



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Term 2 Concludes:

Friday, 1st July

Term 3 Commences

Monday, 18th July

- Religious Education Snippets
- Numeracy Parent Workshop
- Sports Update
- Building Child Safe Communities—New forms for all Volunteers and Contractors
- Information for Parents, ie , Hairstyling, Grooming & Earrings, Labelling uniforms, hats etc, Car Park Safety, Complaints/ Grievances Forms, Excursion & Incursion Notes, and Children Absent from School.

Term 2

Week 6

Tuesday, 30th May, 2016

Year 2's Excursion to Rouse Hill Farm

"On Friday Year 2 went to Rouse Hill Farm. We got dressed up like we were in the 1800s and went back in time. We wrote on slate boards instead of books. The teachers were very strict. After lunch we went on a tour of the farm. We fed the chickens. It was an outstanding day!"

Isabelle Deaves 2B

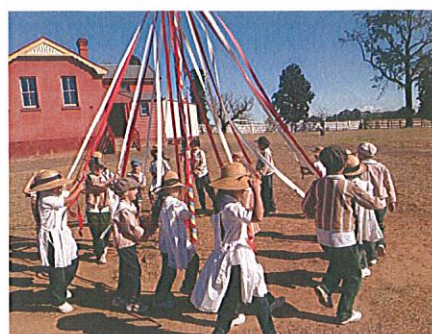
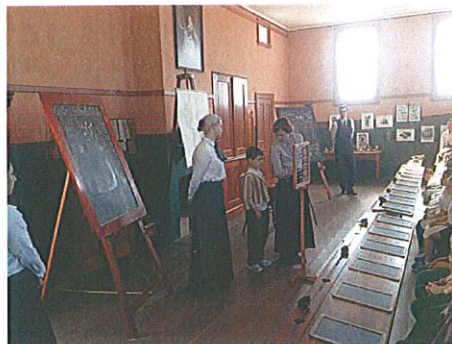
"On Friday Year 2 went on an excursion to Rouse Hill Farm. I liked when we got to march around the school house. When we were in the olden day classroom we used a sponge to clean the slate boards. It was a magnificent day!" **Ethan Sarza 2G**

"I liked our excursion to Rouse Hill Farm because we got to see what schools were like 120 years ago. The chairs were long and made out of wood. The classrooms were very different, they had no technology. I also got to hold an iron from the olden days. The day was very successful!"

Marley Tamani 2W

"My favourite part of our excursion to Rouse Hill Farm was when we pretended to be a school girl from the past. I really enjoyed sewing because I haven't done it before. I had a fun day!"

Charlene Forcadilla 2R



Kindergarten's Excursion to Taronga Zoo

Last Friday, Kindergarten went to Taronga Zoo on a bus. We saw lots of animals. Here are some sentences from Kindergarten students about what they saw:

