



Good Shepherd

Catholic Primary School

Calendar

Project
Compassion
2015:

Food for Life



Term 1 Concludes:

Thursday, 2nd April

Term 2 Commences

Tuesday, 21st April

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Term 1 Week 5 Tuesday, 24th February, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we start the season of Lent, we remember that Lent is an important season in our Church calendar. Last Wednesday all the children received the ashes on their forehead for Ash Wednesday.

The children's behaviour and attention in church was outstanding. They were reverent and very involved. As usual Father Vinci gave an excellent homily about what Lent means in our lives. Obviously the children were really listening because one of our new kindergarten children was heard to tell his mother when she picked him up at the end of the day that he was going to try to be good for forty days.

So with the Season of Lent upon us again it is a time for us to focus intentionally on what helps or hinders our commitment to Christ. It may be better not to give up something but to take on something, to make a change in our lives to benefit others. This is often very difficult to sustain. We often start with good intentions but 40 days seems a very long time! We need to remember that Jesus was in the desert. He understands our weaknesses and trials. All we need to do in Lent is be open to growth and change. We will begin to grow spiritually, morally and ethically if we acknowledge our weaknesses and make a personal commitment to improve. That's what the little child in Kindy was saying "I'm going to try to be good for 40 days." That's a big start for a little person!

"Father in heaven, may Your love be the foundation and motivating force for my life. During this period of Lent help me to show love to other people through word and deed. Amen"

Yours sincerely,

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UPCOMING EVENTS Term 1, Week 5, 2015

Wednesday, 25th February:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
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)
Monday, 9th March:	Commencement of Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday, 10th March:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Wednesday, 11th March:	Liturgy of the Word for Education Week (10.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
	St Clare's Open Night (3.00 pm—7.00 pm)
Tuesday, 17th March:	Mass (Year 4 attending)
Friday, 20th March:	Year 6 Excursion to Canberra

Social Skill of the Week "How to Solve a Problem"

Peace & Joy Awards

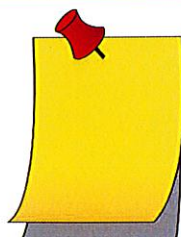
The Good Shepherd School Community would like to congratulate the following students for their hard work and dedication throughout the past week. These awards are presented for cooperation, respectfulness, responsibility, care, compassion, fair go and integrity.

KB	Saanvi Bhagwat	KG	Kaiden Blair
KR	Natalia Falemaka	KW	Isalyah Seiuli
1B	Joshua Wasef	1G	Jackson Elvis
1R	Angelo Cruz	1W	Shreesh Rai
2B	Jessica Odemwengie	2G	Avani Narayan
2R	Hannah Soans	2W	Lasi Heron
3B	Koby Paris	3G	Amellia Deja
3R	Pipiena Setefano	3W	Karmela Portugal
4B	Francis Dominguez	4G	Christian Tawil
4R	Nikhil Nandan	4W	Adrian Doctor
5B	Nicole Morales	5G	Emmanuel Deng
5R	Sonny Cham	5W	Malcolm Sy
6B	Jessica Dela Paz	6G	Grace Cabasag
6R	Rafael Espiritu	6W	Serhon Quispe

Kindergarten 2016 Enrolments

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2016 are now available from the School Office and on our Website. Parents, if you already have a child at Good Shepherd, you will still need to submit an Enrolment Form for any siblings for 2016.

School Fees 2015



Parents, accounts for Term 1 school fees have now been posted out and payments will be due on Friday, 6th March. 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 this week:

Ezekiel Concepcion,
Viliani Falemaka, Jazmyn Izon,
Gilaxsan Gilbertsagayathan, Paul Natividad,
Keoki Simonsen, Chloe Vere, Alealin Templo, Koby Paris,
Shay-Lee Paris, Marley Tamani, Jake Hodder, Malaikai Nikua, Alexis Perreira and Amellia Deja.



