



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 11

Tuesday, 5th April, 2016

Annunciation of the Lord



Dear Parents & Carers,

As our first term draws to a close I would like to thank parents, staff and children who work with such commitment to ensure the best opportunities are provided for the children here at Good Shepherd.

A special thanks to our Parent Group—they raised \$1,700 in our recent Easter Raffle. Your support and enthusiasm is always greatly appreciated.

Next term we will be introducing "Attendance" Awards at the end of each school term. These awards will be given to students who have had excellent attendance throughout the school term.

I am also very aware that some children will be spending much more time on their computers. It may be a good time to reinforce the rules you have for safe computer use at home. It is always a good idea to have the computer in a room where it is easy for you to see what sites your children are accessing. Sometimes it is easy to forget how young they are and how we need to protect them from the not so desirable aspects of our society.

Term 1 Concludes:

This Friday, 8th April

Term 2 Commences

Wednesday, 27th April
(Tuesday 26th April being a
Staff Development Day—
Pupil Free Day)

- Naplan News
- Uniform Changeover
- Complaint Forms
- Raffle for the Parish
- Information for Parents,
ie Application for
Leave, Citizenship,
Visa Status, Ventolin
Sprays, Medications,
Car Park Safety,
Pastoral Care &
Student Management
Policy and the
Countering
Discrimination,
Harassment & Bullying
Policy.

It is important, however, that over the break the children continue to read every day, even if only for a short period of time. This is not a time for lessons and instruction in reading. It's a time to enjoy books and reading. Reading for pleasure over the holidays can improve children's reading skills and develop a lifelong love of literature. If your child is a reluctant reader try some of these:

A visit to the local library can be exciting (and it's free!)
Magazines about sport or special interests
Comic books
Graphic novels for older readers
Recipe books for budding chefs
Audio books
Write letters to relatives or friends who will send back a reply
Write notes and leave them around the house for your child to find
Brochures, timetables and other print you gather on day trips
Movie reviews
Newspapers

Snuggling up with a good book is a great way to enjoy the holidays!

Please keep safe on our roads throughout these holidays, enjoy your time with your children and I look forward to an exciting Term 2!

Tricia Carr

Tricia Carr
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS Term 1 Week 11 2016

Wednesday, 6th April:	Year 1 Pirate Day
Friday, 8th April:	Last Day of Term 1
Tuesday, 26th April:	Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)
Wednesday, 27th April:	First Day of Term 2 for students
Wednesday, 4th May:	Mothers Day Prayer—Whole School attending (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church) All very welcome.
Thursday, 5th May:	Mother's Day Stall

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	Byronn Clarke-Forrester	KG	Roza-Elloise Frias
KR	Sinit Teame	KW	Jaxson Clarke-Hodge
1B	Shruthi Lal	1G	Sofia Nazar
1R	Nino Santos	1W	Shyla Soliman
2B	Carlo Calleja	2G	Nepean Lauulu
2R	Not Published	2W	Alexander Zeya
3B	Izabella Carter	3G	Edrea Santos
3R	Sesilia-Grace Liu-Ngata	3W	Tanielle Farrell
4B	Tina Bui	4G	Emmelia Inbaraj
4R	Sean Anselmo	4W	Koby Paris
5B	Not Published	5G	Geethika Araniyullathil
5R	Michael Pua	5W	Jade Cabrera
6B	Jai Shipley	6G	Rehana Hufanga
6R	Kayne Cornett	6W	Joel Lack

Kindergarten 2017 Enrolments

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2017 are now available from the School Office. Parents, if you already have a child at Good Shepherd, you will still need to submit an Enrolment Form for any siblings for 2017.

School Fees 2016

Dear parents, accounts for Term 1 school fees are now due. Any family having difficulty completing term payments on time and who wish to make payments by instalments using cash, Centrelink or BPay etc, please contact the School Office for an appointment with Mrs Carr to set up a new arrangement.

Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC)

April 2016 School Holiday Program—fabulous activities to keep children entertained during the school holidays. For all inquiries please contact Centre Supervisor on 0409 121 980 or email on COSHC.GoodShepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au.

NAPLAN 2016

The 2016 NAPLAN tests will be conducted over three days from **Tuesday 10th May - Thursday 12th May.**

For students in Years 3 and 5, there are four tests covering:

- numeracy,
- reading,
- writing and
- language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

The assessments are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned in class.

The NAPLAN test results and the student reports are released in September.

The results provide information about student achievement that can be used to inform teaching and learning programs. NAPLAN tests provide point-in-time information regarding student progress in literacy and numeracy and are intended to complement the wide range of formal and informal assessments that are already conducted in schools. NAPLAN test results are not intended to be used in isolation from other school-based assessment programs. More details can be found at:

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/naplan/info-for-parents.html>

Dates for your Calendar:

10th May Test day: Language Conventions and Writing

11th May Test day: Reading

12th May Test day: Numeracy

Naplan Fees for additional copies of previous year Naplan Reports

If you require an additional copy of previous Naplan reports, a cost of \$5.00 will be charged for this service.



