



Good Shepherd

Catholic Primary School

Calendar

**Immaculate
Conception of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary**



**Term 4 Concludes:
Wednesday,
17th December 2014**

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Term 4

Week 10

Tuesday, 9th December, 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of another school year. For me personally, I cannot believe that I am coming to the end of my two terms as Acting Principal here at Good Shepherd. I want to take the opportunity of thanking you, the families of this community, for accepting me so well during my time here. I have enjoyed getting to know some of you but am very conscious that I really do not know many! When I got the word that I was coming here I was shocked and did not really want to leave the comfort zone of my own school, but the experience has been worth it. It has been a lesson to me and indeed something for each of us to contemplate....when God closes one door He opens another! There is always a reason why things happen in life. I believe this even though the happening may be difficult, sad and even tragic. We must always believe that God is in charge!

I thank you for your welcome and your support. Mrs Carr is lucky to have such a welcoming and supportive community. May this CHRISTMAS time be filled with peace and joy and may God be welcomed into your hearts and homes at this special time.

Have a great holiday with your children. Enjoy them because they grow up very quickly!

Blessings on you and your families.

Brenda Kennedy

Sr Brenda Kennedy
Acting Principal



Principal's Morning Tea

Last week we had our Infant and Primary Principal's Morning Tea for Term 4 2014. Teachers were asked to nominate one child from each class to attend morning tea with the Acting Principal and the Assistant Principal. These children have shown a positive attitude to all aspects of schooling this term. Congratulations to the parents and teachers of these children who consistently make good choices about their learning.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4, Week 10, 2014

- Wednesday, 10th December: Whole School Christmas Prayer Celebration (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
- Thursday, 11th December: Primary Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday, 16th December: End of Year Whole School Mass (9:00 am Good Shepherd Church)
- Tuesday, 16th December: Parent Helper Morning Tea (10.00 am in School Staffroom)
- Wednesday, 17th December: Last day of school for students

Social Skill of the Week

"Wash your hands after using the Bathroom"



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Jayden Gearman, Jarred Hide, Breanna Borg, Glenn Turner, Jeyanthan Albert Jeyathanan, Uinitoni Mataele, Tuatangiketatai Sailosi, Aaliyah Habito, Bereket Barasa and Marcus Mercado.

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	Vilisiliva Setefano	KG	Ethan Baxter
KR	Joel Amoh-Morgan	KW	Zion Penman
1B	Yareli Montarde	1G	Gennina Espino
1R	Saurav Prasad	1W	Alisha Makkar
2B	Benedict Cabrera	2G	Hayden-Noah Mercado
2R	Marissa Galea	2W	Rosary Tima
3B	Adrian Doctor	3G	Jade Cabrera
3R	Victoria Deng	3W	Liam Torres
4B	All of 4B	4G	All of 4G
4R	All of 4R	4W	All of 4W
5B	Zachary Presgrave	5G	Charlize Galang
5R	Jonathan Rahme	5W	Ved Rao
6B	Jackson Deamer	6G	Chloe Batac
6R	Miguel Aguilan	6W	Antonia Hadchity

Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days) for Term 4, 2014

Thursday, 18th December and Friday, 19th December (Last two days of the term).

School Commencement Dates for Term 1 2015

Wednesday, 28th January: Years 1—6 start
Thursday, 29th January: Kinder non siblings start
Friday, 30th January: Kinder siblings start

Christmas Mass Times for Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

24th December:

6.00 pm Children's Mass
8.00 pm Youth Mass
Midnight Mass

25th December:

7.00 am, 9.00 am, 10.45 am (Vietnamese). There will **NO** Evening Mass on Christmas Day.

Thank you 2014 School Leaders & Sports Captains:

We thank the following students who were School Leaders and Sport Captains for 2014:

Captain: Paulo Cabrera
Captain: Julia Nerviol
Vice Captain: Michael Portugal
Vice Captain: Rhiannon Soans

Sports Captains:

Bradman: Captain: Matthew Grimshaw
Captain: Aaliyah Villanueva
Vice Captain: Jacques Tuazon
Vice Captain: Chanel Saliba

Fraser: Captain: Leon Pangan
Captain: Katelyn Leonardo
Boy Vice Captain: Lance Reyes
Girl Vice Captain: Kalini Loloa

McKay: Captain: Caiden Singapu
Captain: Heaven Patelesio
Vice Captain: Adrian Torres
Vice Captain: Helena Sene

Newcombe: Captain: Micah Fernandez
Vice Captain: Jackson Deamer
Vice Captain: Sajal Deo



End of Year Whole School Mass

Our End of School Year Mass will take place on Tuesday, 16th December, 2014 at the Good Shepherd Church commencing at 9.00 am. All very welcome! Following Mass, we will be hosting a Parent Helper Morning Tea in the School Staff Room.

Primary Swimming Carnival

The Primary Swimming Carnival is to be held on Thursday, 11th December at Mt Druitt Swimming Pool. Buses will depart school at 8.40 am and will return to school by 2.50 pm. Children are asked to wear their swimminers under their Sports Uniform. They are required to wear shoes, not thongs. Coloured hair is not permitted. Please label all items, and don't forget a hat and sunscreen. They may wear their sport house coloured T-shirt.

