



# Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Last Week of  
Term 3

Term 3

Week 10

Tuesday 20th September, 2022



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Term 3 concludes:  
Wednesday, 21st September

Term 4 commences:  
Tuesday, 11th October

Term 4 concludes:  
Friday 16th December

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the term draws to a close it is interesting and amazing to think how quickly we have returned to normal school life this term. And how much we have packed into it to make up for lost time. Schools are joyous places filled with children's laughter and fun and that's what we missed so much during Covid restrictions.

Parents you have been inspirational in the way you have supported the school. So many things have been postponed or changed but you have accepted these changes gracefully knowing that we are doing these things for the children. It has been great to have you back in the school for events such as Book Week Parade and Teddy Bear's Picnic and Monday assemblies.

And things do change. One important change is about our much loved Assistant Principal. I would like to congratulate Mr Paul Battikha. Paul has been appointed as Principal of Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School Kellyville starting in 2023.

I know how much our community love and respect Mr Battikha and how much he will be missed at Good Shepherd, but I also know what an amazing principal he will be for the community at Kellyville. Paul is a dedicated and compassionate educator who lives out the Gospel values in his dealings with everyone he comes in contact with.

We wish him many blessings and every success in the future.

There will be a Farewell Liturgy for Mr Battikha, together with the Christmas Liturgy on Wednesday, 7th December at 9.00 am in the Good Shepherd Church. All very welcome.

*Patricia Carr*

Tricia Carr  
Principal



# Kindergarten's Teddy Bear Picnic



### Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 20th September through to  
Friday, 14th October

Wednesday, 21st September: Last Day of Term 3 for  
students

Thursday, 22nd September: Public Holiday (Day of  
Mourning for Queen Elizabeth)

Friday, 23rd September: Staff Development Day (Pupil  
Free Day)

Term 4 commences: Tuesday, 11th October

Friday, 14th October: Stage 3 Touch Football Gala  
Day

Please note there is an additional Staff Development Day  
(Pupil Free Day) added to the Term 4 Staff Development  
Days. This date is Friday 11th November. Term 4 Staff  
Development Days are as follows:

Term 4 Staff Development Days: Monday 10th October,  
Friday, 11th November, Monday 19th December and Tuesday  
20th December.

### 2022 Term Dates

Term 3 concludes: Wednesday, 21st September

Term 4 commences: Tuesday, 11th October

Term 4 concludes: Friday, 16th December

### 2022 Staff Development Days

#### (Pupil Free Days)

Term 3 Staff Development Day - Friday 23rd September

Term 4 Staff Development Days - Monday, 10th October,  
Friday, 11th November, Monday, 19th December and  
Tuesday, 20th December



### 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.

**IMPORTANT**

### Volunteer and Contractor Training

#### (Building Child Safe Communities)

.All Volunteers and Contractors must complete the Building  
Child Safe Communities Undertaking Form and Online  
Training Module prior to being engaged by a school or any  
other CEDP site. Please click on the link below

[https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/about/student-safety/  
volunteer-and-contractor-training](https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/about/student-safety/volunteer-and-contractor-training)

### Visitors to our School

Any visitors to our school are required to enter via the Office to  
sign in electronically. Upon your exit, please ensure you sign  
out. This requirement also stands for visits to the Uniform  
Shop, Canteen or to the Music Room inside the School  
premises. This is a requirement for the continuing safety of all  
in our community, and complies with child safety and WHS  
requirements.

### 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.

### Term 3 2022 Staff Development Day

#### (Pupil Free Day)

Each year Staff participate in professional development to  
support them in their roles as educators. The focus of these  
days is aligned to Good Shepherd School's goals. Staff will  
use information they have gathered about the children to  
design learning programs for the children that will best meet  
their needs. Term 3's Staff Development Day is a Pupil Free  
Day and will take place this Friday, 23rd September  
(Week 10). Our thanks to parents for organising care for their  
children on this day. COSHC will be able to offer spaces for  
care on this day. Please phone COSHC on Ph. 0409 121 980  
for all inquiries and bookings.

**PLEASE NOTE**

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.

## 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	Ethan Irmisch
KR	Marcin Okunzuwa	KW	Mateo Leave Daghel
1B	Joshua Joseph	1G	Maahyar ShakibaeiShahadati
1R	Aryana Pradhan	1W	Karlo Abanico
2B	Calvin Cerafica	2G	Baak Joul
2R	Jed Pineda		
3B	Harry Pender	3G	Elijah Stazi
3R	Aliyah Vaafusuaga	3W	Liam Stone
4B	Tyler Talisayon	4G	Tristan Escueta
4R	Raven Miraflor	4W	Zachary Aquino
5G	Addison Stone	5R	Caspian Santos
5W	Aryan Shah		
6B	Jacob Cayetano	6G	Brianna Saxelby
6R	Yug Pandya	6W	Yvette Pineda



