



Good Shepherd Primary

School Newsletter

Term 2

Week 6

Tuesday, 30th May, 2017

4th June

Pentecost Sunday



◆ **Wednesday**
31st May

Team Fever Gold Coin
day

◆ **Thursday 1st**
June

Year 3 Fizzics Incursion

Public Holiday:
Monday: 12th June

Term 2 concludes:
Friday, 30th June

Term 3 commences:
Monday, 17th July

Dear Families ,

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. This is a very significant event in our Liturgical year.

The first Pentecost refers to the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as described in the Acts of the Apostles [2:1–31](#). According to Luke 22:12–13, the descent of the Holy Spirit occurred while the Apostles were celebrating the Jewish day of Shavuot.

It gave them the power to practise their faith and to preach Christ throughout the known world.

The Holy Spirit is embedded within us as it was in Jesus. This occurs as a Sacrament at our Confirmation. That is why the symbol of the tongues of flames is used.

We can't really see the Spirit anymore than we can see the air around us. But we can feel the air, the wind blowing, and we can see its effects as it stirs the limbs of trees and moves loose leaves across the ground.

So, too, we can feel the Spirit in our lives as we are moved to love God and others, to care for our family, friends and neighbours, to offer forgiveness genuinely and sincerely whether or not forgiveness is sought.

In our parent role, we have responsibility not only for the physical and intellectual welfare of our children but their spiritual welfare as well. None of us lives in isolation, particularly our children, who yearn for the company of their peers and are subjected to its various influences. Peer influence and the social influence of our materialistic society provide many challenges to our children and the concept of living a Christian lifestyle can be easily over run.

If we are in the habit of calling on the Gifts of the Spirit within us – wisdom, understanding, fortitude, counsel – to assist us in our life's challenges, we can encourage our children to do likewise.

Our children share or have had passed onto them, many of our physical and intellectual attributes; they are united to us in all aspects of their existence. In much the same way they share with us the same Spirit given fully to all of us.

"God of all nations,

May the Spirit who inspired the Apostles

to know how to live and teach the

message of your Son's Gospel, be our
source of inspiration.

May the gifts of the Spirit be alive in all
aspects of our daily living. Amen."



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 31st May Team Colours Day—gold coin donation.

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

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Cearan Wu and Family on the passing of his grandmother.

Rolesena Lonseborough-Togahai on the passing of her uncle "Hiu known as Junior".

All our prayers are with you at this time.



Our Apologies -Delays with the Winter Uniform

We have been advised that there are some delays with parts of the uniform being available from LOWES. We appreciate your patience with these delays.

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

Social Skill of the Week

"Speak in a friendly tone of voice"

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.



Car Park Safety

Please remember that the carparks, both the church carparks and the turning circle (kiss and drop zone) are shared spaces. That means that the people and cars share the spaces. Please be mindful of the people around your car when you are moving forward or reversing your car. There have been many "near misses" of late. Please do not park across the pedestrian crossings and please slow down and take extra care when using the carparks and the turning circle. Thank you for your considerate use of our community carparks.

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,

KB	Thomas Sanak	KG	Asher Gloria
KR	Kevin Cole	KW	Rachael Thrikawala Badalge
1B	Jaxson Clarke-Hodge	1G	Nishi Patel
1R	Chantelle Osifo	1W	Sarah Rose Abwi
2B	Mahalea Miles	2G	Sofia Nazar
2R	Olivia Espinosa	2W	Acuoth Acuoth
3B	Peighton Laurente	3G	Karen Gunawan
3R	Gerard Aloisio	3W	Aldrin Ocampo
4B	Phoenix Ouk	4G	Ella Romero
4R	Prayer Fotualii	4W	Alison Wedgwood-Kemp
5B	Shay-Lee Paris	5G	Hayden Mercado
5R	Taylah Sonter	5W	William Planer
6B	Christian Tawil	6G	Ariel Le
6R	Kiera Purkis	6W	Viva (Treviana) Ket



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.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Traegan Mamic, Ryan Ludwig, Rohan Shibu, Ariel Le, Brianna Azucena, Jonas Nerviol, Levi Finau, Mark Farhad, Tyrah Perez, Averie Rose Sumajit ! Congratulations to you all!



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.

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.

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)

Best toys for speech and development

This blog came across my desk recently and I thought it was worth sharing. If you have a few minutes and would like something easy to read, take a look. Thank you for the link Mrs Tabone! From Mrs Cooke.

<http://www.playingwithwords365.com/2012/02/top-toys-how-they-can-support-speech-language-development-part-one/>

CAPTIVATE SHOW TICKETS

For those parents/carers purchasing tickets—the link is below! Limited numbers.

