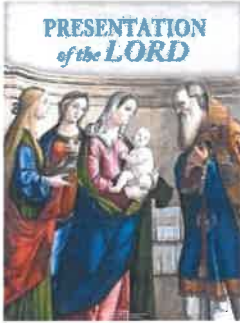




Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

2 February
The Presentation of the Lord



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Term 1

Week 2

Tuesday 31 January 2023

Dear Families of Good Shepherd,

I am very excited and feel privileged to be at Good Shepherd! The Parish and the Good Shepherd Staff have made me feel very welcomed very quickly.

It was fantastic to welcome the students back today and it was lovely to see their joyful faces when reuniting with their friends and teachers. After visiting the learning spaces today the students have settled into their classrooms and their learning.

To the School and Vice Captains congratulations on leading your first assembly! I look forward to leading and working with the School and Sports Captains this year.

I look forward to seeing and welcoming our new 2023 Kindergarten students commencing tomorrow!

I would like to thank Parish, the Leadership Team both past and present for their support in making this transition so smooth. The dedicated staff for the wonderful learning environments that they have organised for the students to do their best learning.

This letter/email contains the following important information:

- Staffing
- Parent Group
- School Times
- Morning Arrival
- Arriving late
- Leaving Early
- Afternoon Dismissal has returned to previous times
- Limiting Interruptions to Learning Time
- Visitors to the School
- Who do I contact?
- Uniform Update
- Medical Plans and Medication
- Birthdays

Peace and Joy

Anita Knezevic
Principal

Peace
AND
Joy



From our Assistant Principal

I am excited to be starting the 2023 school year at Good Shepherd. The staff have already made me feel very welcome and I am looking forward to getting to know all the students and parents and working together so every child can flourish. It was wonderful to see all the happy faces of the students returning to school and finding their friends after the holiday break. I am looking forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten families this week as well, as they start their learning journey with us.

I encourage every learner to have a growth mindset and have a go at every new learning challenge. This can be hard, especially for our young learners as they start back into the routine of school. You can encourage a growth mindset in your child by asking:

What are you most proud of achieving today?
What was the most exciting thing you did at school today?
What are looking forward to trying tomorrow?

One of the most important partnerships we have is between our parents and the staff here. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please don't hesitate to contact the School Office and make an appointment.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming weeks, either at the school gates or at our upcoming Parent Information Nights.

Have a wonderful week,

Jackie Willard
Assistant Principal



School Times

Office Hours: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Morning Session: 8:10 am-8:30 am

Children and parents on site must remain seated in the assigned area until dismissed by teachers at 8.10 am. Before dismissing children all teachers on duty need to be present by 8.10 am.

Recess 10:30 am (first half) -10:45 am, 10:45 am-11:00 am (second half)

For the first fifteen minutes the children are to be seated and are to eat their recess outside their areas. After 15 minutes students are dismissed. Bell rings at 10.45 am.

Lunch 1:00 pm - 1:10 pm (supervised lunch), 1:10 pm-1:30 pm (first half), 1:30 pm-1:50 pm (second half)

1:00 pm -1:10 pm students are to eat their lunch in their learning spaces. At 1:10 pm Students may proceed to play areas once dismissed from class.

Afternoon Dismissal 2:50 pm

The gate opens for parents at 2.50 pm (bell time). Children who travel home by private van, buses, after school care or walkers - these children need to go to their assigned area when the bell rings. Remaining students stay with teachers for five minutes then are walked over to the main assembly area where they are supervised.

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
Kindergarten Learning Support: Mrs Yvonne Davies & Miss Rebecca McMillan
Kindergarten 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

Literacy & Numeracy Support: Mrs Jeanine Zeall

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 Antionette Matery, Mrs Chrisanne Skourmalias, Mrs Jeanette Raywood,
Mrs Lina Said & Mrs Charvelli Gutierrez

