



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 2

Week 9

Tuesday, 20th June, 2017

23rd June 2017

The Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus



Year Two Excursion around Plumpton

Last week, Year Two went on a History excursion around Plumpton to see a few of the historic sites. We were able to see how the houses would have looked in the past and what they were used for. Year Two was also able to see what they are used for in the present.

"I liked that three of the houses were related to Walter Lamb's life. I noticed that the streets around Plumpton are also named after him, like Lamb Street." - Miguel

"I learnt that women had to use their hands to open and stack the cans with fruit at the cannery." - Indyana

"The first Plumpton track was here. It is where greyhounds chased hares." - Natalia

For Upcoming
Events.....

Please see inside for
more details of other
events this week!

Don't forget Winter
Uniform for Term 3!!

Term 2 concludes:
Friday, 30th June

Term 3 commences:
Monday, 17th July



Year 1 Excursion to Rouse Hill

Last week students from Year 1 enjoyed an excursion to Rouse Hill. Here are some photos and an insight from their great day:

"On Friday, Year One went to Rouse Hill Farm. I think my name was Elizabeth Tremble. I went looking around the farm first. I saw the olden day vehicles. Then we went to learn how to milk a cow. Next we looked at the horse stables. Then we all had a turn pumping water. After we fed the chickens. We pretended to do the washing and hang it up. After lunch we dressed up in olden day clothes and went to the schoolhouse. We did sewing, the life cycle of a silkworm and Maths. We had to do exercising with dumb bells too. I had fun there." By Kaitlin Nguyen 1R



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 20th June:	Captivate Choir & Band Performances Night (Nagle College 7.00 pm start)
Assemblies:	Years 1, 2, 3 & 6 Grade Assemblies & KB Assembly (see inside Newsletter for further information)
Thursday 22nd June:	Stage 3 Boys Gala Soccer Day
Friday, 23rd June:	Best of Captivate Showcase (Nagle College 7.00 pm start)
Sunday 25th June:	Online Bookings for Interview Requests CLOSED
Monday 26th June:	Primary End of Term Awards Assembly (8.30 am School)
Monday 26th June:	Parent Teacher Interviews this week
Tuesday, 27th June:	Year 5 Plumpton Park Excursion
Wednesday 28th June:	Kinder Animal Day School Disco (4:30 pm —8:30 pm) see attachment
Thursday 29th June:	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer (Jamison Park Penrith) Year 1 PIRATE Day.
FRIDAY 30th June:	Last day Term 2.



Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

This Friday is the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. On this feast day we focus on the loving heart of Jesus and how much He loves each of us by laying down His life for us. We recall also the love that Jesus had for the poor and marginalised.

As a response to Jesus' call for us to help the poor, our Mini-Vinnies group organised a food collection to help our local St. Vincent de Paul group prepare food packages for the needy.

The response from our families was overwhelming. We had well over 1000 food items collected. Thank you to all our families for supporting our Mini-Vinnies.

Social Skill of the Week

"Wash your hands after using the bathroom"

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.

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.**

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	Jasmine Hoang	KG	Kristopher Leonardo
KR	Not Published	KW	Fatima Mancao
1B	Ishanyaa Suman	1G	Isaac Langi
1R	Matilda Sonter	1W	Sinit Teame
2B	Sosaia Fihaki	2G	Not Published
2R	Indyana Campbell	2W	Amou Majok
3B	Lachlan Bell	3G	Ty Smith
3R	Jay Setefano	3W	Ryan Ludwig
4B	Jalil Rizeq	4G	Tristan Dennis
4R	Janica Nerviol	4W	Jake Simmonds
5B	C.J. Vaasili	5G	Felicity Baluyot
5R	Dre Oakes	5W	Calvin Gutierrez
6B	Madison Butler	6G	Annabelle Murray
6R	Prudence Johnson	6W	Krish Patel

Dear Parents—just a reminder to please book an interview in for your child. (Please see further in this Newsletter for instructions on how to book.)

