



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Lent

Term 1

Week 8

Tuesday, 15th March, 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,

We are now well into the Season of Lent and the old problem of "what to give up for lent" circling around us, or maybe we have already given up on our plans for lent, perhaps the following might offer some new alternatives:

Fast from anger and hatred
– be more patient and understanding.

Fast from judging others
– think kindly thoughts.

Fast from discouragement
– be full of hope.

Fast from complaining
– focus on gratitude.

Fast from resentment or bitterness
– turn to forgiveness.

Of recent times, Lent may have lost some of its importance to Christians, but a Christianity that celebrates only the joyful times, like Christmas and Easter, leaves us with a fractured Spirituality. We need to have the balance of being challenged by the sometimes harsh truths of human life – our weaknesses and failings.

We need the Season of Lent if we are to live in imitation of Christ, to be Christians. We need to work out for ourselves what it is in our lives that needs to die, to be no longer part of our lives, that which makes us candidates to receive the forgiveness that Jesus gained for us when He died on Good Friday.

If we are able to achieve this, to sweep out the negatives, then Easter will not be a shallow celebration but one full of meaning, for we will be totally aware of the new birth as stated in the Resurrection of Jesus.

The Season of Lent is a time to review the past, admit to our shortcomings, reaffirm our commitment to the higher values that we had actually lived, and prepare ourselves to try harder in the year ahead. It is a time to acknowledge our less than best choices and to feel sorry for the lost opportunities; it is a time to have a clean room to offer the new life of Easter.

**"Jesus,
May we be encouraged this Lent
as we reflect on the difficulties
You had in Your life.
Give us a like courage to face
the challenges that daily enter our lives.
Lead us to the joy of resurrection.
Amen."**

Peace and Best Wishes

Patricia Carr
Tricia Carr
Principal



Planning for a safe and supportive school community

On Friday 18 March 2022 Good Shepherd is participating in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). The NDA is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative, connecting schools and communities to find workable solutions to prevent bullying.

The theme for the 2022 NDA is Kindness Culture Good Shepherd will demonstrate Kindness Culture by promoting inclusiveness, respect and community belonging for all students.

Planning for a safe and supportive school community requires a whole-school community approach. Whole-school responses to bullying prevention build positive and supportive school environments by incorporating strategies for intervention at all levels, inclusive of students, teachers, parents and carers.

Three key characteristics outlined in the national definition of bullying distinguish bullying behaviours from other forms of peer aggression behaviours which do not constitute bullying. The key characteristics of bullying include:

1. power imbalance
2. deliberate intent to cause harm, and
3. ongoing and repeated behaviour.



While the following behaviours of peer aggression do not constitute bullying, these behaviours may still be serious and require intervention at home and at school:

- arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- single acts of social rejection or meanness, or
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

It is important for our entire school community, including our staff, parents, carers and students to have a clear understanding of the definition of bullying to be able to distinguish these behaviours from peer aggression, and correctly identify and respond to incidents of bullying.



National Day Against Bullying Mufti Day and Gold Coin Donation for Flood Relief

To acknowledge National Day Against Bullying for 2022, Good Shepherd will be participating in an Orange coloured themed mufti day on Friday 18th March. Children may wear appropriate mufti clothes on Friday and are encouraged to incorporate the colour orange into their clothing. Please ensure that children wear closed footwear.

To coincide with this event, Good Shepherd will be holding a gold coin donation on Friday as part of a system wide Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta fundraising day. This is to support families in our Diocese as well as those in the Diocese of Lismore who have been impacted by the recent floods.



National Day
of Action
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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	Ramsay Corpuz	KG	Isaac Rahme
KR	Allison Ramos	KW	Lucas Largado
1B	Riti Patel	1G	Cyrus Modi
1R	Ayan Karmakar	1W	Axel Joseph
2B	Ayva Juneja	2G	Samantha O'Neill
2R	Juliana Minano		
3B	Romeo Cayetano	3G	Elias Alhamwi
3R	Samrat Bhatia	3W	Angus Maguire
4B	Savannah Attard	4G	Tavalliah Vakai
4R	Aman Singh	4W	Alexander La
5G	John-Paul Aloisio	5R	Mackenzie Jones
5W	Jad Alameh		
6B	Mahi Prasad	6G	Darianne Afinidad
6R	Nishi Patel	6W	Mia Smith

