



Good Shepherd Primary

School Newsletter

Term 2

Week 7

Tuesday, 6th June, 2017

St Boniface

Blessed Virgin Mary

Primary Sports
Carnival - Friday 9th
June.

Kinder KB & KG wear
sports clothes

28th June Kinder
Animal Day

28th June School
Disco

Public Holiday:
Monday: 12th June

Term 2 concludes:
Friday, 30th June

Term 3 commences:
Monday, 17th July

Dear Families ,

"On Thursday 1st of June Year Three had an incursion about heating up. We had a lady called Megan from Fizzics Education visit us and she taught us about friction, burning and electricity. She let us do little experiments." -Charlene 3G

"One of my favourite activities was when we made invisible ink out of lemon juice. We needed lemon juice, a cotton bud and a blank sheet of paper. We got the cotton bud and dipped it in the lemon juice. Then we wrote a message onto the paper. We then took the paper outside to dry. When it was dry we went back inside and Mrs Summers ironed it and we could see the message. I thought the incursion was amazing because we got to do mini experiments and have lots of fun." - Charlotte 3G

"One of the things that stunned me was when Megan added baking soda to white vinegar. IT EXPLODED!!!! It was because the ingredients were creating a chemical reaction. I thought the incursion was fun and great. I wish we could experience it one more time because it was entertaining, we learnt new things and we could touch the equipment." -Jolene 3G

"Last Thursday Year 3 had an incursion in the classroom. It was about science. There were six different experiments. A scientist came into the classroom and taught us about electricity and heat. One of the things that the scientist taught was that electricity comes from the sun. Some experiments needed the teacher to do some things. There was an iron for one of the experiments". - Andrei

"We did lots of fun things. We did experiments with static electricity and lemon juice. We wrote a secret message with lemon and the iron revealed the message. We also did experiments with ice and hot water. With the ice we put it in the plastic bag and rubbed it - in time the ice melted. With the hot water we poured it into a small jug. We put one small piece of butter on a wooden spoon, plastic spoon and metal spoon. We had to discover how things work. Fizzics was really fun" - Gabrielle

"On the 1st June, Year Three had a science incursion about heat and it was the BEST! We had a whole bunch of fun experiments. One of the experiments was called jumping paper! The best experiment we had was... EVERY SINGLE EXPERIMENT! The most fun experiment was when a lady called Megan talked to us about heat. We would like to thank a lovely teacher in Year Three called Mrs Lindsay for organising all of this for us. We also thank Mrs Carr for allowing this incursion for Year Three. Thank you Mrs Carr and Mrs Lindsay for this outstanding day! "-By Haemanvir and Isabelle 3B

"Last Thursday on the first of June, Year Three had an incursion called Fizzics when we learnt about heat and how it is transferred. We learnt that there are many sources of heat including the Sun which gives us solar energy. It was a lot of fun to see the experiments and the show all about science. We watched a little bottle pop high in the air when we mixed vinegar and baking powder from our kitchen and caused a reaction to make energy. My favourite experiment was when we melted ice in the sun and timed how long it took to turn into water. It was a really interesting and fun day."--Riane 3R



UPCOMING EVENTS

Primary Athletics Carnival: 9th June
Charlie Bali Athletic Track at Rooty Hill. Yrs 3-6 only.
Friday 9th June Kinder Sports for KB & KG
Wednesday 28th June Kinder Animal Day
Wednesday 28th June—School Disco

Please keep these families in your prayers.



Mrs Smithard on the passing of her cousin

Mrs Micallef on the passing of her sister-in-law

Mrs Edgerton on the passing of her mother.

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 with the Principal prior to taking leave for 10 or more days.**

Social Skill of the Week "Open the door for another person"

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.

Evacuation & Lockdown Practices

Each term our school practices either a Lockdown or an Evacuation. This is part of our keeping the children and our whole community safe. There is no need for alarm if your child comes home with stories of "an emergency". We do use the sirens to make the drill realistic. Be assured if ever there is a reason for a Lockdown or Evacuation, all staff are trained and ready. **Please make sure you regularly update your telephone and emergency contact details. If your mobile phone settings are "incoming call restricted" please change these settings so that we can reach you, in the event of an Emergency.—Thank you.**

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	Charlotte Russell	KG	Aleer Acuoth
KR	Ysabella Mercado	KW	Magda Ghilagaber
1B	Juliana Wilbert J	1G	Seraphina Vaasili
1R	Maheen Sehgal	1W	Joanne Soliman
2B	Jenna Felizardo	2G	Hope MacMillan Savea
2R	Cameron Rintoul	2W	Emmanuella Momoh
3B	Haemanvir Dhaliwal	3G	Cyrille Raposas
3R	Jayden Gearman	3W	Gabrielle Capule
4B	Nikita Moeono— Paahi	4G	Marquise Cuthbertson -Iakopo
4R	Tanielle Farrell	4W	Rianne Villanueva
5B	Carmella Queras	5G	Maxine Agpoon
5R	Annabelle Rahme	5W	Marlise Toa
6B	Bhoomi Sami	6G	Jashan Singh
6R	Phoenix Welzel	6W	Leila Levae

SEMINAR - DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM

Each year Solo Parent Services offer a Seminar for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding on how the Legal system works.

