



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

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The Annunciation
of the Lord



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Term 1

Week 9

Tuesday 21 March 2023

Dear Good Shepherd Families,

This week seems to naturally be carrying the theme of time.....I am so proud of our Year 3 and Year 5 students who are doing their best during the NAPLAN.

We are also well and truly in the season of Lent. When we recall Ash Wednesday with the cross being marked on our foreheads with last year's palms. The season of Lent which began on Ash Wednesday is always 46 days (40 days and 6 Sundays) before Easter Sunday.

The number 40 traditionally symbolises a period of testing, trial or probation and has important biblical significance:

- Jesus stayed in the desert for 40 days before commencing His ministry
- Jesus stayed with His disciples for 40 days after His resurrection before ascending into Heaven.
- Jerusalem was destroyed 40 years after the crucifixion of Christ
- Moses lived for 40 years in Egypt and 40 years in the desert before entering the Promised Land with the chosen people
- Moses stayed on Mt Sinai for 40 days and nights
- The prophet Elijah took 40 days to reach Mt Sinai
- The number 40 also represents a generation of human life
- The number 40 is traditionally attributed to the Christian virtue of humility.

40
days
of Lent

The season of Lent leading to Holy Week and Easter provides us with a time to deepen our spiritual relationship with God and to translate this into action through

- fasting (giving up),
- almsgiving (reaching out to others),
- prayer and
- being more

In doing so we are led to step out of our comfort zone and become more humble and charitable and in service to others. Wishing everyone continued comfort, grace and strength as we walk towards Holy Week and the Easter Season.

Peace and Joy

Anita Knezevic
Principal

PRAY
IS LOVE FOR GOD
FAST
IS LOVE FOR YOURSELF
GIVE
IS LOVE FOR OTHERS

For primary school students



**Bullying is
NEVER OK!**

Tips for primary school students who experience bullying

Bullying is when a person, or a group of people, tries to upset or hurt you. Bullying can make you feel very sad, scared or upset. Bullying can happen anywhere — in person or online. When it happens online it is often called cyberbullying.

Bullying in person or online might look or feel like someone is:

- repeatedly saying mean words to your face, teasing you, hurting your body or damaging your things
- hurting your feelings through mean online posts, comments or messages
- spreading lies about you
- leaving you out or ignoring you
- sharing something online that will make you feel bad, like a photo or video that you don't want anyone to see
- threatening to do any of the things on this list.

No one deserves to be bullied or hurt. You can choose to:

- treat others how you would like to be treated — with kindness and respect
- include others in games and chats
- only share something about others if they say it's okay.

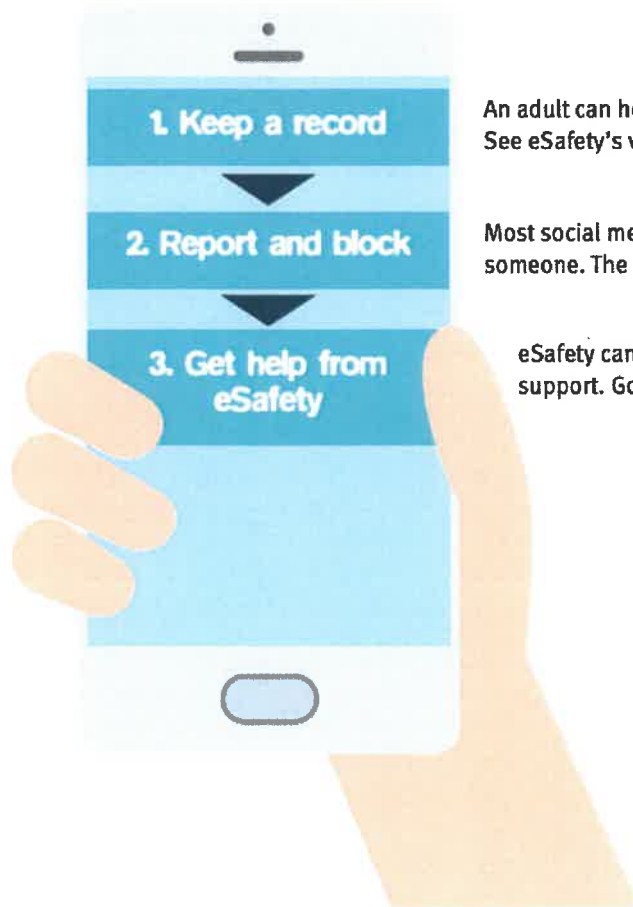
You have the right to feel safe and be safe. Here are some ideas about what you can do if someone is bullying you:

- If they are doing it to your face, tell them to stop and then walk away.
- Find somewhere safe and get help from a friend or trusted adult.
- Don't respond if they are doing it to you online.
- Protect yourself online by unfriending them or using privacy settings to block them.

It's okay to ask for help if you are being bullied or see it happening to someone else. You can speak to:

- **a trusted adult** — this could be a parent or carer, an adult friend, or an aunty or uncle who will listen and help you
- **your teacher or principal** — you can talk to your teacher about the bullying and how to stop it
- **your friends** — they can listen to you and help you get support
- **Kids Helpline** — they have counsellors available at any time who will listen and help you work out what to do
- **the police** — if you are in immediate danger, call the police
- **the eSafety team** — you can report serious cyberbullying (see the steps below).

