



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 3

Week 1

Tuesday, 18th July, 2017

22nd July

Saint Mary Magdalene



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another term!

I hope you have had an opportunity to relax and enjoy your children over the holidays. If you were still working, I hope you enjoyed a break from the drop off and pick up and the running around to a school schedule where packing lunches and homework take up your time.

Yesterday at assembly we gave out the awards for attendance. Congratulations to those students who have been at school everyday. We realise that at times due to sickness a student may need to stay home and recuperate. As sickness can't be avoided we introduced the punctuality award that everyone can aspire to achieve. To receive this award the student must be on time every day that they do attend.

We appreciate your support in making our students realise how important it is to attend school regularly. No days off because of birthdays or shopping days or just because it is too hard to get up!

Thank you to the wonderful parent group for the great success of the Winter Disco last term. Many hours of work go into making the evening a success. The parent group gave their time and energy for fundraising and to ensure that our students have memorable, fun events as part of their school life. I know that the students are already looking forward to the end of year Christmas Disco.

Next week we celebrate our Grandparents on the feast day of Saints Ann and Joachim, Mary's parents, and look forward to seeing as many as possible on Wednesday 26th July for our Liturgy and open classrooms. There will also be a performance by the Captivate dance group and the Captivate band. We hope to see all our Grandparents there.

Peace and Best Wishes

Patricia Carr

Tricia Carr
Principal



For Upcoming Events.....

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

Don't forget Winter Uniform for Term 3!!

Term 3 concludes:
Thursday,
21st September

Term 4 commences:
Monday, 9th October

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 24th July:	Confirmation Mass (7.30 pm Good Shepherd Church)
Tuesday, 25th July:	Coin Roundup Year 4 Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Wednesday, 26th July:	Grandparents Liturgy (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church) Morning Tea will follow at Good Shepherd School)
Friday, 28th July:	Year 2 Excursion to Q Theatre Penrith.
Wednesday, 2nd August:	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer (Jamison Park Penrith)

Social Skill of the Week

"Look at the person, smile and say hello"

Kindergarten 2018 Enrolments—places are filling up quickly

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2018 are 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.**

Library Borrowing & Sports Days for Term 3 2017

Library Borrowing:

Monday:	Year 4
Tuesday:	Year 2 and Year 5
Wednesday:	Year 6
Thursday:	Kindergarten and Year 1
Friday:	Year 3

Sports Days:

Wednesday:	KB, KG, 1B, 1G, Year 2, 4B & 4G
Thursday:	1R, 1W, Year 3 and Year 6
Friday:	KR, KW, 4R, 4W and Year 5



Coin Roundup Tuesday, 25th July

To help our school raise funds for resources, the Parent Group are organising a Coin Roundup this coming Tuesday, 25th July.

Would you please encourage your children to bring coins—any denomination would be welcome eg, \$2, \$1, 50 cents, 20 cents & 10 cents to school. The class that brings in the highest dollar amount will win extra play time (on a day to be determined) for the whole class. Take a quick look around and you will find them lying around your car, house and all sorts of hidden places. So start collecting and let's see how much we can raise for our school! Thank you—Good Shepherd Parent Group.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week:
Aryan Shah, Zaijan Caygill, Andre Forcadilla,

Jessica Odemwengie, Matthias Aloisio, Maddison Schmutter, Aarav Sharma, Joseph Hide, Charlotte Russell, Satya Patel, Louise Reyes, Emily Porter, Chauncey Tecson, Zion Penman, Thomas Sanak and Aditiya Prathapan.