Congratulations

A very special congratulations to Aliyah Torres, Ben & Angelo Cruz, Athalliah Cruz, Samantha & Joshua Thomas, Mikayla Maggs, Isabella Craig, Emmanuel Baduria and Angelo Dela Paz on receiving the Eucharist for the first time last weekend, in the Good Shepherd Church.



Good Shepherd Primary Cross Country Winners!

8/9 Boys:

First: Adier Job, Second: Liam Bell, Third: Joshua Thomas

8/9 Girls:

First: Cloey Nguyen, Second: Enivee Peniata, Third: Janica Nerviol.

10 Year Boys:

First: Mitchell Holmes, Second: Zacariah Harang, Third: Marco Blazevec.

10 Year Girls:

First: Tiana Da Silva, Second: Carmella Queras, Third: Ariel Le.

11 Year Boys:

First: Aiden Quiroz, Second: Joseph Hide, Third: Kayne Cornett.

11 Year Girls:

First: Atalya Palu, Second: Annabelle Kayrouz, Third: Isosa Airhumwunde.

12 Year Boys:

First: Liam Mahood, Second: Jai Shipley, Third: Ronald Lorenzo.

12 Year Girls:

First: Mirna Shamoka, Second: Rehana Hufanga, Third: Hannah Letherbarrow.

Some of these students will progress through to the Diocesan Carnival next term.

2016 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 2's Staff Development Day is a Pupil Free Day and will take place on Tuesday, 26th April, 2016 (Week 1). Students return for the start of Term 2 on Wednesday, 27th April 2016.** 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 0409 121 980 for all inquiries and bookings.**

Looking ahead:

Term 3 Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day) will be Friday, 23rd September (Week 10)

Term 4 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days) will be Monday 19th December and Tuesday 20th December.

Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children on these days.

Social Skill of the Week

"Maintain eye contact when speaking to someone"

School Safety Procedures

As part of maintaining a safe environment for all students and staff at Good Shepherd School, we conduct regular Emergency Evacuation and Safety Drills. You may have information come home from your child regarding an Evacuation Practice, please be assured in the event of a real emergency all families will be notified at the earliest possible time. **Please inform the office in writing if you have changed your contact details.** Thank you.



Year 1 will be having a 'Pirate Day' tomorrow Wednesday, 6th April (Week 11). The day will be based around a unit Year 1 have been working on for the last couple of weeks during literacy. Students can dress up as a pirate (no toy swords, guns or pistols). Looking forward to seeing our jolly pirates!

Applications for Leave

Leave of 1—9 days should be requested by parents/carers in writing by email or written note to the Principal. This letter of request should be addressed to the Principal prior to commencing the leave period indicating the specific reason or purpose for the request of leave. If the leave is for 10 or more school days, this will require a formal application for leave by completing an Application for Extended Leave form. An interview is also required with the Principal prior to taking leave.

School Terms 2—4 for 2016

Term 2	Commences: Wednesday, 27th April, 2016 Concludes: Friday, 1st July, 2016
Term 3	Commences: Monday, 18th July, 2016 Concludes: Thursday, 22nd September
Term 4	Commences: Monday, 10th October, 2016 Concludes: Friday, 16th December

Please note Staff Development Days have been included in these dates.

Canteen News

Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal concludes this Friday 1st April).

Meal Deal 1

Salad Wrap, Large Bottle Water and Bag of Grapes.

Meal Deal 2

Sausage Roll, Milk with Sippah Straw and Cool Stix Ice Block.

Both Meal Deals are \$5.00 each

Don't forget the "Healthy Option" Crunch & Sip promotion —Piece of fruit + small bottle water \$2.00.

Orders to be placed by **8.30 am daily**. Online Ordering: To order online please visit www.flexischools.com.au. Please note there is a new Summer Menu on our Website.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week: Hannah Gerard, Katy Perez, Jaymee Felizardo, Ceejai Gutierrez, Nicole Morales, Jaiman Datt, EJ Lulu, Raphael Santos, Ashley Leonor, Declan Pitkin and Lucas Duncan. We wish all those students that will be celebrating a birthday during the school holidays, a very Happy Birthday!

Uniform Changeover

Parents, please note that the changeover date for winter uniform is officially **Monday, 9th May, 2016 (Week 3 of Term 2)**. 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 Mrs Carr, Principal to discuss options. **THE SCHOOL HAT IS AN ESSENTIAL ITEM OF SCHOOL UNIFORM. THE WEARING OF THE SCHOOL HAT IS COMPULSORY.** For a full list of the School Uniform requirements, please refer to our School Website—For Parents—Parents Handbook—Uniform & Grooming—The School Uniform.

Girls Sports Uniform

Please note that the Girls Sports Uniform is Bottle Green Shorts, not Netball Skirts or Shorts. Thank you.

Complaint Forms

Parents, please note if you would like to make a complaint 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.

