



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

The
Presentation of
the Lord
2nd February



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Term 1 concludes:
Friday, 8th April

Term 2 commences:
Tuesday, 26th April

Term 2 concludes:
Friday, 1st July

Term 1

Week 1

Tuesday, 1st February, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

Welcome to a new school year which, no doubt, will have a surprise or two to reveal to us; we can but hope that any surprise will be a happy one. To all families and to our caring community we offer the warmest of welcomes.

It was a delight today to visit the classrooms and see how happy the children and the teachers were to be back in person at school.

These children have had much change in their lives and are living through a turbulent time with changes happening on a very regular basis.

Throughout this they are supported and kept safe by the love around them from families, friends and school. Parents you are doing a great job!!

We all know that children receive the best education when parents and teachers work as a team. Parents' enthusiasm, support and involvement are integral to the success of our school as are the skills, dedication and professionalism of teachers. Together, staff and parents can provide a positive learning experience for every student so that they can achieve their personal best. Together, we can support one another to provide a friendly academic environment and, when appropriate, celebrate our achievements.

We hope that throughout the year, our school will be a place where staff, students and families have opportunities to experience God's presence in our lives.

Although he lived about two and a half thousand years ago, the prophet, Jeremiah, has words that are still relevant for us at the beginning of this new school year:

"The Lord says, I know the plans I have for you plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11.

Within our school, we can all try to model God's love for each one of us, by being a renewing community where all members are valued, affirmed and empowered; where our commitment to Gospel values is expressed in every facet of our school's endeavours.

Throughout the year, our school will provide experiences of liturgy and prayer to assist the spiritual development of all our students. We hope that we will once again be able to welcome our parents to these special occasions in the not too distant future. We have missed not having parents in our school and we hope and pray that we can welcome our parents safely soon.

May this school year, see staff and parents in partnership in our collective role of secular and faith education.

"God, our Father, we ask that Your Spirit be a constant influence in the lives of all who make up our school community this year. Help our students to be discerning, so that the outcomes of their choices will be in accord with Christian values. Amen."

Patricia Carr

Mrs Tricia Carr
Principal

Welcome

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



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 Tiffany Reid & Mrs Linda Freitas
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 Sean Madden
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.

Sports Days for Term 1 2022

Wednesdays: Year 2, 3R, 3W and Year 6

Thursdays: KB, KG, 1G, 1W and Year 5

Fridays: KR, KW, 1B, 1R, 3B, 3G and Year 4

School Commencement and Finishing Times

School commences at 8.30 am and concludes at 2.30 pm (during Covid). 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.**

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.

Contact Details

Parents, it is vital that all contact information including phone/mobile numbers, emergency contacts, home address, email address are kept up to date. Please contact the School Office if any changes need to be made. Thank you.

After School Supervision

Just a reminder that school finishes at 2:45 pm (during Covid). Please ensure that your children have been collected **before 3:15 pm each afternoon.**

There are many children who have not been collected before 3:15 pm which creates issues with supervision & safety for the children.

If you are late collecting your children from school it impacts on the children, the staff and the running of the school. Please ensure that you have made suitable arrangements to have your children collected by 3:15 pm.

If there is an emergency and you are running late to collect the children, please telephone the school office on (02) 9836 7100. Thank you.

Label Uniforms

Please label your child's uniform **especially** their **hats, drink bottles, school bags, jumpers** as many items are ending up in lost property! Names can be written on with a laundry pen, embroidered, or you can use iron-on labels. All unlabelled uniforms are washed and re-sold in the uniform shop. By failing to label your child's uniform, you are spending money unnecessarily when you need to replace these items.

Canteen News

Please see attached 2022 Canteen Menu. There is also an online cashless payment system for your child's canteen called "Cashless.school". When ordering don't forget to put in your child's new class, and that you click on "Lunch" not "Recess" if you are ordering lunch. Please ask your child to collect their Recess at Recess time.



School Bags, Hats & Library Bags

Dear Parents, please note School Bags, Hats & Library Bags can also be purchased from the School Office. (School Bags can also be purchased from Lowes Mount Druitt). School Bags are \$40.00, Hats \$15.00 and Library Bags \$10.00. **Please note—cash only will be accepted.** Thank you.



\$100 Creative Kids Vouchers Go Live

As parents begin planning for the year ahead, they can now access Creative Kids vouchers, providing them with \$100 for every school-age child to help cover the cost of enrolment for creative and cultural learning activities. Parents can use one voucher for every school-age child per year to help meet the cost of structured creative and cultural activities, such as music lessons, languages, coding, drama and theatre, photography and graphic design. Minister for Finance, Services and Property Victor Dominello said the NSW Government's Creative Kids program builds on the success of the Active Kids program, which is back this year, helping to reduce the cost of registration for sport and organised physical activity. Please visit website <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

Communication between Parents and Staff for 2022

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 an interview with your child's Year Grade Leader.

