



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Term 3

Week 7

Tuesday 30th August, 2022



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Term 3 concludes:
Thursday, 22nd September

Term 4 commences:
Tuesday, 11th October

Term 4 concludes:
Friday 16th December

Dear Fathers, Grandfathers and Special People

Our lives, particularly as parents in some way, can be an inheritance to our children to enrich them and to provide confidence in their abilities to develop life skills.

As you know fathers have a wonderful role to play. You are so important in the lives of your children.

Part of our parenting role is to patiently, slowly, even painstakingly, nurture and guide our children, so that they increasingly feel capable and optimistic about taking responsibility for their own choices and decisions and the general direction of their lives.

This demands dedication and perseverance and lots of "no strings attached" love.

It is important for us as parents, to maintain high levels of self-belief and confidence, to have belief in our own giftedness to be parents and to ask God that the Spirit work through us for the benefit of our children. It is also most important to keep a sense of humour and keep those dads' jokes coming! These are the ways children know we are keeping things in perspective and making the best of situations.

There is nothing more important to our children, than family and who our children share their life with. Who they have fun with and can be their crazy selves with. It's not the size nor the material comforts our home provides, it's the nurturing environment that really matters.

Family is a place of great opportunity for emerging young people for it is, amongst family, that value systems can be established, and God's love can be experienced through the love that family members express to one another; mistakes can be made without the fear of ridicule and with the real expectation of true compassion and forgiveness.

So dear Fathers you have a wonderful, joyful and lifelong role to play!

Congratulations and Happy Fathers Day.

Patricia Carr

Tricia Carr
Principal

**Happy
Father's
Day**

Netball Gala Day



Zone Athletics Carnival



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 31st Aug through to Friday, 9th September:

Wednesday, 31st August: Fathers' Day BBQ (7.00 am Good Shepherd School)

Wednesday, 31st August: Fathers' Day Liturgy (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)

Wednesday, 31st August: Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

Thursday, 1st September: Fathers' Day Stall

Friday, 2nd September: Diocesan Athletics Carnival

Sunday, 4th September: Fathers' Day

Thursday, 8th September: Year 5 at Teen Ranch

Friday, 9th September: Year 5 at Teen Ranch

School Fees

Dear Parents & Guardians, just a reminder that school fees statements have now been sent out. Due date for payment was 24th August. If you are on a payment plan, the statement is for information only purposes. Should you wish to discuss your account or commence a payment plan, please contact Mrs Haywood on 9836 7100.

IMPORTANT

2022 Term Dates

Term 3 concludes: Thursday, 22nd 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, Monday, 19th December and Tuesday, 20th December

Communication between Parents and Staff

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 a phone interview with your child's Year Group Coordinator. Year Group Coordinators 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 Group Co-Ordinator, you can email, write a letter or make a phone call to our Assistant Principal, then to the Principal.

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>

School Shoes

Dear Parents, would you please mark your child's school shoes with their name, as the slide is now open after Covid, and students would need to take their shoes off to use the slide. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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 on **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.

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	Olivia Aguas	KG	Sabrianne Maglaya
KR	Charlotte Vere	KW	Theresa Alhamwi
1B	Anjna Seelampally	1G	Natalie Hayat
1R	Deeana Ngaronga	1W	Zinachi Nlemadim
2B	Jade Hoang	2G	John Nucum
2R	Clara Montenegro		
3B	Taysia Paahi	3G	Seth Obrador
3R	Titus Fruean	3W	Ursula Telea
4B	Jordan Gutierrez	4G	Tavalliah Vakai
4R	Alexius Gozun	4W	Theo Kotee
5G	Denis Luzardo Gotts	5R	Kevin Cole
5W	Pualani Penitani		
6B	Christin Jane	6G	Roza-Elloise Frias
6R	Joanne Soliman	6W	Vlad Anastasiei

Summer Uniform

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.** 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.

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.

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!!

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.

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.

Fathers' Day BBQ & Liturgy

There will be a BBQ breakfast at Good Shepherd Primary School tomorrow Wednesday, 31st August at 7.00 am. Then at 9.00 am there will be a Liturgy in the Good Shepherd Church. All very welcome.



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.

