



Good Shepherd

Catholic Primary School

Calendar

Birth of the Blessed Virgin



Term 3 Concludes:

Thursday, 17th September

Term 4 Commences:

Tuesday, 6th October

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Wednesday, 16th December

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Term 3

Week 9

Tuesday, 8th September, 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today is a special feast day in our calendar as it is the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We usually refer to it in schools as Mary's Birthday. Catholics have, as their universal mother, the Virgin Mary the mother of Jesus who truly could claim to be, "the light of the world". Because Jesus had a human and a divine nature which cannot be divided, Mary holds the title of Mother of God.

Often Catholics are accused of praying to Mary as if she was a Goddess of sorts. But we have a saying, "To Jesus through Mary", which indicates that we pray through Mary as our intercessor who prays to God on our behalf. Because Mary was "favoured by God" Luke 1:30, when she was personally chosen to become the mother of Jesus, we believe that we have a greater chance of obtaining God's graces by asking Mary to intercede for us. When Mary told her cousin, Elizabeth, of her pregnancy, she stated, "My soul magnifies the Lord and my Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour" Luke 1:46. Mary is stating that Jesus is magnified by her soul. We still believe today, that Mary's soul "magnifies the Lord" and so we petition her.

From the earliest days of Christianity, Mary has been perhaps the principal figure depicted on Icons. The Greek and Russian Orthodox Churches are where most of the Icons had their origin and where they are still venerated. The Icon with which we are most familiar, is that of Our Lady of Perpetual Help which emerged from Crete in the last half of the 15th Century. Dr Margaret Ghosn in her work, "The Iconic Mary", gives an insight into the significance of the Mary image in Icons, when she writes: "Mary symbolises many images including maternal presence, affection, protector, guide, intercessor, holiness and above all the Mother of God. Mary is called 'blessed among women' Luke 11:27 because of her 'yes' in faith, 'let it be done to me according to your word' Luke 1:38, which brought Jesus into the world. Mary calls to mind the words of St Paul, 'It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me' Gal. 2:20. While Mary is the Saviour's Mother, it is as his faithful disciple that she serves as the primary model of a Christ-centred life. Like Mary, we uncover the secret of who we are on discovering Christ at the centre of our lives."

Mary's human life helps her to be a bridge between earth and heaven helping us all to see what is possible. It is possible to be born poor into a simple life, yet achieve mightily in life. It is possible to be uncertain about ourselves, experience fear when opportunities arise and then accept with courage what is offered to us. It is possible to persevere through times of sorrow and disappointment and to keep our trust in God. It is possible to live our lives in hope, trusting that God's spirit will be with us in all we do.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 3, Week 9, 2015

Wednesday, 9th September: Netball Gala Day (Rescheduled)
 Friday, 11th September: Skyworks Incursion (Year 5 students)
 Tuesday, 15th September: School Band Concert (1.30 pm Good Shepherd School)
 Wednesday, 16th September: Voice of Youth Grand Final (St Margaret Mary's Primary, Merrylands)
Thursday, 17th September: Last Day of School for Students
 Friday, 18th September: Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)
Tuesday, 6th October: First Day of Term 4 for Students

Word of the Week

K-2

insist

To demand

3-6

peculiar

Strange; unusual; odd

Social Skill of the Week

"Cover your nose when you sneeze and then wash your hands"

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	Jaiden Rosas	KG	Esther Morgan
KR	Tejay Jamhour	KW	Armando Montales
1B	Nepean Lauulu	1G	Satya Patel
1R	Louise Reyes	1W	Cleo Tuaimau
2B	Grace Tautua	2G	Duncan Fraser
2R	Oliver Allen	2W	Siola Haufano
3B	Janice Hide	3G	Nabil Kayrouz
3R	Taylah Sonter	3W	Mikko Tiongson
4B	Traegan Mamic	4G	Graig Zapanta
4R	Imarosa Tungul	4W	Frerika Jane
5B	Marcelo Rivera	5G	Elisa Inbaraj
5R	Justin Ventanilla	5W	Lutena Faleono
6B	Samantha Ambrus	6G	Louis Ibanez
6R	Joshua Brazzill	6W	Cooper Norton

School Band Concert



Dear Parents & Carers, we would like to invite you to a concert with performances by students in the School Band. The concert will be held on Tuesday, 15th September at 1.30 pm at Good Shepherd School (in the Cola Area outside the School's Resource Centre). If you wish to attend, would you please notify the School Office on 9832 1509 no later than Monday, 14th September. Hope to see you there!



P&F News

A very big thank you to those who volunteered their time to help with the Father's Day Stall and the wrapping of the Father's Day Gifts. The preparation and organising that goes into these wonderful events is very much appreciated!