Bookings close this Sunday, 25th June.

Library News

Bookclub Issue 4 has now closed. Issue 5 will be handed out next term. Thank you.



Congratulations to the Farhad family (Mark 2G & Mary 3W) on the birth of their new baby brother last week. May you enjoy this very special time with your newest family member!!

Mobile Phones

Parents, please note students are not allowed to have mobiles on their person or in the backpack during school hours. If you need to contact them, please ring the School Office. Students can leave their mobile phones with the office in the morning and collect them at dismissal time. Thank you.

Visa Status

Could you please ensure the school has the most up-to-date paperwork on your child's Visa Status i.e. if his/her status has changed or if your child is now an Australian Citizen or the passport has expired and a new one has been reissued, please contact the school office immediately.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Angelo Dela Paz, Mikayla Uili-Lilo, Isabella Adams, Kevin Wilbert J, Lebron Manalo, John Vaokakala, Ana-Vaisioa Vaokakala, Christina Kilberd, Chris Baluyot, Janina Imlay and Dakota Moeono-Paahi.



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.

Excursion/Incursion Notes

Please keep these notes in a safe place when your child/ren bring them home. The office Staff are constantly being asked for another note and this uses extra paper and resources that should be utilised elsewhere in our school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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, Term 2 school fees are now overdue and requiring payment now.

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

Dear Parents,

To continue our working partnership, we would like to invite you to attend a Parent Teacher Interview. These interviews are a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss your child's mid year report and future learning goals. I strongly encourage all families to attend.

We are using an online booking system to coordinate the interview time allocations. It is a very simple process and it gives you the opportunity to independently choose a time most convenient to you. If you do not have internet access at home, please contact the office for assistance.

All you need to do is log on to the website and follow the simple on screen steps.

This 'event' is now **open for bookings**.

Bookings will close Sunday 25th June at 9pm.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IT IS A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE SYSTEM.

Below are some simple steps to get you started.

See you at the interviews!

Tricia Carr and Bianca Cooke

ONLINE BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

You will see the screen below

THE EASY WAY TO BOOK
**SCHOOL
INTERVIEWS**

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit you. Simply enter the event code and press "Go".

Enter code... **Go**

Enter the event code - **sh8tc** and press
GO

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.

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.



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.

Uniform Shop—Opening Days

Wednesdays & Fridays

8.30—9.00 am

Please note **only Cash is accepted**.

Brand new School Bags, School Hats etc can be purchased here.

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.

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.



Sincere Condolences

Our sincere condolences to Mrs Mufale & Miss Farrugia on the sad passing of their grandmother recently. Also to Mr Abella's family on the recent sad passing of Roel (Van Driver). Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.



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.

Primary End of Term Awards

The following students from Year 3 to Year 6 will receive Awards for Term 2 2017. These awards will be presented at the Whole School Assembly at 8.30 am next Monday 26th June (Week 10). Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Class	Religious Education Award	Learning Achievement Award	Learning Achievement Award	Consistent Effort Award
3B	Natalie (Nhi Hong) Nguyen	Ronan Cruz	Mariam Tungul	Ethan Baxter
3G	Anjlika Gopal	Jolene Inbaraj	Charlotte Pillay	Jackson Elvis
3R	Precious Johnson	Shreesh Rai	Riane Salentes	Bianca Pestridge
3W	Mary Farhad	Emmanuella Soliman	Aldrin Ocampo	Vilisiliva Setefano
4B	Yareli Montarde	Marsha Szulgit	Axzel Yuque	Avani Narayan
4G	Saurav Prasad	Not Published	Emmanuel Baduria	Manat Kaur
4R	Jude Aloisio	Liam Bell	Jessica Odemwengie	Christina Ketu
4W	Joanne Imlay	Athallah Cruz	Reece Tablada	Divine Vaifale
5B	Carmella Queras	Ambrose De Guia	Joshua Parnell	Karmela Portugal
5G	Charlie Luke	Lyana El-Awar	Jonathan Tawk	Christoffe Ablaza
5R	William MacMillan	Annabelle Rahme	Mitchell Holmes	Sheree Aranaz
5W	Enivee Peniata	Sean Anselmo	Marliese Toa	Raghav Kohli
6B	Naia El-Awar	Vince Manalo	Vincent Baduria	John Vaokakala
6G	Sima Elgondi	Frerika Jane	Milan Prasad	Peter Boustany
6R	Prudence Johnson	Annabelle Kayrouz	Ayden Hoggard	Geethika Aranthiyullathil
6W	Caryn Tan	Leila Levae	Kaila Buan	Nikhil Nandan



