



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Second Sunday
of Lent



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Term 1

Week 7

Tuesday 7 March 2023

Dear Good Shepherd Families,

What a great way to start Catholic Schools week with our Open Day last Sunday! We had over 25 **NEW** families come to visit our school and enjoy a sizzle in their sausage finished with a refreshingly cool zooper dooper.

I would like to thank our School Leaders and Sport Leaders who were the "hostess with the mostest" guiding our new families throughout our school grounds.

I would like to thank all of the Office staff, the teachers, our IT gentlemen for his time and Mr Willard for his gourmet sausage sizzle barbequing!

Today we celebrate our Catholic Schools Week:

- With our **FAITH**: a prayerful liturgy in the Church this morning!
- With our **PARTNERSHIPS** (family/community): family picnic morning tea
- With our families our **LEARNING**: open classrooms
- With our **Friendships**: buddy activities in the afternoon.

Catholic Schools Week is an opportunity to give thanks and celebrate the gift of Catholic FAITH/ Education and the communities who work in Christ's name to raise and nurture our children.

Thank you for choosing a Catholic Education for your child/children and a special THANK YOU for all of the staff who choose to WORK/ TEACH in our Catholic Schools as well; we are a very BLESSED community!

Peace and Joy

Anita Knezevic
Principal

Peace
AND
Joy

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	Chelsea Mbanacho	KG	Blayke Griffiths
KR	Kual Bol	KW	Misael Hidrit
1B	Malachi Scerri	1G	Jaxton Morton Sardis
1R	Ambrose Paahi	1W	Maria Tuivai
2B	David Amoafu	2G	Ethan Vitek
2R	Tevita Ohi	2W	Marco Dilidili
3B	Kian Anbio	3R	Taalia Taupau-Moors
3W	Calvin Cerafica		
4B	Layla David	4G	Hunter Grebert
4R	Cataleya Caygill	4W	Aliyah Vaafusuaga
5B	Ardaman Sangha	5G	Shellie Ale
5R	Mark Tooma	5W	Cooper Straub
6B	Thomas Sanak	6G	Not Published
6R	Jerome Aloisio-Malatai		

Religious Education News

On this the second week of Lent, we are given the hopeful image of Jesus being transfigured before the eyes of Peter, James and John. They witness a small glimpse of His eternal glory and radiance as the Son of God and the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. They are stunned, in awe, amazed and filled with the greatest joy. Jesus' face shines like the sun and His clothing is so white, so pure, so radiant that they shine as the brightest and most pure light imaginable.

Why did this happen? Why did Jesus do this and why did He permit these three Apostles to see this glorious event? And to ponder further, why do we reflect upon this scene in the beginning of Lent?

Simply put, Lent is a time to examine our lives and to see our sins most clearly. It's a time we are given each year to pause from the confusion of life and to re-examine the road we are on. Looking at our sins can be hard. It can be depressing and can tempt us to depression, hopelessness and even despair. But the temptation to despair must be overcome. And it is not overcome by ignoring our sin, rather, it is overcome by turning our eyes to the power and glory of God.

2023 Parent Group

Recently at our Annual General Meeting of the Parent Group, we had elections for office bearers for 2023. Congratulations to the following parents who were elected to take Executive Parent Group positions for 2023.

President: Mrs Mary Stone
 Vice President: Mrs Monica Grech
 Secretary: Mrs Georgett Elters
 Treasurer: Mrs Amal Shiber

We appreciate the time and effort in the many ways they support our school and work for the benefit of our children.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 8 March:	Zone Swimming Carnival (Mt Druitt Swimming Pool)
Tuesday 14 March:	Diocesan Swimming Carnival (Blacktown Aquatic Centre)
Friday 17 March:	St Patrick's Day
Monday 20 March:	Naplan for Years 3 to 5 commence this week
Monday 27 March:	Infants End of Term Awards (8.30 am Good Shepherd School)
Monday 3 April:	Primary End of Term Awards (8.30 am Good Shepherd School)

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.

Enrolment Forms

We are accepting enrolment forms and interviewing for 2024 Kindergarten, please do this as soon as possible, particularly if you have a brother or sister at the school.

1. Complete your enrolment form with the necessary paperwork.
2. Hand in your enrolment form with the corresponding documents.
3. 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.
4. A Parent and your child attends the appointment with the Principal/Assistant Principal.
5. Following the enrolment interview, a letter will be sent.

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).

School Fees

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Fees have been issued and are now due by 15 March. Please contact the school office on 9836-7100 to set up a payment arrangement, alternatively you can continue making B-PAY payments online or payments through the post office.

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.

Bicycle Awareness - Keeping the children safe

Dear families, If your child rides a bicycle to school, (with or without supervision), please ensure that you have signed the Good Shepherd Primary Bicycle/ Scooter Policy and returned it to school. Please also ensure that the child enters the school using the walkers' gate and not through the carpark entrances or drop off circle.