### Infants Principal's Morning Tea

Yesterday we held our Infants Principal's Morning Tea at school. Teachers were asked to nominate one child from each class to attend morning tea with the Principal and the Assistant Principal. These nominated children have shown a positive attitude to all aspects of schooling for the term. Congratulations to the parents and teachers of these children who consistently make good choices about their learning: Aryanne Atendido, Angela Amofo, Sophia Diaz, Priska Antonystalin, Genesis Ghouri, Neesa Isagon, Olivia Mbanacho, Zianah Rincon Maldonado, Carlo Ebuenga, Margie Mallari and Ariana Cobban-Hmura.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Excursion/Incursion Notes

Please keep these notes in a safe place when your child/ren bring them home. The office Staff are frequently being asked for another note and this uses extra paper and resources that should be utilised elsewhere in our school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## Uniform, Haircuts

Parents, please note that the official changeover date for summer uniform is **Monday, 24th October, 2022 (Term 4 Week 3)**. 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**

Parents who have difficulty securing uniforms for their children may like to make this known to the Principal, who will try to arrange some assistance.

Parents are asked to please ensure that children attend school in accordance with uniform expectations.

In addition, the following expectations apply to students at Good Shepherd. Hair is a very important aspect of your child's appearance. Children must have appropriate haircuts. Coloured hair is not permitted, nor should hair be cut in steps or stairs, or have any other symbols, lines or patterns. Long hair needs to be tied back. Green or white ribbons or scrunchies are permitted. No rat's tails or mohawks are permitted. Short hair needs to be of a consistent length, no shorter sides.

Jewellery is also important to your child's appearance. Only one plain sleeper or stud is to be worn in each earlobe. No other earrings are permitted. One signet ring is permitted and a cross and chain or other symbols of our faith are permitted. Any other jewellery is not permitted, nor is makeup of any description.

School uniform items are available from Lowes, Westfield's at Mt Druitt. Lowes are the major supplier of uniforms for the school.

New school hats, tights, socks, school bags and library bags are available from the school uniform shop, as well as a selection of used uniforms. This is a voluntary service run by the Parent Group.

For a full list of the School Uniform requirements, please refer to the following:

### GIRLS

**Uniform:** Regulation School Uniform, Green Hair Ribbons, White turn-down School Socks, Black School Shoes (not black joggers).

**Sports:** Unisex Sports Shorts with School Crest OR Green School Track Pants, Short sleeved White Polo Shirt with School Crest, Green Sports Jumper, White turn-down School Socks and Joggers predominantly white.

### BOYS

**Uniform:** School white short-sleeved shirt with lay-back collar, Black Shorts, Black turn-down socks and Black School Shoes (not black joggers).

**Sports:** Unisex Sports Shorts with School Crest OR Green School Track Pants, Short sleeved White Polo Shirt with School Crest, Green Sports Jumper, White turn-down School Socks and Joggers predominantly white.

The School Jumper with crest may be worn at any time throughout the year. The School Hat with crest is a compulsory school item to be worn every day. The School's Uniform Supplier is Lowes, Mt Druitt. Please mark all school clothing with your child's name to avoid lost property!!



# Good Shepherd Parish Sacramental Program

## 2022 Reconciliation

7th November (Monday) - Parent Information Night, Good Shepherd Church at 7.30 pm

20th November, 27th November, 4th December and 11th December - Sunday classes from 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

13th December (Tuesday) - Sacrament of Reconciliation, Good Shepherd Church at 7.30 pm

## 2023 Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

5th February, 12th February, 19th February and 26th February - Sunday classes from 10:30 am to 11.30 am

4th March (Saturday) - Rehearsal 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm

5th March (Sunday) at 2.00 pm - First Holy Communion Mass

Registration forms will be available beginning of October.



## Student Absences

Dear Parents,

Just a quick reminder that **ALL student absences need to be explained. This is a legal requirement. Please use the Parent Portal to log your child's whole day absence. If your child is absent for a partial day, please do not use the portal to log this as we'll sign the children in/out from the office.** Thank you.

### Unexplained Attendance letters

Your child may bring home a letter asking for an explanation for your child's absence from school. **Would you please complete and return back to your child's teacher promptly.**

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Partial absences = missed learning.  
Let students know that every day counts by recognising punctuality, good and improved attendance.

