



# Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 2

Week 3

Tuesday, 9th May, 2017

Our Lady of Fatima



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'm sure in most households that there was special shopping done on the weekend for Mother's day gifts! I hope all our Mothers, Grandmothers and special Aunties and Guardians have a wonderful day and are truly spoiled.

I love this quote

"I'd like to be an ideal mother, but I'm too busy raising my children." *Author unknown.*

We all know how glamorous, organised and patient the mothers on television look on ads! That's certainly not my experience of organising meals, getting children to bed, supervising homework. Motherhood is a lot of hard work – but then it is also filled with love!

Jesus' mother, Mary, experienced all the above( I'm not sure about the homework!) and had the added drama of losing her son for three days. Eventually, she and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple having a discussion with a group of Rabbis. When Mary rebuked Jesus for "treating us this way", Jesus informed her that the Temple was the first place she should have looked: "Did you not know that I must be about the things of my Father?"

Poor Mary! Besides being embarrassed for Joseph, she probably found it hard to accept that Jesus was growing up with a mind of his own and his own sense of how his Father was leading him. Mary was caught up in the tension of fulfilling the daily responsibilities of her role of mother and parenting the Son of God. All mothers are caught up in the world of tension as they try to be all things to their children.

Even though this might be the situation for most mothers, make sure that on Mothers' Day you are not too busy to take time to rejoice in yourself, because:

"Happy Mothers' Day "means more than thanks for all you do. It means you mean a lot to me .

And that I honour you." *Nicholas Jordan.*

You are doing a great job!

Happy Mothers Day!

*Patricia Carr*

**Term 2 concludes:**  
Friday, 30th June

**Public Holiday:**  
Monday: 12th June

**Term 3 commences:**  
Monday, 17th July

- New changes to Application for Leave
- Sports & Library Borrowing Days for Term 2
- Naplan 2017
- Student Supervision
- Class Captains Term 2



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday, 11th May:** Mother's Day Stall (Helpers required please)
- Friday, 12th May:** Mother's Day Liturgy (10.00 am Good Shepherd Church) followed by Morning Tea in the School Staffroom. Everyone welcome.
- Sunday, 14th May:** Mother's Day
- Monday 15th May:** Book Club issue 3 closes 15th May

### Winter Uniform

By now all students should be wearing their Winter School/ Sports Uniform. Please remember our "No Hat, No Play" policy and ensure that your child has their school hat each day. All clothing and hats should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Thank you.

### New Changes to Applications for Leave

Leave of **4 days or less** should be requested by parents/carers in writing by email or a 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 **5 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 for 5 or more days.**

### Social Skill of the Week

*"Cover your nose when you sneeze and then wash your hands"*

### Kindergarten 2018 Enrolments

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2018 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 **new siblings** for 2018.

### Catherine McAuley Open Morning—Tuesday 16th May.

Parents, Families and Friends welcome—come and have a look around the school and the classrooms. Commencing at 9.15am and finishing at 11am. RSVP to the School



**UN Global Road Safety Week  
(8-14 May 2017)**

**is focussing on speed.  
Especially in school zones, keep  
our students safe and #slowdown.**

Our school participates in the  
**RYDA** road safety program  
to give our students the best possible  
start as drivers & passengers.



## 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	Sherene Zaballa	KG	Siena Rhayem
KR	Sunny Narayan	KW	Aiden DelaPaz
1B	Aron Deja	1G	Nixon Baduria
1R	Amber Catig	1W	Nathaniel Soans
2B	Mason Parica	2G	Mark Farhad
2R	Julianne Tumalad	2W	Raphael Santos
3B	Isabelle Deaves	3G	Melody Cuasay
3R	Emily Pham	3W	Akuol Acuoth
4B	Marley-Poppi Ellison	4G	Cloey Nguyen
4R	Declan Pitkin	4W	Bailey Coulson
5B	Emmanuel Adetunji	5G	Lisa Alameh
5R	Sheree Aranez	5W	Anthony Nguyen
6B	John Vaokakala	6G	Isaiah Misi
6R	Jamie Ocampo	6W	Rohan Alano

### Kiss and Drop Zone—New Signage

Dear Parents, please note there is a new sign on the left hand side of the Kiss and Drop Zone near the exit gate. This sign will now read **"First Car Stop Here"**. Please move to this sign if you are the first car and make sure that the children exit the car on the side of the concrete walkway. Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.

