



Good Shepherd

Catholic Primary School

Calendar

**8th June
Pentecost**



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

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Term 2 Week 7 Tuesday, 10th June 2014

Good Morning Parents and Guardians,

Recently our school was involved in the Quality Catholic Schooling survey. My thanks to the parents who took part in the survey. These parents were randomly chosen by Catholic Education Office. Students and staff also completed the survey questions.

We were very pleased with the results of the survey and noticed that we had many areas of improvement. The students were highly motivated to learn and parents were pleased with the students' engagement in learning.

Parents also indicated that they thought the students needed more help with the development of social skills. As a staff we have discussed some strategies to help develop social skills. Each week we will have a focus social skill and this will be nominated at assembly. It will also be placed in the school newsletter so we can all work on this together.

Children don't come into the world hardwired to be appreciative or thankful. They learn this over time. Teaching children to be thankful helps them to resist the urge to be self centred and self-absorbed. It is important for children to appreciate the "good" in their lives, for thankfulness is directly related to happiness. This "good" is centred round the simple pleasure of life: a home, food, clothing, education and the love of family and friends.

We parents are the most significant example of any quality to our children and when it comes to demonstrating thankfulness, we need to portray it not as a shallow formality but something to be internalised and thought about before it is expressed. All children are selfish and ungrateful at times. However, that just gives us an opportunity to encourage deeper thinking in our children, such as the consequences of actions, so they learn to recognise how being thankful is a great way to live.

In our consumer driven society, we might be unwittingly drawn into the culture of the "must-haves". We don't want to disappoint our children, we want to make sure they have everything their friends have and so we are lead to buy every possible "gadget" that's "fashionable". "By providing our children with their every heart's desire, and maybe more, we have failed to provide them with the proper attitude in which they should be received. Instead of appreciating and being thankful for what they have, our children want and expect the latest iPods, mobile phones, laptops. We have entrenched our family firmly in commercialisation." *Susan Newman.*
Little Things Long Remembered.

It can be helpful for our children to receive the occasional reality check by exposing them to videos from "third world countries". We can challenge our children's assumptions about the things they take for granted by having them observe the everyday struggle billions of people have to find food, clean water and adequate shelter. Doctors, dentists, teachers are but a dream for so many of these people but are taken for granted in our children's lives. Our children will realise that even in the simple things of life, they have much more than many other children.

Fortunately we have a very generous community here at Good Shepherd and social justice is alive in our community. The recent Gold Day was a wonderful example of such generosity. Thank you for your support,

Patricia Carr

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 2, Week 7, 2014

Wednesday, 11th June: Year 1 Gruffalo & Transport Excursion

Friday, 13th June: **Primary Athletics Carnival** (Charli Barli Athletic Track / Kareela Reserve Rooty Hill)

Wednesday, 18th June: Mid Year Reports handed out

Wednesday, 18th June: Year 4 Colonial Day Incursion

Thurs, 19th June: School Winter 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	Stella Haufano	KG	Satya Patel
KR	Jay Setefano	KW	Mary Farhad
1B	Isabella Limjap	1G	Christina Kilberd
1R	Saurav Prasad	1W	Hannah Soans
2B	Keisha Nuval	2G	Jahaziel Dela Paz
2R	Jordan Abu-Ali	2W	Marco Blazevic
3B	Nina Bui	3G	Jashan Singh
3R	Ana-Vaisioa	3W	Liam Torres
4B	Shelby Alexander	4G	Mark Makram
4R	Logan Pillay	4W	Xavier Lobos
5B	Isabella Stergiou	5G	Faiz-ul-haq Shahin
5R	Alisha Deamer	5W	Ved Rao
6B	Kye Ferreira	6G	Kyle Borg
6R	Matthew Grimshaw	6W	Elijah Ueese

Birthdays



Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Peter Boustany, Jonathon Abu-Ali, Isaiah Misi, Anja Savic, Lisa Alameh, Mia Batac, Liam Bell, Shivesh Kumar, Jake Howell, Bhoomi Sami, Joshua Diamat, Lily Cook and Mitchell Holmes.

Infants End of Term Awards

The following students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will receive Awards for Term 2 2014. These Awards will be presented at the Whole School Assembly at 8.30 am on Monday, 16th June (Week 8). Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Religious Achievement Award:

KB: Rubab Awais
 KG: Joachima Toa
 KR: Angelo Cruz
 KW: Cyrille Raposas
 1B: Ilesha Singh
 1G: Kaelan Torralba
 1R: Cloey Nguyen
 1W: Marquise Cuthbertson-Iakopo
 2B: Tiana Da Silva
 2G: Enivee Peniata
 2R: Emmanuel Adetunji
 2W: Isaiah Gomez

Learning Achievement Award:

KB: Carlo Calleja & Jarred Hide
 KG: Lanna Cruz & Keoki Simonsen
 KR: Joel Amoh-Morgan & Heina Kiteau
 KW: Jayden Gearman & Angelo Dela Paz
 1B: Maddison Schmutter & Alexis Skaramangos
 1G: Summer Catig & Manat Kaur
 1R: Michael Labeeb & Tevita Tonga
 1W: Bailey Coulson & Jasleen Sehgal
 2B: Gayatri Naidu & Benedict Cabrera
 2G: Adier Job & Chris Attalla
 2R: Marcus Stokes & Cooper Jones
 2W: Zacariah Harang & Lauren Brazzill

