

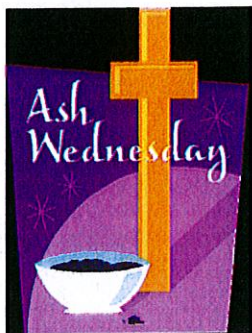


Good Shepherd

Catholic Primary School

Calendar

Ash Wednesday



Term 1 Concludes:

Thursday, 2nd April

Term 2 Commences:

Tuesday, 21st April

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Term 1 Week 4 Tuesday, 17th February, 2015

Good morning Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Parent Information evening last night.

It was good to see so many parents here to meet the teachers and have a look at the classrooms. I understand that not everyone is able to attend these events due to work commitments and because of that we are having an Open Day on Sunday, 8th March.

Last year was our first Open Day and it was a great success. We had many visitors to our school as well as current parents. The feedback from parents was very positive. It is an opportunity to showcase our school and for parents and wider family to come along and see the great learning environment here at Good Shepherd Primary.

The Open Day will be from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm with a free sausage sizzle throughout the day. This is the start of Catholic Schools' week, so we feel this is a fitting start to the week.

Make sure you put this date in your diary and invite your friends and neighbours along to this special day.

Thank you for your continued support.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 1, Week 4, 2015

Wednesday, 18th February: Ash Wednesday (9.00 am Mass at Good Shepherd Church for Years 4, 5 & 6
At 2:00 pm, Years 3, 2, 1 & K will participate in a Liturgy at Good Shepherd Church)

Monday, 23rd February: Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

Friday, 27th February: Year 6 visit to St Clare's

Tuesday, 3rd March: School Photos

Sunday, 8th March: Open Day at Good Shepherd School (10.00 am—1.00 pm)

Social Skill of the Week

"Walk, Don't Run"

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	Christiano Jamil	KG	Jana Tato
KR	Saharsh Morisetti	KW	Stuart Fraser
1B	Sabrina Marchbank	1G	Ashleigh Galletes
1R	Gabrielle Capule	1W	Precious Johnson
2B	Veniz Brillante	2G	Gaile Zapanta
2R	Cloey Nguyen	2W	Abigail Lanumata
3B	Adier Job	3G	Mya Schmidt-Tuaimau
3R	Pipiena Setefano	3W	Arianna Cay
4B	Theresia Purwadi	4G	Phoenix Welzel
4R	Divisha Chand	4W	Annabelle Kayrouz
5B	Rehana Hufanga	5G	Maribel Monge Alfaro
5R	Michael Sequeira	5W	Celeste Roldan
6B	John Dalusung	6G	Justin Balasa
6R	Krishna Shah	6W	Angela Gallego

Consent to Sell Raffle Tickets form

Dear Parents, by now you would have received a Consent to Sell Raffle Tickets form for your children. **Would you please write on the top of the form, your child's name and class and return completed form to the School Office.** Thank you.

School Fees 2015

Parents, accounts for Term 1 school fees have now been posted out and payments will be due on Friday, 6th March. Arrangements made in 2014 are now finished and 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 Education Office is also offering a Flexible Payment Plan (FPP) for your 2015 School Fees—details will be included with your school fee statement.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthday last week and this week: Kayne Cornett, Calvin Mercado-Jost, Jalil Rizeq, Olivia Espinosa, Maxine Agpoon, Joshua Aquilina, Andrea Lopez, Michaela Pua, JD Masi, Mary Bella Shamoka, Cyrille Raposas, Samuel Wilkes, Mojtaba Shakibaei Shahadati, Arnav Watts and Aleisha Faiz.

Student Supervision

As you know it is a priority at Good Shepherd School to keep every child safe. Teachers have a duty of care to supervise children both in class and on the playground. **This supervision commences at 8.10 am each morning.** Students and parents are not permitted outside the Cola area (the first playground) prior to 8.10 am. **No child should be dropped off at school unsupervised prior to 8:10 am.** Similarly afternoon supervision of children concludes at 3.15 pm. All children must be picked up by this time. If they are not picked up by 3.15 pm, they will be admitted to COSHC and the family will be charged a fee. In the interests of safety, the back gate will now no longer be open for drop off and pick up. Please use the Main Entrance. It is vital that parents seek a safe, supervised environment whilst they are away at work. It is not the responsibility of school staff to provide before and after school care whilst parents are at work. School staff have their own personal and professional responsibilities to attend to in out of school hours. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Kindergarten 2016 Enrolments

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2016 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 2015.



