



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 4

Week 9

Tuesday 6th December, 2022



2ND SUNDAY of Advent

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The end of the year is drawing to a close very quickly and we only have one more newsletter next week so I would particularly like to thank the members of the Parent Group who have worked so tirelessly for our school. They have organised fundraisers, uniform shop, discos and been present and supportive at the Kindergarten orientation to talk to our new parents.

They are a very important and much appreciated part of the Good Shepherd community. Thank you to Felicia Jane, Mary Stone, Monica Grech, Georgette Elters and Amal Shiber for their hard work this year. This will be Felicia's last year with us after many years of service.

Sadly, we have some staff members leaving us at the end of this year. And two of them are staff members of long standing.

Mrs Jo Edgerton and Mrs Vicki Doran are both retiring to enjoy the next stage of their lives. They have given so much to Good Shepherd, caring for both teachers and students and always ready to take on additional work at a minute's notice. They love this school and that has been evident in the fact that they have been here for so long. They have at times been the keepers of the history of the school and they remember everyone. Mrs Edgerton has been here 20 years, Mrs Doran has been here 18 years and they have given outstanding love and service to our school. We will miss them.

Mr Battikha, Mrs Moylan, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Dinh Vu, Mrs Shergill, Mrs Mufale and Mr Madden will also be leaving us at the end of the year.

We thank them for the professionalism and the enthusiasm they have displayed whilst at Good Shepherd. They have shared their love of learning with the students and have had a huge impact on the lives of so many. We wish them all the best for the future.

There will be an opportunity to farewell Mr Battikha at the Christmas Liturgy tomorrow (Wednesday 7th December at 9.00 am).

Tricia Carr
Principal



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 7th December through to Friday, 16th December

Wednesday, 7th December:	Christmas Mufti Day - Students to wear Christmas clothes please
Wednesday, 7th December:	Christmas Liturgy & Farewell to Mr Battikha - 9.00 am Good Shepherd Church
Friday, 9th December:	Mrs Carr's Farewell Mass commencing at 10.00 am. Please bring a picnic lunch to enjoy with your family as we farewell Mrs Carr. The picnic will commence at 1.00 pm in the school grounds.
Monday, 12th December:	Primary End of Awards - 8.30 am Good Shepherd School
Monday, 12th December:	Year 6 Graduation Mass - 6.00 pm Good Shepherd Church. Students to be at the Church by 5.45 pm. Full School Summer Uniform. All very welcome
Wednesday, 14th December:	End of Year Liturgy - 9.30 am Good Shepherd Church
Friday, 16th December:	Final day for students



2023 Term 1 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

2023 Staffing

Principal: Ms Anita Knezevic
Assistant Principal: Mrs Jackie Willard
Religious Education Coordinator: Mr Ian Byrne

KB: Mrs Janice Saliba
KG: Mrs Carol Sirry
KR: Miss Reilly Fearon
KW: Miss Elaria Rizkalla
Kinder Learning Support: Mrs Yvonne Davies & Miss Rebecca McMillan
Kinder Grade Leader: Mrs Yvonne Davies

1B: Mrs Kellie Fox
1G: Mrs Sara McCaffrey & Mrs Stephanie Van Weverbergh
1R: Mrs Amie Keown
1W: Miss Therese Guerrero
Year 1 Learning Support: Mrs Dimple Dhiman & Mrs Melissa O'Connor
Year 1 Grade Leader: Mrs Trish Conner

2B: Mrs Maree Callaghan
2G: Miss Alyssia Aloschi
2R: Mrs Maria Rainert
2W: Mrs Marina Camilleri
Year 2 Learning Support: Mrs Carolyn Duval
Year 2 Grade Leader: Mrs Trish Conner

3B: Mrs Anita Meredith & Mrs Jenna Joseph
3R: Mrs Tiffany Reid & Mrs Linda Freitas
3W: Mrs Susanne Mammoliti & Mrs Karen Fairall
Year 3 Learning Support: Miss Rebecca McMillan
Year 3 Grade Leader: Mr Ian Byrne