### School Fees—Term 2 2017

Dear parents, accounts for Term 2 school fees will be posted out shortly. 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.

### Receiving the Parent Newsletter Via School Website to your Email

The newsletter can be viewed on our School Website. To receive our Online Newsletter to your Email Inbox, go to our School Website—  
[www.gsplumpton.catholic.edu.au](http://www.gsplumpton.catholic.edu.au)—"News & Events" - "Subscribe to our Newsletter" and enter your details. If you do not have access to a computer or a mobile phone, please inform the school office and we can organise for you to receive a paper copy.

**Also, if you have recently changed your email, please let the School Office know and we can update these details for you.**





### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week:

Lusia Lau, Brianna Saxelby,

Josue Gavilan Calderon, Jack Jamil, Cooper Smith, Brooklyn Viray, Shanelle Escueta, Vince Manalo, Samreet Nijjar, Samantha Thomas, Francisco Lira, Matagi Levae, Prahallika Panuganti, Joanne Shibu, Travis Giles, Shruthi Lal, Soul Fauena.



Dear Parents & Carers, please note if someone else will be collecting your child **early or during school hours**, on your behalf, you need to inform the school in writing or by email ([goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au)) **prior to pickup**. This policy is **effective immediately**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### Library Borrowing for Term 2

Mondays: Year 4  
Tuesdays: Year 2 and Year 5  
Wednesdays: Year 3 and Kindergarten  
Thursdays: Year 1  
Fridays: Year 6

### Sports Days for Term 2

Wednesdays: 1B, 1G, Year 2 and Year 4  
Thursdays: KB, KG, 3B, 3G and Year 5

### Privacy Consent

Dear Parents, if you **do not** give consent for the use of your child's image and/or works to be published in our School Newsletter or on our website, please notify the school in writing or request a new consent form.

### Mother's Day Liturgy

On Friday, 12th May at 10:00 am we will be celebrating Mothers' Day with a Liturgy in the Good Shepherd Church. Following the Liturgy, you are welcome to join us for morning tea in the Staffroom.

### Mother's Day Stall

There will be a Mother's Day Stall on Thursday, 11th May for students to purchase gifts, gift bags and cards. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Gift wrapping will be available for 50 cents per child. If there are any gifts left over, the stall will be open before and after school on Friday, 12th May.

### Student Supervision

As you know it is a priority at Good Shepherd Primary 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. **Prior to then no child should be dropped off at school.**

**Similarly afternoon supervision of children concludes at 3.15 pm. All children must be picked up by this time.**

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.

### Term Dates for 2017

**Term 2:**  
Concludes: Friday, 30th June

**Term 3:**  
Commences: Monday, 17th July  
Concludes: Thursday, 21st September for Students  
(Friday, 22nd September is a Staff Development Day)

**Term 4:**  
Commences: Monday, 9th October  
Concludes: Friday, 15th December for Students  
(Monday 18th December and Tuesday 19th December are designated Staff Development Days)

### Class Captains for Term 2 2017

KB: Janaya Habito & Liam Pelzmann  
KG: Aahana Trivedi & Christian Elters  
KR: Lusia Lau & Jad Alameh  
KW: Tamara Tamani & Kevin Gounder  
1B: Dorria Alhamwi & Thomas Planer  
1G: Cassandra Pascual & Rovin Ayala  
1R: Katilin Nguyen & Eli Facistol  
1W: Saschnaa Prabhakaren & Smir Al Hamwi  
2B: Soteria Gearman & Chris Baluyot  
2G: Lily Stojanovski & Nino Santos  
2R: Leisiliva (Betty) Tanaki & Kaiden Blair  
2W: Kaelyn Aquino & Armando Montales