<http://captivate.parra.catholic.edu.au>

or <https://www.trybooking.com/QBCF>



Our Captivate Students:

Choir: Performing on 20th June
(Best of Performance 23rd June—selected students only)

Stella Haufano
Peighton Laurente
Mariem Tungul
Matthew Zacharia
Mikayla Uili-Lilo
Charlotte Pillay
Jayden Gearman
Kevianne dela Cruz
Jonathan Gama
Sabrina Marchbank
Yareli Montarde
Rosemary Shamoka
Leatuku Setefano
Isabella Limjap
Christina Ket
Zabriel Orayenza
Joanne Imlay
Alison Wedgwood-Kemp
Rosary Tima
Emmelia Inbaraj
Felicity Baluyot
Frank Petena
Om Ray

Voices - Performing 16th June, 20th June & 23rd June

Abbelyn Deja Yr 6
Rosary Tima Yr 5

Concert Band - Performing 16th June, 20th June & 23rd June

Paul Natividad Yr 6
Dakota Paahi Yr 6
Sean Burke Yr 6
Ceejai Guierrez Yr 6
Jonah Sua Yr 6
Imarosa Tungul Yr 6
Parv Shah Yr 6
Divisha Chand Yr 6
Ambrose De Guia Yr 5
Isabella Cobban Yr 4
Ethan Zammit Yr 5
Roman Tauimau Yr4

Dance on both the 22nd & 23rd June are:

Megan Ferreira Yr 4
Skye Monge Alfaro Yr 3
Janica Nerviol Yr 4
Andrea Tecson Yr 5

The students involved in the “**Best Of Captivate**” showcase will be advised shortly.





Numeracy Update

Adding and subtracting 9

Adding 9 to a number shouldn't be hard because there are a couple of tricks you can do! It's all about 'moving things around'.

- Because 9 is close to 10, add ten instead, then subtract one .eg: $3+9=?$ What is $3+10?$ 13. Subtract 1: answer is 12
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- OR subtract one from the other number, add that to 10. eg: $9+6=?$ Move one from the 6, now do $10+5$. $10+5 = 9+6 = 15$
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You can do the same when subtracting 9.

- Take 10 away and then 'give 1 back' eg: $23-9=?$ $23-10=13$ (but I only want to take away 9 so my answer needs to be one more) $23-10=13 (+1)=14$
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- OR subtract 1 from the other number, take away 10 eg: $45-9=?$ $44-10=34$ we just took one away from the 45 and gave it to 9, making it 10. Subtracting 10 is easy! $45-9=44-10=34$
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Have a play around with these strategies and see how you go!

Why not take a look at the video clip that helps explain it all!

<http://profpete.com/plus-9-facts/>



Health Watch! Hand, Foot & Mouth is about!

Hand Foot and Mouth starts with blisters that begin as small dots inside the cheek and gums, as well as on the palms of the hands. Sometimes accompanied by a slight fever and cold like symptoms.

Children can sometimes a low fever, sore throat, tiredness, and feel off colour for a few days, with a low appetite. If your child has these symptoms, please see your doctor to obtain a clearance to return to school. This is a common illness that can be minimised by frequent hand washing and not sharing cups, plates, towels and washers etc.



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

**College Open
Morning Tour**
Wednesday June 7, 2017

expanding beyond what we know we can be

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 16th June).

Meal Deal 1

Hot Chicken Roll, Sparkling Water & Jelly Cup

Meal Deal 2

Macaroni Cheese, Sparkling Water & Milk Ice Block

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.

School Fees—Term 2 2017

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

After School Supervision

Just a reminder that school finishes at 2:50pm. Please ensure that your children have been collected **before 3:15pm each afternoon.**

There are many children who have not been collected before 3:15pm which creates issues with supervision & safety for the children. If you are late collecting your children from school it impacts on the children, the staff and the running of the school. Please ensure that you have made suitable arrangements to have your children collected by 3:15pm.

If there is an emergency and you are running late to collect the children, please telephone the school office on (02) 9832 1509.

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.

Wednesday 31st May

Team Colours Day—gold coin donation.

Students! Wear your favourite team colours and bring a gold coin for donation! We all love a mufti day !

The money raised on this day will be put towards the purchase of Chrome Books for the students to use at school.

Wear your favourite colours (mufti clothes -t-shirt, bandana, hat, jersey and /or socks) and sports shoes, OR your favourite sporting club team colours.

Thank you for being part of this “Team Colours” Day!



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

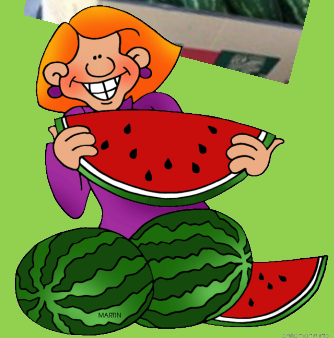
Dear Parents & Carers—just a reminder regarding child safety, please do not approach children that are not yours, if you have a problem or concern please speak to your child's class teacher or teacher on duty. Also please do not approach the parents of other students if you have an issue at school, rather 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.

Watermelon Madness

Did your family manage to take home a watermelon for FREE last week? Hope it was delicious and juicy.

Over 500 watermelons were donated to the school free of charge by FoodBank NSW. Miss King (5B) and her mum are to thank for organising this very generous donation to our school community.

If you see Miss King on the playground, make sure you say thank you!



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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