Winter School & Sport Uniform

Dear Parents, just a reminder that students must only wear the correct Winter Uniform for Good Shepherd Primary School. This includes accessories such as scarves and hats. Details as follows:

School Uniform

Girls

School Uniform Checked Tunic
White Long Sleeve Blouse
Checked Scissor Tie
Brown Green Hair Ribbons
Grey Tights, or Grey Socks
Black School Shoes
Green Zip-Up Jacket
School Uniform Hat

Boys

Black Long Pants
White Long Sleeve Shirt
Green Zip-Up Jacket
Black Socks
Black School Shoes
School Checked Tie
School Uniform Hat

Sports Uniform

Girls

White Polo shirt with School Emblem
Bottle Green Shorts
Bottle Green Tracksuit Uniform
Predominantly White Joggers/Sneakers
A white skivvy (colder weather)
White Socks
School Uniform Hat

Boys

White Polo shirt with School Emblem
Bottle Green Shorts
Bottle Green Tracksuit Uniform
Predominantly White Joggers/Sneakers
A white skivvy (colder weather)
White Socks
School Uniform Hat

In cooler weather, a bottle green uniform tracksuit is worn, and a white skivvy may be worn over the white polo shirt.

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 until this Friday 4th August).

Meal Deal 1

Salad Wrap, Juice Popper and Dip + Veggie Sticks.

Meal Deal 2

Chicken Burger, Juice Popper & Zooper Dooper.

Parents, please note there are changes to the Canteen Menu. There will be no Hotdogs, Hash Browns or Pancakes just to name a few! The chicken nuggets will be sold in lots of 4 or 6. Please refer to the attached Canteen Menu for all changes.

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.



Hairstyling, Grooming and Earrings

Students are expected to keep their hair clean, neat and tidy at all times. Students are to keep hair off their face and out of their eyes. Student haircuts are to be in a sensible and conventional style. There are to be no

extremes of fashion in hairstyle cut or colour. Shaving of any part of the head or undercuts, and haircuts with a number 1 or 2 blade are not permitted. Rat's tails are not permitted. For girls, long hair below the shoulder should be tied back by a ribbon, 'scrunchy', hair band or clip in school colours. Only one pair of sleepers or studs are to be worn in the lower ear lobe. No dangling earrings.

Grandparents Day

Next Wednesday, 26th July we will be holding a Grandparents Day at school. Details as follows:

- 9.00 am** Liturgy in the **Good Shepherd Church**
- 9.30 am** Captivate Dance Performance (back Cola area at school)
- 10.00 am** Open Classrooms
- 10.30 am** Morning Tea (Good Shepherd Staffroom)
- 11.00 am** Captivate Band Performance (back Cola area at school)

Hope to see you there!

Just a reminder that if you intend for your child to go home early with anyone else, you will need to authorise in writing prior to or on the day, permission for that person to take your child early.



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.

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.



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 to:** (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 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)

Uploading of Photos onto YouTube

Parents, please note there is to be no uploading of pictures of students that are not your own child, onto YouTube from events at school **without prior permission from the School Principal**. Such events include school functions, excursions, liturgies etc.

School Opal Cards

Dear Parents & Carers, would you please remind your child when using the bus, to make sure they tap on and tap off with their School Opals cards. Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due to the lack of recorded patronage. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Woolies Earn and Learn

Dear Families and Friends,
We are once again participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion which will allow us to buy some needed school equipment for your children. All you need to do is collect the Earn & Learn stickers every time you spend \$10 or more at any Woolworths store. You can put your stickers onto the sticker chart and when it is full, send it into school. It's that easy! Alternatively, you can just send the stickers into school and we can put them onto the sticker charts for you. The promotion runs from Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September. Please encourage all of your friends and family to collect and donate their stickers to Good Shepherd. Many thanks, Bianca Cooke, Assistant Principal.



Attendance Awards

Dear Parents, just a reminder that "Attendance" Awards will be handed out after the end of each term. These awards will be given to students who have had 100% attendance throughout the school term. So please encourage your child to aim for excellent attendance!



2017 Census Day

Dear Parents & Carers, Friday, 4th August (Week 3) is the annual Census Day. Please phone the school office on Ph. 9832 1509 from 8:00 am onwards on that Friday if your child is going to be absent from school on this day for any reason. **A signed letter of explanation from you must also be sent to the school on the day your child returns, for our records.** This procedure is vital for our funding and audit purposes. Thank you for your assistance.



