



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Ash Wednesday

Term 1

Week 6

Tuesday, 1st March, 2022



Exciting News!!

We can now have you back at our Open Day!! All parents are cordially invited to our Open Day for the start of Catholic Schools Week on **Sunday, 6th March from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.**

Guided tours will be conducted for new Kinder 2023 students but everyone else is very welcome to come at your leisure to see your child's classroom.

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Term 1 concludes:
Friday, 8th April

Term 2 commences:
Tuesday, 26th April

Term 2 concludes:
Friday, 1st July

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	Seini Penitani	KG	Celin Kattukaran
KR	Bishakha Chohan	KW	Carmina Mangonon
1B	Lylah Goff	1G	Farrell Claro
1R	Maddison Bennell	1W	David Amofo
2B	Calvin Cerafoca	2G	Emma Bourne
2R	Jace Russell		
3B	Enzo Ygay	3G	Kendrick Oakes
3R	Robin Altun	3W	Wayne De Lara
4B	Krishan Chand	4G	Loleta Taungakava
4R	Levi Findlay	4W	Aahana De Silva
5G	Rachael Thrikawala Badalge	5R	Abigail Shenod
5W	Kassandra Nuval		
6B	Shanel Warnakula	6G	Dorria Alhamwi
6R	Malakai Setefano	6W	Johnny-Vee Tupou

Upcoming Events

Monday, 28th February: Book Fair open from 2.15 pm to 3.10 pm . Book Fair

Wednesday, 2nd March: Ash Wednesday Liturgy 12 pm

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

Friday, 18th March: National Day of Action Against Bullying

Thursday, 24th March: Cross Country

School Fees

School Fees are due 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.

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.

Library Borrowing

Dear Parents, please note our Library is now open for students to borrow books. Please refer to the following timetable:

Mondays: Kinder and Year 6
 Tuesdays: Year 2 and Year 5
 Wednesdays: Year 1, 3R and 3W
 Thursdays: 3B, 3G and Year 4



Uniform Shop Opening

Dear Parents & Carers, please note our Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Mondays, from 8.30 am to 9.15 am commencing Monday 7th March 2022. Cash only please.



After School Supervision

Just a reminder that school finishes at **2:50 pm** (now that Covid restrictions have eased). 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.

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 to be advised.

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.

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.

School Bags, Hats & Library Bags

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

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.

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

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.

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) **PRIOR TO PICKUP**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Term 1 2022 eSafety Webinars for Parents/Carers

Dear Parents/Carers

At Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP) we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. In partnership with the eSafety Commissioner, CEDP would like to invite you to join the following free webinar for parents and carers:

1. *Cyberbullying and online drama*

This webinar will be offered three times during Term 1.

About the webinars

Cyberbullying and online drama

Available sessions:

Thursday 10 March 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Tuesday 15 March 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Wednesday 23 March 7.30 to 8.30 pm

This webinar will provide parents and carers with the tools to support young people to have safe and respectful online relationships. It will also offer advice about what to do when things go wrong. It is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old.

It will cover:

- starting conversations with your child about their online friendships and positive ways to deal with changing relationships
- understanding the rights, laws and community expectations that govern social media use
- where to seek help if your child is involved in a cyberbullying incident.

What you need to do:

Please register for the course on the secondary site via the following link. Please note this webinar is

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Tuesday 8 February 12.30 to 1.30 pm -- <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/1132536977528511757>

Thursday 10 February 12.30 to 1.30 pm - <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/1132536977528511757>

Wednesday 23 February 7.30 to 8.30 pm - <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/1132536977528511757>

If you have any further enquiries please email <https://safeguarding.org.au/>





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24th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for your support of our school as we keep responding to COVID-19. As you know, the safety, learning and wellbeing of our community are our priorities.