Note for Parents/ Carers regarding Canteen Orders

In purchasing your child's tuckshop order online, you are contracting directly with the supplier. You are responsible for checking that the ingredients of what you order are not incompatible with your child's sensitivities or health issues. Please ensure

you check the disclaimers in the supplier's website. If in doubt you should contact the supplier. Thank you.



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.

Apologies—Peace and Joy Award for 3G for Week 8 should have read Shantel Soliman. Thank you.

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

Parent Tips and Tricks

Inferring

Inferring: Gathering information or knowledge of what is happening without being told.



This can be a very hard concept for some students to understand. The more you can talk with your child about thinking beyond what is written, the better she will get at inferring.

Your child must be able to make inferences about her reading. It is a very important part of comprehending the story. For example, if you think about the story of the Three Little Pigs, you may ask your child- What can you tell me about the third little pig? What kind of pig was he? How is he different than his brother and sister? You should expect your child to know that he was a hard worker and wanted to do it right the first time.

His brother and sister didn't care as much or were more lazy.

Numeracy Update

'Chunking' or 'Splitting'- It's useful when adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing!

Sometimes number problems can be a bit tricky to do in your head when the numbers get bigger, though there are a few tricks (strategies) you can try to use before grabbing the calculator. We can 'CHUNK' or 'SPLIT' our numbers!

Chunking (or splitting) numbers means breaking larger numbers into smaller chunks, separating ones, tens, hundreds etc., to make calculations easier.

For example:

45 can be chunked to $40 + 5$

126 can be chunked to $100 + 20 + 6$

1253 can be chunked to $1000 + 200 + 50 + 3$
etc

$53 + 26 =$ this is the same as $50 + 3 + 20 + 6$

add the tens together $50 + 20 = 70$

add the ones together $3 + 6 = 9$

then add the answers together $70 + 9 = 79$

Here's an example of chunking for division

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPOXss89KPY%5D>

Here's an example of chunking for multiplication

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vqi94ng85WE>

Here's an example of chunking for subtraction.

Use chunking to subtract 35 from 72.

Start with the 10s. $70 - 30$ is 40.

40

35

3

37

I have to do 2 minus 5. When I do that I am 3 short which is -3.

Finish off by subtracting 3 from 40.

Chunky 1

Chunky 2

Why not have a go chunking or splitting your numbers next time you are stuck with a maths problem!

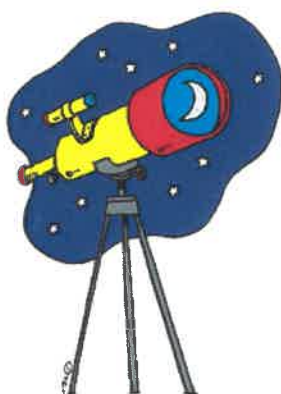


Please pray for the following Good Shepherd students who have enrolled in the Parish's Confirmation Programme for 2017:

Sean Anselmo, Brent Bernardo, Marco Blazevic, Jade Cabrera, Christian Calleja, Laraine Chicote, Lana Chicote, Diannella Cruz, Moira Cruz, Ambrose De Guia, Carmella Dela Cruz, Adrian Doctor, Francis Dominguez, Christian Durante, Mark Eckert, Amelee-Paige Frias, Xerses Galletes, Isaiah Gomez, Nancy Guillermo, Ceejai Gutierrez, Calvin Gutierrez, Olivia Jones, Edward Lambit, Marko Maniti, Hayden-Noah Mercado, Paul Natividad, Dre Oakes, Carmella Queras, Aiden Quiroz, Dylan Salalila, Pipiena Setefano, Imarosa Tungul, Ethan Zammit and Graig Zapanta.

