



**Fifth Sunday of  
Lent**



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# Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

**Term 1**

**Week 10**

**Tuesday 28 March 2023**

Dear Good Shepherd Families,

## Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

God, Heavenly Father,  
look upon me and hear my prayer  
during this Holy Season of Lent.  
By the good works You inspire,  
help me to discipline my body  
and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing.  
By Your Spirit help me to know what is right  
and to be eager in doing Your will.  
Teach me to find new life through penance.  
Keep me from sin, and help me live  
by Your commandment of love.  
God of love, bring me back to You.  
Send Your Spirit to make me strong  
in faith and active in good works.

May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness,  
open my heart to Your love,  
and prepare me for the coming feast  
of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season,  
nourish me with Your Word of life  
and make me one  
with You in love and prayer.

Fill my heart with Your love  
and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ.  
Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness.  
Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life,  
I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand;  
let me walk more readily in Your ways.  
Guide me in Your gentle mercy,  
for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.

Father of love, source of all blessings,  
help me to pass from my old life of sin  
to the new life of grace.

Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.  
I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Peace and Joy

Anita Knezevic  
Principal



Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer.

happy  
EASTER



Raffle tickets on sale Tuesday  
Afternoon  
Wednesday lunch time and  
Afternoon

1 Ticket \$2  
3 Tickets \$5

There will be an infants  
Raffle draw and  
A primary Raffle draw.  
Each with a 1st, 2nd  
and 3rd prize.

Raffle will be drawn Tuesday 4th April

## Upcoming Events

Monday 3 April:	Primary End of Term Awards (8.30 am Good Shepherd School)
Wednesday 5 April:	Holy Week Liturgy (9.30 am Good Shepherd Church. All welcome)
Wednesday 5 April:	Kindergarten Easter Hat Parade (2 pm Good Shepherd School. All welcome)
Thursday 6 April:	Holy Thursday
<u>Thursday 6 April:</u>	<u>Last Day of Term 1</u>
Friday 7 April:	Good Friday (School closed)
Sunday 9 April:	Easter Sunday
<u>Monday 24 April:</u>	<u>First Day of Term 2</u>
Tuesday 25 April:	Anzac Day (School closed)
Wednesday 26 April:	School resumes

### Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

Staff Development Days (SDD) advance notice regarding dates. We do try to give these dates as early as possible in order to assist families. These Staff Development Days are for all staff to participate in formation or learning. The school office/staff are not open for supervision. Ambrose can accommodate working families however they require more than nine students for the day to be available and they will have limited spots. Please contact Ambrose if you are interested in their service for one or all of these days.

#### Term 2

SDD 3: Week 10 Friday 30 June 2023

#### Term 3

SDD 4: Week 4 Friday 11 August 2023

#### Term 4

SDD 5: Monday 18 December 2023

SDD 6: Tuesday 19 December 2023

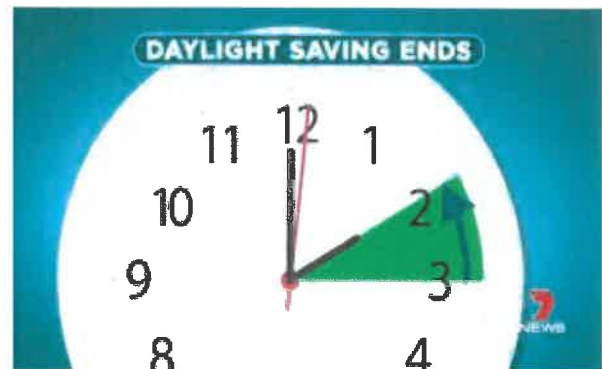
### Privacy Consent

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.

### End of Daylight Saving

Dear Parents & Carers, Daylight Saving finishes on Sunday 2 April 2023. Clocks will need to be put back one hour at 3.00 am Sunday morning.



### School Fees Instalment 1 2023

School Fees are now overdue. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, could you please contact Mrs Nikki Babela on 02 9836 7100 or [GoodShepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:GoodShepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au) to discuss or arrange an appointment.

### 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.

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](mailto:goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au)) PRIOR TO PICKUP. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### 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.

### Hairstyling, Grooming and Earrings

Students are expected to keep their hair clean, neat and tidy at all times. Students are to keep hair off their face and out of their eyes. Student haircuts are to be in a sensible and conventional style. There are to be no extremes of fashion in hairstyle cut or colour. Shaving of any part of the head or undercuts, and haircuts with a number 1 or 2 blade are not permitted. Rat's tails are not permitted. Long hair below the shoulder should be tied back by a ribbon, 'scrunchy', hair band or clip in school colours. Only one pair of sleepers or studs are to be worn in the lower ear lobe. No dangling earrings.

### 2023 Term Dates

**Term 1 concludes: Thursday 6 April**  
Term 2 commences: Monday 24 April  
Term 2 concludes: Friday 30 June  
Term 3 commences: Monday 17 July  
Term 3 concludes: Thursday 22 September  
Term 4 commences: Monday 9 October  
Term 4 concludes: Tuesday 19 December

### Mobile Phone—Settings on your phone

Parents, would you please check your Settings for "Incoming Call restrictions" and "Do Not Disturb" notifications on your mobile phones so as in a case of an emergency, we need to be able to contact you. Would you please ensure that you can be contacted quickly and easily. Thank you.

### 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.



### 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>

### 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 Opening

Dear Parents & Carers, please note our Second Hand Uniform Shop will reopen **Monday 3 April from 8.30 am to 9.00 am.**

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN officially ended yesterday. As a school we are so proud of all students who did their best, attempted the questions and completed all of the assessments. Thank you to the Parents/Carers for your ongoing support of your children throughout this time.

