



Good Shepherd

Catholic Primary School

Calendar

Fourth Sunday of
Easter



Term 2 Commences:

Tuesday, 21st April

Term 2 Concludes:

Friday, 26th June

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Term 2

Week 2

Tuesday, 28th April, 2015

A reflection on the Fourth Sunday of Easter - GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY—26th April

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me--just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep." John 10:14-15

How many of you have a pet? There are many animals that make good pets. The most popular are cats and dogs, but birds and fish are also quite popular. Some children like mice or guinea pigs for a pet. If you have a lot of room, you might even own a large animal such as a horse!

If you choose to have a pet, it is a big responsibility. You must be willing to take care of it. You have to feed it and make sure it has plenty of water. You must keep it clean and take it to the vet when it is sick. You have to make sure your pet is kept in a safe place and, if it wanders off and gets lost, you must go and look for it and bring it back home.

As I think about having a pet and taking care of it, I am reminded about something that Jesus said about himself. Jesus said, *"I am the good shepherd."* A shepherd is a person who takes care of sheep. Sheep can't take care of themselves. They need someone to watch over them and care for them. They need someone to protect them from harm. Jesus said he knows his sheep and his sheep know him. He said that he was even willing to lay down his life for his sheep. Jesus must really love his sheep!

As you might have guessed, Jesus wasn't really talking about sheep. He was talking about you and me. We are his "sheep." He loves us, He takes care of us, He makes sure that we have everything that we need. He was even willing to give his life so that you and I could live with him forever in heaven.

There is no doubt about it. Jesus really loves his sheep!

Here is a prayer for your family to say. Why not try and say it while sitting around the dinner table tonight?

"Dear Jesus, we are thankful to you for being our Good Shepherd. Thank you for loving us and taking care of us. Most of all, we thank you for laying down your life for us so that we can have everlasting life in heaven with you. Amen."

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UPCOMING EVENTS Term 2, Week 2, 2015

Monday, 4th May:	Official commencement of Winter School Uniform
Wednesday, 6th May:	Mother's Day Liturgy (9.45 am Good Shepherd Church)
Thursday, 7th May:	Mother's Day Stall
Tuesday, 12th May:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Tuesday, 12th May— Thursday 14th May	NAPLAN for Year 3 & Year 5

Social Skill of the Week "Wear a Hat"

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	Shanelle Escueta	KG	Lily Norman
KR	Sedeece DeHaas	KW	Hannah Gerard
1B	Bianca Cailao	1G	Mat Alampayan
1R	Elizabeth Vella	1W	Abigail Lanumata
2B	Alisha Makkar	2G	Isabella Lira-Loloa
2R	Renaize Alpuerto	2W	Tanielle Farrell
3B	Charli Alexander	3G	Sean Anselmo
3R	JD Masi	3W	Christoffe Ablaza
4B	Harmony Letherbarrow	4G	Jonathen Abu-Ali
4R	Peter Boustany	4W	Paul Natividad
5B	Xavier Lobos	5G	Dalia Alameh
5R	Shelby Alexander	5W	Atalya Palu
6B	Osaru Airhumwunde	6G	Tara Rosa-Brandao
6R	Aodhan Tomlins	6W	Bridget Alam



Mother's Day Liturgy

On Wednesday, 6th May at 9.45 am we will be celebrating Mother's Day with a Liturgy in the Good Shepherd Church. Following the Liturgy, you are welcome to join us for morning tea in the Staffroom. Please mark the date in your diary.

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.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthday this week: Alena Mamic, Sophie Blazevic, Summer Catig, Stuart Fraser, Billynisha Taupau, Summah Russell, Joseph Labbad, Elizabeth Martinez, Tevita Tonga, Emanuel-Rian Arago, Shyla Soliman and Mackayla Micallef.