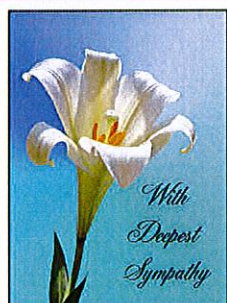


Term 4 2014 Concludes for Students

Please note Term 4 will conclude on **Wednesday, 17th December, 2014**. This will be the last day of School for all students.

MAI Interviews

Dear Parents, you may remember from the start of this year that your child had a Mathematics Interview with his/her class teacher. Your child's interview might have happened before school, after school or if your child was at COSHC. If their interview didn't happen out of school hours, then it happened during class time. We will be holding these Mathematics Interviews again at the start of next year. A letter outlining details of how to use the online booking system will come home shortly. Please remember that this interview time is for your child and his/her 2015 class teacher only. Parents are **NOT** involved. You will have the opportunity to meet your child's 2015 class teacher later in Term 1. Thank you for your support.
Mrs Bianca Cooke.



Our sincere condolences to the Setefano family—Leatuku (1G), and Jay (KR) on the recent death of their Grandmother. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We would also like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Lumanta family—Genelle (5G) on the recent passing of Genelle's Grandmother. Thinking of you and your family during this difficult, sad time.



Walkathon Profit News

The Walkathon is our major fundraiser at Good Shepherd School. Thank you to everyone for making our Walkathon a huge success. We wouldn't have been able to do it so successfully without your help and the kind generosity of our sponsors. We are pleased to announce the 2014 Walkathon Profit is \$20,210.



Plumpton/Oakhurst Soccer Club 'The Family Club' REGISTRATIONS 2015
At: Hanna Reserve, Hyatt's Road, OAKHURST

All Players: SAT 31st JAN 2015, SAT 7th FEB 2015 and SAT 14th FEB 2015 between 10.00 am-1.00 pm.

All new players REQUIRE ID

Players needed – Under 5's to Over 35's – Male & Female

Please complete the on-line registration process in advance—www.myfootballclub.com.au from Friday 2nd January, 2015.

For any enquiries please contact our Registrar – Katrina Ena by email - registrarposc@gmail.com or phone 0409 564 105 Between 6:00 pm -7.30 pm only. For details visit our website: www.plumptonoakhurstsc.org.au



Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sports Awards

A very big congratulations to Uinitoni Mataele (6W) who took out the following Awards:

The "Kathy McGee Memorial Awards for Courage and Determination in Sport" and the "PDCPSSC Sports Medallion for Excellence in School Sport in 2014 Award".

Well done Uinitoni on such a wonderful achievement!

School Office—Closed for Financial Transactions — tomorrow Wednesday 10th December, 2014

Parents, please note that the School Office will not be processing any financial transactions due to end of year financial rollover. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY TO SCHOOL**. We apologise for any inconvenience and ask for your consideration at this time. Thank you.



Walker's Pass

For those students who have a Walker's Pass, they will expire at the end of this school term. You will need to call into the School Office and pick up your new 2015 Walker's Pass. Thank you.

Kindergarten 2015 Enrolments

There is only a **small** number of places left for Kindergarten 2015 so if you would like to enrol your child, please pick up a form from the School Office ASAP. Parents, if you already have a child at Good Shepherd, you will still need to submit an Enrolment Form for any new siblings for 2015.



Canteen News

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

Available every day finishing this Friday, 12th December.

Meal Deal 1

Ham & Salad Roll, Juice Popper & Zooper Dooper.

Meal Deal 2

5 Nuggets, Juice Popper & Zooper Dooper

Both Meal Deals are \$4.50 each

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.



Keyboard Lessons Term 4

Parents, please note Term 4 and any outstanding Term 3 Keyboard Lesson fees are now due. These fees can be paid at the School Office or sent in with your child. Thank you.

Lost Property

Parents, please note there are still quite a few items in the Lost Property drawer in the School Office. If these items are not claimed by the end of term, they will be discarded. Thank you.

Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC) December & January School Holiday Program

Fabulous activities to keep children entertained during the school holidays. For all inquiries please contact Centre Supervisor on 0409 121 980 or email on COSHC.GoodShepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au.

St Timothy's College—School Holiday Workshops

Using LEGO, Mindstorms, EV3 & WeDo Robotics. Also creative and themed building workshops—12th—23rd January 2015. For more information and to book online go to: www.sttimothyscollege.org. Phone: 0425 299 435.

Sydney Olympic Park—Kids in the Park—School Holiday Program Summer 2014-2015—

Kids in the Park have many programs and activities available during the summer 2014/2015 period. For further information on all the activities/programs offered during the school holidays, please visit www.kidsinthe park.com.au.

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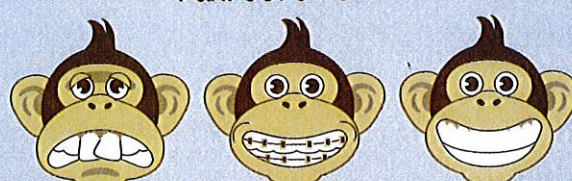
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