Building Child Safe Communities - Forms for all Volunteers and Contractors

Dear Parents & Carers, just a reminder that all Volunteers and Contractors to our school need to have completed an online form (please see attached forms). Tutors and coaches providing private services to children will also need to apply for a Working with Children Check. The tutor or coach should provide their name, date of birth and WWCC number of parent/carers for online verification. If you have any queries, please contact the School Office on Ph. 9832 1509.



Sincere Condolences

Our sincere condolences to Mrs Wedgwood and Alison Wedgwood-Kemp (4W) on the sad passing of her mother/great grandmother, and Miss Symonds on the sad passing of her grandmother. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.



Disability Parking

We ask all parents and carers to respect the use of disability car spaces in the school grounds and that you only use them should you be displaying the appropriate permit.



Contact Details

Parents, it is vital that all contact information including phone/mobile numbers, emergency contacts, home address, email address are kept up to date. Please contact the School Office if any changes need to be made. Thank you.

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.



Label Uniforms, Hats, Jackets, Lunchboxes & Drink Bottles

Please label your child's uniform especially their hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles as a lot are ending up in lost property! Names can be written on with a laundry pen, embroidered, or you can use

iron-on labels. All unlabelled uniforms are washed and re-sold in the uniform shop. By failing to label your child's property, you are spending money unnecessarily when you need to replace these items.



Lost Property & Change of Underwear

As the weather is 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.

Is my child too ill to attend school?

What signs should I watch for to see if my child should stay home from school? Sick children who are lethargic or whiny are often giving clues that they require rest at home to recuperate. Other possible signs of illness are fever, uncontrolled coughing, difficulty breathing, wheezing or persistent crying. Did the doctor diagnose a contagious illness that should keep your child at home? In this case, your child should remain at home until the risk of passing on the illness has passed. When can my child return to school?

As long as there is no fever or discomfort, a child with a cold may go to school, as long as they are not too uncomfortable to function in school. Instruct the child on the proper use of tissues for coughing, sneezing, and nose blowing. They should also be taught good hand-washing techniques, since research has shown that more colds are spread via contaminated hands than by infected droplets in the air.



No Nut Policy

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!

Foodbank is Australia's largest food relief organisation providing the food for 166,000 meals for people in need every single day. They have been kindly providing fruit and vegetables to our school as well as many others in our area.

Foodbank relies on the generosity of volunteers who work from 8am to 2pm, Monday to Friday, and help to pick orders and process donations. Volunteers work in small teams, and enjoy contributing, helping, and being active. To volunteer in our Glendenning warehouse you do not need any experience, just covered in shoes, comfortable clothes, and a jumper or jacket (because we do have a coolroom). All training is provided and we team you up with an experienced volunteer to help you find your way. If you are interested or for more information please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Luke Chesworth, on 02 8834 0640 or by email at volunteer@foodbanknsw.org.au



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.

Term 2 Principal's Morning Tea

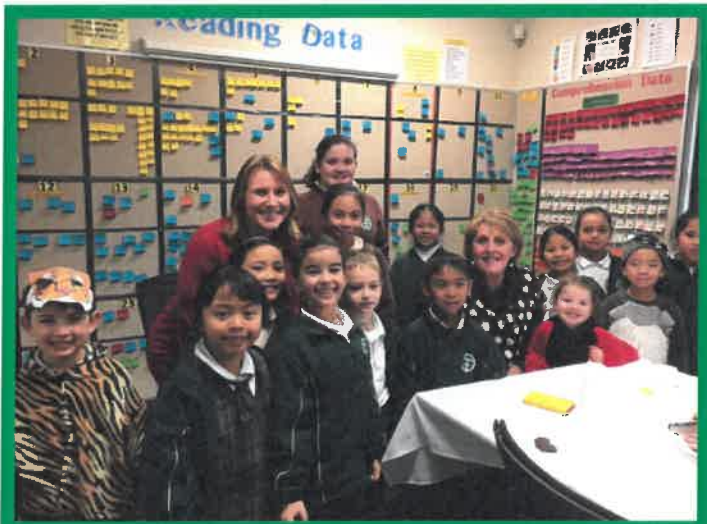
Last term we had our Infants and Primary Principal's Morning Tea. Teachers were asked to nominate one child from each class to attend morning tea with the Principal and the Assistant Principal.