School Office— Closed for Cash Transactions only — Friday, 8th April, 2015

Dear Parents, this Friday, 8th April the School Office will not be receipting any cash transactions due to end of term finalising. We apologise for any inconvenience and ask for your consideration at this time. EFTPOS transactions will still be accepted. Thank you.

Raffle for the Parish

Dear families, Father Vincy D'Costa and the St Vincent De Paul Society of Plumpton are holding a fundraising raffle to raise money for their work in helping the needy of our community. The Raffle will be drawn at the Parish Expo on 15th May. Tickets are \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. First prize is a BenQ W1070 Full Home Theatre Projector and HP Pavilion Touchsmart 15-n005au Notebook PC valued at \$1560. There are five main prizes to be won!! If you would like to purchase a ticket/s they are available at the School Office.

Medications/Lotions/Creams

In order for staff to administer any kind of medication or lotion, whether prescribed by a doctor or not, parents/carers are required to complete Medical forms which are available at the school office. A note is also to be addressed to the class teacher stating when the medicine should be taken. Thank you.

Dear parents, would you please limit the amount of money your child brings to school for purchases at the Canteen, as money can be easily dropped or misplaced. Thank you.

Damage to Library Books

Each week damaged library books are returned to the Resource Centre. The most common cause is leaking drink bottles. Some books have also made their way into the hands of younger siblings and have been scribbled all over. Please encourage your children to take care with school resources. If an accident does occur, please ask your children to inform us. The book needs to be replaced. Plastic or vinyl Library bags help protect books from leaking drink bottles or drink bottle bags keep drink bottles away from books. Each week we get at least one or two damaged books. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

School Office Hours

The school office opens at 8.30 am to attend to all Parent enquiries. The Office Staff commence their duties before this time to prepare for the school day. We appreciate your understanding and are happy to assist from 8.30 am each day.

Car Park Safety

Parents, please be aware that all children **MUST** be escorted into the School premises, not let out of the car and left to walk alone through the car park. Also, please show a little courtesy when entering and leaving the car park. Reverse parking is designed for everyone's safety, please comply. Thank you.

Visa Status

Could you please ensure the school has the most up-to-date paperwork on your child's Visa Status i.e. if his/her status has changed or if your child is now an Australian Citizen or the passport has expired and a new one has been reissued, please contact the school office immediately.

Is my child too ill to attend school?

What signs should I watch for to see if my child should stay home from school? Sick children who are lethargic or whiny are often giving clues that they require rest at home to recuperate. Other possible signs of illness are fever, uncontrolled coughing, difficulty breathing, wheezing or persistent crying. Did the doctor diagnose a contagious illness that should keep your child at home? In this case, your child should remain at home until the risk of passing on the illness has passed. When can my child return to school?

Australian Citizenship Papers

If parents or students become Australian Citizens at any time during the year, could you please provide the school with a copy of your certificate so we can put it with your child's enrolment forms. This is needed for audit purposes. Thank you.

As long as there is no fever or discomfort, a child with a cold may go to school, as long as they are not too uncomfortable to function in school. Instruct the child on the proper use of tissues for coughing, sneezing, and nose blowing. They should also be taught good hand-washing techniques, since research has shown that more colds are spread via contaminated hands than by infected droplets in the air.

Ventolin Sprays

Parents, if your child has a puffer at school, please drop into the office to check the use by date, if you haven't already done so this term. Thank you.

Pastoral Care & Student Management Policy 2016 and the Countering Discrimination, Harassment & Bullying—Policy

Dear Parents & Carers, for information on the above policies, please refer to our School Website—Our School—Policy & Procedures—Good Shepherd Primary Policies and the Catholic School Community section.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

CCSS Solo Parent Services is commencing a Bereavement Support Program for men or women who have suffered the death of their spouse or partner. It will be held on Tuesday fortnights commencing on 05th April, with an Information session and Overview of the Program. The Program will run fortnightly until Tuesday 12th July. Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm. Venue: CCSS 38 Prince St, Blacktown. Cost: \$5.00 per session.

For further information / Registration Essential: Call Rita on 8822 2222 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Volunteers needed for Mamre Creche – This is a program supporting Sudanese Refugee Families. We are looking for motivated, caring people who enjoy interacting with young children and can volunteer their time in supporting the staff at the Creche. If you are interested please contact Kim Manouk Co-ordinator CatholicCare Social Services: (02) 8822 2235 email kim.manouk@ccss.org.au

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! **Weekend date: 24-26 June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW**

Bookings online at www.wmme.org.au or Bill and Ardell Sharpe on 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

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St Clare's Catholic High School

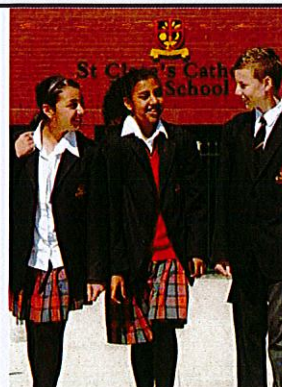
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NOW ACCEPTING ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7, 2017



St Clare's Catholic High School are currently conducting enrolment interviews of applicants for Year 7, 2017.

