



# Good Shepherd

Catholic Primary School

## Calendar

### Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Term 2 Concludes:  
Friday, 27th June, 2014  
Term 3 Commences:  
Monday, 14th July, 2014

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## Term 2 Week 5 Tuesday, 27th May, 2014

Dear Parents and friends

At the school assembly on Monday morning I mentioned that our school zone had been highlighted in the Newspaper on Saturday because of cars speeding in the 40 kph school zone.

Whilst I realise that many people use Hyatts Road and it probably wasn't people even associated with our school, it is a timely reminder that we need to be vigilant about our students' safety. This applies to the car park as well as the roads.

Unfortunately this year we have had some "near misses" in the car park and I urge everyone to be careful and slow down in the car park. It only takes a fraction of a second and an accident can happen. Everyone is busy, but are we really so busy that we can't take time to be courteous and careful?

We are very fortunate to have the use of the parish car park and it is up to everyone to keep our children safe.

Thanks you for your support in this matter.

*Patricia Carr*

Patricia Carr  
Principal

## Year 6 Liturgy Committee News

### "For God everything is possible" (Matt 19:26)

This year our Scripture Focus is "For God everything is possible" (Matt 19:26). Some of our Year 6 Liturgy Committee students recently posed this question on the playground "What things are possible for God?" Below are a few of the responses we received:

"God can do everything. You should love one another and God performs miracles."  
Zulieka Iris (6B)

"Flowers, animals, trees, people, birds and snakes, fish, crocodiles and turtles. Eagles, falcons, green pythons and bald eagles. He can do anything!" Alison (1G)

"Galaxies, planets, love, peace and joy." Nelson (6R)

"Love is possible for God because God was the first to love us." Eulla (6W)

"He can heal people." Christian (4B)

"God takes care of everybody." Mya (2W)

"God can make things. He created the world and everything in it." Atalya (4B)

"God does miracles, like when he fed the 5000 people." Jared (3W)

"Everything! You need to pray. Jesus turned the water into wine." Divine (1B)

"Anything. Pray to Him and praise Him. Go to Church for Him." Jade (3G)

As you can see, everything is possible when we have God in our lives!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Term 2, Week 5, 2014

Thursday, 29th May: Ascension Thursday  
 Friday, 30th May: Whole School "Gold" Mufti Day—wear something Gold and bring a gold coin donation.  
 Friday, 6th June: **Primary** Athletics Carnival—Charli Barley Athletic Track (Kareela Reserve Rooty Hill)  
 Thursday, 19th June: School Disco



### 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	Emanuel-Rian Arago	KG	Angel Gopal
KR	Joel Amoh-Morgan	KW	Gerard Aloisio
1B	Byron Clissold	1G	Roman Tuaimau
1R	Hans Abedo	1W	Priscilla Dennis
2B	Laraine Chicote	2G	Kristiana Ramos
2R	Pipiena Setefano	2W	Cooper Johnson
3B	Isaiah Misi	3G	Samantha Thomas
3R	Nikhil Nandan	3W	Vince Manalo
4B	Justin Clissold	4G	Billynishan Taupau
4R	Sangela Rosa	4W	Aiden Portugal
5B	Jake Hodder	5G	Malaukai Nikua
5R	Anatsan Vimalathanan	5W	Cooper Norton
6B	Ellyse Tecson	6G	Michael Portugal
6R	Althea Fajardo	6W	Joshua Eligio



### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Louis Ibanez, Jonathan Tawk, Adier Job, Juanita Kendall, Russell Gonzales, Ethan Sarza, Traegan Mamic, Micah Fernandez, Mari Cuasay,

Taniela Setefano, Kunal Kumar, Ariel Le, Levi Finau and Brianna Azucena.

### Enrolling Now!!

#### Kindergarten 2015 Enrolments

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2015 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 2015.

### Year 5 Teen Ranch Camp 2014

On Thursday 22nd May, 98 very excited Year 5 students and six members of staff travelled by bus to Teen Ranch, Cobbity for a two-day overnight excursion. It was a wonderful experience for both students and teachers who participated in a variety of outdoor activities including archery and horse riding. These experiences built not only friendships, but gave students the opportunity to grow in confidence and independence, conquering their fears and encouraging teamwork.

Here are some comments written by Year 5 students:

*"Last week Year Five went to Teen Ranch. There was the giant swing and beautiful horses. The archery was awesome and so was the rock climbing. At Teen Ranch the food was the best, especially the desserts. It was so much fun, the best two days of my life."* Samuel Wilkes (5B)

*"Year 5 went to Teen Ranch overnight. Although there were many activities, my favourite would have to be the giant swing. The weather was fantastic and our time there was unforgettable. The food was yummy, especially afternoon tea!"* Isabella Ison (5W)

*"Teen Ranch was absolutely my favourite excursion so far. All of the activities were just perfect. I will never forget this wonderful experience."* Anja Savic (5G)

*"Fun and exciting things are offered at Teen Ranch, Cobbity, for example The Giant Swing. It is the most breathtaking ride! The food was AWESOME. They even let you have seconds. It was a great time to bond with your friends and the teachers. I give the Teen Ranch camp a rating of 10 out of 10. It is like going to a theme park."* Katerina Asistin (5R)

The staff of Teen Ranch congratulated our students on their cooperation, behaviour and good sportsmanship numerous times over the two day camp and we are very proud of the way they represented Good Shepherd School.