3B: Mariah Attard & Marley Tamani  
3G: Jolene Inbaraj & Ty Smith  
3R: Crystle Manalili & Angelo Dela Paz  
3W: Janina Imlay & Andrei Jambalos  
4B: Leatuku Setefano & EJ Lau  
4G: Leila Bunyi & Emmanuel Baduria  
4R: Christina Kilberd & Elizach Singh  
4W: Breanna Borg & Reece Tablada  
5B: Carmella Queras & Benedict Cabrera  
5G: Lyana El Awar & Ashton Borg  
5R: Laraine Chicote & Mitchell Holmes  
5W: Enivee Peniata & Christian Durante  
6B: Ella Cutajar & Parv Shah  
6G: Nina Bui & Joseph Hide  
6R: Nancy Guillermo & Vin Ramos  
6W: Dyani Magele & Aiden Quiroz



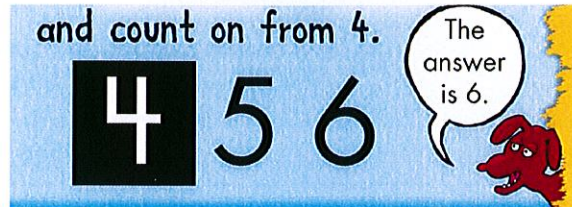
## Numeracy Update

### TURN AROUND FACTS

When faced with an addition problem, you don't always have to begin with the first number. When adding, you can start anywhere to make it easier for yourself!

You can '**Turn Around the Number Facts**'.

An easy example is: 2 and 4 more. If I '**Turn Around the Number Facts**' to say 4 and 2 more, I put the larger number (4) in my head and count on 2 more.



We can do lots of switching around when there are lots of things to add. By switching things around we might be able to use other strategies like friends of 10, doubles, near doubles and adding 10.

For example: I have 6 dogs, 8 butterflies, 4 frogs, 5 cats and 2 cows. How many animals are there altogether?

When looking at this problem, I can see lots of **Turn Around Facts** I can use.

I can add the 6 dogs and 4 frogs- that's 10 so far. (friends of 10)

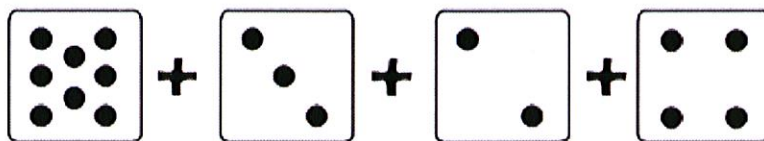
I can add the 8 butterflies and the 2 cows- that's another 10. (another friends of 10) So now I have 20. (double 10)

I only need to add on the 5 cats and that makes 25 animals altogether. (tens plus 5)

This strategy '**Turn Around the Number Facts**' only works for addition (and multiplication)

Why not try this strategy when you are doing your homework or playing a card game!

## How would you add...



**ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** are now taking enrolments for Year 7, 2018. Please contact the school office on 9830 2400 for any inquiries. Enrolment packages are available from the school office. School office hours are 7.30am - 3.30pm, 175 Buckwell Drive, Hassall Grove. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the school website

<http://www.clarehassallgrove.catholic.edu.au>



### Children Absent from School

In the event of your child being absent from school due to illness, it is necessary that a note of explanation be forwarded to the class teacher on the day of your child's return to school. In the case of absences of more than one day a telephone call to the office indicating your child's expected date of return is required. Prolonged absences from school due to illness should be supported by a medical certificate.



### Canteen News

**Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal concludes 27th May).**

#### Meal Deal 1

Egg & Lettuce Roll, Juice Popper & Milk Ice Block

#### Meal Deal 2

Butter Chicken & Rice, Juice Popper, Juice Cup

**Both Meal Deals are \$5.00 each**

**Please note Gluten free products are available now for purchase.**

Orders to be placed by **8.30 am daily**. Online Ordering: To order online please visit [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au).

### Uniform Changeover

Parents, please note that the changeover date for winter uniform was **Monday, 8th May, 2017 (Week 3 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.