The children have shown a positive attitude to all aspects of schooling for the term.

Congratulations to the parents and teachers of these children who consistently make good choices about their learning.

KB: Annabelle Stojanovski
KG: Asher Gloria
KR: Andrei Bichescu
KW: Harrison Coote
IB: Ite Tonga
1G: Seraphina Vaasili
1R: Kirsten Labial
1W: Makayla-Ann DeGuia
2B: Serj Pablo
2G: Angeliah Elters
2R: Laiza Chicote
2W: Faith MacMillan-Savea

3B: Satya Patel
3G: Joachima Toa
3R: Riane Salentes
3W: Heina Kiteau
4B: Phoenix Ouk
4G: Cloey Nguyen
4R: Isabella Loloa
4W: Isabella Cobban
5B: Arianna Cay
5G: Charlie Luke
5R: William MacMillan
5W: Stephanie Moseley
6B: Divisha Chand
6G: Isaiah Misi
6R: Samantha Thomas
6W: Mojtaba (Mani) Shakibaei Shahadati





A day here or there doesn't seem like much but absences
add up 2 days a month adds up to 4 weeks a year /
20 days a year which is over one year of lost learning.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

every learner
every day ☒



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For your chance to win, do the following!



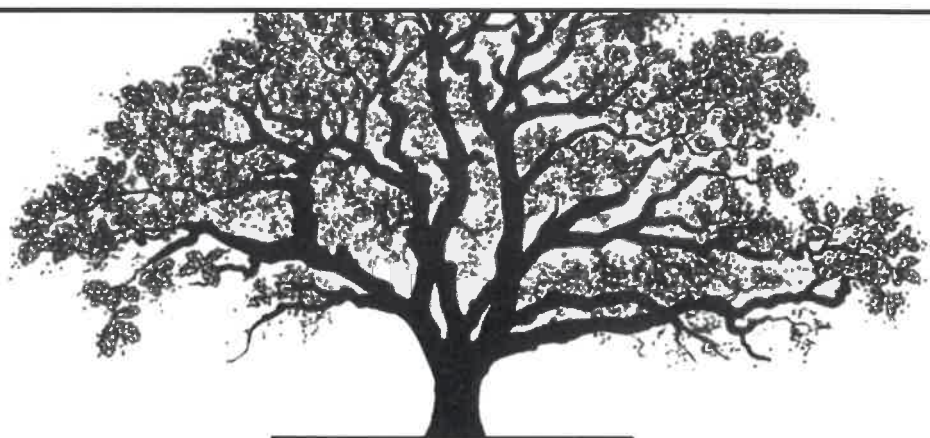
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ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



aud
(LATIN)

MEANING:
to hear

EXAMPLES:
audio, audible

Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day
just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,	That equals ..	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

every learner
every day 



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Good Shepherd Primary School – Term 3, 2017

Eat Fresh: Healthy Body, Healthy Mind!