2022 Year Grade Leader are as follows:

Kinder: Mrs Yvonne Davies
Year 1: Mrs Beulah Frankson
Year 2: Mrs Trish Conner
Year 3: Mr Paul Battikha
Year 4: Mr Paul Battikha
Year 5: Ms Elizabeth Le Breton
Year 6: Mr Ian Byrne

If you need to take further steps, after speaking with the Year Grade Leader, an email, letter or phone call to our Assistant Principal, then to the Principal.

Anaphylaxis Asthma Diabetic

Parents, students who are known to be Anaphylactic, Asthmatic or Diabetic wear identification bracelets during school hours at Good Shepherd School.

The identification bracelets assist awareness for all staff and provide a quicker response should any of these students show signs of these illnesses while they are in our care.

The identification bracelets are to remain at school after school hours. We would appreciate parents encouraging their child to put it on in class each morning and remove it at the end of each school day.



The **ALERT! ASTHMATIC** bracelet is pale blue, the **ALERT! DIABETIC** is dark blue and the **Anaphylaxis ALERT!** is red. If your child suffers from Anaphylaxis, is Asthmatic or Diabetic **or has any other medical problem** and the school has not been informed or you know your child hasn't been given the appropriate bracelet, we would appreciate correspondence from you so that he/she can be given the bracelet and his/her individual Medical Action Plan can be put in place. Thank you for your assistance.

Updated Action Management Plans for Medical Issues

If your child is taking regular medication including Asthma or is Anaphylactic or allergic, please note at the beginning of each year **we require updated information and Action/management plans for these medical issues.**

As part of keeping our children safe, it is vital that we maintain the most current information. Please take the time to update this information as soon as possible.

2022 Term Dates

Term 1 concludes: Friday, 8th April

Term 2 commences: Tuesday, 26th April

Term 2 concludes: Friday, 1st July

Term 3 commences: Monday, 18th July

Term 3 concludes: Friday, 23rd September

Term 4 commences: Monday, 10th October

Term 4 concludes: Wednesday, 19th December

2022 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

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

No Nut Products to School ...

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).

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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE

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.

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.

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thanks again for your support as we prepare to welcome all our students back to school. You would have heard much in the media in the past few weeks about the return to school and Rapid Antigen Tests. I know many of our families were impacted by Covid last year and we know that the safety of our students, staff and all our extended families is the priority of everyone in our community. Well, the good news is that our supply of Rapid Antigen Tests has arrived and will be available to be picked up this week.

You will receive two tests per week for each child for the first two weeks of term 1.

It is recommended that tests should be completed at home in the morning on Mondays and Wednesdays before attending school.

If your child receives a positive RAT test, you need to:

- record the positive RAT result through the Service NSW website or Service NSW app
- notify the school of the positive RAT (or a PCR test) result as soon as possible
- follow NSW Health advice to isolate for 7 days.

Negative results do not need to be reported to Service NSW or to the school. Please also note that school staff will not be administering RATs to students.

Picking up your RAT kits:

You would all be aware that we have many families in our large school so it is necessary to allocate times and days for you to pick up the RAT kits to ensure you are not waiting too long and not crowded. To do this safely we have decided to give out the kits over three days.

- **Thursday 27th January all families with surnames starting A-K** can collect the kits from 9.00am til 2.00pm
- **Friday 28th January all families with surnames starting L-Z** can collect the kits from 9.00am til 2.00pm
- Monday any families who still need to collect the kits may come along from 9.00am-12.00pm

I realise that many parents work and may not be able to make these times. We will send the kits home with your child in that case or with someone else you have nominated in writing/email.

Wearing a mask at school:

A reminder that wearing a surgical mask indoors is strongly recommended for all primary students but is not mandatory.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support as we keep working together to respond to COVID-19.

Kind regards,

Patricia Carr
Principal

2022 CANTEEN MENU

Hot Food

Corn on the Cob	\$1.20
Garlic Bread	\$2.00
Party Pie	2 for \$3.00
Hot Cheese Roll	\$3.00
Chicken Nuggets	4 for \$3.20
	6 for \$4.80
Cheese & Broccoli Bites	4 for \$3.20
	6 for \$4.80
Hot Dog w/ Sauce	\$3.50
Mini Dim Sim Cup	\$3.50
Chicken or Vegetable	
Sausage Roll	\$3.60
Spinach & Ricotta Roll	\$3.80
Hot Chicken Roll	\$4.00
Traveller Pie	\$4.20
Beef or Chicken	

Burgers

No changes or substitutions are available.

Chicken Burger	\$4.60
Lettuce & Mayo	
Beef/Salad Burger	\$4.60
Lettuce, Tomato & BBQ Sauce	
Cheese Burger	\$4.60
Beef, Cheese & BBQ Sauce	
Veggie Burger	\$4.80
Lettuce & Mayo	

Pasta & Rice

Macaroni & Cheese	\$4.80
Butter Chicken & Rice	\$4.80
Beef or Vegetable Lasagne	\$4.80
BBQ Pork & Ham Fried Rice	\$4.80

Hot Wraps

Chicken Tender w/ Lettuce & Mayo	\$5.20
Toasted Ham/Cheese	\$5.00

Bento Box \$5.50

Your choice of Chicken Breast Slice, Corn Cob or Boiled Egg PLUS 1/2 Sandwich, Mini Muffins, Sliced Fruit, and Popcorn



Classroom Catering supports a focus on everyday healthy food & drink options and is fully compliant with the NSW Healthy School Canteen food & drink benchmarks.

