



Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time



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Term 1 concludes:  
Friday, 8th April

Term 2 commences:  
Tuesday, 26th April

Term 2 concludes:  
Friday, 1st July

# Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 5

Tuesday, 22nd February, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for your help administering Rapid Antigen Test (RATs) to your child as part of the 2022 return to school. RATs have been an important way of keeping students and staff safe while they are at school. **Please continue to have your child take this test as recommended until the end of this week.**

Over the weekend, the NSW Government announced that it is supplying more RATs for each student and each teacher. However, families will have more flexibility about how and when they can use these tests. For example, they can be used any time when your child is feeling unwell, has a sore throat or cough, or if family members are sick. They can also be used when you know that your child has been in the company of someone who has COVID-19. For the safety of our school community, we strongly encourage families to continue to use RATs.

The eight RATs for each child will be delivered to you in **two lots of 4 tests**. This week you will receive the first 4 RATs. We are expecting to receive our next delivery of Rapid Antigen tests next week. The children will bring the tests home again in their school bags.

A reminder again that the RAT surveillance testing program should continue for this week.

Thanks for your continued support.

Regards

Tricia Carr  
Principal



## National Day Against Bullying - Friday 18th March

Dear Parents, in recognition of National Day Against Bullying, activities are in the process of being organized for the students. Students are asked to wear an item of orange. Further details to follow .....



National Day  
of Action  
against  
Bullying and Violence

## 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	Olivia Aguas	KG	Angela Amofo
KR	Nicholas Vanella	KW	Anvi Jadhav
1B	Marco Dilidili	1G	Natalie Hayat
1R	Jaxon Parica	1W	Hellea Brown
2B	Aliyah Ruaburo	2G	Vita Ale
2R	Clara Montenegro		
3B	Matthew Antonic	3G	Shaniece Johan
3R	Naiomie Gonzales	3W	Eva Apte
4B	Yaremo Montarde	4G	Tristan Escueta
4R	Vanessa Bradley	4W	Owen Pender
5G	Alexandr Gonzales	5R	Chauncey Tecson
5W	Chelsea Vere		
6B	Alexandra Barbor	6G	Veronica Ballesteros
6R	Saschnaa Prabhakaran	6W	Seraphina Vaasili

### School Fees

School Fees statements are being posted from CEDP. You will receive an option to choose a flexible payment plan at this time.

Statements will have a due date of 16th March, 2022. Please ensure you have your payment plans set by then.

**Just a reminder that 10 weeks notice in writing must be given if you are withdrawing your child from school.**

### Upcoming Events

Monday, 28th February: Zone Swimming Carnival

Wednesday, 2nd March: Ash Wednesday

Sunday, 6th March: Open Day at Good Shepherd School

### Information regarding Leave from School

Leave from school for holiday/overseas trips in school time is not encouraged and must be explained in writing to the School Principal.

A leave form ("Application for Extended Leave") must be completed at least 4 weeks in advance for **5 or more school days**. If leave is **10 days or more**, a phone interview with the Principal is also required, together with an Application for Extended Leave form. Leave forms can be obtained from the School Office.

Leave of **4 days and less** needs to also be approved by the Principal. **Please write a letter to your child's class teacher outlining the details of the leave, including the first and last school day that the child will be absent.**

**Leave during school terms is strongly discouraged.**

### Student Absences

Dear Parents,

Just a quick reminder that **ALL student absences need to be explained. This is a legal requirement.**

#### Children Absent from School due to illness

In the event of your child being absent from school due to illness, please inform the school office by **phone or email**. **It is necessary that a written note of explanation be forwarded to the class teacher on the day of your child's return to school.** We need to receive this note within seven days of the last day of absence. Prolonged absences from school due to illness should be supported by a medical certificate. **Please note if your child tests positive to Covid, please notify the school and keep your child at home.** Thank you.



### Pastoral Care & Student Management Policy and the Countering Discrimination, Harassment & Bullying—Policy

Dear Parents & Carers, for information on the above policies, and other policies, please refer to our School Website—About Us—Policies & Procedures. Please note our Parent Handbook is on our School Website under "Enrol Now" for your convenience.

## Open Day and Guided Tours - Sunday, 6th March, 2022

Good Shepherd Primary School invites prospective families to come and explore the school's facilities with a guided tour on Sunday, 6th March 2022. 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 10 families 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](mailto:goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au).