Every Day Hot Food

Chicken Nuggets	4 for \$2.80
Chicken Nuggets Party Pie	6 for \$4.00
Corn on the Cob	\$1.00
Garlic Bread	\$1.00
Chicken Fingers (6)	\$2.00
Veggie Burger	\$3.50
All Burgers include salad	\$4.00
Salsa Wrap	\$4.50
Chicken Caesar Wrap	\$4.50
Nemo Wrap	\$4.50
Chicken Tender Wrap	\$4.50
Lamb Kebab Wrap	\$4.50

Daily Specials

Monday

Traveller Pie
Sausage Roll

Tuesday

Fried Rice with Chicken Wings (2)

Pasta Bolognese

Wednesday

Lasagne
Sweet Chilli Wrap

Thursday

Beef Burger
Butter Chicken & Rice

Friday

Chicken Burger
Sausage Roll

Sushi Roll

(Available Tues, Wed, Thur)
Chicken & Cucumber
Chicken Teriyaki
Tuna & Cucumber

\$3.50

Sandwiches

AVAILABLE IN WHITE OR MULTIGRAIN

WRAP OR ROLL ADD 0.50c TO SANDWICH PRICE

Vegemite, Jam, Devon \$2.00
Tomato, Cheese \$2.50
Tuna or Egg \$3.00
Leg Ham, Chicken or Salmon \$3.50
Salad Sandwich \$3.50
Lettuce Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot & Carrot EXTRAS - Including Toasting \$0.40

Salad

Cup

Fresh Fruit Salad

\$2.00

Boxes

Garden Salad

With Ham or Tuna

With Salmon or Chicken

Add to your Salad box

Egg, Cheese, Avocado, Sprouts, Bacon, Croutons

ea \$0.40

Chicken Caesar Salad

\$5.50

Snacks

Piece of Fruit \$1.00
Cookies, Delights, Popcorn, Jumpy's \$1.00
Assorted Chips \$1.30
Screw Top Yoghurt \$2.00
Fruit Yoghurt Cup \$2.00
Banana Bread—Slice \$3.00

Drinks

Juice - Poppers \$1.60
Plain Milk 300ml \$1.60
with Sippah Straw \$2.20
Pop Top Juice \$2.00
Bottled Water 600ml \$2.00
Glee 99% Sparkling Juice \$2.20
Blackcurrant, Raspberry, Tropical
Flavoured Milk Lite 300ml \$2.30
Fruit 2o \$2.50
Orange Mango, Dragonfruit
Iced Tea LOW SUGAR 500ml \$3.00

Ice Blocks

Zooper Dooper \$0.80
Frozen Juice Cup/ Icy Mony \$1.00
Paddle Pop \$1.60
Slushie Cup \$2.00
Streets Paddle Pop Cup \$2.20

Visit the Canteen for ice block specials

Canteen Bento Box

\$5.00

½ Sandwich, Chicken Wing, Cheese and Crackers, Seasonal Fruit & 2 Mini Muffins

Order Your Lunch Online

Orders can be placed before 9:00am

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CLASS ROOM CATERING

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PLEASE NOTE

- ◆ Recess orders are to be **PICKED UP FROM THE CANTEN.**
- ◆ All **ICE CREAMS** ordered with lunch are given out when the **LUNCH BAG IS RETURNED TO THE CANTEN.**

Check with the Canteen for the current Meal Deals \$5.00



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20th May 2016

Dear Families of Good Shepherd School,

BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care.

We realise that many of our dedicated volunteers have already completed a Working With Children Check. Thank you for the providing this information to our school, however, this new requirement is in addition to the current WWCC/APP number that you have provided.

If you are **new** to volunteering to the school, or you have **already completed** your clearance, please follow the procedures below to complete the online forms.

It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

- **Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Volunteer Form](#)' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering. Thank you for assisting us in keeping our children and community safe.

Mrs Patricia Carr

Principal



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Dear Contractors to Good Shepherd School,

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Then click on '[Contractor Form](#)' (bottom of page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are contracting.

A new form is required:

- ☐ For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- ☐ If any of the details you have provided on the form change

We thank all contractors for their continued support of Catholic Education.

Mrs Patricia Carr

Principal

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Palms Australia

[Palms Volunteers in 2018](#). Is your work not the vocation you expected? Here is the living proof that you can provide sustainable solutions to global poverty and so create a more just world.