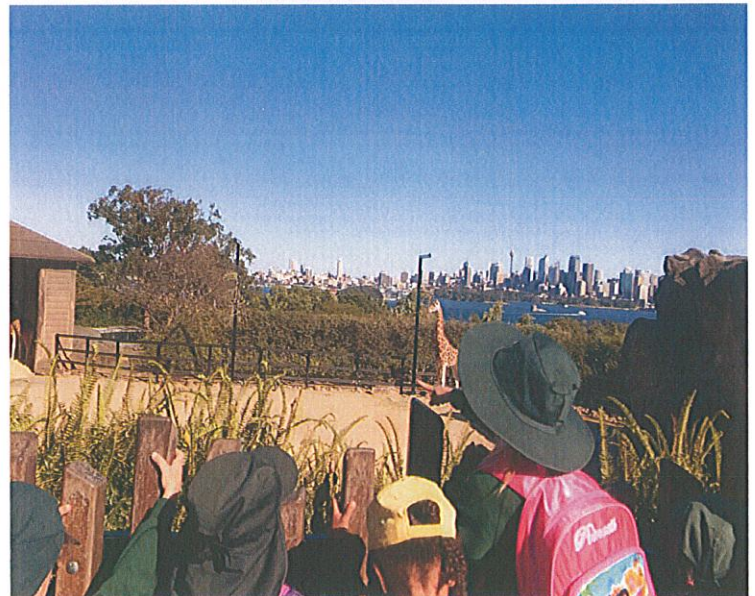
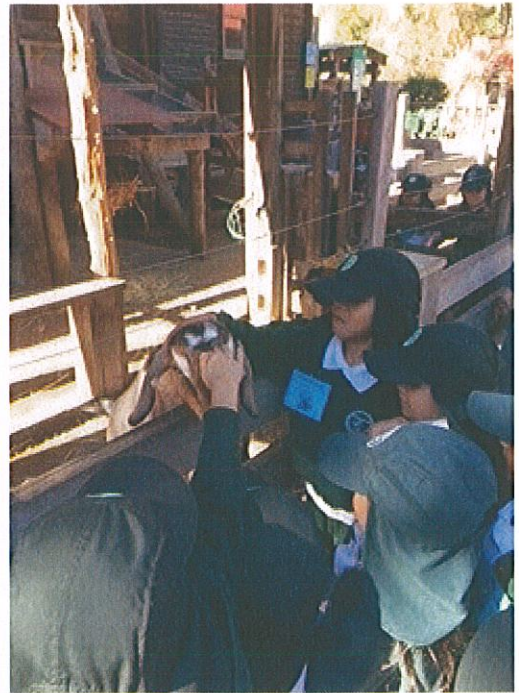
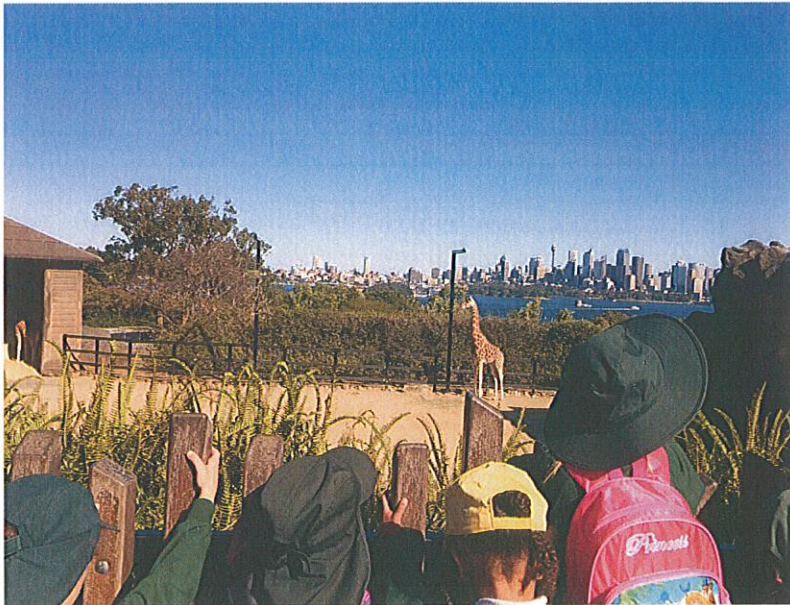
"I liked the giraffe because it has a long neck." **Ite Tonga, KG**

"I liked the monkeys because the baby monkey was running away from it's mum." **Nelisa Lunamata, KG**

"I saw the seal and I patted the sheep and fed the chickens." **Brianna Saxelby, KB**

"I saw lots of koalas and lots of meerkats." **Jaijan Caygill, KR**

"I saw a monkey. He was climbing a tree." **Bianca Galea, KW**



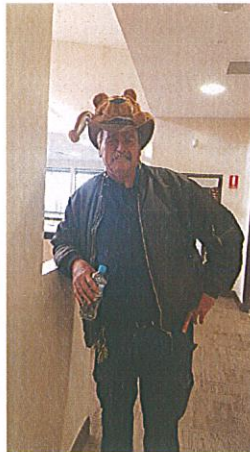
****Just to let you know Our school received a lovely phone call from a member of the public complimenting our Kindergarten students on their excellent behaviour and manners at the Zoo last Friday. She was so impressed with what she saw and heard, that she wanted to ring to pass on her compliments. So well done Kindergarten students, teachers and helpers!!**

National Simultaneous Storytime

Last Wednesday it was National Simultaneous Storytime Day.

The children were a bit puzzled to see all the staff at school wearing unusual hats when they arrived at school. There was a buzz in the school playground before school and recess time as children questioned teachers and even tried to bribe them so they could find out what was going on!