Build Your Own Sub Roll

Sub rolls baked fresh everyday!

\$5.50

Includes:

One (1) choice of meat, and any fillings or sauces.

1. Choose a Meat:

Chicken Breast, Ham, Tuna, Meatballs or Roast Beef

2. Choose Fillings:

Carrot, Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce, Cucumber or Beetroot.

3. Choose Sauce/Dressing:

Caesar, Garlic Aioli, Sweet Chilli, Tomato, BBQ, Mayo or Sweet Mustard.

Sandwiches & Wraps

All sandwiches made on wholemeal bread

Upgrade Wrap	\$0.80
Vegemite, Jam or Cheese	\$2.50
Tuna or Egg	\$3.20
Ham, Chicken or Roast Beef	\$4.00
Salad Sandwich	\$4.00
Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot & Carrot	
Salad w/ Tuna or Ham	\$4.50
Salad w/ Chicken or Roast Beef	\$4.80
Extras (including Toasting)	\$0.60
Cheese, Avocado, Sprouts	

Sushi

Available Tues, Wed, & Thurs

Chicken & Cucumber	\$3.80
Tuna & Cucumber	\$3.80
Chicken Terriyaki	\$3.80
Veggie Sushi	\$3.80

ORDER ONLINE!

For online weekly specials, detailed menus and to order online, please visit spriggyschools.com.au

Lunch order cut off is 9am



Salads

Garden Salad	\$4.50
Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot & Carrot	
w/ Ham or Tuna	\$5.20
Chicken Caetser Salad	\$5.50
Greek Salad	\$5.50
Extras	\$0.60
Cheese, Avocado, Sprouts, Egg or Capsicum	

Drinks

Bottled Water 600ml	\$2.00
Plain Milk 300ml	\$2.00
Juice Popper	\$2.40
Flavoured Milk 300ml (3 Flavours)	\$2.60
Juice Bomb Sparkling Juice	\$2.80
Up 'n' Go	\$2.80

Please note that while we take great care to ensure the correct flavour drink/ice block is provided, some substitutions may occur due to circumstances out of our control

Cold Treats

Quech Fruit Stick	\$1.00
Frozen Juice Cup	\$1.50
Snap Stix Ice Block	\$1.50
Icy Mony	\$1.50
Moosie Pouch	\$1.50
Juicee Tube	\$1.50
Lemonade on a Stick	\$1.50

All cold treats are to be collected from the canteen by returning brown lunch bag

Snacks

Pizza Muffin (Recess Only)	\$1.00
Laughing Cow Cheese	\$1.00
Carrot Sticks	\$1.00
Piece of Fruit	\$1.20
Boiled Egg	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$1.50
Custard Cup	\$1.50
Fruit Salad	Small \$3.00
	Large \$4.00
Dip Snack Box	\$3.50
Banana Bread Slice	\$3.00
Red Rock Crisps	\$2.00
Grainwaves	\$2.00

Gluten Free and Halal menus are available online (see details above).



Dominic Perrottet MP
Premier of New South Wales



Dear parents,

When school goes back, there is usually a collective sigh of relief from parents that can be heard around the state, along with the customary first day nerves, tears and cheers for our newest, youngest starters.

But heading into the third year of a global pandemic makes life a bit different, and I know every parent has concerns about what 2022 holds for kids in school.

After so much disruption and home learning last year, the Government understands just how important it is to give every student the opportunity to get back into the classroom, and to do it safely.

That is why everyone in our state's education system has been working in overdrive to get our schools ready to welcome students back safely on day one. I'm immensely grateful to our teachers and administrative staff, and especially our Principals and Deputy Principals, for the amazing job they have done to get us here.

Safety in schools is our top priority, and we are taking every step necessary to prove a safe learning environment, including free rapid tests for every student, maximised natural and mechanical ventilation, sensible mask requirements, increased cleaning and other measures.

The past few years have taught us to expect bumps in the road ahead, but even though the coming months may be challenging, the Government knows the positive difference every day of school education can make for our kids, both now and into the future.

So I am determined to make this year as seamless as possible for you, your families and your kids, and I hope getting back to school will ease some of the pressure for you too.

Thank you again for your efforts over the past two years. We have come a long way, and I have no doubt that if we keep working together, we will rise to whatever challenges may lie ahead.

I will make sure to keep you updated, and your schools and the Department of Education will of course keep you informed every day too.

All of us are united in our determination to give our kids the very best opportunity to get the best education possible, while staying safe, healthy and happy.

Wishing you and your families a fantastic start to the 2022 school year.

Yours sincerely,

Dominic Perrottet MP
Premier