The NSW Government has announced changes to COVID rules for schools for the rest of Term 1. The main changes are:

- Twice a week Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) for students and staff will continue until Friday 25th February
- A further 8 RATs will be given per student and staff, but from Monday 28th February families can choose how they use the tests. For example, they can be used when your child is feeling unwell, has a sore throat or cough, or if a family member is sick. They can also be used when you know that your child has been with someone who has COVID-19. For safety, please continue to use RATs.
- For Primary schools, masks will continue to be required indoors for all school staff, volunteers and visitors including parents and carers in primary schools until Friday 4th March. From Monday 7th March, masks will no longer be mandatory for all students and staff. Any student or staff member who wants to continue to wear a mask may do so.
- **From Monday 28th February, full canteen services will resume.**
- From Monday 28th February, students will no longer be required to be kept in year groups or other cohorts. We will continue to use a sensible COVID-smart approach when we plan activities and events. We will keep you updated about planning for school activities - we know that you are excited to learn about how our community will celebrate some of the events that are such an important part of school life this year.
- **From Monday 28th February, our afternoon dismissal time will return to 2:50pm.** The school gate will be open at this time to allow parents to enter the school grounds to collect their children from outside their classrooms.
- **From Monday 7th March, we will resume our Monday morning assembly at 8:30am.** Parents are welcome to attend our Monday morning assembly each week. Tuesday through to Friday, we ask that parents please continue to say goodbye to their children at the school front gate.
- During Catholic Schools Week which commences on Sunday 6th March, we will be conducting face to face parent information sessions that will take place across the week. There will be more specific detail provided on dates and times in the coming days.
- All visitors are asked to follow our usual sign-in and sign-out process.

The advice from NSW Health is for students aged 5 and above to get vaccinated including boosters when eligible. Though vaccination is strongly encouraged for students, it is not compulsory.

As you would expect, we will continue to do everything we can to keep our community safe. Thank you again for your continued support during this school term.

Yours sincerely

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Paul Battikha
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Dear Parents and Carers,

During Catholic Schools Week, class teachers will conduct sessions to inform parents about curriculum matters and class organisational details.

All meetings will commence at 6:00pm and conclude by 7:00pm.

These meetings will be held in your child's classroom.

The dates for your child's grade and class are listed below:

Grade/Class	Date	Grade/Class	Date
KB	Thursday March 10th	4B	Wednesday March 9th
KG	Tuesday March 8th	4G	Wednesday March 9th
KR	Tuesday March 8th	4R	Wednesday March 9th
KW	Thursday March 10th	4W	Wednesday March 9th
1B	Thursday March 10th	5G	Wednesday March 9th
1G	Thursday March 10th	5R	Wednesday March 9th
1R	Thursday March 10th	5W	Wednesday March 9th
1W	Thursday March 10th	6B	Tuesday March 8th
2B	Wednesday March 9th	6G	Tuesday March 8th
2G	Wednesday March 9th	6R	Tuesday March 8th
2R	Wednesday March 9th	6W	Tuesday March 8th
3B	Tuesday March 8th		
3G	Tuesday March 8th		
3R	Tuesday March 8th		
3W	Tuesday March 8th		

The teachers are looking forward to meeting with you in Week 7.



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BOOK FAIR 2022

Dear Parents,

It's time for our annual Good Shepherd Book Fair. The Book Fair will begin on Monday 28th February and conclude on Tuesday 8th March.

Over the next few days students will get the opportunity to walk to the Resource Centre during class time to view the books that are available to purchase and will record two of their favourite books with the price on the Student Wish List.

Students will bring home their Wish List to show you what they would like to purchase. If you would like to purchase the book(s) you will need to follow the instructions at the bottom of the Student Wish List. Please visit www.scholastic.com.au/payment to provide payment and record the 8 digit receipt number on the Wish List.