Confirmation

Please note Confirmation will be held at Good Shepherd Church on 22nd June (Monday) at 7.30 pm. Enrolment forms are to be collected from the Church after the Masses. No enrolment forms will be given out after 9th/10th May. Lessons will commence at 10.30 am in the

Good Shepherd School Classrooms—details as follows:

Lesson 1—17th May

Lesson 2—24th May

Lesson 3—7th June

Lesson 4—14th June

Rehearsals for Confirmation will be on Saturday, 20th June between 1.00 pm—3.00 pm in the Church. For all inquiries please contact Good Shepherd Church on Ph. 9832 4461.

Uniform Changeover

Parents, please note that the changeover date for winter uniform is officially next **Monday, 4th May, 2015 (Week 3 Term 2)**. If you feel that your child would like to wear their winter uniform before this date, that is not a problem. The only request is that any student wearing the winter uniform, wears the full winter uniform—that includes a tie for boys and girls. **The girl's winter school tights & socks will now be "bottle green"** if wearing black school shoes. If your daughter is wearing brown shoes, then it is worn with fawn tights. 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. **THE SCHOOL HAT IS AN ESSENTIAL ITEM OF THE 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.

Hand Hygiene Initiative

Mt Druitt Hospital is holding a Community Hand Hygiene Awareness Campaign and the students of Good Shepherd are being encouraged to participate. It involves the students designing a poster about the importance of good hand hygiene, especially as we come into the colder weather with sickness being more prevalent. Students will design these posters in class as part of group work activities and have discussions about the importance of good hand hygiene. If you would like to design one at home, pop into the office for a sheet to decorate.

Many thanks to Mrs Raposas (Czeyden 6G & Cyrille 1G) for bringing this to us, for providing the template and for collecting completed posters to return to Mt Druitt Hospital for us. Completed posters need to be given to the office by Friday. Thank you. Mrs Cooke

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



Canteen News

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

Available every day commencing Tuesday, 21st April—Friday, 8th May

Meal Deal 1

Ham & Salad Sandwich, Juice Popper & Piece of Fruit

Meal Deal 2

5 Chicken Nuggets, Juice Popper & Monster Snacks

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.



Congratulations to the Shahin family (Faiz Ul-Haq Shahin (6R) and sister Nida (2R) on the birth of a new baby brother - born 7th April. We wish you and your family every happiness and blessings for the future.



Roll up your sleeves and give blood

The Mobile Blood Service is visiting Plumpton Marketplace, Cnr Hyatts & Jersey Road, Plumpton on Monday 11 May 12.30 pm – 6.00 pm Tuesday 12 May 9:00 am – 2:30 pm Wednesday 13 May 9:00 am – 2:30 pm. Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate. Eat a good sized breakfast or lunch and please bring photo I.D. with you. For further information please call 139596 or visit donateblood.com.au.

UWS Penrith Observatory—Astronomy Nights—to find out what's on during May, Details can be found on www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What's On, Tel: (02)4736 0135 Email: penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au www.uws.edu.au/observatory, [www.twitter.com/uwsobservatory](https://twitter.com/uwsobservatory) www.facebook.com/UWSObservatory.



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Wednesdays & Fridays 8.30 am—9.00 am

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YEAR 7 2016 ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS Saturday 2nd May 2015 ♦ 9:00 am – 3:00pm



St Clare's Catholic High School will conduct enrolment interviews of applicants for Year 7 2016 on Saturday 2nd May 2015.

Enrolment positions are still available. Applications are available from the school office (7:30 am – 3:30 pm) or may be downloaded from our website.

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



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POST SEPARATION RECOVERY PROGRAM- SPRINGWOOD

CCSS Solo Parent Services is offering its seven week Post Separation Recovery Program for the first time at Springwood, commencing on **Wed 6th May**. **Time:** 7.30pm – 9.45pm. **Venue:** Presbyterian Church Hall, 150 Macquarie Rd, Springwood. **Registration essential.** For further details contact Eileen or Rita on 9933 0205 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

MARRIAGE ANNULMENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Each year CCSS Solo Parent Services present an Information Session to help people understand the process of Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church. The evening is open to anyone who is interested. **Venue:** Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd Orchard Hills **Date:** Tues 5th May **Time:** 7.30pm – 9.30pm. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita or Eileen. PH: 9933 0205 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

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