



# Good Shepherd

Catholic Primary School

## Calendar

### St John of the Cross



#### Term 4 Concludes:

Tomorrow, Wednesday,  
16th December

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**Term 4**

**Week 11**

**Tuesday, 15th December, 2015**

Dear Parents and Guardians.

The reports have been written, and the classes announced, that means that the end of the school year has come around once again. What a wonderful year we have had. When you listen to the news and see the hardship and despair faced by some people we must take a moment to thank God for the many blessings we have. During this time of Christmas it is important for us to remind our children that even if we don't have much money, we are much more blessed than millions of others.

I would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year. It has been very pleasing for the staff to see and hear your positive responses to the events organised for you and the students. The workshops on Literacy and Numeracy throughout the year were well attended and we will be offering these learning opportunities again next year.

To our Parents and Friends committee, a very heartfelt thank you for your tireless work throughout the year. All of the students benefit from your efforts and fundraising and we are very grateful.

I would like to wish Mrs Vanessa Holland all the best for her future. She is leaving us and will be taking up a position at Mother Teresa Primary at Westmead. Farewell also to Mrs Julie Smith and Mrs Kelley Boshell. We are very appreciative of their hard work and support for the students and staff at Good Shepherd Primary over a number of years. Best wishes to Mrs Sara McCaffrey and Mrs Clare Burnett who are leaving us, for a short time, as they await the birth of their babies.

We wish them many blessings for the future.

Last week we had the Term Four Principal's Morning Tea. Once again we congratulate those students who were chosen to attend by their teachers. They were the students who consistently displayed a positive attitude to learning and in their interactions with others. Congratulations to those students and their families. (I love those morning teas and you'd be amazed at the interesting news I hear!).

Thank you parents and friends for your support and generosity.

May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you and your families, and may the light of Jesus, the true meaning of Christmas shine in your homes at this special time of the year.

*Tricia Carr*

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### UPCOMING EVENTS Term 4, Week 11, 2015

Tuesday, 15th December: End of Year Whole School Mass (9.00 am Church-everybody welcome)  
Parent Helper Morning Tea (10.00 am School Staffroom)

Wednesday, 16th December: Last Day for Students

### Working with Children Check

Dear Parents & Carers, if you wish to volunteer and help out at various school functions, you now need 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.

## School Captains 2016

**School Captains:** Elisa Inbaraj & Russell Gonzales

**Vice Captains:** Katelyn Calima & Jeco Nerviol

## Sports Captains 2016

### Bradman

#### Captains

Janika Gopal & Emmanuel Deng

#### Vice Captains

Lusia Akenese Sini & Kayne Cornett

### Fraser

#### Captains

Atalya Palu & Liam Mahood

#### Vice Captains

Jasmine Singh & Aiden Portugal

### McKay

#### Captains

Janelle Viray & Andro Esho

#### Vice Captains

Taylor Roukos & Christian Tima

### Newcombe

#### Captains

Felicity Vaifale & Sonny Cham

#### Vice Captains

Celeste Roldan & Brendon Purkis



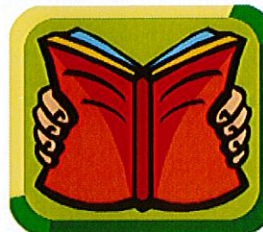
### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week: Miguel Diamse, Anjlika Gopal, Emmanuel Baduria, Jok Job, Jordan Lumbre, Radcliffe Serra, Cassandra Cruz, Kasilita Lanumata, Marliese Toa, Harmony Letherbarrow, Temiah Sanelivi, Catherine Schofield and Marcus Stokes. For those students that will be celebrating their birthday during the school holidays, we wish them a very Happy Birthday!



### Cheers & Tears

On Tuesday 2nd February, 2016 from 8.30 am – 9.00 am all parents are invited to join us for a Cheers & Tears morning tea. This will be held in the School Staffroom.



### Merry Christmas from Good Shepherd!

Today, every child was given a special Christmas gift from the school—a book—especially for them. We hope they will provide many enjoyable hours for them over the holidays. Merry Christmas! Mrs Platts

### Christmas Mass Times for Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

#### Christmas Confessions:

Wednesday, 16th December at 7.30 pm 2nd Rite

#### Reconciliation

#### 24th December:

6.00 pm Children's Mass

8.00 pm Youth Mass

Midnight Mass

#### 25th December:

7.00 am, 9.00 am, 11.00 am (Vietnamese). There will **NO** Evening Mass on Christmas Day.

### Application for Extended Leave from School for Holidays or Leave

Parents, please note it is mandatory to complete an "Application for Extended Leave" form if your child will be absent for 10 days or more, during the school terms. This form needs to be completed, submitted and approved by the Principal, **prior to going on leave**, giving at least four weeks' notice where possible. Forms can be picked up from the School Office or downloaded from the Website.