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 & Ms Nina Mather

2023 Good Shepherd Student Leadership Team

School Captains

Sherene Zaballa & Ethan Ong

Vice Captains

Courtney Banares & Alexandr Gonzalez

Sports Captains & Vice Captains

Newcombe

Captains

Isabella Musngi-Kabigting & Kian Pangan

Vice Captains

Tia Scali & Kevin Cole

McKay

Captains

Fatima Mancao & Andrei Bichescu

Vice Captains

Taiuli-Rose Bennell & Aiden Dela Paz

Fraser

Captains

Czarina Caalim & Jeremiah Setefano

Vice Captains

Jasmine Hoang & Byron Forcadilla

Bradman

Captains

Ngoc (Emilie) Co & Ezra Toa

Vice Captains

Sienna Tuaimau & Moses Sene



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 1 February:	Kindy students of new families commence
Thursday, 2 February:	Kindy siblings commence
Monday, 6 February:	Whole School Assembly (8.30 am Good Shepherd School. All welcome)
Tuesday, 7 February:	Beginning School Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church. All welcome)
Monday, 20 February:	Parent Group Annual General Meeting (6.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Tuesday, 21 February:	Whole School Photos. Students to wear full summer uniform.

Library Borrowing and Sports Days for Term 1 2023

Library Borrowing:

Mondays:	Kinder, Year 2 & Year 6
Tuesdays:	Year 3 & Year 4
Wednesdays:	Year 1
Thursdays:	Year 5

Sports Days:

Wednesdays:	Year 2, 3B, 3R and Year 5
Thursdays:	KB, KG, 1R, 1W and Year 6
Fridays:	KR, KW, 1B, 1G, 3R, 3W and Year 4

Please note Kindy students will be required to wear their sports uniform every Tuesday, as well as their allocated Sports Day as outlined above.



Communication between Parents and Staff for 2023

Dear Parents, 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 an interview with your child's Year Grade Leader.

2023 Year Grade Leader are as follows:

Kinder: Mrs Yvonne Davies

Year 1: Mrs Trish Conner

Year 2: Mrs Trish Conner

Year 3: Mr Ian Byrne

Year 4: Mr Ian Byrne

Year 5: Mrs Beulah Frankson

Year 6: Ms Elizabeth Le Breton

If you need to take further steps, after speaking with the Year Grade Leader, an email, letter or phone call to our Assistant Principal, then to the Principal.

Parent Group

All are welcome to come and be a part of our 2023 Parent Group! Monday, 20 February at 6.00 pm. We look forward to seeing 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.

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.

Student Mobile Phones

Parents, please note students are not allowed to have mobiles on their person or in the backpack during school hours. If you need to contact them, please ring the School Office. Students can leave their mobile phones with the office in the morning and collect them at dismissal time. Thank you.

Beginning School Mass

Dear Parents & Guardians, there will be our Beginning School Mass on Tuesday, 7 February commencing at 9.00 am in the Good Shepherd Church. All very welcome.



Collecting your child

To ensure the safety of all students, students are **not** to be collected from the Bus Bay area. Parents who wish to pick up their child/children need to collect them from the COLA and then accompany them out of school. Students who do not have a Walker's Pass are not permitted to walk out of the school gates unless an adult or carer accompanies them. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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

2023 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

Staff Development Days are to be confirmed.

Updated Action Management Plans for Medical Issues

If your child is taking regular medication including Asthma or is Anaphylactic or allergic, please note at the beginning of each year **we require updated information and Action/management plans for these medical issues.**

As part of keeping our children safe, it is vital that we maintain the most current information. Please take the time to update this information as soon as possible.

Canteen News

Please see attached 2023 Canteen Menu. There is also an online cashless payment system for your child's canteen called "spriggyschools.com.au". When ordering don't forget to put in your child's new class, and that you click on "Lunch" not "Recess" if you are ordering lunch.

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.

No Nut Products to School

As you are aware Good Shepherd Primary School has adopted a **nut free** policy to protect its students. Due to the presence of children who have anaphylactic reactions, nuts represent a considerable threat to the well-being of some of the school community. An anaphylactic reaction can be fatal. **Could parents please further assist us by making sure that their children do not bring any nut products to school eg peanut butter, Nutella and other nut spreads, chocolate bars with nuts in them like Snickers, some muesli products, some cake or biscuit products—the list is extensive. If parents could check the labels carefully before buying products for school lunches, it would be greatly appreciated.**

If your child has an allergy and he/she does not wear a wrist band at school, please contact Mrs Murphy in the School Office. (Wrist Bands are also available for asthma and diabetes).



Anaphylaxis Asthma Diabetic

Parents, students who are known to be Anaphylactic, Asthmatic or Diabetic wear identification bracelets during school hours at Good Shepherd School.

The identification bracelets assist awareness for all staff and provide a quicker response should any of these students show signs of these illnesses while they are in our care.