every learner every day

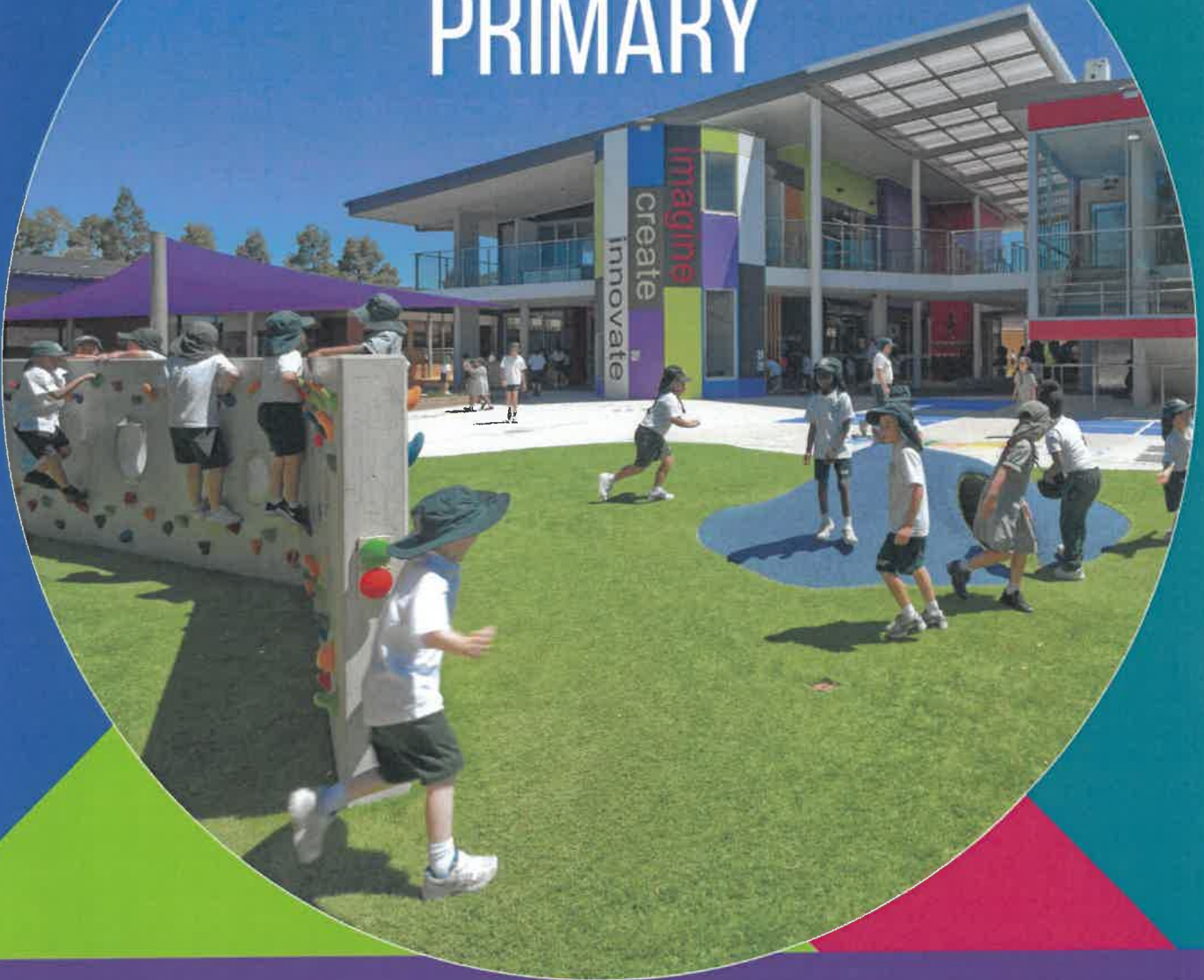
How can you promote a healthy attendance culture in your school?

Visit www.parra.catholic.edu.au/everylearnereveryday to find out more.

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2022 Jarara CEDP Totem Project at Good Shepherd School

Totems define people's identity and connection to a place. Totems also define roles and responsibilities, and their relationships with each other, country and creation.

The totem project is inviting all schools across the diocese to connect to their local area and environment focusing on sustainability. The aim is for all schools to gain a deeper understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' connection to country and identity.

Through engagement with the project, schools are challenged to dive deeper and embed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and perspectives into everyday learning as well as the broader school community.

At Good Shepherd we launched the totem project by asking students and teachers to vote on a native animal that was found around our school. This totem was to best represent the Good Shepherd family. The animal that had the majority vote was the Rainbow Lorikeet.



Our students voted for this gorgeous bird, because they feel it represents who we are as a community. The Rainbow Lorikeet has been described as sweet natured and vibrantly brilliant. They are busybodies that like to be in the midst of the action, like young puppies encouraging play whenever people are around. Rainbow lorikeets are affectionate birds that are known for their comical antics and friendly personalities. In general, these birds are friendly, easy to socialise, and value interaction. Just like us!

A small group of students in collaboration with Mr Escandor worked together to design an artwork based on our totem for Good Shepherd.



Good Shepherd Totem - Rainbow Lorikeet

Description of Artwork:

Students of Good Shepherd School have proudly elected the rainbow lorikeet as our school totem. The three rainbow lorikeets on our artwork showcase the shared characteristics they have with our school community - gentleness, intelligence, social, playful and beautiful.

In Aboriginal art, a circle or a set of concentric circles usually signify places where people come together. The concentric circles made of smaller circles in our artwork signify diverse communities coming together as one Good Shepherd community. The shades of green and white are similar to the greens you would find on our school uniform.

Bottlebrush trees are also found in Good Shepherd School. Students across the school engaged in research projects to learn about our totem's habitat, diet, breeding seasons, competition, threats and significance in the ecosystem.

One of our school's long-term sustainable projects is to take action in providing care, food and water for our totem. We have used earth tones including black, brown, red, yellow and orange for the food.

Artists: *Mr Henry Escandor and students; Cassandra Pascual, Roza-Elloise Frias, Veronica Ballesteros and Zaijan Caygill.*

The next steps in this project for Good Shepherd is to present our totem artwork at a special conference in October. In addition our school will engage in a sustainability project to protect our totem.

Christina Ellul