All was revealed at 11.00 am when all the children viewed the National Simultaneous Storytime book 'I Got That Hat', along with children all over the country. It was a fun-filled time for all.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 2 Week 6 2016

Wednesday, 1st June: Mufti Day "Team Fever".
Students to wear mufti of their favourite sporting team, and to please bring in a gold coin

Thursday, 2nd June: Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Tuesday, 7th June: Numeracy Parent Workshop

Friday, 10th June: Good Shepherd Athletics Carnival (Kareela Reserve Athletic Track Rooty Hill)

Friday, 17th June: NSWCPSS & CCC Cross Country at Eastern Creek

Numeracy Parent Workshop

Dear Parents & Carers, just a reminder that we are holding a Numeracy Parent Workshop on the topic "How I can help my child to learn about time" on Tuesday, 7th June at our school in the Resource Centre. Times are as follows:
8.45 am—10.00 am or
6.30 pm—7.45 pm (repeat session).

Dear Parents/Carers,
There has been a change to our sports days for Term 2. Please ensure your child wears his/hers PE uniform on the day listed below.

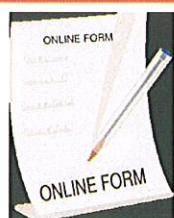
2B/2G – FRIDAY
2R/W – THURSDAY

Thank you for your co-operation.
Year Two Teachers

Changes to School Uniform

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

Last week at our Parent Group meeting, decisions were made about a new uniform. There will be changes to the uniforms commencing Summer 2016/2017. We hope to have the uniforms on display shortly.



Building Child Safe Communities - New Forms for all Volunteers and Contractors

Dear Parents & Carers, attached to this newsletter is a note regarding the new changes for all Volunteers and Contractors to our school. If you have any queries, please contact the School Office on 9832 1509.

School Fees—Term 2 2016

Dear parents, accounts for Term 2 school fees have now been posted out. 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.

Kindergarten 2017 Enrolments

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2017 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 siblings for 2017.

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	Brianna Saxelby	KG	Anne Santos
KR	Emily Porter-Rosenthal	KW	Alivia Cobban
1B	Chloe Vere	1G	Emmanuel Ibanez
1R	Indyana Campbell	1W	Amou Majok
2B	Lanna Cruz	2G	Levi Finau
2R	Jay Setefano	2W	Peighton Laurente
3B	Gennina Espino	3G	Ilesha Singh
3R	Mithran Marimuthu	3W	Joseph Labbad
4B	James Ballesteros	4G	Christoffe Ablaza
4R	George Alam	4W	Charlie Luke
5B	Liam Torres	5G	Lana Chicote
5R	Imarosa Tungul	5W	Divisha Chand
6B	Valentine Asalemo	6G	Aiden Portugal
6R	Lutena Faleono	6W	Sangela Rosa

Religious Education Snippets

Just like meal times, family prayer time is fast becoming a rarity nowadays. Creating a sacred space where family can gather around in prayer may strengthen family ties and deepen their faith. There are five things to consider when planning family prayer.

- Plan- choose the best time of day, place and the way that involves everyone
- Consistency- find a pattern that works and stick to it
- Age appropriate- encourage responsibility in older children by giving them a chance to lead, but also involve the younger children when possible
- Symbols- have a crucifix, cross, candle, Bible, photo of a person being prayed for (anything that works best for your family)
- Regular pattern- use traditional prayers (and explaining their meaning) and personal prayers of thanks, praise, petition and sorrow

Mrs Debbie dela Paz

Holy Family Parish Fair-

4th June—from 10 am to 3 pm

Parish Carpark, Luxford Road Emerton.

It's not a fundraiser!- it's a way to highlight all the services we have here on site/part of the parish. Services are available to all within the Mt Druitt community. Very cheap rides, come along and have some fun.

2016 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

Each year Staff participate in professional development to support them in their roles as educators. The focus of these days is aligned to Good Shepherd School's goals. Staff will use information they have gathered about the children to design learning programs for the children that will best meet their needs.

Looking ahead:

Term 3 Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day) will be Friday, 23rd September (Week 10)

Term 4 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days) will be Monday 19th December and Tuesday 20th December.