### Mobile Phone—Settings on your phone

Parents, would you please check your Settings for "Incoming Call restrictions" and "Do Not Disturb" notifications on your mobile phones so as in a case of an

emergency, we need to be able to contact you. Would you please ensure that you can be contacted quickly and easily. You may not easily recognise the incoming telephone numbers from our school as we have a number of outgoing lines—randomly chosen by the telephone system. Please take this into account if you are not recognising the call number.

### 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.

### 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.

### 2017 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

Term 3 Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day) will be Friday, 22nd September (Week 10)

Term 4 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days) will be Monday 18th December and Tuesday 19th December (Week 11)

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

### Bicycle Awareness - Keeping the children safe

Dear families, If your child rides a bicycle to school, (with or without supervision), please ensure that you have signed the Bicycle Policy and returned it to school. Please also ensure that the child enters the school using the walkers' gate and not through the carpark entrances or drop off circle. A copy of the Road Safety Policy & Bicycle Safety Policy 2016 is available at the office or on the school's website.



### Lost Property & Change of Underwear

As the weather is getting cooler, please check that your child's clothing has their name on it as there are many items that end up in the Lost Property Bin. Please re-check any items that you pick up in the Lost Property Bin as they may have another child's name on it. If you accidentally pick up another child's clothing, please return it to the Lost Property Bin. Also it would be a good idea to put an extra pair of underwear, socks/stockings in your child's backpack.

### Have you changed your contact details?

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.

### Complaints/Grievances Forms

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

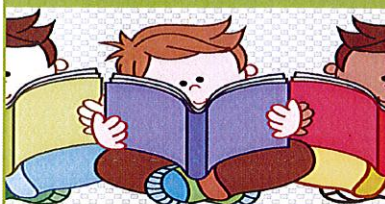
### No Nut Policy

Dear parents, just a reminder that 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.

### Child Safety—Protocol regarding discipline

Dear Parents & Carers—just a reminder regarding child safety, please do not approach children that are not yours, if you have a problem or concern please speak to your child's class teacher or teacher on duty. Also please do not approach the parents of other students if you have an issue at school, rather let the school know and we will deal with any issues that may arise. The following is an insert from the Department of Child Protection: "The NSW Child Protection legislation prohibits any adult from disciplining a child other than their own. This is particularly so when children are at school. Issues should always be brought to the attention of the class teacher, assistant principal or principal." Thank you.





## Literacy Tips

### Reading Aloud: Why so important?

When your child becomes a more independent reader, we often let him or her read on their own and stop reading aloud as often. It's understandable since we want them to practice reading aloud and independently but it's important to remember that reading aloud is important for children of all ages. Even adults enjoy listening to books read aloud on tape. Take turns each night deciding who will read.

When you read aloud to your child you are giving them time to sit and think about what they are listening to without the pressure of sounding out words or making sure they are reading smoothly. Listening to books read aloud also allows children to hear new words they may have difficulty reading on their own. If you want your child involved while you read aloud, be sure to track print and tell them you want to see them watching while you read. Don't forget to ask questions before, during and after reading too!

### Attendance at School

A major learning and pastoral focus of Good Shepherd each year is making sure that every student is at school every day possible.

As you are probably aware, attendance at school has a huge impact on a student's academic success, starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day - they understand why attendance is so important for success in school and life.

We realise some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school — regardless of the reason — it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is absent. Absences can add up quickly and if a student is absent one day a fortnight over the course of a school year they will miss 20 days of education, which is almost half a school term.

Missing school will negatively impact on your child's learning and results.

We want your child to be successful at school and we know that you do too. If you are having a problem with your child attending school regularly, please let us know. There may be ways we can support you in making sure your child attends school on time every day. Thank you, Mrs Carr and Mrs Cooke.

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# Break Free

EXPLORING THE NATURAL  
ALTERNATIVES TO THE PILL



Sat, 20th May 2017, 2:00pm-3:30pm  
St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta

- Empower yourselves with knowledge of your fertility
- Hear from accredited educators
- Hear practical insights from men and women using natural fertility methods
- Save your body and the environment

Please register your attendance via one of the following:

☎ (02) 8838 3460 ✉ [nfs@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:nfs@parra.catholic.org.au) 🌐 [www.parralmf.org.au/nfs](http://www.parralmf.org.au/nfs)

