



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 2

Week 4

Tuesday, 16th May, 2017

Tuesday 16th

Anti-bullying Show
"Power of One"

Friday 19th

Good Shepherd Day
Liturgy 10am.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Friday 5th May, students from Kindergarten went to Taronga Zoo as part of our Science Unit 'Backyard to Bush.' The day was jam packed with lots of exciting experiences for the children, with all children seeing the Backyard to Bush Show and meeting a ringtail possum, and some students seeing the Seal Show or the Bird Show. The children had lots of great things to say about the day:

"My favourite part of the zoo was when the giraffe was eating the grass." – Kian KB

"I liked the sun bears when they were relaxing in the sun because it looked so cool and nice and relaxing." – Charlotte - KB

"I liked when I went to the Seal Show because the seal can do lots of tricks" – Aahana KG

"I liked the giraffes because they had long necks." – John-Paul KG

"I loved the ringtail possum because it was cute and sleepy." – Lillian KR

"I liked the iguanas because they were green and green is my favourite colour." – Kevin KR

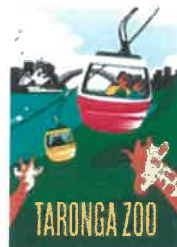
"I liked the zebras because they were eating." – Harrison KW

"My favourite part of the zoo was seeing the giraffes." – Magda KW

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
- Peace & Joy Awards Wk 4
- Temporary Car Park Closure
- National Walk to School Day 19th May
- Parent Group Meeting 7pm Monday 22nd May.





Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Tristan Duncan, Dre Oakes, Sedeece Peniata, Charvi Bamalli,

Alexandra Barbor, Prudence Johnson, Gemma Soans, Hasini Tirumalasetti, Kelvin Sene, Joshua Thomas, Leatuku Setefano, Angelo Cabida, Maddison Domingo, Alexander Zeya, Ethan Zammit, Cleo Tuaimau, Aron Deja.



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) **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.



Temporary Closure of the BINGO Hall car-park. Sunday 28th May, Monday 29th May and Tuesday 30th May.

Dear Families,

Urgent work is being done to the hall and carpark and it will not be accessible to pedestrians or cars during this time. Please park in the church carpark or the shopping centre carpark on those days. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

Class Captains for Term 2 2017

KB: Janaya Habito & Liam Pelzmann
KG: Aahana Trivedi & Christian Elters
KR: Lusia Laulu & 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 Laulu
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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 16th May:
 "Power of One"—Antibullying show

Wednesday 24th May:
 9am Mass for Years 3,4,5 & 6
 "Our Lady of Fatima" statue Mass at Good Shepherd.

Primary Athletics Carnival: 9th June
 Charlie Bali Athletic Track at Rooty Hill. . Yrs 3-6 only.

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

"Take your hat off when you are inside"

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.

Everyone Welcome! We have a Parent Group Meeting on Monday 22nd May at 7pm. Everyone welcome. If you would like to know more about our activities, come along and join us. Fresh ideas always welcome!



Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as part of the Rugby Union Diocesan Team.

John Vaokakala, Faith Manu, Jonah Sua, Matthias Aloisio and Mitchell Holmes. Well done!

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	Florian Barbor	KG	Saanvi Suresh
KR	Isabella Musngi–Kabigting	KW	Sophia Romero
1B	Veronica Ballesteros	1G	Mahi Prasad
1R	Jacob Cayetano	1W	Lily Russell
2B	Zaeclan Orayenza	2G	Angeliah Elters
2R	Ava Stone	2W	Chelsea Aleman
3B	Satya Patel	3G	Jackson Elvis
3R	Riane Salentes	3W	Shiloh Sumilang
4B	Sesilia-Grace Liu-Ngata	4G	Luke O'Rourke
4R	Gaile Zapanta	4W	Athalliah Cruz
5B	Raphaella Garcia	5G	Lyana El-Awar
5R	Izabela Milosevska-Vlaoska	5W	Kristiana Ramos
6B	Naia El-Awar	6G	Peter Boustany
6R	Lana Chicote	6W	Kaila Buan

Changes to leaving time of Bus Route 754 from Blacktown in the mornings.



Commencing Monday 29th May 2017, **Bus Route 754** from Blacktown Station will depart at 7:15am and operate one minute earlier throughout the trip. If you are joining the bus on any stop on this route please allow an extra couple of minutes earlier to make sure you are on time.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on 9497 1878 or 9497 1887 or visit www.busways.com.au



The Sacrament of Confirmation Mass will be on Monday 24th July 2017 at 7.30pm.

