



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1

Our Lady of the
Rosary



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Term 4 concludes:
Friday 16th December

Term 1 2023
commencement dates:

Tuesday 31st January:
Students Year 1 to Year 6
commence

Wednesday 1st February:
Kindy children of new
families commence

Thursday 2nd February:
Kindy Siblings commence

Term 4

Week 1

Tuesday 11th October, 2022

Good Morning Parents and Guardians,

It was lovely to see all the children coming back into school so happy after the holidays. I know they look forward to seeing their friends. Even though the weather wasn't the best I hope you had the chance to relax from the rush of getting everyone to school, remembering lunches, drink bottles, hats and library etc, etc.

Well done parents for passing on this positive attitude to your children. These are the life skills and attitudes that enable our children to cope with change in their lives.

Term four will be busy and next Tuesday evening we have our Kindergarten information evening for Parents and Guardians of Kindergarten students starting in 2023.

If you know of anyone who has a child they are planning to enrol at Good Shepherd but haven't done so, could you remind them to make contact as it would be a pity if they missed the parent information evening. That also applies to siblings, if you have a child who should be coming next year please come and pick up an enrolment pack this week.

Last Friday was the Feast of the Rosary and as we always do here at Good Shepherd, we celebrate October as the month of the Rosary. Every day one class will lead the school in a decade of the Rosary, the special prayer to Mary the mother of Jesus, in the assembly area before lunch. All children have been given Rosary beads and we will continue our tradition and devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary with this prayer in October.

Patricia Carr

Tricia Carr
Principal



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 12th October through to
Friday, 28th October

Tuesday, 18th October:	Year 2 Excursion to Botanic Gardens
Tuesday, 25th October:	Basketball Gala Day
Thursday, 27th October:	Sibling/Family & Grade 6 Group Photos
Friday, 28th October:	Stage 2 & 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 4 concludes: Friday, 16th December

2022 Term 4 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free 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.

Water Bottles

Dear Parents,

Please ensure your child brings to school a water bottle and their hat **each day**. Both items are to be clearly labelled with their name on it. 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.

Changing Schools in 2023?

Are you thinking of or needing to change schools in 2023? Whatever the reason, we would appreciate you letting us know as soon as you can. CEDP require us to estimate our enrolment numbers for 2023 in order to predict and prepare for appropriate staffing and budgeting. It would be appreciated if you could notify the school in writing if your child/ren may be leaving Good Shepherd at the end of the year, from Year groups other than Year 6.

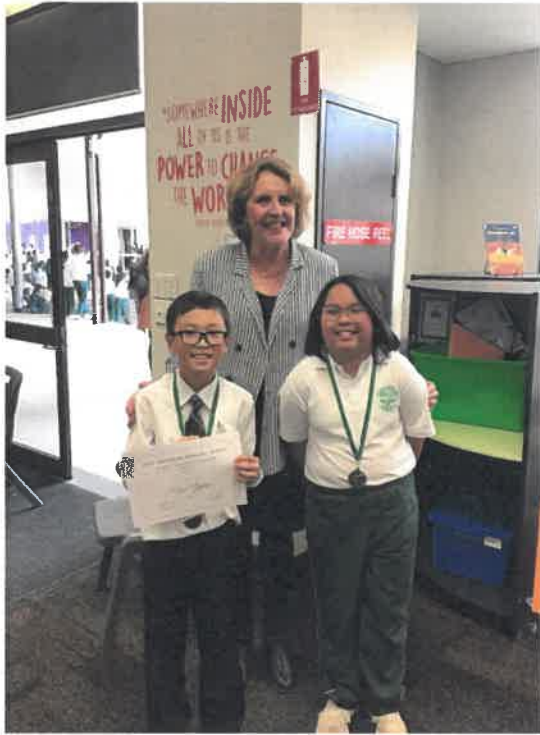
Term 4 2022 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

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 4's Staff Development Days are Pupil Free Days and will take place on Monday 10th October, Friday 11th November, Monday 19th December and Tuesday 20th December. 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.

Congratulations to our Public Speaking Finalists: Enzo Ygay (Year 3) and Cziana Sulapat (Year 4)



Library Borrowing & Sports Days for Term 4, 2022

Library Borrowing:

Mondays: Kinder, Year 2 and Year 6
Tuesdays: Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4
Fridays: Year 5

Sports Days:

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

Please note that Kindergarten will be required to wear their Sports Uniform on Tuesdays and Fridays.



Primary Principal's Morning Tea

At the end of last term, we held our Primary 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: Kiane Lealamanua, Alexander Heffernan, Sallena Fesoli, Ana Setefano, Shaliyah Johan, Aiden Lees, Isaiah Ellison, Myah Clarke, Mary Ghilagaber, Isabella Sugpatan, Carter Horne, Shanel Warnakula, Maheen Sehgal, Saschna Prabhakaran and Bronte-Rose Marks.



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 (Week 3 of Term 4)**. 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 Jacket, 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 Jacket, White turn-down School Socks and Joggers predominantly white.