Please spread the word to family and friends!



### **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 2:30 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Updated Action Management Plans for Medical Issues**

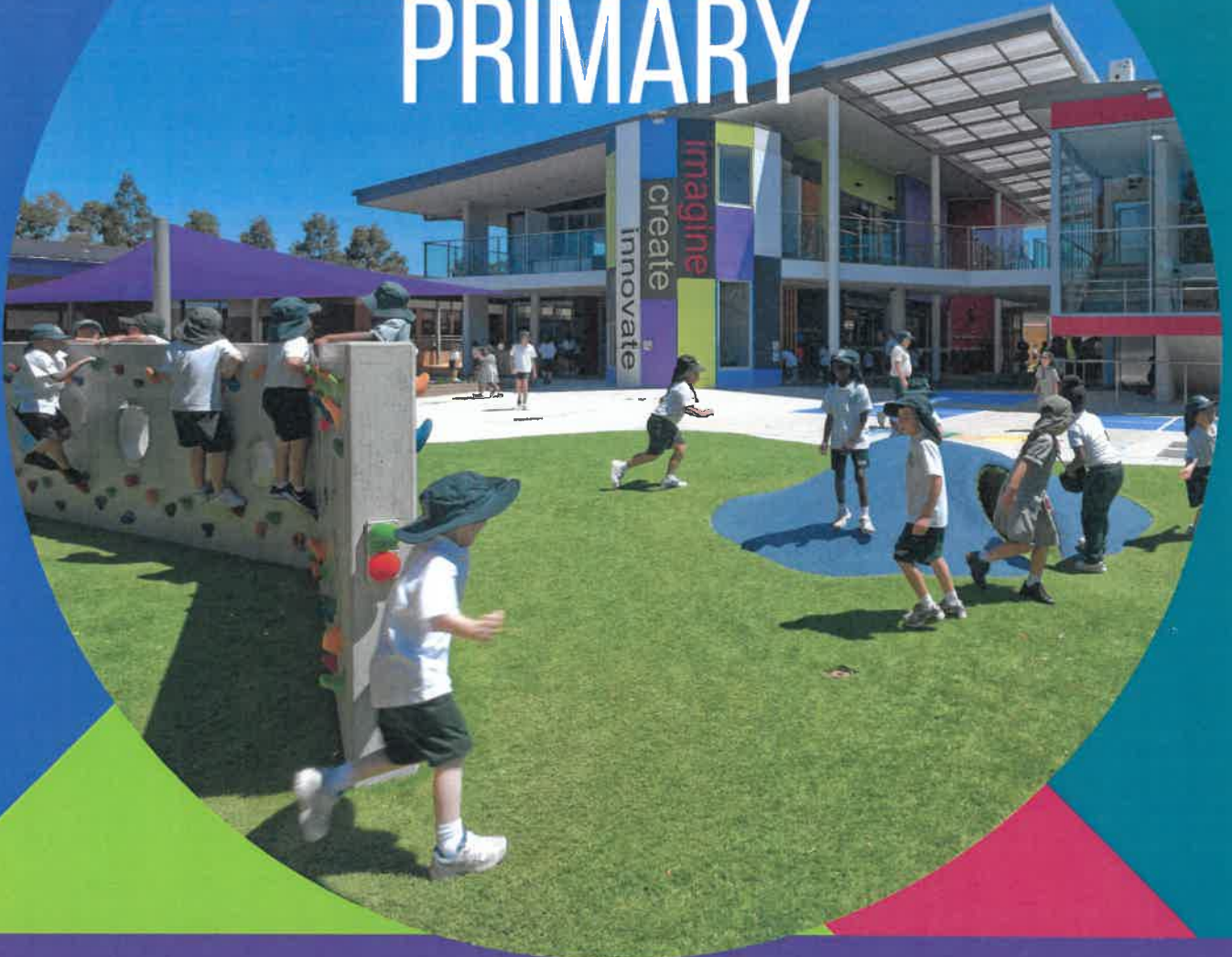
If your child is taking regular medication including Asthma or is Anaphylactic or allergic, please note at the beginning of each year **we require updated information and Action/management plans for these medical issues.**

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.



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](mailto:goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au)) **PRIOR TO PICKUP**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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**OPEN DAY 6 MARCH 10:00AM-1:00PM**

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