### School Commencement Dates for Term 1 2016

Thursday, 28th January: Years 1—6 start

Monday, 1st February: New Kinder students commence

Tuesday, 2nd February: Sibling Kinder students commence



## School Uniforms and Acceptable Haircuts

We have noticed that some variations have crept in to what the students are wearing to school. Thank you to those families who adhere to our uniform code. Many people comment that our students stand out as well groomed and neat and tidy when we attend various events.

Parents please be aware that our uniform expectations are on the website. I draw your attention particularly to the section on haircuts, shoes and socks and sports shoes.

Acceptable haircuts for Good Shepherd are named. We do not permit lines, shaved sides and long top, or coloured hair.

Students should return to school with an appropriate haircut. Shoes from next year are black with white socks for girls and brown socks for boys. These are to be ankle (fold over) not anklette or sport socks.

For sports shoes please choose predominately white shoes not multi coloured or flouro shoes. No bright orange or pink.

Uniform notes will be sent home from the beginning of the year to those who don't conform with our uniform policy.

Thank you for supporting our school and encouraging the students to take pride in their uniform. Tricia Carr

## Label Uniforms

Please label your child's uniform especially their jumpers 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 uniform, you are spending money unnecessarily when you need to replace these items.

## Term 4 2015 Principal's Awards

This 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: Julianne Tumalad, Hope MacMillan Savea, Cedric Roldan, Hannah Gerard, Makayla Ross, Josette Attard, Ilyana Toma, Zion Penman, Kaelan Torralba, Bailey Coulson, Yareli Montarde, Summer Catig, Cooper Johnson, Ethan Zammit, Emmelia Inbaraj, Abigail Lumbré, Aiden Quiroz, Caryn Tan, Divisha Chand, Summah Russell, Nina Bui, Xavier Lobos,

Yasmin Alam, Athena Fajardo,

Michael Sequeira, Emjay Daez,

Samantha Ambrus, Reese Obedoza,

Elizabeth Lolesio and Angela Gallego.



## 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 2016 class teacher only. Parents are **NOT** involved. You will have the opportunity to meet your child's 2016 class teacher later in Term 1. Online Booking Instructions are as follows:

1. Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)
2. You will see the screen below
3. Enter the event code KVN3Y and press Go

When your booking is complete, please note the day and time on your 2016 calendar so you don't forget! Thank you for your support. Mrs Bianca Cooke.

## Year 2 Excursion to "Jack in the Beanstalk" at Loreto School, Normanhurst.

Recently, Year 2 had the privilege of watching Year 9 perform in a Pantomime "Jack in the Beanstalk" at Loreto School, Normanhurst. It was a wonderful and inspiring day for our students.



## Library Borrowing now finished

Dear Parents & Carers, please note that all Library borrowing is now finished for the term. Would you please ensure your child returns all books as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Canteen News

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

### Meal Deal 1

Egg & Lettuce Sandwich, Pop Top and Zooper Dooper.

### Meal Deal 2


Hot Dog with sauce, Flavoured Milk & Zooper Dooper.

Both Meal Deals are \$4.50 each

Don't forget the "Healthy Option" Crunch & Sip promotion —Piece of fruit + small bottle water \$2.00.

Orders to be placed by 9.00 am daily. Online Ordering: To order online please visit [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au).





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# Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge





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The Principal  
The Good Shepherd School  
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Dear Principal

**Blacktown City Libraries Summer Reading Program 2015-2016**

Blacktown City Libraries are proud to launch "Every Hero has a Story", its eighth Summer Reading Program on 23 November 2015. This program encourages children of ages 0-12 to read, or be read, 10 books of their choice during the November/January 2015-2016 school holiday period.

We would greatly appreciate you encouraging your students to participate in this exciting program. Please circulate the following information to students and staff and include it in your school newsletter and bulletins.

**"Every Hero has a Story"**

**Blacktown City Libraries Summer Reading Program 2015-2016**

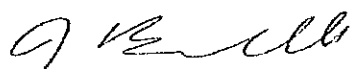
Summer school holidays are coming soon with plenty of time to relax, play – and read! Following the huge success of last year's Summer Reading Program (810 children reading 13,125 books), Blacktown City Libraries is running this year's program "Everyone Reads" from Monday, 23 November 2015 to Friday, 29 January 2016.

Each child participating must be a member of the library. It's free to join the library. If you are aged 12 or under, you can be part of the fun. Register at any Blacktown City Libraries branch and you will be given a reading record to fill out. For every ten books you read, you will have your name displayed in the library on the Hero Wall of Fame. Once you have read 10 books, you will be invited to attend a presentation ceremony in March 2016 to receive an official certificate and a giant lollipop as well as enter a lucky door prize competition.

Visit [www.libraries.blacktown.gov.au](http://www.libraries.blacktown.gov.au) for details.

Should you require further information on this matter, please contact Kiran Shirodkar or Annette Sowsun, the Library's Children's and Young Adult Team, on 9839 6643.

Yours sincerely,



Jennifer Burrell  
Manager Library Services



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