



# Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 2

Week 8

Tuesday, 13th June, 2017

10th June 2017

Blessed Virgin Mary



## Reading your child's report

Dear Parents,

Soon the children will receive their reports and hopefully they will be proud of their achievements and hard work so far this year.

It is important to remember that the most important part of the report is where they are graded on their efforts. Not everyone is able to achieve an A grade in a subject but everyone should strive to do their very best and achieve a good grade for effort. Please celebrate the effort that the children have put into their learning, as this establishes positive attitudes to learning that they will carry throughout their life.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child's report:

- Focus on strengths: Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strength even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
- Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning: If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.
- Discuss the report with your son or daughter: Talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.
- After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child's efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.

Today—Tuesday  
13th June  
INTERVIEWS on line  
booking opens

See inside for more  
details of other events  
this week!

**Term 2 concludes:**  
Friday, 30th June

**Term 3 commences:**  
Monday, 17th July

Peace and Best Wishes

Tricia Carr  
Principal





### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Mitchell Holmes, Lily Cook, Kassandra Nuval, Losaline Fihaki, Karmela Portugal, Johnny-Vee Tupou, Emmelia Inbaraj, Xander Mendiola, Sandeep Nijjar, Skye Ocampo.



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. Thank you.

### 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.

### INTERVIEWS—ON LINE BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

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### 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 each (This deal is available 20th June—30th June).**

#### Meal Deal 1

Ham & Cheese Toastie, Bottle of Water and Juice Pop Ice Block

#### Meal Deal 2

Nachos, Juice Popper & Juice Pop Ice Block.

Orders to be placed by **8.30 am daily**. Online Ordering: To order online please visit [www.flexischools.com.au](http://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 2:50 pm. Please ensure that your children have been collected **before 3:15 pm 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 3:15 pm.

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.

## Infants End of Term Awards

The following students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will receive Awards for Term 2 2017. These awards will be presented at the Whole School Assembly at 8.30 am next Monday 27th June (Week 9). Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Class	Religious Education Name	Learning Achievement Name 1	Learning Achievement Name 2	Consistent Effort Name
KB	Sherene Zaballa	Jasmine Hoang	Tia Scali	Byron Forcadilla
KG	Aahana Trivedi	Asher Gloria	Benjamin Modi	Tiana Vaifale
KR	Tyrah Perez	Kassandra Nuval	Loreign Bautista	Isaac Narayan
KW	Courtney Banares	Errol Cantorna	Rachael Thrikawala Badalge	Ankit Maharaj
1B	Dorria Alhamwi	Aron Deja	Christin Jane	Miguel Manalili
1G	William Davis	Yvette Pineda	Tomas Mallari	Samantha Zacharia
1R	Zaijan Caygill	Kayla Simmons	Travis Sansom	Riya Prasad
1W	Angelo Cabida	Samuel Craig	Saschnaa Prabhakaran	Smir Al Hamwi
2B	Serj Pablo	Francisco Lira	Chris Baluyot	Abbey Irmisch
2G	Angeliah Elters	Sofia Nazar	Suzanna Wilkes	Joshua Odemwengie
2R	Sedecece Peniata	Jacob Gigante	Jonas Nerviol	Cameron Rintoul
2W	Faith MacMillanSavea	Pravish Latchman	Maya Portugal	Armando Montales

### 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 week.** Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for last week of Term 2. More information on interview arrangements can be found on the attachment to this newsletter.

### 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.



**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](http://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, tor 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](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on)



## Parent Tips and Tricks

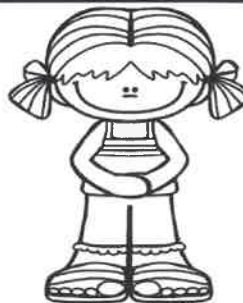
### Self-Monitoring

One goal for beginning readers is that we want them to be able to monitor their own reading. This means that they need to know when they have made an error. If your child makes an error, give them a chance to notice that it isn't correct instead of immediately correcting the error. You can ask your child:

- Does it look right?
- Does it sound right?
- Does it make sense?

### What? That didn't make sense...

Children need to know when their reading doesn't make sense. To get students who are struggling with this and just continue to read on without trying to self correct, you may want to use a visual to help them remember. I have included a STOP sign to help them remember that they need to go back and reread the part that didn't make sense again. You can cut this out at home and keep it as a reminder for your child.



### 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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It's time to get your dancing shoes on  
at the  
**Good Shepherd Primary School**

**WINTER** Disco

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

We will be holding a **SAUSAGE SIZZLE** at the school disco.

<b>DISCO TIMES:</b>	Kindy & Year 1	4.30pm to 5.30pm
	Years 2, 3 & 4	5.45pm to 7.00pm
	Years 5 & 6	7.15pm to 8.30pm

**PRICES:** Disco entry fee per child is **\$4.00**.

**\$1.00 from every entry will be donated to the Children's Hospital.**

Chips/Popcorn	\$1.00
BBQ Sausage (Beef or Chicken or Vegetarian alternative) on roll	\$2.00
Poppers or Bottled Water	\$1.00

**GLOW Jewellery**

Starfish Lanyard	\$4.00
Minnie Headband	\$4.00
Coloured wristband	\$3.00

There is no pre-ordering of the food or other items, please bring cash with you on the night.



Thank you,  
Good Shepherd Parent Group.