Pastoral Care & Student Management 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.



Penrith Observatory in July 2017
For all details as to what's on at the Penrith Observatory for July 2017, please visit their website:
[https://](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on)

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BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Please phone 4736 0135 during office hours for all information.

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Dear Parents of Year 1, 2, 3 & 6

Please note the following dates for the Grade assemblies and KB Assembly:

Wednesday: 21st June—Year 3 Grade Assembly—2.00 pm in the Year 3 Space

Thursday, 22nd June: Year 1 Grade Assembly (1R presenting) 2.15 pm in the Year 1 Space

Thursday, 22nd June: Year 6 Grade Assembly (6R presenting) 2.10 pm in the Resource Centre

Friday, 23rd June: KB Assembly only (2.30 pm in KB Space)

Thursday, 29th June: Year 2 Grade Assembly (2R presenting) 2.00 pm in the Year 2 Space

Blacktown City School Holiday Guide

Blacktown City Council has produced a School Holiday Guide that outlines the many fantastic school holiday programs offered by Council through its various venues. Please visit website www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au for further details.

Kids in the Park—School Holiday Ideas

Sydney's largest school holiday program, Kids in the Park, returns this winter school holidays! There are 50+ fun-filled activities to keep kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under \$25, making affordable to discover Sydney's most exciting playground, Sydney Olympic Park, this holidays.

Archery – School Holiday Programs
All Day Holiday Recreational Program
Science and writing workshops
Gymnastics
Circus Skills & Flying Trapeze

Walk and Squawk
Netball: Captain's Class
Sport & adventure camps
Football: Wanderers in the Park
...and lots more

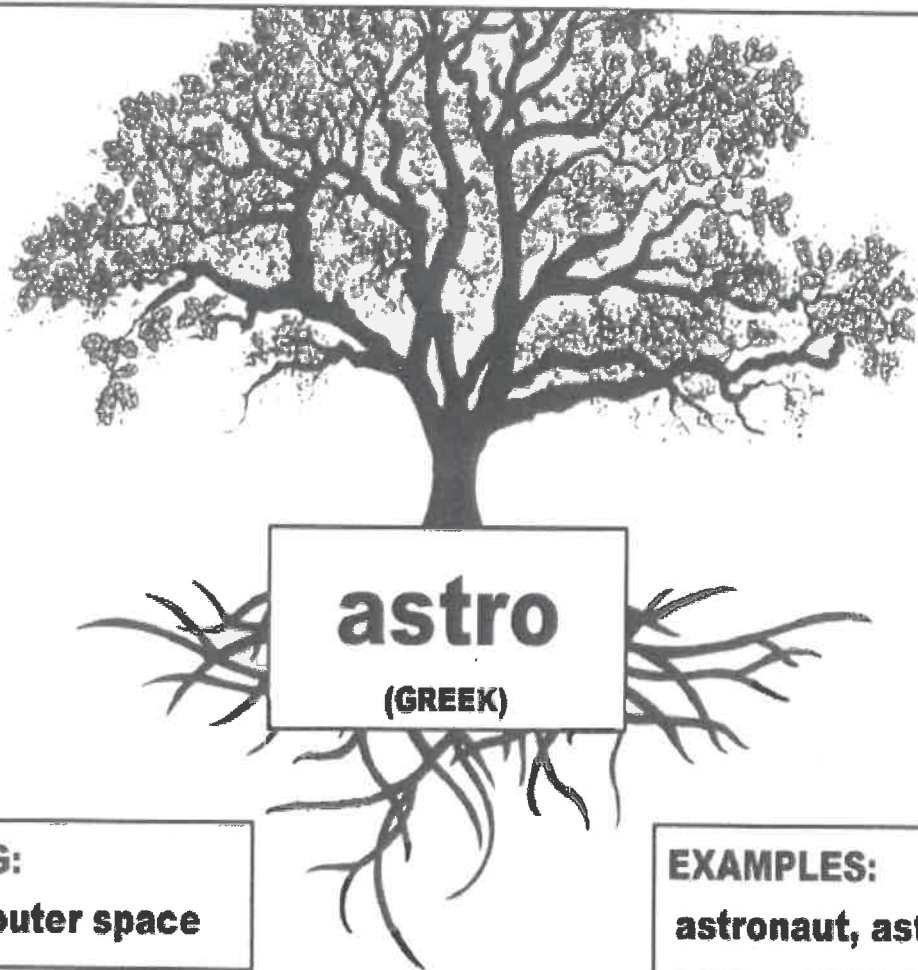
Full details at www.kidsinthepark.com.au