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**every learner every day**

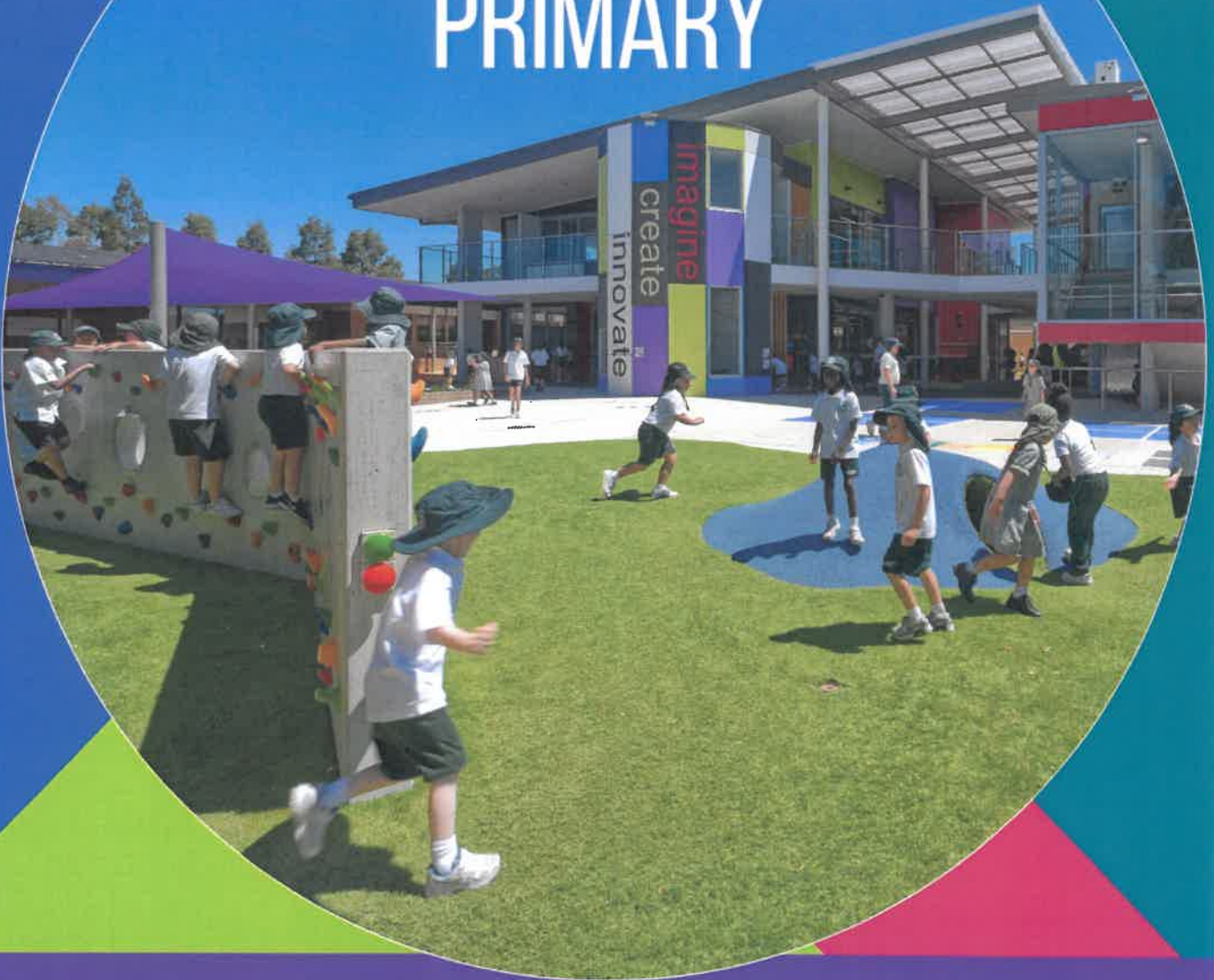
How can you promote a healthy attendance culture in your school?

Visit [www.parra.catholic.edu.au/everylearnereveryday](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/everylearnereveryday) to find out more.

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SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



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## **BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES - TRAINING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS**

Dear Parents & Carers

In Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP), we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. Parents and carers are encouraged to become involved in our schools in many important ways such as supporting classroom learning, being part of advisory groups, mentoring programs, coaching sporting teams and supporting other extra-curricular activities, canteen support and other kinds of help.

A range of checks and undertakings are required for people who work for or provide services to CEDP. These checks reduce potential risk and form part of our strategy to build child safe communities.

CEDP has launched a new *Building Child Safe Communities* form and online training module that all volunteers are required to complete.

The purpose of this training is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when volunteering for CEDP.

The undertaking should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and the training module approximately 10 minutes. Once the form and training modules are submitted, an automated email will be sent to you within two business days to confirm the status of your submission.

The undertaking form will expire within two years or when your Working With Children Check expires (if applicable), whichever is sooner. At that time you will need to complete the undertaking form and training module again. You will receive an automatic reminder email when this occurs.

Further information on the new online form and training module can be found at [www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au) and clicking on *about us/building child safe communities*. Within the form you will also find help sheets and a video tutorial to assist you.

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/about/student-safety/volunteer-and-contractor-training>

Thank you in advance for your support.

*Patricia Carr*

Mrs Patricia Carr  
Principal



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*Year 7*

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2023/2024**

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