOOD SHEPHERD PRIMARY SCHOOL

MINI-VINNIES



CHRISTMAS APPEAL MUFTI DAY *FRIDAY 26th NOV 2021*

5th November 2021

Dear Parents of Good Shepherd,

As the season of Christmas is approaching we are once again calling on your generosity. The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to put together Christmas hampers for the needy in our area.

Our aim is to bring some joy into the lives of some families on Christmas Day. As we sit down to our Christmas lunches and open our presents, we should remember those families who will not have any such celebrations except for your generosity. Our school has supported this appeal in the past through the work of our Mini-Vinnies team of Year Six students.

Due to Covid restrictions we are unable to collect food so instead we are having a Christmas Mufti day. We ask the students to dress in Christmas colours and donate a gold coin which we will donate to our local St. Vincent de Paul Society to purchase food items.

Thank you

Ava Stone

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Benji

Benji Reyes

(Mini -Vinnies Presidents)



MERCY SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now open for Year 7, 2023 Mercy Scholarships for:

Academic Excellence
Music Excellence
OLMC Parramatta Alumnae

www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

Currently
enrolling
Year 7,
2023

MERCY

COMPASSION

JUSTICE

DIGNITY

EXCELLENCE

HOSPITALITY

STEWARDSHIP

SERVICE

3 DAY EVENT
18TH - 20TH NOVEMBER

ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS

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