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 15th March through to Monday, 4th April:

- Friday, 18th March: National Day of Action Against Bullying - Mufti Day - Gold coin donation for the flood victims please
- Thursday, 24th March: Cross Country
- Monday, 28th March: Infants End of Term Awards (8.30 am Assembly)
- Monday, 28th March: P&F Annual General Meeting (6.00 pm to 7.00 pm at Good Shepherd School. All parents welcome)
- Tuesday, 29th March: Year 1 Excursion to Pioneer Village
- Monday, 4th April: Primary End of Term Awards (8.30 am Assembly)
- Wednesday, 6th April: Kinder Easter Hat Parade (2.10 pm Good Shepherd School)
- Friday, 8th April: Last Day of Term 1

Kindergarten 2023 Enrolments

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2023 are available from the School Office. Please call in and pick up an enrolment pack. Parents, if you already have a child at Good Shepherd, you will still need to submit an Enrolment Form for any new siblings for 2023.



Dear Parents, just a reminder that we are on Facebook. Our Facebook name is : Good Shepherd Plumpton Please join our page to keep up to date with current news. Good Shepherd's Facebook page is for Information & Announcements **ONLY** Any queries are to be made directly to the School Office.

School Fees

School Fees are due tomorrow 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.

As our Eftpos machine is currently down, please either pay at the Post Office or use the BPay option on the bottom of your statement.

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.

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: Monday, 19th December

2022 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

Terms 2—4 Staff Development Days to be advised.

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.

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).



Lost Property

Please re-check any items that you pick up in the Lost Property Bin as they may have another child's name on it. If you accidentally picked up another child's clothing, please return it to the Lost Property Bin. Thank you.

Uniform Shop

Dear Parents,

Please note our Second Hand Good Shepherd Uniform Shop will be open on **Mondays, from 8.30 am to 9.00 am**. Cash only please.

Visa Updates

If there has been any change to your Visa Status, could you please send in a copy to the school office. It is important that we have the most up-to-date information for our school records.

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.

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.

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.

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
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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.**



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:

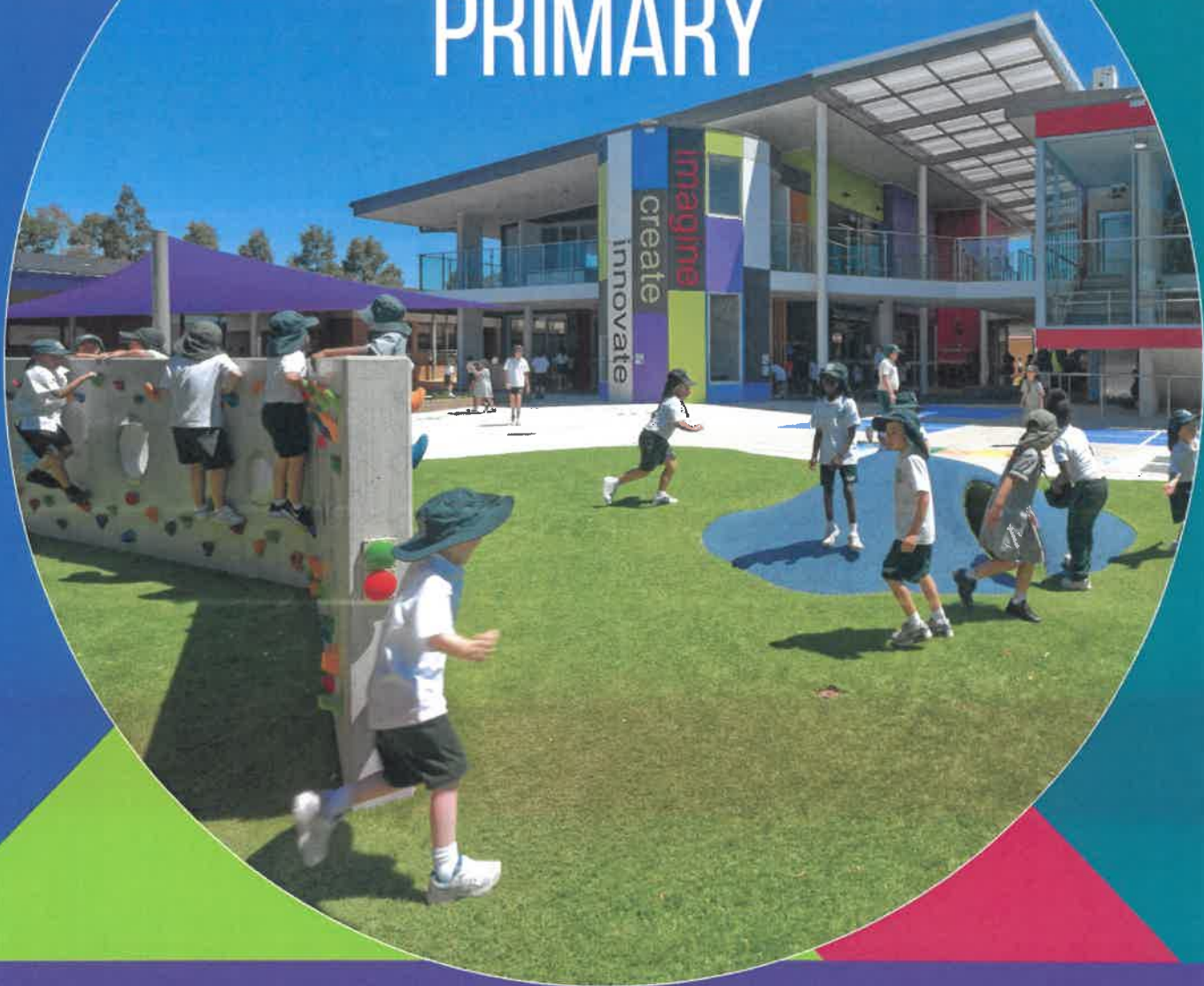
Please register for the course on the secondary site via the following link.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/1132536977528511757>