Applications are available from the School Office between 7:30am – 3:30pm or downloaded from our website. Please submit your Enrolment Application and necessary documentation prior to Friday 8th April, 2016 to secure your position.



Catholic education is affordable for every family. If you have concerns regarding fees, please contact the Principal, Mr Shane Morris. For all enquiries, please contact the school office.

175 Buckwell Drive Hassall Grove

Tel: 9830 2400 Fax: 9835 2539

www.clarehassallgrove.catholic.edu.au



1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behavior in children

2-12 years old

**Venue: Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys
32b Saddington St, St Marys. Tel: 9623 2500**

The Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta together with Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary at St Marys, are pleased to offer parents and carers in our Diocese, the 1 2 3 Magic and Emotion Coaching course.

The course is 3 sessions and will be run on the following dates:

Session 1 9am – 11am Tuesday 31st May 2016

Session 2 9am – 11am Tuesday 7th June 2016

Session 3 9am – 11am Tuesday 14th June 2016

Course Facilitators: Melina Leonello & Anoushka Houseman

Cost is \$10 per parent/couple/carer(s) to cover the cost of the parent workbook (only one required per family). This workbook will be available for purchase on the night.

Register by calling Our Lady of the Rosary school office on 9623 2500

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- ✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- ✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- ✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:

- A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook

Registration Fee?

The course costs \$10 (per parent or per couple) which covers the cost of the Parent workbook
Register for this course contacting **OLR School Office** on **9623 2500**

What people are saying...

What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grow out of control

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1 Stone St, Glendenning. Tel: 9832 3062

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The course is 3 sessions and will be run on the following dates:

Session 1	6pm – 8pm	Wednesday 4 th May 2016
Session 2	6pm – 8pm	Wednesday 11 th May 2016
Session 3	6pm – 8pm	Wednesday 18 th May 2016

Course Facilitators: Anne Margalit & Anoushka Houseman

Cost is \$10 per parent/couple/carer(s) to cover the cost of the parent workbook (only one required per family). This workbook will be available for purchase on the night.

Register by calling St Francis Assisi school office on (02) 9832 3062

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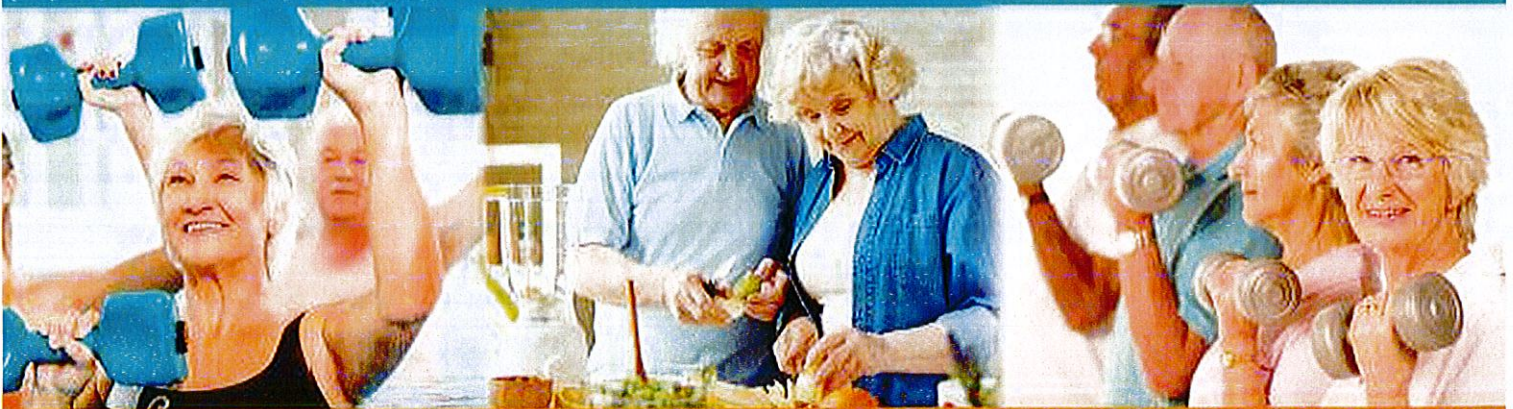
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KEY VENUES

Seniors Festival

1 April 2016 – 10 April 2016

Free pool entry
for seniors during
Seniors Festival*

*Seniors card must be shown at reception to participate.