Experience the satisfaction of one of the greatest contributions to human development that one can make. Palms volunteers have been doing this since 1961!

If you [inquire now](#) we can fit you into preparation for a 2018 placement.



IS JUSTICE YOUR MISSION?
Your ~~donation~~ vocation can provide sustainable solutions to global poverty!
[CLICK HERE](#)

Positions Vacant

Parish Financial Services Project Manager, Diocese of Broken Bay. For more information please visit www.dbb.org.au or contact Mr Tony Davies, Chancery Human Resources Manager at recruitment@dbb.org.au or on 02 9847 0446 or m: 0439 930 926.

Family Educators: Applications are invited for the position of Family Educator based in 24 systemic Catholic primary schools across the Archdiocese of Sydney. To see locations please go to <https://sydcatholicschools.nsw.edu.au> Click on Employment , Positions Vacant. Applications close August 4, 2017. For further information contact meredith.lemos@syd.catholic.edu.au

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

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>

Holy Hour for Vocations: 28 July

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 6:30pm Friday (please note new day) 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

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.

Eremos Winter Retreat: 29 July

Home is our place of origin and our place of arrival. Led by the Eremos Retreat Team, this retreat will provide a welcoming space to consider some ways to understand and take to heart our various experiences of leaving home, the spiritual journey we travel, and our times of turning for home. An opportunity for personal reflection, company in thoughtful conversation, a Labyrinth walk and silent meditation.

- Venue: Canisius Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, Pymble
- Cost: \$75, or \$65 for members, \$10 less for concession (and include morning tea and lunch)

Bookings are essential and close on Thursday 13 July. Please book by clicking on the link <https://www.trybooking.com/QBNZ>

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth – Holy Hour for Vocations: 3 August

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations. Thursday, 3rd August 2017, at 7:00 pm. Join us also for the pizza at 8:00pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 28th June, email: vocationscsfn@gmail.com or mobile 0449 656 406.

Single Life Vocation Retreat: 4 - 6 August

A Retreat for Women at Mt Schoenstatt who would like to find out more about the Vocation to Single Life. The weekend will provide an opportunity to meet Women who are living the Single Life vocation and learn about how this vocation is lived and fostered. For more information or to register contact: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 738 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com Visit: <https://goo.gl/eLoMMg>

Grace & Silence Retreat day: 5 August

A Silent Retreat day at Mt Schoenstatt for vocation discernment to Marriage & Family life, Single Life or Consecrated Life. Commences with an input on love followed by silent prayer and reflection and concludes with group prayer. Cost \$30 includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and materials. Registrations: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 738 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com Visit: <https://goo.gl/R5ApCo>

Discernment to the Permanent Diaconate: 6 August

Discernment Sunday #3 with the Deacon's Vocations Team. Come for a chance to learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with the team members. We are looking for men between the ages of 35 to 55 and who are residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of total five sessions and each session will be dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. This is the third session of the 2017 program and subsequent sessions will be announced in due course. Time: 3.30pm to 6 pm + Mass. Venue: Mary, Queen of the Family, Blacktown. 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown, NSW 2148.

For further information visit <http://parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate/> or please contact the following Deacons for your intentions:

- Deacon James= deacon@stanthonyschurch.org.au
- Deacon Tan= deacontan@john23rd.org.au
- Deacon George= g.bryan1@bigpond.com

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 13 August

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: 18 – 20 August

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

- Weekend date: 18th to 20th August at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW
- Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

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

Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: 27 August

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.

Pilgrimage: A taste before the real thing! September 24 – October 6

An AMAZING 13-day Encounter tour of Timor-Leste. An EXPERIENCED GUIDE leads your visit to communities where Palms volunteers work with host communities. Get a UNIQUE UNDERSTANDING of their daily lives; an INCREDIBLE INSIGHT into Timorese culture. WITNESS sustainable development. Visit palms.org.au/encounter. Call Roger during business hours: 0431995058.

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