The School Jacket 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 Green Beanie is acceptable but not as a substitute for the School Hat. 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

Enrolment forms can be obtained from the School Office or at the back of the Church.



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

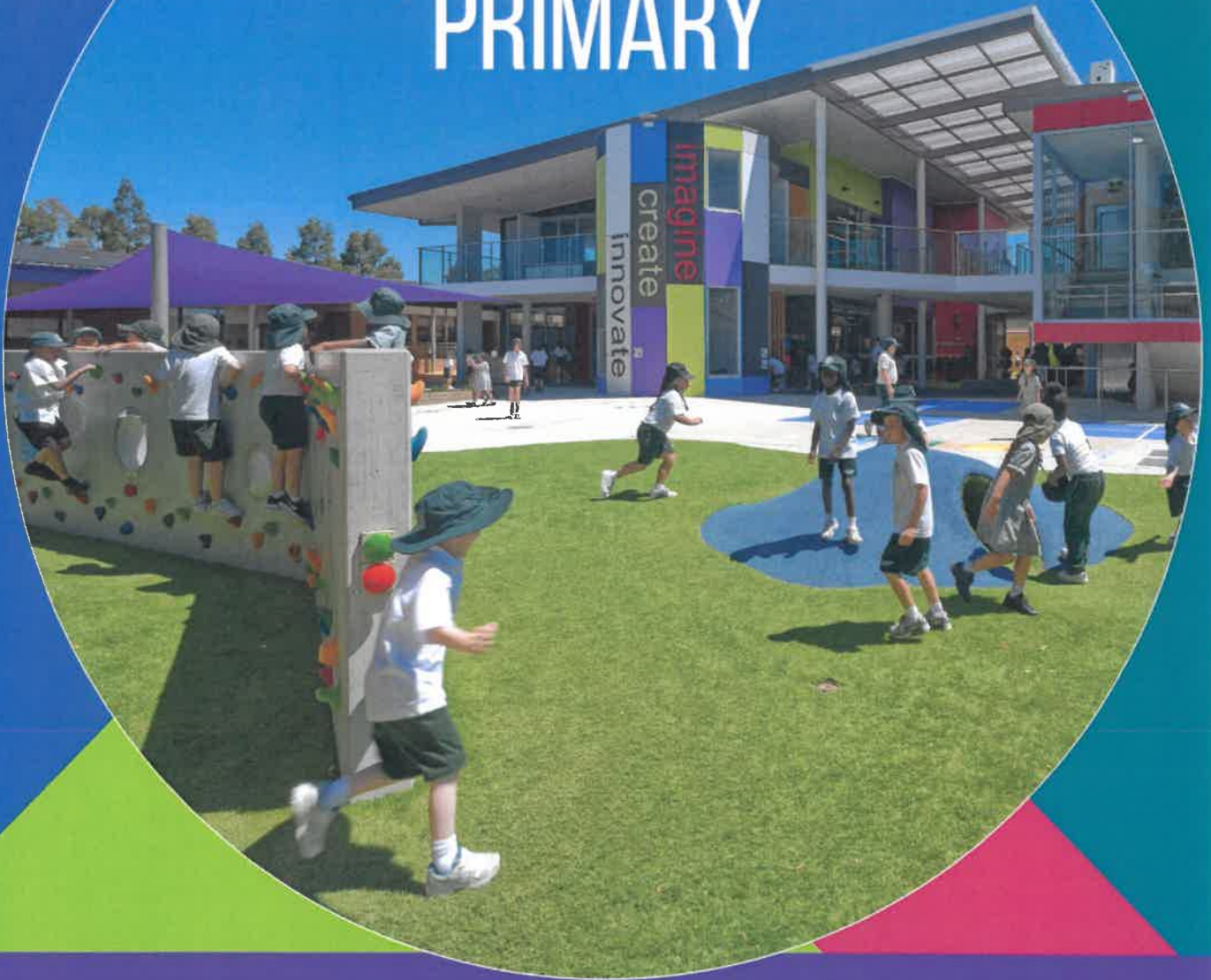
How can you promote a healthy attendance culture in your school?

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

every learner
every day



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SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDY 2023

FREE 2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers Location: Parramatta, NSW

Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Understanding sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



1st & 2nd November 2022
9.30am - 2.30pm



Rydges Parramatta
116-118 James Ruse Dr
Rosehill NSW 2142



SCAN TO REGISTER



Interpreters available upon request

For more information or to register visit
www.positivepartnerships.com.au or contact
Trish Nicoll tnicoll@positivepartnerships.com.au



For help, call:
1300 881 971



School Opal Cards for bus travel

Busways has been conducting checks at your school regarding Opal card usage.

Your child did not have an Opal card today when travelling on the school bus.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off then school bus services will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

Please ensure that your child has a valid Opal card (either a School or Child/Youth Opal card) and taps on and off when travelling to and from school.

For more information and to apply for a School Opal card call 13 67 25 (13 OPAL) or apply online at www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/.

For other enquiries, our customer service team is happy to help. Call 1 300 69 2929 (Monday to Friday 7am-5.30pm) or email info@busways.com.au.