It would be greatly appreciated if you could include the above activities in your school newsletter.

Kind regards

Sydney Olympic Park Team

ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



MEANING:

stars, outer space

EXAMPLES:

astronaut, astronomy



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.

Good Shepherd Primary School

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Email: goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au - Website: www.gsplumpton.catholic.edu.au

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



Wednesday 28th June 2017

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

DISCO TIMES:	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.

Catholic Education Office

Bishop Office

Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) LIFTED Retreat: July 21-23

‘Made for Greatness’

In its third year, the annual LIFTED Retreat is an opportunity for young adults 18+ to gather for a weekend at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. This year’s theme “Made For Greatness” will encourage us to live our lives to the full with courage and joy in preparation for ACYF in December. Please go to www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparramatta for more details, or contact rdrum@parra.catholic.org.au

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: 30 June

Hear Rebekah Rojcewicz, highly experienced leader in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from the US, speak over dinner on ‘The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – A Gift to the Church at this Time’. Cost: \$60 per person. From 6.30pm at North Ryde RSL, cnr Magdala & Pittwater Rds, North Ryde. To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=256587>. For more information: cgsaust.org.au

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth – Discernment Retreat: 1 July

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite women aged between 18-35 to their Discernment Retreat involving reflections, prayers and a social gathering. Lunch will be provided. 1 July 2017 at 9:30am, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 28th June, email: vocationscsf@gmail.com or mobile 0449 656 406.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday: 2 July

2 July 2017 is Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday with the theme, “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me”. Resources have been developed by the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council to assist Parishes and Schools to celebrate the gifts and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics to the Church in Australia. Resources can be found at:

<http://www.natsicc.org.au/atsi-sunday-2017.html>

Sea Sunday Appeal: 9 July

Parishes are asked to support chaplains helping seafarers at ports and at sea. This year's theme is 'In the midst of the storm', highlighting the mental vulnerabilities of seafarers on the oceans. You can donate by posting a cheque to: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre, PO Box 368 Canberra ACT 2601 or via electronic banking to: BSB Number: 083-347; Account Number: 649 518 680, Account name: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 9 July

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

Also on 13 August, 10 September, 8 October, 12 November, 10 December

MGL Sisters Vocations Weekend 13-15 July

The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters are a new Australian group who dedicate their lives to helping people encounter the love of God. They invite young women who are open to praying about God's will for their lives to spend some time with them at their home in Sydney. This weekend provides the space to pray, as well as information about the MGL vision and way of life, their ministries and their individual stories. If interested, please contact the sisters: pattijo.mgl@gmail.com or 96268382

75th Jubilee of the Schoenstatt Family Movement - Sunday 16th July

On the 16th of July 1942 Father Kentenich together with Family man, Dr. Fritz Kühr founded the Schoenstatt Family Movement in the Dachau Concentration Camp. Come and join us to find out about the history, give thanks for the past and look forward to the future.