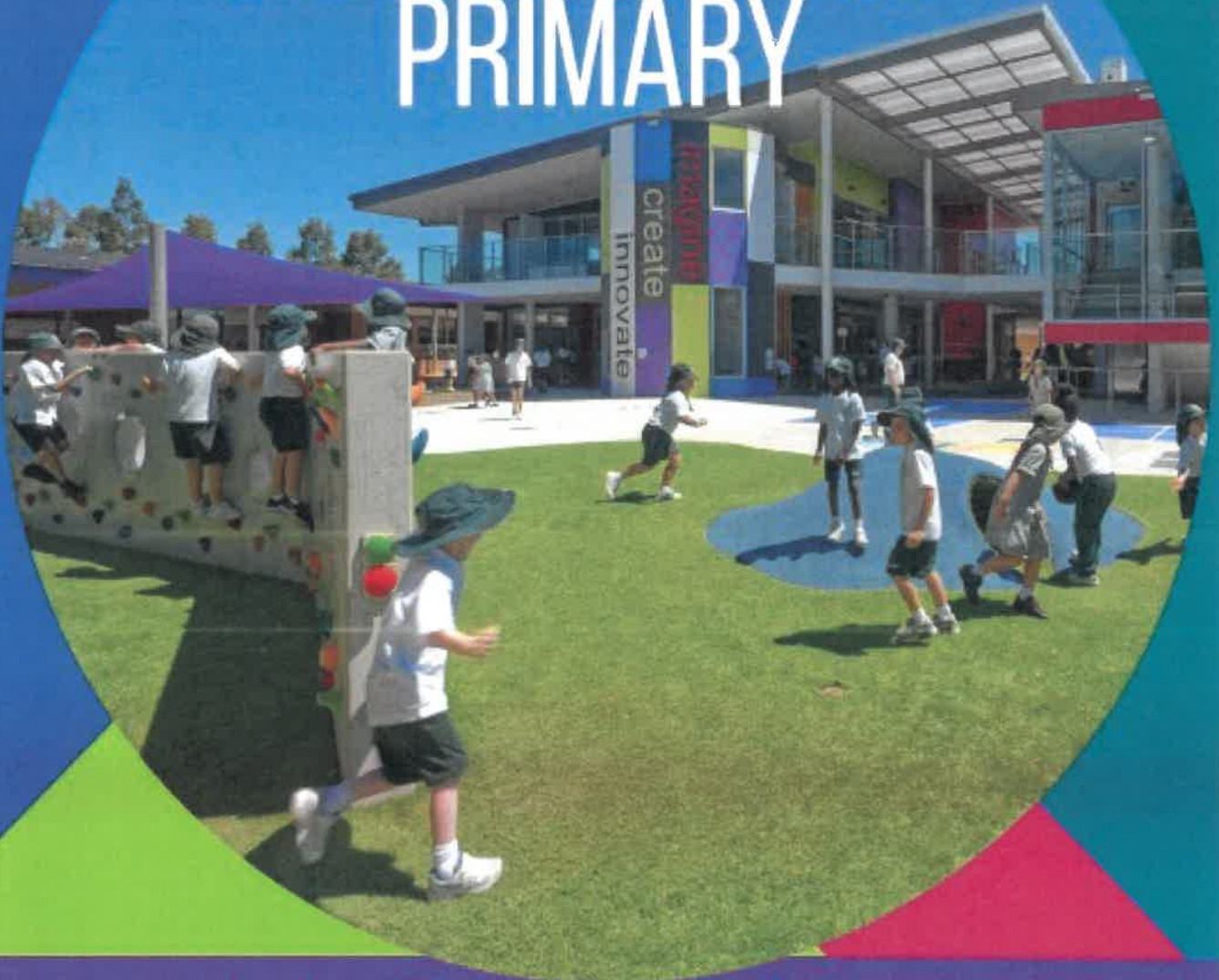
Once the payment process is completed your child(ren) will need to return the Student Wish List with the receipt number recorded and total amount paid to the Resource Centre and a staff member will give the students their book(s).

As restrictions have now eased we will also be opening the Book Fair up to parents from 2:50pm - 3:10pm every afternoon from Monday 28th February to Tuesday 8th March.

We hope you will all support our school Book Fair for 2022 and encourage your child(ren) to read.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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

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School crossings require coverage for **20 hours per fortnight** Monday to Friday during the school term.

This involves 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon between 8:00 – 9:30am & 2:30 – 4:00pm.

VACANCIES AVAILABLE:

- St Johns Park Public School
 - Rosehill Public School
- Tangara School, Cherrybrook
 - Emerton Public School

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Does this sound like you?

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- ✓ Good communication skills
- ✓ Community spirit
- ✓ Positive energy

If it does, scan the QR code or visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au to apply today.

**if you are unable to join us on a part time basis, please consider joining us as a casual!*

For late applications or more information, please contact **Caitlin Ritchie:**

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Applications close: Sunday 13th March 2022