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>

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.

Primary Cross Country Finalists

Good Shepherd held our annual Primary Cross Country on Friday 3 March 2023. Students from Years 3 to 6 walked to Hanna Reserve to compete in the Cross Country time trials or participate in the Fun Run. The finalists will receive a medal next week at the Monday morning assembly.

8/9 Years Boys

Student	Class	Place
Vita Ale	3B	1
Elias Shiber	3W	2

8/9 Years Girls

Student	Class	Place
Emma Bourne	3B	1
Jade Hoang	3B	2

10 Years Boys

Student	Class	Place
Rhys Anbio	4W	1
Thomas Shehata	4W	2

10 Years Girls

Student	Class	Place
Erin Alcober	5W	1
Anamanu Setefano	4R	2

11 Years Boys

Student	Class	Place
Andrei Bichescu	6G	1
Vansh Prasad	5G	2

11 Years Girls

Student	Class	Place
Matilda-Holly Marks	5B	1
Jasmine Ismail	6B	2

12 Years Boys

Student	Class	Place
Liam Pelzmann	6R	1
Aaryav Acharya	6R	2

12 Years Girls

Student	Class	Place
Jasmine Hoang	6R	1
Ngoc Co	6B	2

Uniform Shop Opening

Dear Parents & Carers, please note our Second Hand Uniform Shop will be closed for the next two Mondays. It will reopen on **Monday 27 March 2023**.

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.

Rugby League Trials Qualifiers

Students from Good Shepherd attended Rugby League Trials on Wednesday 1 March 2023 at the Ponds Stadium. Congratulations to **George Abdallah, Shellie Ale, Moses Sene and Edwin John Elisapeci** for qualifying into the Parramatta Diocesan team. The Parramatta Diocesan team will represent Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop trials in Canberra on Friday 2 May 2023.



We need your help!

Thank you to the Parents/Carers who assist by picking up their children on time after school. **The school bell for dismissal in the afternoon is at 2:50 pm.** The staff have meetings which we need to attend that **start at 3:15 pm.** So when/if you are late in picking up your child/children the staff member is late to their meetings. These important meetings are where the staff plan, learn and organise for the child/ren's learning. This is also 25 minutes after the bell. We understand different situations arise that are one off events (flat tyre etc) and we appreciate those Parents/Carers who call when these occur. This school is very privileged to have an Ambrose on site so this may be something you need to consider if the late pick up will be an ongoing occurrence for your family circumstances. Patterns of lateness will be followed up with Assistant Principal.

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.



Label Uniforms

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

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.

PLEASE NOTE

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.

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.
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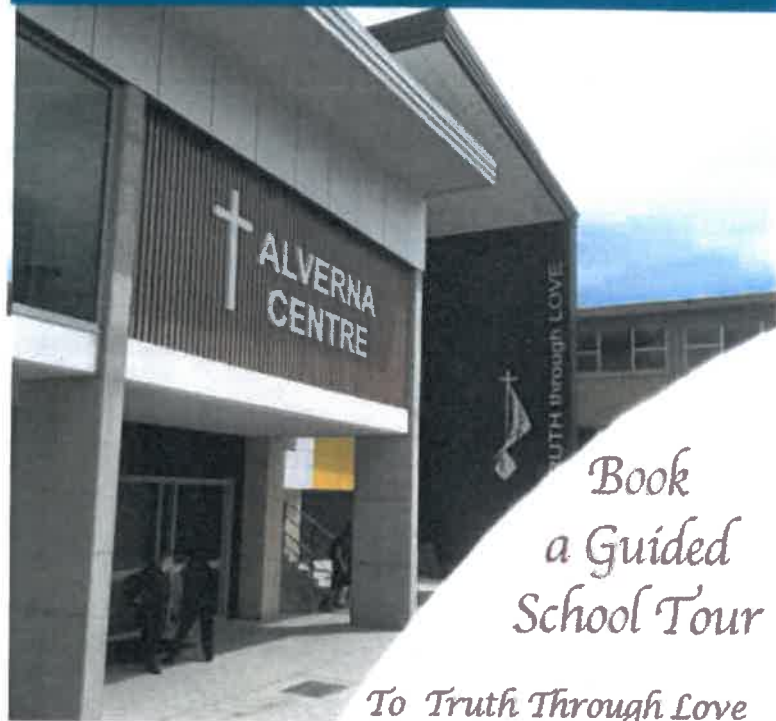
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Book a School Tour between 6-10 March 2023
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Virtual Presentation Wednesday 8 March 2023
Presentation Link will be available from 1pm

Enrolment Forms due 26 May 2023

Interviews and Placement Offers commence in May 2023

Orientation Day Friday 24 November 2023 (subject to acceptance)

Parent Information Evening Tuesday 28 November 2023
(subject to acceptance)

ENROLMENT FORMS AVAILABLE AT
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