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



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Parent Information Sheet

Parent Information night and registration

02 May 2022, Monday @ 7:30pm at the Church

Notes:

1. Completed **Registration form** and copy of **Baptism certificate** must be submitted on this night. The Registration form will be available at the back of the church, beginning April
2. Children must have received their 1st Holy Communion.
3. Children do not need to attend.

Confirmation classes: Child & Parent/Guardian (Attendance is a MUST):

15 May – 1st lesson, 10:30am to 11:30am
22 May – 2nd lesson, 10:30am to 11:30am
29 May – 3rd lesson, 10:30am to 11:30am
05 June – 4th lesson, 10:30am to 11:30am

Note: If you have made other plans for the above dates, please defer.

Rehearsal with Sponsor:

11 June – Saturday, 1:00 - 4:00pm
18 June – Saturday, 1:00 – 4:00pm

Rite of Confirmation:

13 June – Monday @ 7:30pm
20 June – Monday @ 7:30pm

Note: The dates for Rite of Confirmation and Rehearsals are subject to change depending on the number of registrations.

All children require a Sponsor:

A sponsor must be baptised, practicing catholic, 18 years and over.
Godparents and siblings can be sponsors. All sponsors must be present during Rehearsal.

Confirmation Name:

All children must choose a Saint's name as their Confirmation name. It is advisable for the children to learn something about their chosen Saint. If your child is baptised with a Christian name, eg: Matthew, Mark or John, there is no need to choose another Saint's name.

Age of Children:

Must be 10 years of age by June 2022.

Please note: if your child is over 10 years old and have just received their 1st Holy Communion in 2022, Confirmation must be deferred to 2023.

It is a requirement by the Diocese that children can receive only One Sacrament per year.

Fees:

Contribution of \$15 per child to cover lesson materials and certificate.

Venue:

Parish hall

For further details, please send email to sacraments@tpg.com.au
If you are waiting for a reply from this email address, I suggest for you to check your spam.

“Please keep this as your reference for the entire program”.



YEAR 7, 2024

ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday, 29 March 2022



Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you and your family to attend our Year 7, 2024 Enrolment Information Evening. Hear from our College Principal, Ms Lucie Farrugia and other key members of the College Leadership Team and discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life.

Time: 6:00pm (Registration from 5:30pm)

Enquiries: Enrolments Office **T** (02) 8838 1222 **E** enrolments@olmc.nsw.edu.au

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