Reporting cyberbullying



An adult can help you take screenshots or keep a record of the cyberbullying. See eSafety's videos on [how to take screen shots](#).

Most social media services, games and apps have a way to report and block someone. The [eSafety Guide](#) shows you how.

eSafety can help to remove serious cyberbullying content and get you support. Go to [eSafety kids](#) to learn more about how eSafety can help.

Important links

Bullying. No Way!	bullyingnoway.gov.au
eSafety kids	esafety.gov.au/kids
eSafety Guide	esafety.gov.au/esafety-guide
eSafety Report	esafety.gov.au/report
Kids Helpline	kidshelpline.com.au

Bullying behaviour is repeated over a period of time, however, conflicts or fights between students and single incidents are not defined as bullying. Sometimes it is helpful to know what Bullying behaviour is **not**:

- children not getting along well
- a breakdown of friendship
- a situation of mutual conflict (e.g. disagreements)
- single episodes of nastiness
- random acts of aggression, cruelty or intimidation
- isolated incidents of conflict separated by many months or years does not constitute a pattern of bullying behaviour.

Whilst the above behaviors above do not meet the definition of bullying any anti social behaviour is unacceptable and will be responded to appropriately.

As a Parent/Carer what do I do if this is happening to your child:

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 Leaders 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, please send an email, letter or make an appointment with our Assistant Principal and then the Principal if required.



Upcoming Events

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)
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
Thursday 6 April:	Last Day of Term 1
Friday 7 April:	Good Friday (School closed)
Sunday 9 April:	Easter Sunday
Monday 24 April:	First Day of Term 2

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 currently accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2024. Families who have a child starting school next year are encouraged to complete and submit an enrolment form as soon as possible; particularly if you have a sibling at this school. Please visit the school office if you would like an enrolment pack or contact our Enrolments Officer on **02 9836 7100** if you have any enquiries regarding the enrolment process. If you have family or friends who have a child ready for school, please pass on our details and let them know enrolments are now open. We love welcoming new families to our community!

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 to discuss or arrange an appointment.

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.



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.

Child Safety in the car

Dear Parents & Carers, please do not leave children in your car when picking up others.

Also it is very important that each child is secured with a seatbelt and proper restraints before leaving the car park.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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 27 March 2023**.

Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese (CSPD) now have a new logo!

You may have noticed that Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese now have a new logo.



Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese

The central cross is made up of interlocking sections representing unity and community. This symbolises how we all come from different backgrounds but like the inside of the cross, we're joined together by our Catholic faith and values. The three circles that surround the cross are a representation of community, warmth and strength, and of the Holy Trinity. The lines flow into the base of the cross, showing that our schools are inclusive places for all, and acknowledging that we all experience a different journey to our Catholic schools.

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.

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

Infants End of Term Awards

The following students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will receive Awards for Term 1 2023. These awards will be presented at the Whole School Assembly at 8.30 am next Monday, 27 March (Week 10).

The Primary End of Term Awards will be presented Monday 3 April (Week 11). Their names will be published next week. Parents are warmly invited to attend both Award ceremonies. 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
KB	Naomi Modi	Reuby-Reign Peteru	Gabriel Parcutela	Silvana Baissary
KG	Levae Moana	Aliyah De Guzman	Kenzo Villamoya	Adau Deng
KR	Harley Petrie	Dominic Van Den Heuvel	Samantha Ong	Litany Aloisio
KW	Misael Hidrit	Tyler Reyes	Myra Ram	Zara Azzopardi
1B	Rosa-Sina Siasaga	Samantha Wy	Yarena Montarde	Cairo Carroll
1G	Danaerys Dela Fuente	Jaylen Baldonado	Anvi Jadhav	Maxwell Setefano
1R	Angela Amoafu	Sophia Narayan	Theresa Alhamwi	Gideon Villasis
1W	Not Published	Marcin Okunzuwa	Celin Kattukaran	Arieta Morgan
2B	Ayan Karmakar	Deenana Ngaronga	Jaxon Parica	Genesis Ghouri
2G	Vihana Trivedi	John Tsumphawng	Loata Kalavite	Ethan Vitek
2R	Zianah Rincon-Maldonado	Darius Pham	Rachel Silalahi	Villa Aston Ma'asi
2W	Aurora Aloisio-Malatai	Marco Dilidili	Lucas Cayetano	Naithen JustinJose

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	Paheli Sami	KG	Not Published
KR	Samantha Ong	KW	Not Published
1B	Samantha Wy	1G	Carmina Mangonon
1R	Kaelan Camongol	1W	Sophia Diaz
2B	Garang Atak	2G	Anjna Seelampally
2R	Darius Pham	2W	Cristiano Danguilan
3B	Ayaan Kang	3R	Benjamin Bourke
3W	David Haufano		
4B	Shariel Jackson	4G	Moana Penitani
4R	Wayne De Lara	4W	Theodore Hatziandreou
5B	Matilda Marks	5G	Amisha Singh
5R	Isaac-Diesel Frias	5W	Not Published
6B	Mikaella DeGuzman	6G	Zhania Galletes
6R	Malia Tupou		

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

Sports Uniform

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



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MENKEN**

Lyrics by

**HOWARD & GLENN
ASHMAN & SLATER**

Book by

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