4B: Mrs Daniela Del Duca
4G: Mrs Jo-Ann Lindsay
4R: Mrs Bronwyn Micallef
4W: Mr Ian Byrne & Mr Henry Escandor
Year 4 Learning Support: Mrs Joan Bellenger
Year 4 Grade Leader: Mr Ian Byrne

5B: Miss Kelly Maloney
5G: Mrs Tania Pereira & Miss Rebecca McMillan
5R: Mrs Christina Ellul
5W: Mr Matthew Slager
Year 5 Learning Support: Mrs Grace Pestano
Year 5 Grade Leader: Mrs Beulah Frankson

6B: Mr Karl Rainert
6G: Mrs Debbie dela Paz
6R: Ms Elizabeth Le Breton & Mrs Clare Burnett
Year 6 Learning Support: Mrs Susan Perry & Mrs Melissa O'Connor
Year 6 Grade Leader: Ms Elizabeth Le Breton

PE Teachers: Mr Henry Escandor & Mrs Dimple Dhiman

Creative Arts Teachers: Mrs Joanne Hocking & Mrs Susan Perry
Support (Speech): Ms Jillian Tate

Library: Mrs Jenna Joseph
Teachers' Aides: Ms Tania Cornett, Mrs Jan Wedgwood,
Mrs Diane Maunder, Mrs Antonette Matery, Mrs Chrisanne Skourmalias, Mrs Jeanette Raywood,
Mrs Lina Said & Mrs Charvelli Gutiearez

Office Staff: Mrs Nikki Babela, Mrs Dianne Holmes, Mrs Jenny Jones & Mrs Kate Murphy

IT Trainee: Mr Liam Common
Maintenance: Mr Christopher Willard
Counsellor: Ms Vanessa Pollicini

End of Term Awards

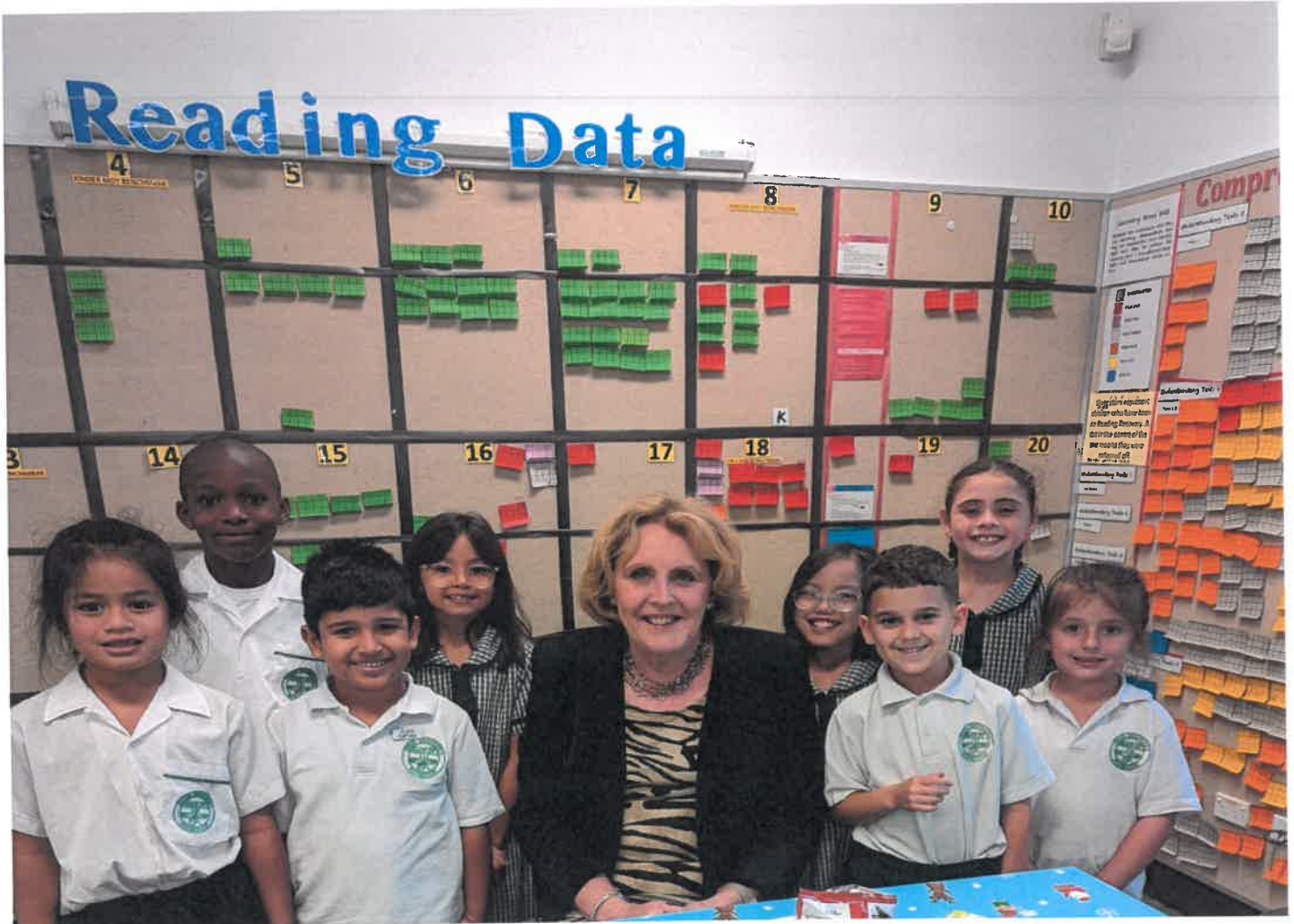
The following students will receive End of Term Awards for Term 4 2022. These Awards will be presented at an Whole School Assembly. Details as follows: Infants 8.30 am on Monday, 5th December (Week 9), Primary 8.30 am on Monday 12th December (Week 10). Parents are warmly invited to attend:

Class	Religious Education	Learning Achievement	Learning Achievement	Consistent Effort
KB	Leilani-Eve Muller	Aadhiv Racherla	Logan Aquino	Drew Valdez
KG	Sabrianne Maglaya	Erika Paglinawan	Jacob Medina	Scarlett Nguyen
KR	Maxwell Setefano	Yarena Montarde	Allison Ramos	Jayden Gaunder
KW	Jashan Sharma	Zachariah (Jupiter) Allen	Christiana Jamil	Not Published
1B	Ojaun Vakai	Lylah Goff	Elijah Palu Maahyar	Roman Siasaga
1G	Cliffeton Lasalo	Reyna Nair	ShakibaeiShahadati	Shailene Sumilang
1R	Cristiano Danguilan	Jaxon Parica	Rivan Shah	Aryana Pradhan
1W	Aleu Acuoth	Noah-Kristofer Frias	Zinachi Nlemadim	James Gale
2B	Benjamin Burke	Carlo Ebuenga	Aliyah Ruaburo	Ocean-Kai Lord
2G	Vita Ale	Angel Danguilan	Pichayada Mallari	John Nucum
2R	Ariella-Rose Sang Yam	Ayaan Kang	Clara Montenegro	Gurneet Mann
3B	Not Published	Caleb Bay	Kiane Lealamanua	Theo Hatziandreu
3G	Rhenzo Alpuerto	Roel John	Sandy Trinh	Elijah Stazi
3R	Ethan Elisapeci	Mark Uson	Aliyah Vaafusuaga	Alyce Ma'asi
3W	Deng Dut	Aubrey Sonter	Femuel Max Florenzo Agpoon	Shonalli Lal
4B	Isaac Frias Chukwubuikem (Buikem)	Jayden Aberca	Fransisca Purwadi	Scarlet Nguyen Matilda-Holly Marks
4G	Ugochukwu	Aditya Sundar	Angela Montales	
4R	Amisha Singh	Ardaman Sangha	Noah Scali	Isaiah Ellison
4W	Ireanna Tanaki	Ethan Aducayen	Theo Kotee	Alisi Kusitafe
5G	Ezra Toa	Isabelle Diamse	Rhimoun Khoury	Loreign Bautista
5R	Ethan Ong	Tamara Tamani	Thomas Sanak	Andrei Bichescu
5W	Not Published	Aryan Shah	Isabella Musngi-Kabigting	Belinda Gama
6B	Cassandra Pascual	Cheyaane Sinclair	Jessica Labeeb	Angelo Cabida
6G	Roza-Eloise Frias	Juliana Wilbert J	Miguel Manalili	Dorria Alhamwi
6R	Malakai Setefano	Taylor Nyugen	Oliver Guterrez	Faustina Valifale
6W	Seraphina Vaasili	Farah Kamal	Milan Mahajan	Samuel Craig