COSHC will be able to offer spaces for care on this day. Please phone COSHC on 0409 121 980 for all inquiries and bookings.

School Terms 2—4 for 2016

Term 2	Concludes:	Friday, 1st July, 2016
Term 3	Commences:	Monday, 18th July, 2016
	Concludes:	Thursday, 22nd September
Term 4	Commences:	Monday, 10th October, 2016
	Concludes:	Friday, 16th December

Please note Staff Development Days have been included in these dates.

Social Skill of the Week

"Speak in a friendly tone of voice"



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week: Taniela Setefano, Cameron Barnett, Ariel Le, Rohan Shibu, Brianna Azucena, Mark Farhad, Levi Finau, Jonas Nerviol, Marcelo Rivera, Averie Rose Sumajit, Rohan Alano and Miguel Reyes.



Uniform Shop

GOOD QUALITY SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS.

Opening Hours:
Wednesdays & Fridays 8.30 am—9.00 am

Please note Winter Uniform has officially commenced and all students must wear the school's full winter uniform. Please note 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/fawn socks. The School's Uniform Shop has supplies of the fawn tights/socks. ***Please see earlier in newsletter —note about upcoming changes to the Uniform.



Canteen News

Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal concludes Friday, 3rd June).

Meal Deal 1

Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich, Bottle Water & Philadelphia and Carrot Stick Pack.

Meal Deal 2

Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese, Pop Top Juice and Lemonade Ice Block.

Both Meal Deals are \$5.00 each

Orders to be placed by 8.30 am daily. Online Ordering: To order online please visit www.flexischools.com.au.

Sports Update

Success at Soccer!

Last Thursday, a Year 6 Girls team attended the Diocesan Soccer Gala Day at Jamison Park Penrith. After playing seven shortened games against other schools in the diocese, the girls had five victories and two draws. Congratulations to the team as they were declared winners of their division for the day. They represented Good Shepherd proudly and played enthusiastically, and with great sportsmanship. Well done!!

This Thursday, 2nd June a Year 6 Boys team competes at a Soccer Gala Day also at Penrith. Good luck to the team!

Continued Achievement

A few weeks ago Liam Mahood of Year 6 attended Rugby League trials as a member of the Parramatta Diocesan Rugby League team. He was successful in being chosen for the MacKillop team. Liam, a week ago, attended Touch Football trials as a member of the Parramatta Diocesan Touch Football team. He once again has been chosen for the MacKillop team. In the near future Liam will travel to Wyong to play Rugby League in the PSSA State Carnival and then will travel to Tamworth to play touch at the PSSA State Carnival. A mighty achievement by Liam!

Athletics Reminder

The Primary Athletics Carnival will be held Friday, 10th June at Kareela Reserve Athletic Track, Rooty Hill. All Primary students need to return permission notes to their teachers by the end of this week please. Any parent able to assist on the day, their help would be greatly appreciated. Please fill in the note and return to school.

Additional Copy of School Report

Dear Parents, if you require an additional copy of your child's upcoming school report (due to family circumstances), please notify the school office. **Mid Year Reports will be sent home with your child towards the end of this term.** Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for last week of Term 2. More information on interview arrangements will be sent out shortly.

2016 Captivate Showcase

16—27 June—Tickets on Sale Now!

Dear Parents & Carers, please see attached to this Newsletter, a Flyer showcasing the 2016 Captivate performances.

Pastoral Care & Student Mangement Policy 2016 and the Countering Discrimination, Harassment & Bullying—Policy

Dear Parents & Carers, for information on the above policies, please refer to our School Website—Our School—Policy & Procedures—Good Shepherd Primary Policies and the Catholic School Community section.

Emmaus Catholic College—Enrolments for Year 7 2017

Emmaus Catholic College is still taking Enrolments for Year 7, 2017 and Interviews are taking place shortly. Please lodge your Enrolment Application as soon as possible.

Applications for Leave

Leave of 1—9 days should be requested by parents/carers in writing by email or 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 10 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.

Hairstyling, Grooming and Earrings

Students are expected to keep their hair clean, neat and tidy at all times. Students are to keep hair off their face and out of their eyes. Student haircuts are to be in a sensible and conventional style. There are to be no extremes of fashion in hairstyle cut or colour. Shaving of any part of the head or undercuts, and haircuts with a number 1 or 2 blade are not permitted. Rat's tails are not permitted. For girls, long hair below the shoulder should be tied back by a ribbon, 'scrunchy', hair band or clip in school colours. Only one pair of sleepers or studs are to be worn in the lower ear lobe. No dangling earrings.

