



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

5th Sunday of Lent

Term 1

Week 11

Tuesday, 5th April, 2022



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Term 1 concludes:
Friday, 8th April

Term 2 commences:
Tuesday, 26th April

Term 2 concludes:
Friday, 1st July

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to those who were able to come along today to our Easter Liturgy. We were so happy to be once again joining in prayer in our church. It has been over 2 years since we were together in the church. It was an uplifting experience to hear the children signing together so beautifully.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday when we remember how Jesus rode into Jerusalem to the cheers and joy of the crowd. But less than a week later, even some of his disciples didn't want to know him and denied him.

Maybe this is something that has happened in our life when we find it hard to have the strength to stand up for what is right.

Are we easily swayed with the crowd or with the modern day crowd of the media? Popular opinion is not always the correct opinion and this is the challenge when teaching our children what is right and wrong. Teaching them to follow the right example.

We don't want to be like the fickle crowd who welcomed Jesus on the Sunday but when things got tough turned away from Jesus. We want to be good at sticking by Jesus.

I mentioned to the students that we are people of faith, hope and love and Easter brings us the opportunity to celebrate all our small personal Lenten Promises and unite them with Jesus' Resurrection. Easter Sunday offers us renewal to be people of faith who are able to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

So, when Easter Sunday does arrive, we can join with the writer of Psalm 117 in saying, *"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad"*. We can rejoice and be glad, because Jesus, through his humanity, has given us the opportunity of true resurrection.

Have a happy and Holy Easter.

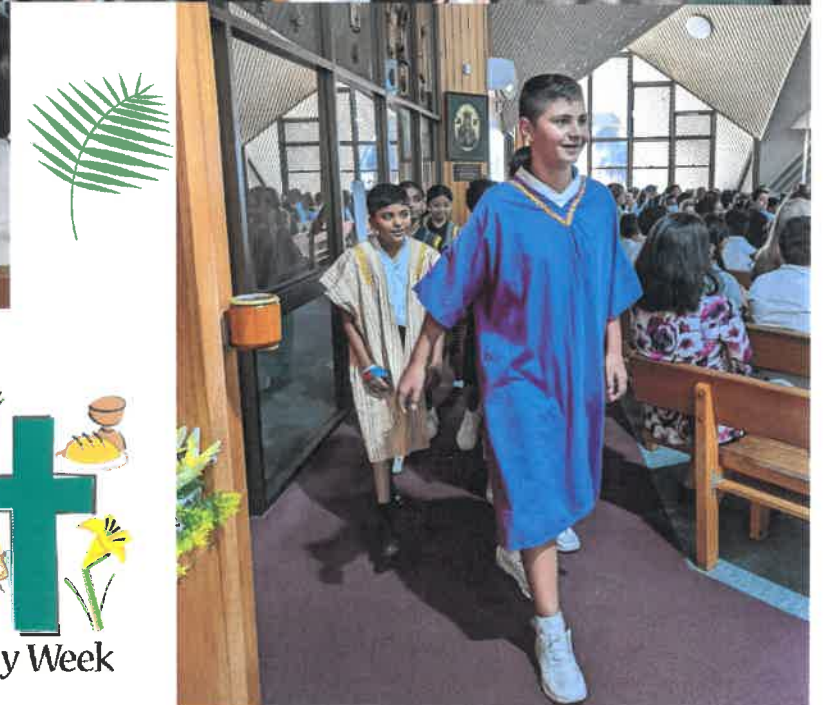
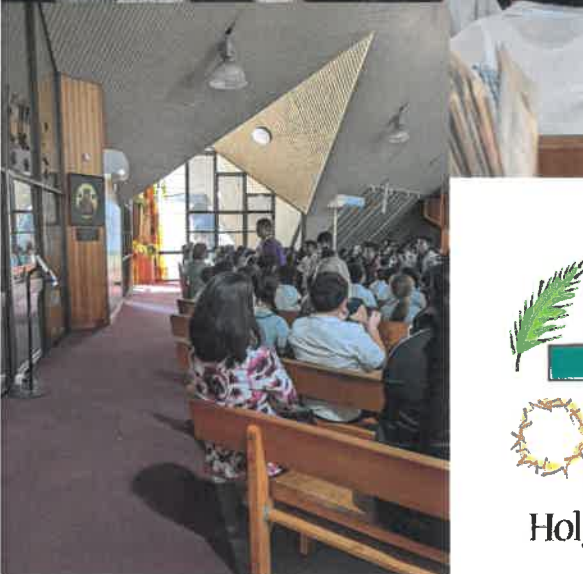
God Bless you all.