The identification bracelets are to remain at school after school hours. We would appreciate parents encouraging their child to put it on in class each morning and remove it at the end of each school day.



The **ALERT! ASTHMATIC** bracelet is pale blue, the **ALERT! DIABETIC** is dark blue and the **Anaphylaxis ALERT!** is red.

If your child suffers from Anaphylaxis, is Asthmatic or Diabetic **or has any other medical problem** and the school has not been informed or you know your child hasn't been given the appropriate bracelet, we would appreciate correspondence from you so that he/she can be given the bracelet and his/her individual Medical Action Plan can be put in place. Thank you for your assistance.

School Shoes & Joggers

Dear Parents & Carers, 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 fluoro or bright colours. For information on uniform and hairstyle requirements, please see website under 'Handbook'.



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.

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.

Label Uniforms

Please label your child's uniform **especially** their hats, drink bottles, school bags, jumpers as many items end up in lost property! Names can be written on with a laundry pen, embroidered, or you can use iron-on labels. All unlabelled uniforms are washed and re-sold in the uniform shop. By failing to label your child's uniform, you are spending money unnecessarily when you need to replace these items.

School Bags, Hats & Library Bags

Dear Parents, please note School Bags, Hats & Library Bags can also be purchased from the School Office. (School Bags can also be purchased from Lowes Mount Druitt). School Bags are \$40.00, Hats \$15.00 and Library Bags \$10.00. **Please note—cash only will be accepted.** Thank you.

\$100 Creative Kids Vouchers Go Live

As parents begin planning for the year ahead, they can now access Creative Kids vouchers, providing them with \$100 for every school-age child to help cover the cost of enrolment for creative and cultural learning activities. Parents can use one voucher for every school-age child per year to help meet the cost of structured creative and cultural activities, such as music lessons, languages, coding, drama and theatre, photography and graphic design. Minister for Finance, Services and Property Victor Dominello said the NSW Government's Creative Kids program builds on the success of the Active Kids program, which is back this year, helping to reduce the cost of registration for sport and organised physical activity. Please visit website <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

Information regarding Leave from School

Leave from school for holiday/overseas trips in school time is not encouraged and must be explained in writing to the School Principal.

A leave form ("Application for Extended Leave") must be completed at least 4 weeks in advance for **5 or more school days**. If leave is **10 days or more**, an interview with the Principal is also required, together with an Application for Extended Leave form. Leave forms can be obtained from the School Office.

Leave of **4 days and less** needs to also be approved by the Principal. **Please write a letter to your child's class teacher outlining the details of the leave, including the first and last school day that the child will be absent.**

Leave during school terms is strongly discouraged.



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.

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Limiting Interruptions to Learning Time

Our teachers will be maximising every opportunity for learning this year and as such we want to limit interruptions as much as possible. Our friendly office staff will pass on messages, arrange interview times with teachers for you, have forgotten items (like lunches and hats) delivered to classrooms but will limit the number of interruptions to the learning spaces – this will benefit all our learners.

Visitors to the School

Any visitor to the school, including tradespeople, deliveries and parents are required to visit the school office before entering the school grounds. This procedure is for the safety and security of all who work on the site. As part of these procedures it is a CSPD (Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese used to be CEDP/CEO) requirement that the purpose of any visitor to the site be recorded using the Kiosk/ iPad. All visitors, including essential parents, will be asked by our staff to indicate the reason for their visit. Thank you for your understanding of these procedures as we ensure the safety of all who work on and visit our site.



Birthdays

We are very happy to celebrate birthdays in our school. If you choose to send in something for your child's stage or friends, please ensure that these are store purchased and in individual-serving portions (cupcakes, lamingtons, donuts obviously keeping in mind we are a nut aware school) so there is reduced risk to our children. We will keep you updated to any further changes via the school newsletter.



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>



2023 Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

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

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

5 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.



2023 CANTEEN MENU

Hot Food

Corn on the Cob	\$1.50
Garlic Bread	\$2.50
Party Pie	2 for \$3.00
Hot Cheese Roll	\$3.20
Chicken Nuggets	4 for \$3.50
	6 for \$5.00
Cheese & Broccoli Bites	4 for \$3.50
	6 for \$5.00
Chicken Dim Sim Cup	\$3.50
Hot Dog w/ Sauce	\$4.00
Sausage Roll - Large	\$4.00
Spinach & Ricotta Roll	\$4.00
Hot Chicken Roll	\$4.20
Pizza Slab	\$4.50
<small>Cheese, Ham/Pineapple or BBQ Chicken</small>	
Hot Chicken & Cheese Roll	\$4.60
Traveller Pie	\$4.60

Burgers

No changes or substitutions are available.