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Stanhope Gardens 2768
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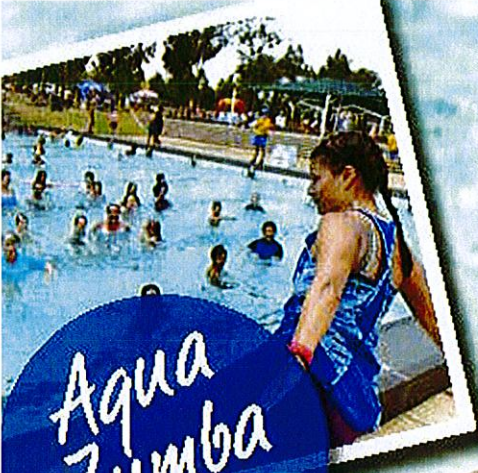


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**SUNDAY
10 APRIL
2016**



**Aqua
Zumba**

Riverstone
10am
Mount-Druitt
2pm

End of Season Celebration
SUNDAY FUNDAY



**FREE
ENTRY**

Inflatables

**Sports
clinics**



Pools open 9am-6pm Activities from 11am-4pm

**Mount Druitt
Swimming Centre**

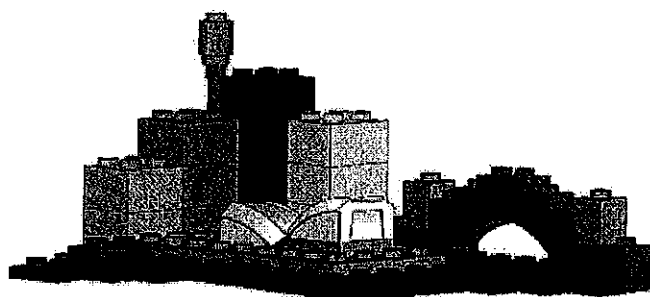
7 Mount Street – Access via Ayres Grove
Mount Druitt NSW 2770
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THE SYDNEY BRICKSHOW

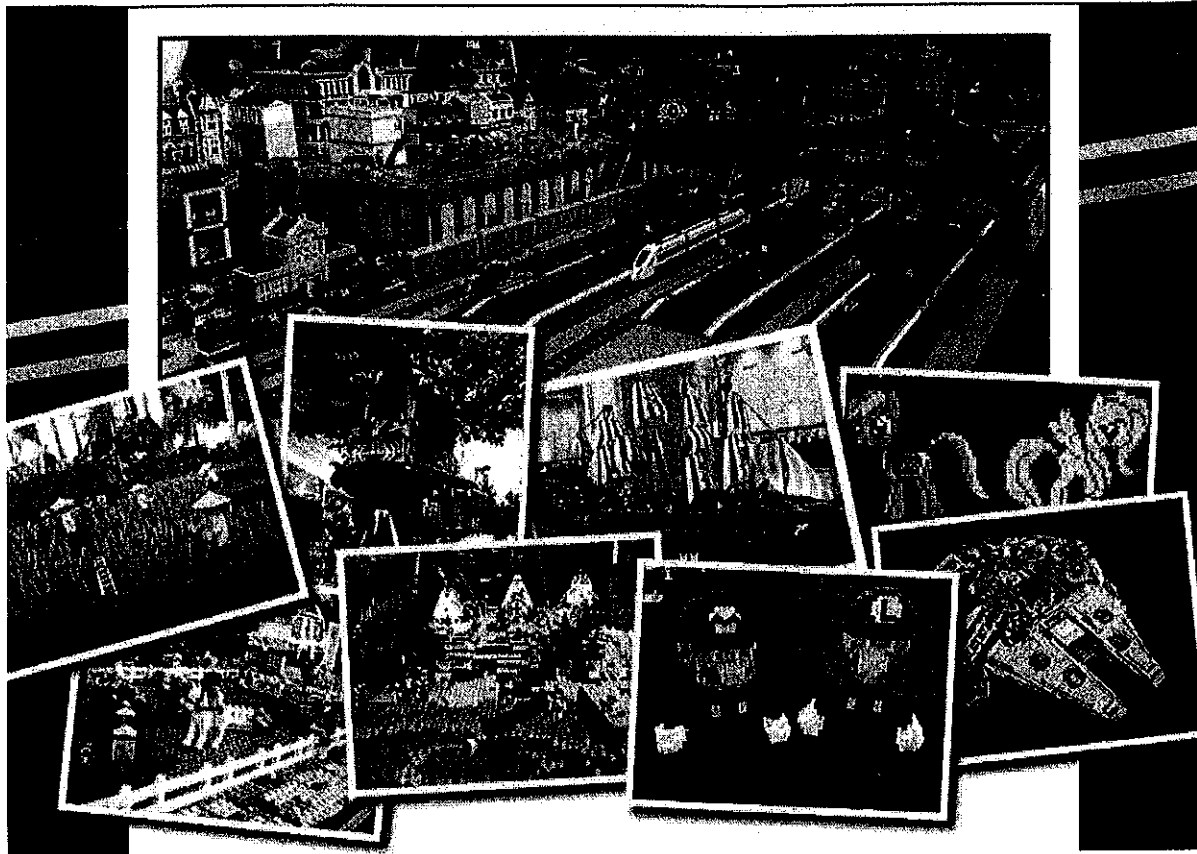
Dear Principal and School Community,

We are writing to you as the organisers of **The Sydney Brick Show**, Sydney's premier LEGO® fan event. Our annual show during the upcoming April school holidays may be of interest to your students and families, as it provides an entertaining and educational experience for children of all ages. Please forward this information to your school community if you feel it is appropriate.