### Information needed

The Good Shepherd Creative Arts item in 2014 has a Chinese theme. We need to source a few things. Does anyone know where we might be able to purchase the following things cheaply? If so, please contact Mrs Platts or the school office with information:

- Second hand Chinese parade dragon (preferably red or yellow/gold)
- Chinese style clothing



Thank you

### Parent Contact Information

Parents, it is vital that all contact information including phone/mobile numbers, emergency contacts, home address, email address are kept up to date. Please contact the School Office if any changes need to be made. Thank you.



## Changes to our Parent Newsletter

As of the start of Term 3 this year, we will be emailing the weekly Parent Newsletter. **There will no longer be paper copies.** The newsletter can also be viewed on our School Website and via the Skoolbag App on your mobile phone.

To receive our Online Newsletter to your Inbox (**this is very easy and simple to do**), 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.

You can also obtain an electronic copy of the Newsletter via the Skoolbag App. This is a **FREE** download.

To Install the Skoolbag App on your iPhone this is what you do:

Simply search for Good Shepherd School Plumpton in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac and install. **After the App is installed on your phone, make sure that you select "OK" to allow Alert notifications. Also click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive Alerts for.**

For those that have Android phones, simply search our school "Good Shepherd School Plumpton" and install. **After the app is installed click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive Alerts for.**

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.

## Good Shepherd Debating team

We wish our school's Debating team every success for their first debate for the year against St Michaels Blacktown on Thursday, 5th June commencing at 3:30 pm. The topic is "School" and Good Shepherd is the "Affirmative" team. Good luck students!!

## Lost Property

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. Thank you.

## Canteen News

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

Available every day commencing Monday, 26th May until Friday, 6th May:

### Meal Deal 1

Fish Burger served with lettuce & mayo, Small Bottle of Water and Fruity Ice Shape Ice Block.

### Meal Deal 2

Sweet 7 Sour Chicken served with Fried Rice, Juice Popper and Fruity Ice Shape Ice Block.

**Both Meal Deals are \$4.50 each**

Online Ordering: To order online please visit [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). Orders to be placed by 9.00 am daily. A copy of the full Canteen Menu is available on our School Website.



Our sincere condolences to the Boustany family, Charbel (6W) and Peter (3G) on the passing of their grandmother Mrs Theresa Azzi. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

## School Fees – Term 2

Catholic Education sent out school fee accounts for Term 2 during the last couple of weeks. **These fees are due by 4th June** if you do not have an arrangement in place with Mrs Carr. Families on arrangements would have received a statement last week. Please check your statement to ensure your payments are being paid as per your agreement.

## Grooming and Jewellery

The following expectations apply to students at Good Shepherd. Hair is a very important aspect of your child's appearance. Children must have appropriate hair cuts. Coloured hair is not permitted, nor should hair be cut in steps or stairs, or have any other symbols or patterns. Long hair needs to be tied back. Green or white ribbons or scrunchies are permitted. No rat's tails or mohawks are permitted. Jewellery is only one plain sleeper or stud to be worn in each lobe. No other earrings are permitted. One signet ring is permitted and a cross and chain or other symbols of our faith are permitted. Any other jewellery is not permitted, nor is makeup of any description. Parents are asked to please ensure that children attend school in accordance with uniform expectations.

## Visas

Parents, could you please ensure that the school has the most up-to-date paperwork on your child's Visa status ie if his/her status has changed, if your child is now an Australian citizen or his/her passport has expired and a new one has been reissued. Thank you.

## Before and After School Expectations

### Morning Supervision

Children who are on site between 8:00 am and 8:10 am must be seated in the undercover area. Supervision will begin at 8:10 am. No child should be at school before this time.

### Afternoon Supervision

All children are required to be picked up by 3:15 pm each day.

Supervision finishes at this time as staff are then required to fulfil their out-of-class hours duties.

Those children who remain at school after this time will be sent to COHSC and charged accordingly.

## P&F News

### **Uniform Shop - Opening Hours:**

**Wednesdays & Fridays 8.30 am—9.15 am**

This is run by volunteers and operates on Wednesday and Friday mornings during School Terms from 8.30 am—9.15 am. With the cooler months upon us, don't forget we also sell girls tights, hair elastics, beanies and scarves. We also have new hats, caps, school bags, library bags, all at very reasonable prices. Second-hand school uniforms are also available. Donations always welcome! Please note it is 'Cash Only' sales.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**  
(a marriage enrichment experience for married couples)  
13-15 June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville NSW.  
Bookings: 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

### Blacktown city Festival Week

Blacktown city Festival Week will be held from Saturday, 24th May through to Saturday, 31st May 2014. A range of events are being held throughout the Blacktown Local Government Area during this fun and exciting week. For more information, please contact Amy Post on 9838 6050 or Tanya Bigeni on 9839 6273.

### CatholicCare Social Services—

#### Stepping Beyond: Support for those Separated or Divorced

Date: Tuesday, 27th May Time: 7.30 pm—9.30 pm, Cost \$5.00, Venue: CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.  
Inquiries: 9933 0205 or soloparentministry@ccss.org.au.

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