If you wish to have your child involved in this Confirmation, forms are ready for collection from the parish office for those children (10yrs and upwards by 22nd June). Instructional lessons will begin on Sunday 25th June to 23rd July inclusive at 10:30am.

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.

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.

Friday 19th May

NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY!

The Objectives of National Walk Safely to School Day are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children
- To promote the health benefits of walking and create regular walking habits
- To help children develop vital road crossing skills and ensure children up to the age of 10 years hold an adult's hand when crossing the road
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians
- To reduce car dependency and traffic congestion
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.

Thank you for your support and participation !

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.



Numeracy Update

COUNT ON & COUNT BACK

Sometimes you do not need to count all of your items to work out a simple addition or subtraction problem. In fact, that takes too long! You can **Count On** from the largest number.

Example- 6 dinosaurs and 3 more. How many do you have?

Start with 6 (that's the biggest collection), put 6 in your brain and then keep counting on 3 more. 6 (in my brain) 7,8,9. There are 9 dinosaurs altogether. It's quicker than counting all- 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9

You can do a similar thing with subtraction. Don't count all that are remaining, **Count Back**.

Example- I had 9 dinosaurs at home and 3 of them went for a walk. How many are still at home? Put 9 in my brain (that's how many I started with) and count backwards for 3. 9 (in my brain) 8,7,6. I have 6 dinosaurs still at home. It's quicker than counting all the remaining dinosaurs.

Of course these strategies apply to larger numbers as well!

The trick with Count On is that you don't want to count on large collections because you might be able to find a better (faster) way- like using your friends of ten, the turn around facts, doubles and halves, adding 10, etc- all of the strategies we have looked at so far this year in the Numeracy Updates in the LINK.

So, next time you are faced with a simple addition problem, try something different to counting all.



School Fees for Term 2 2017

Parents, accounts for Term 2 school fees were delayed in being sent out. You should be receiving these soon.

Any family having difficulty completing term payments, and who wish to make payments by instalments using cash, Centrelink or BPay etc, please contact the School Office to make an arrangement..

Note for Parents/Carers regarding Canteen Orders

In purchasing your child's tuckshop order online, you are contracting directly with the supplier. You are responsible for checking that the ingredients of what you order are not incompatible with your child's sensitivities or health issues. Please ensure you check the disclaimers in the supplier's website. If in doubt you should contact the supplier. Thank you.

Literacy Tips

NON-FICTION VS. FICTION TEXT

When we are teaching children to read it's important that they are exposed to both fiction and non-fiction text. What differences should we teach or point out for each text? Use this chart to help you!

NON-FICTION TEXT	FICTION TEXT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Teach the non-fiction text features while reading. Point them out and discuss what information they provide to help us better understand the text and information.- Non-Fiction Text Features: Table of Contents, Glossary, Caption, Bold Print, Headings, Diagrams, Charts, Graphs, Labels, Photographs, Illustrations, Text Box, Title Page	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Teach the structure of the story. Discuss the setting, characters, problem, solution, plot and events of the story.- Make connections! Discuss what the story reminds you of or what it makes you think about.- Visualize! Picture the story in your mind, draw what you see.- Discuss why the author wrote the story? Was it written to entertain, to inform or to persuade?



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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FRIDAY 19 MAY 2017

ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS

National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is on Friday 19 May 2017. Now in its 18th year, it is a campaign and annual event when all primary school children, their parents and carers are encouraged to walk and commute regularly and safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

Australian children are becoming less active. One substantial contributor is the decline in walking and/or taking public transport to school. Children who are regularly physically active are healthier, perform better academically and less likely to be obese or overweight, which can lead to the long-term and costly risks of heart disease and diabetes etc.. Walking regularly is the best exercise because you can build it into your daily routine.

The Objectives of National Walk Safely to School Day are:

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- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians
- To reduce car dependency and traffic congestion
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles
- To promote the use of public transport

How your School and Council can be involved (detailed information is at walk.com.au):

Enclosed is the WSTSD kit which contains stickers and posters for school and council noticeboards. We ask that every student wears a sticker on the day to help promote this important community event. Other ideas include:

- Use the teachers' tool-kit and publish our information in your school's newsletter
- Display the poster on your noticeboard and around school (print more from our web-site)
- Print and colour in the online poster
- Ask your P&C and council to help promote and support the campaign and event
- Host a Healthy Breakfast (ask your P&C, council and local businesses to sponsor a breakfast at your school)
- Tell your parents, friends, carers, teachers and local businesses about the event
- Encourage parents or carers who have to drive, to park at least 1km away and walk to school
- Register your school as a WSTSD Ambassador and assist with publicity
- Complete the online questionnaire
- Find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

Thank you for your support and participation.

Pedestrian Council of Australia



Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

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