Questions addressed on the night include: How to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers so as to minimise your legal fees, how to protect your rights regarding family assets and Estates/Wills.

This seminar will be held on Tuesday 13th June. Venue: 38 Prince St, Blacktown (cnr First Ave). **Presenter:** Mr Richard Brading, (Solicitor) **Time:** 6.45pm for a 7pm Start to 9pm. **Registration Essential:**

Contact Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or
 email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Rohan Alano, Miguel Reyes, Parv Shah, Ashton Borg,

Magda Ghilagaber, Mary Ghilagaber, Leah Angeles, Saurav Prasad, Alexis Purkis, Saanvi Suresh, Achan Mawien, Isaiah Misi, Peter Boustany, Aiden DelaPaz, Leila Levae, Geethika Aranthiyullathil, Jake Howell, Lisa Alameh, Liam Bell, Mia Batac, Sabrina Marchbank, Om Ray, Bhoomi Sami, Laiza Chicote, Suzanna Wilkes, Felise Ahovelo.



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)

School Fees for Term 2 2017

Parents, by now everyone should have received their Term 2 school fees.

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.

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 Patena
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 Moeono -Paahi Yr 6
Sean Burke Yr 6
Ceejai Gutierrez 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

SUBTRACTION AND ADDITION- a special relationship

Have you ever had a good think about addition and subtraction? Isn't it marvellous how one undoes the other??!!

Not only is it important to know lots of different strategies to use to solve addition and subtraction problems, using the opposite strategy is a great way of checking that you have the right answer.

An easy example is 4 and 2 more is 6. OR 2 and 4 more is 6.

So, 6 take away 4 is 2 OR 6 minus 2 is 4.

If we work backwards, we should get to the original starting number!

$$4+2=6$$

$$6-2=4$$

So always remember- Addition undoes Subtraction and Subtraction undoes Addition.

Would you like to read a few more examples online? Go to <http://wonderopolis.org/wonder/how-is-addition-like-subtraction>

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Mobile Blood Service is visiting Plumpton Marketplace

Thursday 15th June 12:00m to 6:00pm , Friday 16th June 8:30am to 2:30pm

Saturday 17th June 8:30am to 2:30pm

Before donating—drink up—have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate. Eat - have a good sized breakfast or lunch. Please bring a photo id with you! To make an appointment call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au



June events for Penrith Observatory ! Public Astronomy Night—Cosmic Collisions. In the lead up to Asteroid Day on June 30 we look into asteroids, comets and meteors. What are they and what happens when they hit earth? There will be a presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome area and viewing the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting). Time—7pm to 9pm Penrith Observatory Building (Building AO) Western Sydney University, Werrington North campus, Great Western Highway Werrington.

Bookings essential: https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on

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 School Bag

From 2017, new students should be using the logo "Good Shepherd" school bag. The decision to have these bags as a standard part of our school uniform was made in 2015, voted in by the school Leadership Team as well as the Parent Group. If you are replacing your child's bag, please purchase the school bag. The bag is available from the uniform shop or the school office. The cost is \$40.00. These bags are designed to evenly distribute weight and are made of extremely durable materials making them good value in the long run. Thank you.

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 to set up a new arrangement.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

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.

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.

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.

Child Safety—Protocol regarding discipline

Dear Parents & Carers—just a reminder regarding child safety, please do not approach children who 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.

Parent Tips and Tricks

Learning how to read is a developmental process just as learning how to walk and talk. As parent and teachers, we need to provide encouragement with our words and actions to help your child along his/her journey of learning how to read.



Pictures are important

*pictures provide the reader with important information from the story. Please allow your child to use the pictures to help him/her solve new words and gain meaning of the text.

If reading is fun, your child will want to read over and over again. Find a place to read that is comfortable and has little distractions. Set aside a time to read. Reading before bed is a great time to wind down and relax. It quickly becomes a bedtime routine that your child will look forward to.

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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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