Patricia Carr

Tricia Carr
Principal



Holy Week Liturgy



Holy Week

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	Damien McCrory-Jenkins	KG	Ethan Irmisch
KR	Yarena Montarde	KW	Khai Marfil
1B	Naithen JustinJose	1G	Garang Atak
1R	Cristiano Danguilan	1W	Aleu Acuoth
2B	Tahlia Bradley	2G	Jesiree Gigante
2R	Miguel Largado		
3B	Fernando Jameel	3G	Sandy Trinh
3R	Jaden Swamy	3W	Macklin Yowke
4B	Alessandra Pascual	4G	Angela Montales
4R	Shellie Ale	4W	Nate Glover
5G	Malia Tupou	5R	Aashish Mann
5W	Mayar El-Awar		
6B	Miguel Reyes	6G	Eli Facistol
6R	Faustina Vaifale	6W	Riya Prasad

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 30th March through to Friday 8th April:

Wednesday, 6th April: Kinder Easter Hat Parade
(2.10 pm Good Shepherd Primary School)

Friday, 8th April: Last Day of Term 1

Tuesday, 26th April: First Day of Term 2, 2022

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Dear Parents, please note the Uniform Shop will be open this Friday 8th April from 8.30 am to 9.00 am and then the first day of Term 2 - Tuesday 26th April at 8.30 am to 9.00 am. Cash only please.



No Receipting from Thursday 7th April

Dear Parents & Carers, due to the end of term settlement of payments, please be advised that the final day for all receipting will be tomorrow Wednesday 6th April. This means there will be no cash payments or EFTPOS facilities available from Thursday 7th April until the start of Term 2, 2022. BPay and payments to the Post Office are still available.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Dear Parents & Carers,

As you may have noticed, our school participated in a study from the CSIRO which made some small changes to the canteen's menu. This study has been approved by the CSIRO Ethics Committee, the NSW Department of Education and Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta.

The CSIRO would like to invite you now for an evaluation survey to receive your and your child's feedback on the changes that were made.

Your participation in the survey is entirely voluntary. Results of this survey will form part of the data used to formulate recommendations for further research and/or roll out to other canteens.

You can take part in this study if:

- Your child eats food from the school canteen at least weekly;
- Canteen orders are placed through the online ordering system;
- You do not exclusively order foods via a recurring order.

The survey will take you approximately 10 minutes to complete and you can start the survey by going here: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6529330/Canteen-study>. You can find the Information Sheet through this link as well before starting the survey for more information.

Kind regards, Tricia Carr Principal

Winter Uniform for Terms 2 & 3

Dear Parents, please note the following uniform requirements for Terms 2 & 3.

School Uniform

Girls:

School Uniform Checked Tunic
White Long Sleeve Blouse
Checked Scissor Tie
Green Hair Ribbons
Grey Tights or Grey Socks
Black School Shoes NOT Black Joggers
Green Zip-Up Jacket
School Uniform Hat

School Uniform

Boys:

Black Long Pants
White Long Sleeve Shirt
Green Zip-Up Jacket
Black Socks
Black School Shoes NOT Black Joggers
School Checked Tie
School Uniform Hat

Sports Uniform

Girls:

White Polo Shirt with School Emblem
Bottle Green Shorts
Bottle Green Tracksuit Uniform
Predominantly White Joggers/Sneakers
A White Skivvy (colder weather)
White Socks
School Uniform Hat

Sports Uniform

Boys:

White Polo Shirt with School Emblem
Bottle Green Shorts
Bottle Green Tracksuit Uniform
Predominantly White Joggers/Sneakers
A White Skivvy (colder weather)
White Socks
School Uniform Hat

In cooler weather, a bottle green uniform tracksuit is worn, and a white skivvy may be worn under the white polo shirt. Parents, please note that the changeover date for winter uniform is officially **Monday, 9th May, 2022 (Week 3 Term 2)**. **All students must be in the correct winter uniform by this date.** The correct school uniform should be worn at all times, in order to maintain expectations. If, for any reason, a child is unable to wear any part of the correct uniform, a note should be sent to your child's class teacher. Parents who have difficulty securing uniforms for their children please make an appointment with Mrs Carr, Principal, to discuss options. **THE SCHOOL HAT IS AN ESSENTIAL ITEM OF SCHOOL UNIFORM. THE WEARING OF THE SCHOOL HAT IS COMPULSORY.**



Guidelines for students displaying unwell symptoms

- If a student is unwell and has any symptoms they should always test for COVID-19
- If the test comes back negative for COVID-19, the student should still not return to school until either:
 - The student no longer has any symptoms, or
 - A medical certificate is provided to the school confirming that symptoms are explained by another diagnosis (such as hay fever)

It is important that students do not attend school if they are unwell, even if they have tested negative for COVID-19. Rapid antigen tests can produce false negative results and symptoms of other illnesses can also be similar to COVID-19, including flu, the common cold and stomach bugs. Health advice is that students who are sick should always stay home to rest and recover and avoid putting other students and staff at risk of getting sick.

Watch for symptoms

If your child is unwell – even with [mild symptoms](#) – you must keep them home and get them tested.

If children have any symptoms, they should take a PCR (nose and throat swab) test or rapid antigen test (RAT).

If symptoms continue your child should stay home and take another RAT or PCR test in 24 hours.