## Project Update - Intersection improvements at Rooty Hill Road North, Jersey Road and Lamb Street, Plumpton

The NSW Government is funding this project as part of its \$225 million Pinch Points Program, which aims to reduce traffic delays, manage congestion and improve travel times on Sydney's major roads.

Roads and Maritime Services is upgrading the intersection of Rooty Hill Road North, Jersey Road and Lamb Street, Plumpton.

### Progress so far and next stage

We have completed investigation work, removed the roundabout and built the pavement on Jersey Road.

The next stage includes:

- forming underground drains and installing additional pavement
- relocating overhead power lines and poles
- temporarily removing some vegetation on the northbound side of Rooty Hill Road North to relocate utilities.

We have shown the work location on the map.

### Asbestos

Roads and Maritime has identified undisturbed asbestos at this site. We have implemented an asbestos management plan that details safe work practices and it has been managed to strict Environment Protection Authority requirements. The asbestos is of no risk to the public.

### Our work schedule

For the next stage of work we will be on site for **45 shifts**, between **Friday 16 June** and **Thursday 3 August 2017**, weather permitting. Our night shift hours will be from **8pm to 5am**, between **Sunday** and **Friday**. Our day shift hours will be from **7am to 6pm** on **weekdays** and from **8am to 1pm** on **Saturday**.

### How will the work affect you?

Our work will be noisy at times but we will continue to do everything we can to minimise its impact, including completing the noisier activities before **midnight**.

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## Traffic changes

There will still be temporary traffic changes during our work hours to ensure the work zone is safe.

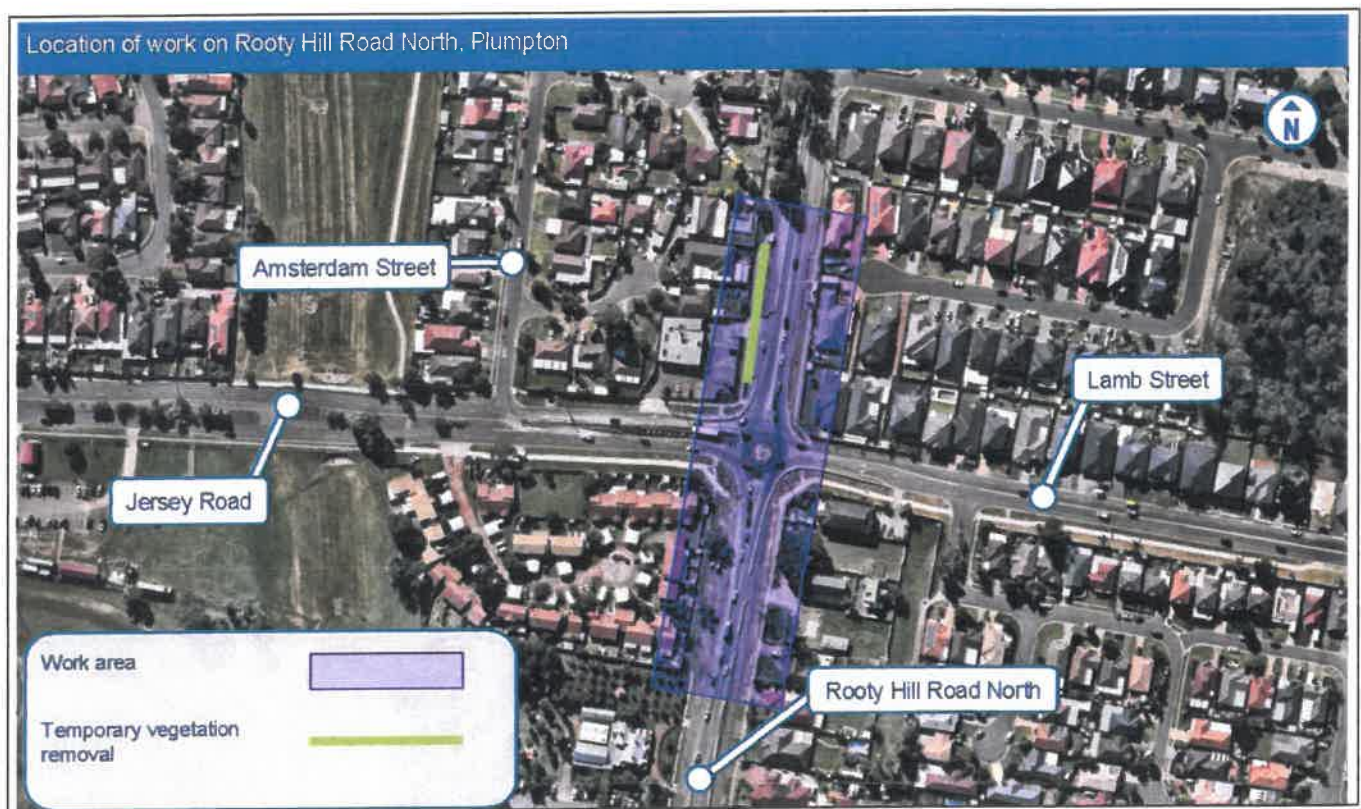
Please keep to speed limits and follow signs and traffic controllers' directions. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

## Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our delivery partner DownerMouchel on 1800 332 660 or [enquiries\\_nsw@downermouchel.com](mailto:enquiries_nsw@downermouchel.com).

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