Excursion & Incursion Notes

Dear Parents, quite a few of these notes are either lost or misplaced and numerous replacement copies are being requested. When your children bring these notes home, please keep them in a safe place.

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.

Children Absent from School

Parents, if your child is away from school, please notify the school office by telephone or email. Upon their return to school, please supply a letter to your child's teacher stating the reason for their absence.

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, as with the weather being cooler, little accidents can happen. Thank you.

School Office Hours

The school office opens at 8.30 am to attend to all parent enquiries. Before this time, staff are preparing for the commencement of the day. We appreciate your understanding and are happy to assist from 8.30 am. The office is then closed from 3.00 pm each day.

Medications/Lotions/Creams

In order for staff to administer any kind of medication or lotion, whether prescribed by a doctor or not, parents/carers are required to complete Medical forms which are available at the school office. A note is also to be addressed to the class teacher stating when the medicine should be taken. Thank you.

Car Park Safety

Parents, please be aware that all children **MUST** be escorted into the School premises, not let out of the car and left to walk alone through the car park. Also, please show a little courtesy when entering and leaving the car park. Reverse parking is designed for everyone's safety, please comply. Thank you.

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Seminar - Dealing With The Legal System

Each year CCSS Solo Parent Services offers an Information night for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding on how to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers so as to minimize your legal fees and how to protect your rights regarding family assets. This night is being held on Tuesday 7th June from 7.30pm - 9.30pm at CCSS, 38 Prince St, Blacktown. Guest Speaker: Mr Richard Brading, (Solicitor at Wesley Legal Service, Castlereagh St.)

Cost: \$7. Registration Essential: Rita Ph. 8822 2222 soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

CCSS Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Support Group, is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those struggling through a separation or divorce. Next Gathering: 31st May Venue: CCSS Centre, 38 Prince St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30 - 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset... your Marriage!

Weekend date: 24-26 June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or

Bill and Ardell Sharpe on 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

Western Sydney University—Penrith Observatory

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

Saturday 11 June - 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

SPACE JUNK – Our planet isn't the only place we are leaving trash. Orbital debris, the collection of old or unused man-made objects in orbit about the Earth is a real problem to satellites, the ISS and rockets when they launch. Saturday 25 June: 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Is Anyone Out There? The hunt for ET. The evenings will also include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory's telescopes. Cost \$18.00 adult, \$12 child/concession and \$50.00 family. Bookings are essential: To book and pay for tickets visit westernsydney.edu.au/observatory

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20th May 2016

Dear Families of Good Shepherd School,

BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care.

We realise that many of our dedicated volunteers have already completed a Working With Children Check. Thank you for providing this information to our school, however, this new requirement is in addition to the current WWCC/APP number that you have provided.

If you are **new** to volunteering to the school, or you have **already completed** your clearance, please follow the procedures below to complete the online forms.

It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

- **Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Volunteer Form](#)' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering. Thank you for assisting us in keeping our children and community safe.

Mrs Patricia Carr

Principal

16-27 June
2016

The annual CAPTIVATE Showcase presents the culmination of the work of the various combined Parramatta Diocesan Catholic schools' ensembles in music, dance and drama.

SHOWCASE

Dance Showcase

THURSDAY 16 JUNE 7.00PM

Drama Showcase

FRIDAY 17 JUNE 7.00PM

MONDAY 20 JUNE 7.00PM

Music Showcase

TUESDAY 21 JUNE 7.00PM

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 7.00PM

THURSDAY 23 JUNE 7.00PM



VENUE: NAGLE COLLEGE 58A Orwell Street Blacktown Sth

Best of Showcase **MONDAY 27 JUNE 7.00PM**

VENUE: JOAN SUTHERLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE 597 High Street Penrith

tickets on sale now

Enquiries: 9840 5649 captivate@parra.catholic.edu.au

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Tickets \$15 (adult) \$10 (concession) Family (\$40)

Showcase Season Pass (\$50/\$35) Annual Passes available

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