Join us on **16th & 17th of April 2016**, at **The Sydney Town Hall** for 2,500m² of LEGO® fun on two levels! Our show will be packed with the latest original LEGO® brick creations by over 80 LEGO® fans from Sydney and across Australia. Along with brick play areas, giveaways and a range of unique retailers.

The Sydney Brick Show is a **not-for-profit volunteer run event** operating in support of Bear Cottage, an initiative of the The Children's Hospital Westmead, providing respite care for seriously ill children and their families, away from the hospital environment. Bear Cottage is funded entirely from private donations, and our 2016 Show will continue our contribution, having donated \$20,000 following each of our 2014 and 2015 events. Learn more about this exceptional children's hospice at www.bearcottage.chw.edu.au

Tickets are available online at www.sydneybrickshow.com.au



Event Overview

- Hundreds of unique fan creations and collaborations, over two levels of the historic Sydney Town Hall.
- Original builds and displays of traditional LEGO® themes will impress and inspire kids of all ages, including LEGO® City, Star Wars, Trains, Superheroes, Pirates, Castle, Technic, Friends and many more.
- Unique pop-culture, nostalgia, sci-fi and 'geekery' builds, plus vintage LEGO® displays from parent's childhood.
- Interact with the AFOLs (Adult Fans of LEGO®) and creators of the MOCs (My Own Creations) on display. Ask them questions about their hobby, their collections and the building techniques they use.
- Our 'Kids Creation Competition' returns with categories for builders aged 6-10 years and 11-15 years. Visit www.sydneybrickshow.com.au for details on how to enter, but hurry, entries close April 1st!
- Huge LEGO® and DUPLO® play areas where children can get hands-on to explore their own creativity.
- Exclusive retailers covering the very best of LEGO®; including current and newly-released sets, collectible minifigures, hard-to-find items, parts packs, jewellery, engraved

bricks and vintage sets.

- Exclusive LEGO® character appearances and giveaways, thanks to LEGO® Australia.

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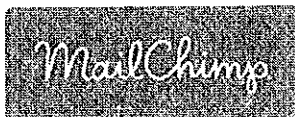
Images shown depict previous Sydney Brickshow displays. Displays for our 2016 show are currently being finalised and will consist of a combination of new models and fan favourites from previous events


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The Sydney Brick Show offers an entertaining and educational experience for families

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School Holiday Guide

AUTUMN 2016

Blacktown City Festival Free Kids Concerts

Time to celebrate the Blacktown City Festival week with our FREE kid's concerts!



Paw Patrol Live Show

Date: Tuesday, 24 May
Time: 4pm and 5pm

Hoot and Hootabelle Show

Date: Wednesday, 25 May
Time: 10am, 11am and 12pm

Spongebob Squarepants Stories from Bikini Bottom

Date: Saturday, 28 May
Time: 1pm, 2pm and 3pm



Venue: Bowman Hall, Campbell Street, Blacktown

Cost: FREE - Bookings essential

Contact: 9839 6000

All kids concert tickets will be available online only from 8am Tuesday, 10 May by visiting www.festival.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Blacktown City Medieval Fayre

Nurrangy Reserve will come alive over 2 days.

Featuring colourful pavilions, combat displays, period jewellery making and a birds of prey display.

The International Jousting Competition will be the highlight of the 2016 event with riders from Australia,


New Zealand and England all seeking to claim the prestigious title.

Visitors will experience living history at its best and all spectators are encouraged to come dressed in medieval attire and participate in the best dressed competition.

Dates: Saturday, 21 and Sunday, 22 May

Time: 10am to 4pm

Cost: FREE



Venue: Nurrangy Reserve, Knox Road, Doonside

Visit: www.festival.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Facebook:


www.facebook.com/BlacktownCityMedievalFayre

Contact: 9839 6000

Streets Alive and Parade Day

A great day featuring 6 performance stages, 200 stalls, free amusement rides and more.

11am - Street Parade



12.10pm - Tim Omaji formerly known as Timomatic performing live on stage followed by a meet and greet.

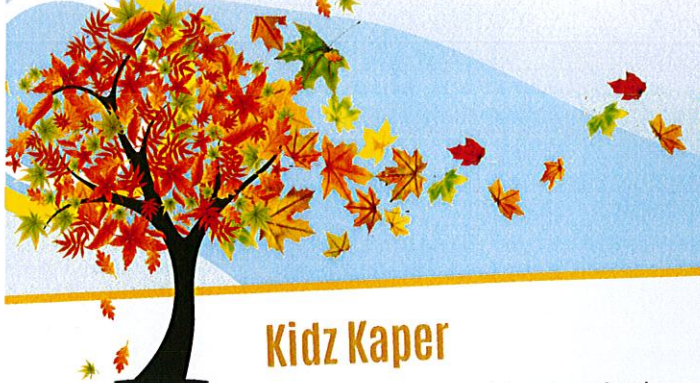
Date: Saturday, 28 May **Time:** 9am to 4pm

Venue: Blacktown CBD

Cost: FREE **Contact:** 9839 6000

Website: www.festival.blacktown.nsw.gov.au





Kidz Kaper

Get the kids active, outdoors and having fun! Activities include sports, games, mini boot camp, obstacle course, cooking, arts and crafts, scavenger hunt, movies, pool games and giant inflatable fun!