If that test is also negative, your child may return to school if another diagnosis is confirmed such as hay fever.

We are aware that there are still many cases of Covid in our community. If your children have not had Covid and you would like some additional RAT tests to ensure their safety before they return to school next term, please contact the school office and we will supply you with additional tests.



Attendance

How you can help your child become the best they can!

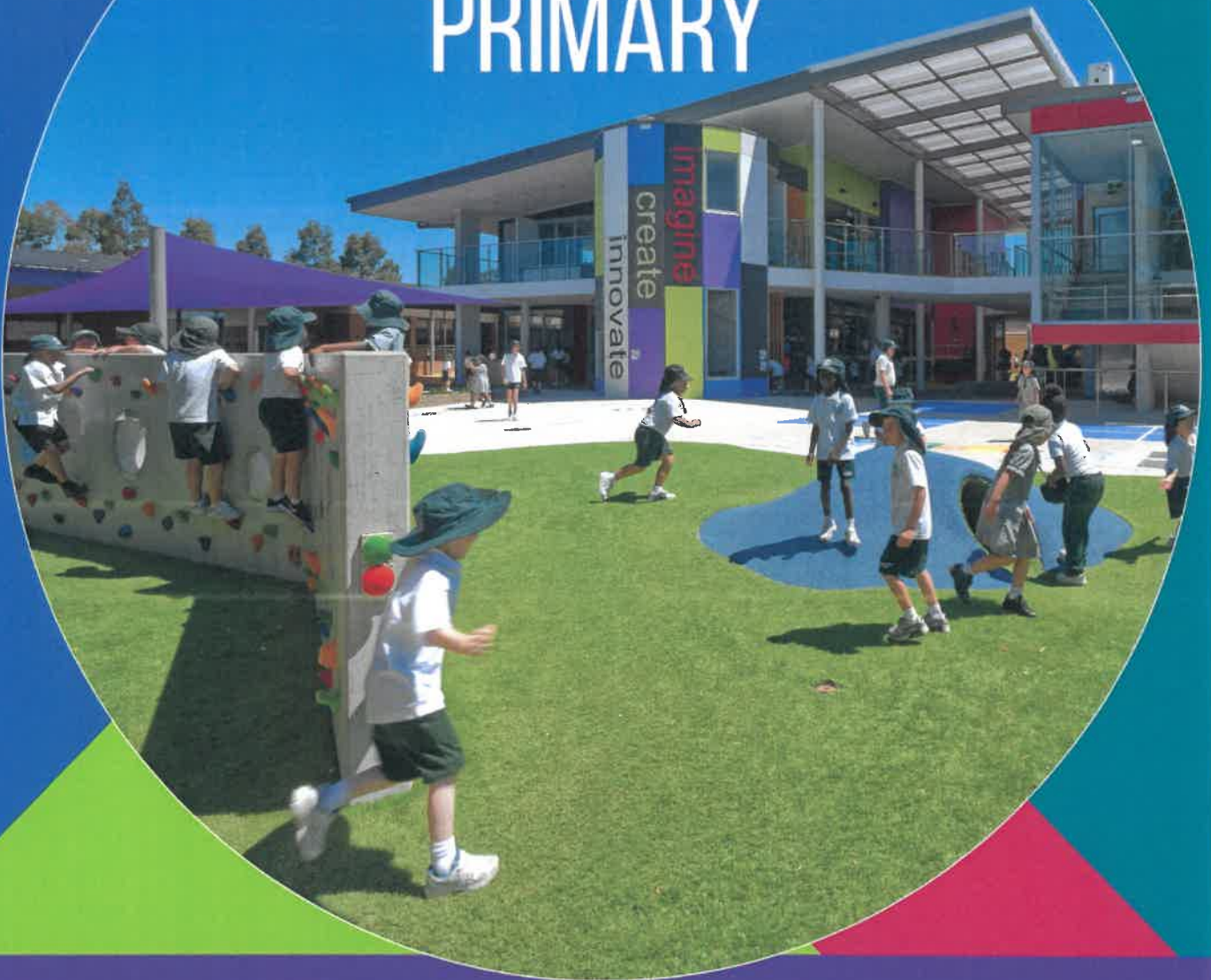
Attendance matters—especially for children in Kindergarten. Studies show children who miss too many days in Kindergarten and Year One can struggle academically in later years, particularly if they miss 10% of school days. This can be just two days a month and can build up before you know it.

Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by Year Three.

How you can help—

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine
- Plan vacations during term break
- Schedule your child's medical and dental appointments after school
- Make sure they come to school every day unless they are truly unwell
- Have a backup plan for getting your child/children to school
- Car pool
- Make sure your child arrives at school by 8.25 am, ready to join class lines when the bell goes at 8.30 am. Please note: supervision of students begins at 8.10 am every day!

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ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDY 2023

1st Prize

Easter


1 ticket=
\$1

2nd Prize

Raffle

7 tickets=
\$5

3rd Prize



Drawn Friday 8th April