Chicken Burger	\$5.00
Lettuce & Mayo	
Cheese Burger	\$5.00
Beef, Cheese & BBQ Sauce	
Veggie Burger	\$5.00
Lettuce & Mayo	
Beef/Salad Burger	\$5.20
Lettuce, Tomato & BBQ Sauce	

Pasta & Rice

Macaroni & Cheese	\$5.00
Butter Chicken & Rice	\$5.00
Beef or Vegetable Lasagne	\$5.00
Fried Rice - Vegetarian	\$5.00
Nachos	\$5.00

Build Your Own Sub Roll

Sub rolls baked fresh everyday!

\$5.50

One (1) choice of meat, and any fillings or sauces.

- Choose a Meat:**
Chicken Breast, Ham, Tuna, Meatballs or Roast Beef
- Choose Fillings:**
Carrot, Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce, Cucumber or Beetroot.
- Choose Sauce/Dressing:**
Caesar, Garlic Aioli, Sweet Chili, Tomato, BBQ, Mayo or Sweet Mustard.

Sandwiches & Wraps

All sandwiches made on wholemeal bread

Upgrade Wrap	\$0.80
Vegemite, Jam or Cheese	\$2.50
Tuna or Egg	\$3.50
Ham or Chicken	\$4.20
Salad Sandwich	\$4.20
Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot & Carrot	
Salad w/ Tuna or Ham	\$4.50
Salad w/ Chicken	\$5.00
Extras (Including Toasting)	\$0.60
Cheese, Avocado, Sprouts	

Hot Wraps

Toasted Ham/Cheese	\$5.00
Chicken Tender w/ Lettuce & Mayo	\$5.50
Chicken Caesar	\$5.80

Sushi

Available Tues, Wed, & Thurs

Chicken & Cucumber	\$4.20
Tuna & Cucumber	\$4.20
Chicken Teriyaki	\$4.20
Veggie Sushi	\$4.20

Salads

	Small	Large
Garden Salad	\$4.50	\$5.20
Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot & Carrot		
w/ Ham or Tuna	\$5.20	\$6.00
w/ Chicken	\$5.20	\$6.00
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$5.50	\$6.00
Greek Salad	\$5.50	\$6.00
Extras		\$0.70 each
Cheese, Avocado, Sprouts, Egg or Capsicum		

Drinks

Bottled Water 600ml	\$2.00
Plain Milk 300ml	\$2.20
Juice Popper	\$2.60
Flavoured Milk 300ml (3 Flavours)	\$3.00
Juice Bomb Sparkling Juice	\$3.00
Up 'n Go	\$3.20

Please note that while we take great care to ensure the correct flavour drink or ice block is provided some substitutions may occur due to circumstances out of our control

Cold Treats

Quelch Fruit Stick	\$1.00
Frozen Juice Cup	\$1.50
Snap Stix Ice Block	\$1.50
Icy Mony	\$1.50
Moosie Pouch	\$1.80
Juicex Tube	\$1.80
Lemonade on a Stick	\$1.50

All cold treats are to be collected from the canteen by returning brown lunch bag

Snacks

Laughing Cow Cheese	\$1.20
Carrot Sticks	\$1.20
Piece of Fruit	\$1.50
Boiled Egg	\$1.20
Popcorn	\$1.50
Custard Cup	\$2.00
Fruit Salad - Riviana	\$2.00
Fruit Salad - Fresh	\$4.00
Banana Bread Slice	\$3.00
Red Rock Chips	\$2.00
Grainwaves	\$2.00

Bento Box

Your choice of Chicken Tender, Corn Cob or Boiled Egg PLUS 1/2 Sandwich, Mini Muffins, Sliced Fruit, and Popcorn

\$5.50

Don't wait in line!

Jump the queue by ordering online and having your lunch delivered right to the classroom! Recess orders can be collected from the canteen.

For a detailed menu, weekly specials and to order online, visit spriggyschools.com.au

Lunch order cut off time is 9.00 am

Gluten Free and Halal menus are available online.



Classroom Catering supports a focus on everyday healthy food & drink options and is fully compliant with the NSW Healthy School Canteen food & drink benchmarks.



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