Dates:

Week 1: Monday, 11 to Friday, 15 April

Week 2: Monday, 18 to Friday, 22 April

Time: 8am to 5pm (Monday – Friday)

Venue: Blacktown Aquatic Centre,
Boyd Street, Blacktown

Cost: \$26.50 per day

Contact: 9622 2279

Website: www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Basketball Champs

Fancy yourself as the next Michael Jordan, or just happy to have a shoot around. This 5 aside tournament is open to U18's. Bring a team or we will find you one on the day. Great prizes, free BBQ to finish event for young people celebrating National Youth Week and Midnight Basketball Mount Druitt.

Date: Wednesday, 13 April

Time: Centre opens from 11am, activities and tournaments from 2pm and finishing with presentations and BBQ at 5pm

Venue: Emerton Youth Recreation Centre,
56 Copeland Road, Emerton

Cost: FREE, limited team spaces,
call to secure a space for your team

Contact: 9628 9292

Vacation Care

Fun, interesting and challenging school holiday activities for kids aged 5 to 12 years.

Date: Monday, 11 April to Friday, 22 April

Time: 7am to 6pm

Venue: Glendenning Neighbourhood Centre,
48 Golding Drive, Glendenning

Contact: 9838 6868 for bookings

Kidz Blitz

Kids get to participate in different theme days and a range of action packed activities.

Dates:

Week 1: Monday, 11 to Friday, 15 April

Week 2: Monday, 18 to Friday, 22 April

Time:

7.30am to 5.30pm (Monday – Friday)

Venue: Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope,
corner Sentry Drive and Stanhope Parkway,
Stanhope Gardens

Cost: \$40.40

Contact: 9421 2600

Website: www.blcs.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Emerton Holiday Blast

Designed to entertain, educate, stimulate and care for your children. Suitable for ages 6 to 12.

Dates:

Week 1: Monday, 11 to Friday, 15 April

Time: 8am to 4pm (Monday – Friday)

Venue: Emerton Leisure Centre,
Jersey Road, Emerton

Cost: \$26.50 per day

Contact: 8822 6000

Website: www.elc.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Blacktown Holiday Football Clinic

Western Sydney Wanderers FC will be running a Blacktown Holiday Clinic. Participants develop their football skills in dynamic high quality technical sessions with fully qualified and highly experienced coaches. Powered by Soccer Kickstart, these sessions will follow through on proven development systems which follow the FFA curriculum. The first 2 days will focus on skill development with the final day being a super fun World Cup. Players will receive a Western Sydney clinic jersey at their first clinic. Come and join the fun and learn to play the WANDERERS WAY!

Date: Wednesday, 13, Thursday, 14 and
Friday, 15 April

Time: 9am to 12pm

Venue: Blacktown Football Park (Eastern Road,
opposite Blacktown International Sportspark)

Cost: Beginner/Intermediate Program - \$160.00,
Advanced Program (Division 1 and higher) -
\$215.00 per player

Contact: 1300 139 938

Website: www.wswcommunity.com.au



International Goalkeepers Academy School Holiday Camps

There are a range of camps available to cover the needs of all goalkeepers at any skill level.

Dates:

Week 1: Monday, 11 to Wednesday, 13 April

Week 2: Monday, 18 to Wednesday, 20 April

Time: 9am to 4pm

Venue: Blacktown International Sportspark,
Eastern Road, Rooty Hill

Contact: 9675 2963

Website: www.internationalgoalkeepers.com

Youth Recreation

Get active these school holidays! Emerton Youth Recreation Centre is open Monday to Friday during the school holidays. Participate in FREE art and crafts, sporting and recreational activities daily. Young people from 7 to 17 years, under 7 must be accompanied by a parent.

Date: School holiday week days

Time: 11am to 5.30pm

Venue: Emerton Youth Recreation Centre,
56 Copeland Road, Emerton

Cost: Free

Contact: 9628 9292

Sunday Funday - Final Day of Season

To celebrate the final day of season, why not join us for a Sunday Funday. Enjoy inflatables, Sports Clinics and crowd favourite, Aqua Zumba!

Date: Sunday, 10 April

Time: 11am to 4pm

Venue: Mount Druitt Swimming Centre,
Ayres Grove, Mount Druitt

Riverstone Swimming Centre,
corner of Market Street & Garfield Road, Riverstone

Cost: Pool entry

Contact: Mount Druitt on 9625 6360 or
Riverstone on 9627 1496

Website: www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Acceler8

Acceler8 program is for preschool and school aged children and is suitable for beginners or those who wish to fine tune their skills during the school holidays. The program is a 30 minute lesson per day. Lesson includes pool entry. Places are limited and bookings are essential.