Consistent Effort Award:

KB: Jackson Elvis
 KG: Laurina Aziz
 KR: Ilyana Toma
 KW: Jennifer Vaisima
 1B: Byron Clissold
 1G: Ella Romero
 1R: Sautualasi Heron
 1W: Isabella Lira-Loloa
 2B: Keisha Nuval
 2G: Mehraeel Makram
 2R: Taylah Lyons

Parent Teacher Interviews

The mid year reports are currently being prepared by teachers and will be given to parents on Wednesday, 18th June (Week 8). In Week 9 you will be able to meet your child's teacher for a Parent Teacher Interview. We will be trialing a new online system to book an interview time. We are using a company called *School Interviews* and you can visit their website at <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> to have a look. There is information about the system on their main page. A note will be sent home this week setting out how to book appointment times. This note will tell you the event code that will give you free access to the system. Any family that does not have access to the internet will be able to contact the school office for assistance. We hope this system makes it easier for families to book times to meet with class teachers.

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 Six Debating Team

The Year Six Good Shepherd Debating Team won their first round debate against St Michaels Blacktown. A big thank you to the parents for supporting the debaters as well as the students who were complimented on their excellent ability to work as a team. Our next debate is on Tuesday, 11th June against St John Vianney's at St John Vianney's Doonside. The topic for the debate is "Computers have changed life for the better" and we are the negative team. We wish the Debating Team every success.



Confirmation Sacrament

Congratulations to those students who will be making their Confirmation at the Good Shepherd Parish on 15th June, 2014. May God's blessings be with you and your families at this very special time.

No more paper copies of Parent Newsletter as at Term 3 2014!!

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 Email Inbox (**this is very easy and simple to do**), go to our School Website—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.

School Fees – Term 2

School fee accounts for Term 2 were **due on 4th June**, if you do not have an arrangement in place with Mrs Carr. Would you please ensure payment is made. Thank you.

Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal—Food Collection

Thank you to all those families who were able to donate food items to our recent Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal. Your generous donations are appreciated. Thank you! Mrs dela Paz and the Mini Vinnies Committee and the Society of St Vincent de Paul.



Year One Sport changes

Due to our Transport Excursion, all of Year One will have sport and music lessons on **Friday**

13th June, not Wednesday 11th June. **Children**

will be required to wear their sports uniform on Wednesday for the Transport Excursion and Friday for Sport.



School Winter Disco

The disco will be on **Thursday 19th June** in the Parish Hall. The cost of this event will be **\$2.00 which is payable at the door.**

Pre order forms for our **Sausage Sizzle** have been sent home with the children. Please send

these back with your payment, as soon as you can for catering purposes.

We will also have drinks, Chips and Glow Sticks for sale on the night.

Parents, please note the following times for your children to participate at the Disco.

Kindy & Year 1: 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm

Years 2, 3 & 4: 5.45 pm – 7.00 pm

Years 5 & 6: 7.15 pm – 8.30 pm

Parents are asked that their children participate only at their times unless accompanied by a supervising adult.

If any parents can volunteer some time to help us on the night, please leave your name at the school office.



Baby News

Congratulations to the Ross family (Mikayla - (KB) on the new arrival of a beautiful baby girl. May God bless you and wish you every happiness for the future.

Canteen News

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

Available every day commencing Monday, 2nd June until Friday, 27th June:

Meal Deal 1

Chicken & Salad Roll, Flavoured Milk and a Bag of fresh Popcorn.

Meal Deal 2

Hot Dog with sauce, Juice Bomb and a Bag of fresh Popcorn.

Both Meal Deals are \$4.50 each

Online Ordering: To order online please visit 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.

Visitors to our School

Any visitors to our school are required to enter via the Office to sign in our Visitor's Book. You must also wear an Authorised Visitor tag while on the premises. Please ensure that you also sign out upon completion noting the time that you are leaving the premises. This requirement also stands for visits to the Uniform Shop, Canteen or to the Music Room inside the School premises. This is a requirement for the continuing safety of all in our community, and complies with child safety and WHS requirements.

COSHC—June/July School Holiday Program

For information on the June/July School Holiday program at Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC), please contact the Centre Supervisor on Mobile 0409 121 980 or email COSHCGoodShepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au. Bookings must be received and paid for by Friday, 20th June 2014.

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

CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry— Dealing with the Legal System

Date: Tuesday, 10th June Time: 7.30 pm—9.30 pm, Venue: CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.
Inquiries: 9933 0205 or soloparentministry@ccss.org.au.

UWS ASTRONOMY NIGHT Saturday, 21 June (7.00 pm – 9.00 pm)

The evening will include a presentation, a 3D astronomy movie that will run for 15-20 minutes, a tour of the dome area and stargazing through various computerised telescopes. Our program will run regardless of the weather. Cost: \$15 adult, \$10 child/concession and \$40 family.
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What's On Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

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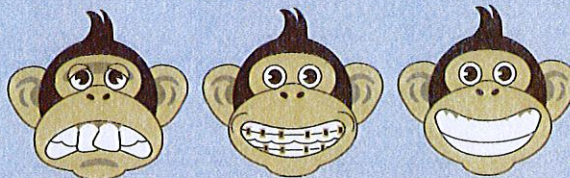
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