The 16th of July is Covenant Sunday. All are welcome.

11am Holy Mass followed by Family Fiesta (rego essential for catering purposes)

2pm Presentation 3pm Adoration and Renewal of the Covenant

3:30 Afternoon Tea <https://www.facebook.com/events/1430850330307339/>

Abraham Conference 2017: 16 July

The ABRAHAM CONFERENCE brings together Jews, Christians and Muslims to create connections, build relationships and discuss critical issues of importance to us all in a multicultural, multi-faith society. We each bring our own perspectives, together we are enriched and empowered to act on our shared values and beliefs. Sunday 16 July 2017, 2.00pm – 6.00pm

at Parramatta Mission Fellowship Hall, Uniting Church in Australia, 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta NSW 2150. Cost: \$20.00 [Concession: \$10.00 student/pensioner]. Register at EventBrite: AbrahamConference2017.Eventbrite.com.au

ST Vincent Pallotti Scholarship: Applications now open

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 17 July 2017.

Details and application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: 23 July

One Holy Hour with prayer, reflection, meditation, praise & worship. 2017 is devoted to Praying for Vocations and Devotion to Mary as per our Holy Father's intentions for WYD 2018 in Panama. From 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by social gathering.

Mary, honoured as the Mother Thrice Admirable, offers 3 graces in the Shrine, this monthly event is a unique opportunity to experience them regularly: Discover your HOME in the hearts of Jesus and Mary; See breakthrough TRANSFORMATION in your life; and Get your spiritual boost to be an authentic WITNESS. In the Shrine at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

Screening of The Sultan and the Saint: 29 July

The Australian premiere of a new film about the historic meeting between St Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt, Malik Al-Kamil, in the midst of the conflict of the Fifth Crusade, will take place on 29 July at Western Sydney University's Parramatta South Campus. More information and a trailer for the film can be found at: www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com
Tickets are \$10. Book at <https://sultansaintsydney.eventbrite.com.au>
The screening is being co-hosted by Diocese of Parramatta.

Holy Hour for Vocations:

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 7.00pm-8.00pm (check with Fr John Paul for the new time) for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. For information about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta and Holy Spirit Seminary, please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan, Director of Priestly Vocations, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day: 20 August

Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. BYO picnic lunch – tea & coffee provided. Arrive 10am for 10.30am, concludes about 3pm. Books & CDs for sale. St Benedict's Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775,

Greystanes Parish OLQP Social Group

Join us for a Tour of Cowra, 17th October to 20th October. Four fun filled days, includes three nights accommodation at Cowra Services Club Motel, self-guided tour and lunch, Japanese Garden, Cultural Centre Cowra, Wine tastings in Canowindra and more.
Cost: \$860 per person twin share (+\$198 single supplement).
Deposit: \$200 payable with booking. Balance by 1 August 2017.
Enquiries: Frances 9636-5548/ 0421 027 119.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

Early Bird Registration

Early-bird registration has now opened for the largest gathering of young Catholics since World Youth Day Sydney in 2008!

Bishop Vincent & Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate the young heart of the Church, with 15,000 others, at this year's triennial ACYF being hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney (December 7-9) at Sydney Olympic Park.

Here's how to register:

Student in our Catholic System – speak to your REC

Student in State School System – contact Catholic Youth Parramatta

Over 18 years of age – register as an individual

Visit www.acyf.org.au now to secure the \$250 early bird rate before August.

For all enquiries contact Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, James Camden, 02 8838 3428, jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

Volunteers for ACYF

ACYF is looking to engage around 600 volunteers will be needed for this festival, providing leadership to the young people through service and hospitality. Way Finders, Program & Stage Management Support, Ushers, Marshals, Welcomers & more. All volunteers must be 26 years of age or older (as at 1st December 2017) and must hold a valid Working With Children Check. For more information and volunteer registration please visit: <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/get-involved/volunteers>

For more events please go to: <http://parracatholic.org/events/>