Dates:

Week 1: Monday, 11 to Friday, 15 April

Week 2: Monday, 18 to Friday, 22 April

Time: 9am to 12.30pm (Monday - Friday)

Venue: Various Locations
(Blacktown, Emerton and Stanhope Gardens only)

Cost: \$70.00 per week for 5 day program

Contact: Contact your local centre

Website: www.aqualearntoswim.com.au



Free Children's Performance

Step into a future where the roles of humans and animals have been reversed and a group of children compete against each other for the ultimate prize... Freedom! The Hungry Games play out in an arena in front of a live crowd of thousands and a televised audience of millions, just like an episode of Big Brother!

Join us at the Centre to see how
The Hungry Games unfold!
Suitable for ages 6 to 15.

Dates: Thursday, 21 April and Friday, 22 April

Time: 12pm

Venue: Blacktown Arts Centre,
78 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown

Cost: FREE

Contact: 9839 6558

Website: blacktownartscentre.eventbrite.com.au to
book, places are limited and bookings are essential.

Pic Me

Fun day of events with art and craft, sports and recreational activities, followed by a free photo booth from 3pm to 5pm. Free BBQ lunch for young people celebrating uniqueness and National Youth Week.

Dates: Tuesday, 12 April

Time: Centre opens from 11am, activities from
11.30am and photo booth at 3pm

Venue: Emerton Youth Recreation Centre,
56 Copeland Road, Emerton

Cost: FREE

Contact: 9628 9292

Library Events

Minute To Win It Games

Test your skills and beat the clock with minute to win it games at Dennis Johnson Library and Our Library @ The Mount Druitt Hub. Open to ages 13 to 18.

Dennis Johnson Library

Date: Monday, 11 April

Time: 2pm to 4.30pm

Venue: Dennis Johnson Library,
corner Stanhope Parkway & Sentry Drive,
Stanhope Gardens

Contact: 9421 2670 to book or
www.shgminutetowinit.eventbrite.com.au.
Bookings are essential - only 15 spaces available.

Our Library @ The Mount Druitt Hub

Date: Thursday, 21 April 2016

Time: 2pm to 4.30pm

Venue: Our Library @ The Mount Druitt Hub,
Ayres Grove, Mount Druitt

Contact: 98886 2000 to book or
www.mtdminutetowinit.eventbrite.com.au.
Bookings are essential - only 25 spaces available.

Comic Drawing Workshop

Interested in learning how to draw comic characters? If you answer is yes, join us at Max Webber Library to learn how to draw different characters. All materials provided, open to ages 13 to 18.

Date: Wednesday, 13 April 2016

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Venue: Max Webber Function Centre,
Level 1, corner Flushcombe Road and Alpha Street,
Blacktown

Contact: 9839 6677 to book or
www.comicdrawing.eventbrite.com.au.
Bookings are essential - only 20 places available.

Movie Night

Bring your comfy pillow and a blanket, a friend or two, and settle down for a movie night in the library. There's FREE popcorn! Open to ages 13 to 18.

Date: Friday, 22 April 2016

Time: Movie starts at 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Venue: Max Webber Library Function Centre,
Level 1, corner Flushcombe Road and Alpha Street,
Blacktown **Contact:** 9839 6677, no bookings necessary.

Wii Gaming Tournament

The challenge is on! Compete in the Wii Gaming Tournament for your chance to win. Open to ages 13 to 18.

Our Library @ Mount Druitt Hub

Date: Thursday, 14 April 2016

Time: 2pm to 4.30pm

Venue: Our Library @ Mount Druitt Hub,
Ayres Grove, Mount Druitt

Contact: 8886 2000 or
to book www.mtdwiigaming.eventbrite.com.au.
Bookings are essential - only 15 spaces available.

Dennis Johnson Library

Date: Monday, 18 April 2016

Time: 2pm to 4.30pm

Venue: Dennis Johnson Library,
corner Stanhope Parkway & Sentry Drive,
Stanhope Gardens

Contact: 9421 2670 to book or
www.shgwiigaming.eventbrite.com.au.
Bookings are essential - only 20 spaces available.

Design Your Own Mug

Drop by Lalor Park Library for a creative workshop on designing your own mug, just in time for winter. Open to ages 13 to 18.

Date: Tuesday, 19 April 2016

Time: 10am to 11.30am

Venue: Lalor Park Library,
corner Freeman Street and Northcott Road,
Lalor Park

Contact: 9624 5243 to book or
www.mugdesign.eventbrite.com.au.
Bookings are essential - only 15 spaces available.

Website: www.libraries.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/Home

Blacktown Visitor Information & Heritage Centre

Visit the school where there are no teachers and homework, but interesting exhibitions about Blacktown's early history.

Dates: Tuesday to Saturday

Time: 10am to 3pm

Venue: Civic Plaza, Flushcombe Road,
Blacktown (Just outside Westpoint)

Contact: 1300 302 858

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