Infants Principal's Morning Tea

Dear Parents, today 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:

Mia Epselis, Rosa-Sina Siasaga, Cairo Carroll, Jashan Sharma, Ofa Tausala, Aaron Lauulu, Maddison Bennell, Olivia Rivera, Kaitonna Nlemadim and Cassandra Dela Paz.



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.

IMPORTANT

Suncream

If you would like your child to wear suncream when playing sport, could you please supply your child with a small suncream tube for them to apply themselves. Teachers are not able to apply suncream to children. Please ensure you label your child's suncream and it is to be kept in their school bag. Thank you.



Mini-Vinnies Christmas Appeal

A very big thank you to our school community for your generous donations to such a worthy cause!



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Please note the Term 4 Semester 2 Reports will be uploaded to the app early next week. **There will be no paper copies sent home with students.** All notifications will be sent through via the parent portal. If you require further assistance, please call the school office on 9836 7100.

You will need to register, **if you haven't already done so**, to be able to access your child's report. For further assistance, please contact the school office on 9836 7100. Thank you.

Compass School Manager App (for Parent Portal)



End of School Year Liturgy Wednesday, 14th December

Our End of School Year Liturgy will take place on Wednesday, 14th December, 2022 at the Good Shepherd Church commencing at 9.30 am. All very welcome!



Final day for payments

There will be NO more cash or EFTPOS payments collected in the office as of 3.00 pm Thursday 8th December. **After this date all payments/ school fees will need to be made via Electronic payments such as B-Pay or B point & with your statement at the post office.**

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

Keeping Everyone Safe

Please encourage your child to be alert and not be looking at their phone and devices when crossing the road or walking through car parks.

Please feel free to let the school office know if you notice anything around the school and its surrounds that may be a danger or hazard to our families and members of the public. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure safety of others.



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.



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.

Student Supervision

As you know it is a priority at Good Shepherd Primary School to keep every child safe. Teachers have a duty of care to supervise children both in class and on the playground. This **supervision commences at 8.10 am each morning**. Prior to then no child should be dropped off at school.

Similarly afternoon supervision of children concludes at 3.15 pm. **All children must be picked up by this time.**

It is vital that parents seek a safe, supervised environment whilst they are away at work. It is not the responsibility of school staff to provide before and after school care whilst parents are at work. School staff have their own personal and professional responsibilities to attend to in out of school hours. Thank you for your support with this matter.

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.

Policies and Forms

For all policies and forms, 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.

Lost Property tub is overflowing !!

Dear Parents, please ensure you label every item of your child's uniform including their drink bottle and lunch box as there are many unclaimed items in the lost property tub.



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.

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.



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.

School Shoes & Joggers

At this time of the year we often find that children need their school shoes & joggers replaced. Please remember if you are buying new school shoes, they are to be **black**. If you need to replace joggers, they should be predominantly white. No fluro or bright colours. For information on uniform and hairstyle requirements, please see website.



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	Rosa-Sina Siasaga
KR	Kalani Manapori	KW	Memphis Tupou
1B	Eveleen Kaur Saini	1G	Milla Hajo
1R	Bonaventure Lealamanua	1W	Rachel Silalahi
2B	Clara El Ghossein	2G	Elias Shiber
2R	Scherina Pratheepan		
3B	Rosie Villanueva	3G	Anthony Lauulu
3R	Mark Uson	3W	Femuel max Florenzo Agpoon
4B	Alessandra Pascual	4G	Chimkasinma Nlemadim
4R	Bethany Stanton	4W	Bethany Stanton
5G	Rachael Thrikiwala-Badalge	5R	Jeremiah Setefano
5W	Chelsea Vere		
6B	Mahi Prasad	6G	Eli Facistol
6R	Ezekiel Laurente	6W	Bronte-Rose Marks

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.

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.para.catholic.edu.au/everylearnereveryday to find out more.

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