School Photos 2015

Parents please note, photo envelopes have now been sent home as the date for the photos is **Tuesday, 3rd March**. All children are to wear their Full Summer Uniform, no sports uniforms or joggers are permitted. Those classes who have sport on this day can bring their joggers to school in their bag. **Payment of the photos are to be made on the photo day with the correct money enclosed in the photo envelope.** Sibling envelopes are available from the school office. **The Sibling envelopes will need to be handed in prior to photo day.** The Office **will not** be able to provide change for incorrect money.



Office Hours

Parents, please note that the hours of business for inquiries, payments, phone calls etc to the school office are between 8.30 am—3.00 pm. Before and after these times the office staff are preparing for or completing their office duties. If there is a change to how your child will be going home, ie catching the bus, please notify the office prior to 2:30 pm so that the child may be informed prior to home time. We are happy to attend to your queries or any other business during these hours. Thank you.



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!



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.

Swimming Representatives

Last Thursday, 19 students swam at the Zone Swimming Carnival. From that carnival three students will now represent the Zone at the Diocesan Carnival this Friday at Blacktown Pool. Congratulations to Benedict Cabrera 3G, Oriana Leupolu 5W and Daniel Lawther 6R who have qualified. Best of luck!



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.

Sincere Condolences

Our sincere condolences on the passing of Bianca Cailao's (1B) grandfather. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

St Agnes Catholic High School: A Years 7 – 10 Co-educational School

Information Evening
Monday, 9th March, 2015
6.00 pm to 7.30 pm

- Information for Year 6 students and their families
- Come and meet the staff and students
- View student work and displays
- Guided tours of the school conducted by students
- Information Session commences at 6.30 pm
- 2016 enrolment information and packages available
- Other Year group enquiries welcome

Now enrolling for 2016
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Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta—Open Day Sunday, 1st March—10.00 am—2.00 pm

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Parish News:

Fridays of Lent:

27th Feb: 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Reconciliation
6th March: 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by 1st Friday Mass
13th March: 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Reconciliation
20th March: 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Reconciliation
27th March: 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Youth Recollection

Reconciliation times during Lent:

Saturdays 11.00 am—12.00 noon (Feb 28th, 7th March, 14th March, 21st March & 28th March).

Fridays after Stations of the Cross (13th March & 20th March)

2nd Rite of Reconciliation: Wednesday, 18th March at 7.30 pm. There will be NO Reconciliation on Holy Saturday (4th April)

Saturday Mornings of Lent

Morning Prayer (from the Divine Office) will be prayed at 7.30 am—Mass will follow at 8.00 am as usual.

Anointing of the Sick: 7th March.

Lenten Groups: Various days—see the Parish Bulletin for details.

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**.

Opening Hours:

Wednesdays & Fridays 8.30 am—9.00 am

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 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.

CCSS Solo Parent Ministry:

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

CCSS Solo Parent Services Monthly Support Group, "Stepping Beyond" will be held again on the last Tuesday of the month for those who are separated or divorced. Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Date: Tuesday 24th February. Time: 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Eileen or Rita Ph. 99330205 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au.

Catherine McAuley Open Night

Tuesday, 17th March 4.00 pm—6.30 pm. A Year 7 2016 Information Night will be held following at 7.00 pm. Please contact our School on 9849 9100 for an Enrolment Pack.

St Clare's Catholic High School—Open Afternoon

Wednesday, 11th March 2015 3.00 pm—7.00 pm

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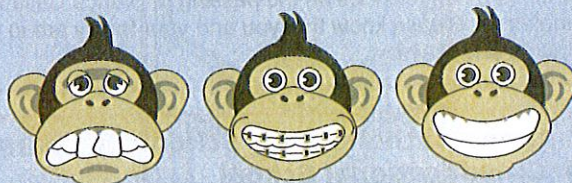
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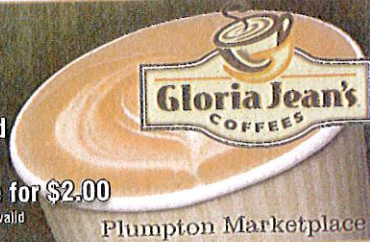


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