### Compass Parent Portal App

Dear Parents Carers, please note as of Term 2 we will no longer be using SKOOLbag app for communications. All communications, including bookings for school interviews, will now be through the Compass Parent Portal App. Thank you.



### Last Day for Cash/Eftpos Payments in the School Office

Dear Parents & Carers, please note that Friday 31 March will be the last day for cash payments or eftpos payments in the school office. Alternatively you can continue to use B-pay and the Post Office. Thank you.



### Important Information

Dear Parents & Carers, please note for School Photos, Reports etc, your child's legal birth certificate name will be used, not their preferred name. If you have any queries about this, please contact our School Office.



## Primary End of Term Awards

The following students from Year 3 to Year 6 will receive Awards for Term 1 2023. These awards will be presented at the Whole School Assembly at 8.30 am next Monday, 3 April (Week 11). Parents are warmly invited to attend. We kindly ask that no group photos of students be taken. You are welcome to take a photo of your child individually.

Class	Religious Education	Learning Achievement	Learning Achievement	Consistent Effort
3B	Emma Bourne	Jade Hoang	Solomone Lasalo	Grace Yalan
3R	Marissa Assey	Mukul Parthiban	Clara El-Ghossein	Juliana Minano
3W	Roy Bernal	Clara Montengro	Ashleigh Sultana	Jace Russell
4B	Izaak JustinJose	Megan Capili	Enzo Ygay	Anthony Laulu
4G	Taysia Paahi	Leyna Pham	Alex Rizeq	Eli Tamani
4R	Wayne De Lara	Alexander Heffernan	Anamanu Setefano	Abuok Maiwien
4W	Not Published	Krystelle Caalim	Ria Oli	Aaron Dela Paz
5B	Jasmine Eskandari	Violet Nguyen	Shaliyah Johan	Maxwell Siasaga
5G	Ethan Dayal	Isabella Guillermo	Aman Singh	Chelsea Baxter
5R	Xavier Santos	Tavalliah Vakai	Dev Talati	Bianca Kodeeswaran
5W	Abigail Milag	Xavier Battalones	Alessandra Pascual	Alexander La
6B	Emilie Co	Taiuli-Rose Bennell	Thomas Sanak	Winston Milag
6G	Joshua Toa	Careen Ocampo	Isabella Wulf	Aahana Trivedi
6R	John-Paul Aloisio	Kassandra Nuval	George Abdallah	Lusia Laulu

## 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	Jarden Pascual	KG	Hazel Hammond-Nia
KR	Nicholas Gorgees	KW	Tyler Reyes
1B	Rosa-Sina Siasaga	1G	Livingston Peteru
1R	Bishakha Chohan	1W	Aryanne Atendido
2B	Charlotte Sulit	2G	Alexander Cutmore-Ale
2R	Francis Jeffery	2W	Natalie Hayat
3B	Munlene Kaur	3R	Hannah Muller
3W	Ariella Sang-Yam		
4B	Fernando Jameel	4G	Seth Obrador
4R	Kezia Amofo	4W	Ria Oli
5B	Violet Nguyen	5G	Krishan Chand
5R	Glorianna Ma'asi	5W	Athena Aloisio-Malatai
6B	Belinda Gama	6G	Geoffrey Manalo
6R	Kevin Wilbert J		

## ENROLLING NOW!

We are beginning Kindergarten Enrolments NOW! Particularly if you have a brother or sister at the school, please do not wait!

- Complete your enrolment form with the necessary paperwork.
- Hand in your enrolment form with the corresponding documents.
- Once the school has received your enrolment form with the corresponding documents an appointment will be made for one of the Parent/Carers and your child/children to attend.
- A Parent with the child attends the appointment with the Principal.
- Following the enrolment interview, a letter communicating the outcome will be sent.
- If you have received an approval letter please follow the instructions to secure your child's enrolment.

*NOW! we are now able to receive enrolment forms for 2025, 2026, 2027 and beyond. If this is your situation you can place your child on the waiting list by completing the enrolment form. This will place them on a waiting list from which the Principal will commence interviews for the year you would like them to start. So if your child is 3 years old then you will be contacted from the waiting list for the interview in 2025. (This may be dependent on their birthday/age)*

### Arrivals and Departures Procedures for Students

Children are supervised on the playground from 8:10 am.

When bringing children to school, please park in the Church carpark and walk your child through the school gates. Alternatively you can drop your child to school using the Kiss and Drop zone at the front of the school.

It is school policy that no child is to go to the car parks unless supervised by an adult, and procedures for collecting and picking up children are carefully followed for safety reasons.

The procedure for afternoon dismissal is based on the concern and safety for the children. **The school bell for dismissal in the afternoon is at 2:50 pm.**

Walkers and cyclists must have a pass which is organised through the school office. Children are supervised to ensure safe exit from the school.

Bus travellers assemble in the designated area and are supervised by staff for safe exit on buses.

The children are to be collected by their parent/guardian each afternoon from their classroom.



## 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

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#### Boys:

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

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, 8 May 2023 (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 Ms Knezevic, Principal, to discuss options. **THE SCHOOL HAT IS AN ESSENTIAL ITEM OF SCHOOL UNIFORM. THE WEARING OF THE SCHOOL HAT IS COMPULSORY.**



## 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.**

# Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day  
just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just  
missing,

That equals ..

Which is ...

and over 13 years  
of schooling that's ...

10 minutes per day

50 minutes per week

Nearly 1.5 weeks per year

Nearly half a year

20 minutes per day

1 hour 40mins per week

Over 2.5 weeks per year

Nearly 1 year

Half an hour per day

Half a day per week

4 weeks per year

Nearly 1 and a half years

1 hour per day

1 day per week

8 weeks per year

Over 2 and a half years

every learner  
every day 



Catholic Education  
Diocese of Parramatta