



Good Shepherd

Catholic Primary School

Calendar

Catholic Schools
Week



Term 1 Concludes:

Thursday, 2nd April

Term 2 Commences:

Tuesday, 21st April

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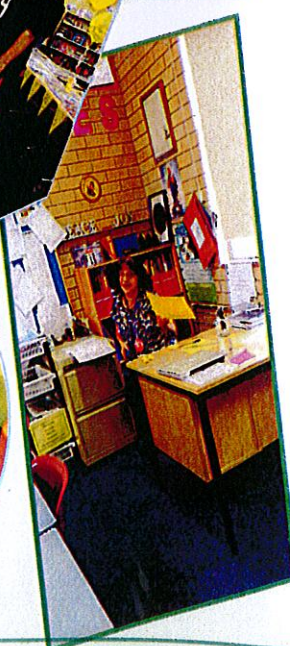
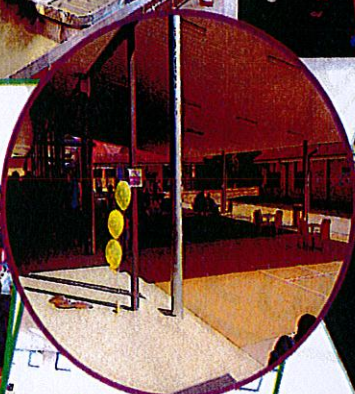
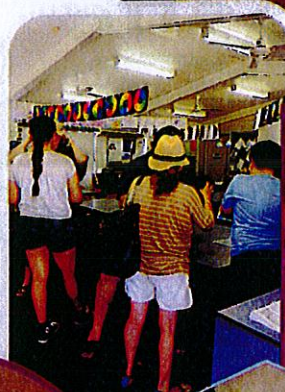
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Term 1

Week 7

Tuesday, 10th March, 2015

Our Open Day—What a Great Success!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 1, Week 7, 2015

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—Saint Patrick's Day (Year 4 attending—9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Friday, 20th March:	Year 6 Excursion to Canberra
Tuesday, 24th March:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Friday, 27th March:	School Cross Country
Wednesday, 1st April:	Holy Week (10.00 am Good Shepherd Church)

Social Skill of the Week

"Care for One Another"

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	Sophia Nazar	KG	Jenaleigh Brayshaw
KR	Soteria Gearman	KW	Christian Rahme
1B	Akuol Acuoth	1G	Vilisiliva Setefano
1R	Malaki Schmutter	1W	Karen Gunawan
2B	Luke Quiroz	2G	Isabella Lira-Loloa
2R	Prayer Fotualii	2W	Bailey Lees
3B	Nathaniel Gonzales	3G	Phitcha Tai-A-Roon
3R	William Planer	3W	Marco Blazevic
4B	Madison Butler	4G	Malachi Tautua
4R	Imarosa Tungul	4W	Keira Purkis
5B	Jaylen Paciano	5G	Nikki-Lee Pollard
5R	Czarina Sulapat	5W	Brendan Le
6B	Justine Gutierrez	6G	Czeyden Raposas
6R	Daznee Sua	6W	Miquel Espiritu

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 were due last 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 were included with your school fee statement.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthday this week: Isaiah Gomez, Marsha Szulgit, Lanna Cruz, Elissa Restuccia, Stephen Sumilang, Chidera Obidi, William MacMillan, Nikita Moeono-Paahi, Phoenix Ouk, Reuben-Marcel Frias, Jonathan Rahme, Nancy Guillermo, Annabelle Rahme, Mahalea Miles, Leila Bunyi and Mat Alampayan.

NAPLAN 2015

The 2015 NAPLAN tests will be conducted over three days from **Tuesday 12th May - Thursday 14th 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.

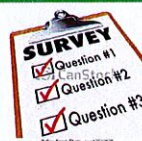
The NAPLAN test results and the student reports are released in September.

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:

12 May	Test day: Language Conventions and Writing
13 May	Test day: Reading
14 May	Test day: Numeracy



Quality Catholic Schools Survey

The Quality Catholic Schools Survey (QCCS) period is from 9th—20th March. If you are one of the selected families

who receive a survey, we would appreciate your involvement in this important data collection. If you wish to drop off your completed survey, please do so to the School Office before 19th March. Your input is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



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.

School Terms for 2015

Term 1	Commences: 28th January, 2015 Concludes: 2nd April, 2015
Term 2	Commences: 21st April, 2015 Concludes: 26th June, 2015
Term 3	Commences: 13th July, 2015 Concludes: 17th September, 2015
Term 4	Commences: 6th October, 2015 Concludes: 16th December, 2015

Please note Staff Development Days may affect commencement and concluding dates. Staff Development Days will be announced in our weekly Newsletter.



Application for Extended Leave from School for Holidays or Leave

Parents, please note it is mandatory to complete an "Application for Extended Leave" form if your child will be absent for 10 days or more, during the school terms. This form needs to be completed, submitted and approved by the Principal, **prior to going on leave**, giving at least four weeks' notice where possible. Forms can be picked up from the School Office or downloaded from the Website. For absences from 1—9 days, a note or email, addressed to your child's teacher, is required prior to going on leave.



Book Fair

Parents, just a reminder that our Book Fair commenced on Sunday 8th March and will continue through to Wednesday, 18th March. Hope to see you there!



Year Six Excursion

On Friday, 20th March the Year 6 students and their teachers will be attending an Excursion to Canberra. A special thank you to the Staff members for not only organising the camp, but for their commitment to

the Year 6 students. We join together in wishing everyone a great time.



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.



Parish News:

Fridays of Lent:

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, 9th March - Friday, 20th March.

Meal Deal 1

Chicken Lettuce & Mayo Sandwich, Juice

Pop Top & Rice Crackers

Meal Deal 2

Sausage Roll, Flavoured Milk, Juice Popper & Icy Mony Ice Block

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.

St Clare's Catholic High School—Open Afternoon

St Clare's is a co-educational 7-10 school.

Wednesday, 11th March, 2015 3.00 pm—7.00 pm

175 Buckwell Drive, Hassall Grove,

Telephone: 9830 2400 Fax: 9835 2539

Meet Teachers & Students, Guided Tours, Sausage Sizzle, Sweets & Saviouries, Entertainment ...

CatholicCare Social Services (CCSS)

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 March, Venue: 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, from 10.00am – 12.00pm Topic: "The Social Effects of Grief" Registration: Eileen or Rita Ph. 99330205 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au See Flyer on Notice Board

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

CCSS Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of this month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children. Next gathering: Tuesday 17th March. Venue: CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. Time: 7pm – 9pm Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Eileen or Rita Ph. 9933 0205 or Email: 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 Ph. 9849 9100 for an Enrolment Pack.

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY—PENRITH OBSERVATORY—ASTRONOMY NIGHTS IN MARCH

Saturday 14 March - 8pm - 10 pm
COMETS AND THE ICY OUTER SOLAR SYSTEM

Recent exciting space missions to icy bodies in our solar system have brought us more information about these remote and mysterious objects. We will discuss some of the findings for our distant dwarf planet neighbours and our comet cousins as well as what this means in the context of life on earth and in the solar system.

Saturday 28 March - 8pm - 10 pm
DADS & KIDS NIGHT

Kids and dads also include grandfathers, kids and grandkids. So it is for everyone. Age is no barrier to spending an evening with the family and the stars.

These nights will also include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university's telescopes. Our programs will run regardless of the weather.

Cost: \$18 adult, \$12 child/concession and \$50 family

Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What's On, Contact: Tel: (02)4736 0135

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