Staff Development Days—Term 1 & Term 2 2015

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 1's Staff Development Day is a Pupil Free Day and will take place on Monday, 23rd February, 2015.** Term 2's Staff Development Day, also a **Pupil Free Day**, is on Monday, 20th April, 2015. **Students will return to school for Term 2 on Tuesday, 21st April, 2015.** Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children on this day. COSHC will be able to offer limited spaces for care on this day. Please phone COSHC on 0409 121 980 for details.



No Nut Policy

A number of our students have severe allergies. Please do not send peanut butter/Nutella sandwiches or other foods containing whole or crushed nuts or sesame seeds to school. This also includes Excursions! Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.



OPEN DAY AT OUR SCHOOL!!

Good Shepherd Primary School invites current and prospective families to come and explore the school's facilities at an Open Day on Sunday, 8th March, 2015 from 10.00 am—1.00 pm. Learning Spaces will be open, staff will be available to meet and greet, and a community barbeque will be provided. Hope to see you all there!

Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival

On Thursday, 19th February, a group of 19 students will be representing Good Shepherd at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Mt Druitt Pool. We wish them the very best and we are confident they will do well. Good luck!

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.

Delivering Pamphlets—Your help is needed please

As you are aware, we are having an Open Day on Sunday, 8th March. Last year before our Open Day we did a Letterbox drop of pamphlets advertising our Open Day. We all know you like to keep fit and walk, so if anyone would like to volunteer to deliver some pamphlets in their street and surrounding streets, this would be greatly appreciated. Would you please call into the School Office and we will give you pamphlets and organise which streets you will be doing. We do not want children to do this unsupervised.

Easter Drive



As Easter is fast approaching we are starting the process of organising Easter Egg baskets. We would very much appreciate donations of Easter Eggs and Easter goodies to fill baskets and raise much needed funds for our school. If you are able to donate something for these baskets, please send the goods to the school.

If you have any baskets that are in **good condition**, please send them in to school as well. Thank you.

Canteen News

(Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$4.50 each)

Available every day commencing Monday, 16th February - Friday, 6th March.

Meal Deal 1

Egg & Lettuce Sandwich, Juice Popper & Frozen Juice Cup

Meal Deal 2

8 Chicken Fingers, Juice Popper & Zooper Dooper

Both Meal Deals are \$4.50 each

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

Online Ordering: To order online please visit www.flexischools.com.au.

Orders to be placed by 9.00 am daily. A copy of the latest Canteen Menu is available on our School Website.



Uniform Shop

GOOD QUALITY SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS.

If you have any **good quality**, second-hand School/Sport uniforms, would you please bring them into the School Office, so that the Parent

Group can sell them in the Uniform Shop. Also did you know you can swap your good quality school clothing for another size?

Please note **only Cash is accepted.**

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Wednesdays & Fridays 8.30 am—9.00 am

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Open Day

**Sunday
March 1, 2015
10am-2pm**

CCSS Solo Parent Ministry—2 Programs as follows:

Young Widowed Support Group

CCSS Solo Parent Services monthly Bereavement Support Group for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Next gathering: Tuesday, 17th February. Time: 7.00 pm—9.00 pm. Venue: CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown. Cost: \$5.00. Details and Registration: Eileen or Rita Ph. 9933 0205 or Email: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au.

Bereavement Support Program

The next session of CCSS Solo Parent Services Bereavement Support Program for those whose spouse or long term partner has died is on Tuesday, 17th February from 10.00 am—12.00 pm. Venue: 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown. Topic: "Images and Frameworks for Understanding

St Marys Indoor Sports & Recreation—Indoor Cricket & Indoor Soccer—20 Forthorn Place, St Marys

Junior Indoor Cricket starting Thursday, 19th March 2015 and Junior Winter Indoor Soccer starting Monday 20th April. Accepting registrations

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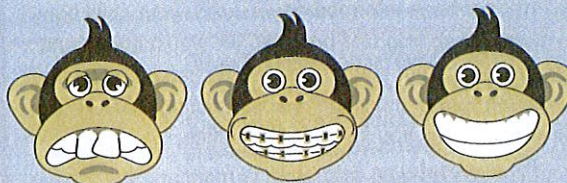
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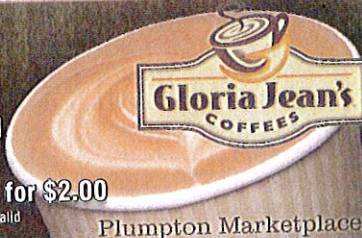
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