Working with Children Check

Dear Parents & Carers, if you wish to volunteer and help out at various school functions, you are required by law to complete an Online Working with Children Check and have your Identification confirmed at the Roads & Traffic Authority. Once you have been approved, please inform the School Office of your Approval Number. **This must be completed and verified before you are allowed to volunteer.**

Kindergarten 2016 Enrolments

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2016 are available from the School Office and on our Website. Very Limited places left, so please call in (or download from our School's Website) an Enrolment Application. **Parents, if you already have a child at Good Shepherd, you will still need to submit an Enrolment Form for any siblings for 2016.**

Term 4 Summer Uniform (Commences Tuesday 6th October, 2015)

GIRLS

Uniform: Regulation School Uniform, Green Hair Ribbons, White turn-down School Socks, Black (polished) School Shoes

Sports: Unisex Sports Shorts with School Crest OR Green School Track Pants, Short sleeved White Polo Shirt with School Crest, Green Sports Jumper, White turn-down School Socks and Joggers **predominantly white—no fluro colours.**

BOYS

Uniform: School fawn short-sleeved shirt with lay-back collar, Brown Shorts, Brown turn-down socks and Black (polished) School Shoes.

Sports: Unisex Sports Shorts with School Crest OR Green School Track Pants, Short sleeved White Polo Shirt with School Crest, Green Sports Jumper, White turn-down School Socks and Joggers **predominantly white—no flouro colours..**

PLEASE NOTE IF YOUR CHILD IS CURRENTLY WEARING BROWN SCHOOL SHOES, THEY MUST WEAR FAWN SOCKS WITH THE BROWN SHOES.

The School Jumper with crest may be worn at any time throughout the year. The School Hat with crest is a compulsory school item to be worn every day. The School's Uniform Supplier is Lowes, Mt Druitt. **Please mark all school clothing with your child's name to avoid lost property!!**

Primary End of Term Awards

Students from Year 3 to Year 6 will receive Awards for Term 3 2015. These Awards will be presented at the Whole School Assembly at 8.30 am on Monday, 14th September (Week 10). Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Religious Achievement Award:

Janice Hide
Zacariah Harang
George Alam
Christoffe Ablaza
Dakota Moeono-Paahi
Michaela Pua
Summah Russell
Jade Cabrera
Julian Martin
Riley Jones
Williamjit Singh
Oriana Leupolu
Myka Munsayac
Novena Aloisio
Akosita Taungakava Aloisio
Madison Holmes

Learning Achievement Award:

Selena Farah & Dre Oakes
Andrea Tecson & Tiana Da Silva
William Planer & Rosary Tima
Brent Bernardo & Marissa Galea
Harmony Letherbarrow & Rohan Alano
Jonah Sua & Bhoomi Sami
Catherine Schofield & Lachlan Turner
Isaiah Misi & Krish Patel
Brendon Purkis & Chelsea Donato
Valentine Asalemo & Elisa Inbaraj
Athena Fajardo & William Brown
Atalya Palu & Malcolm Sy
Mannat Dhaliwal & Justine Gutierrez
Czeyden Raposas & Nehaal Kumar
Samantha Geggio & Elizabeth Lolesio
Serhon Quispe & Juanita Kendall

Consistent Effort Award:

Raphaella Garcia
Phitcha Tai-A-Roon
Shay-Lee Paris
Marco Blazevic
Vince Manalo
Kisna Pental
Olivia Solis
Vincent Baduria
Billynishan Taupau
Yasmine Alam
Czarina Sulapat
Stephanie Kairouz
Joleen Mikhail
Alyssa Tsioumas
Alai Asalemo
Jazmyn Izon



Grouping Lollies

Pat has no more than 20 lollies in a bag. She counts her lollies in groups of two. She has one left over.

Then she counts her lollies in groups of

five. She has 2 left over. How many sweets could Pat have? Is there another answer?



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthday this week:
Xavier Lobos, William Planer, Abby Cornish, Isha Singh, Mary Farhad, Jeremiah Bustria, Valerie Gunawan, Jennifer Vaisima, Celina Baker, Avishant Narayan, Justin Ventanilla, Carmella Dela Cruz, Kevianne dela Cruz, Elisa Inbaraj, Mariah Attard, Gabrielle Capule, Abuol Mawien, Carl Del Monte, Luke Lyons, Moira Cruz, Malachi Tautua and Christian Rahme.



Walkathon Wrapup

What a great day had by all!! The sun shone and it was a beautiful day to enjoy the walk and the famous BBQ. A big thank you to our volunteers who assisted at our Walkathon! We could not have done it without our dedicated families who regularly volunteer. Thank you also to our sponsors: Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Center, UWS Observatory, OfficeMax and Classroom Catering. We are most grateful of your support.

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



Canteen News

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

Available every day until 17th September.

Meal Deal 1

Egg & Lettuce Sandwich, Juice Popper & Frozen Juice Cup

Meal Deal 2

Pizza Rounda, Juice Popper & Zooper Dooper

Both Meal Deals are \$4.50 each

You can also purchase a "Healthy Option" Crunch & Sip promotion — Piece of fruit + small bottle water \$2.00.

Online Ordering: To order online please visit www.flexischools.com.au. Orders to be placed by 9.00 am daily. A copy of the latest Canteen Menu is available on our School Website.

Also don't forget "Fruity Friday" - to promote healthy eating, students are encouraged to bring in fruit on Fridays