



Good Shepherd

Catholic Primary School

Calendar

Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles



Term 4 Concludes:

Wednesday, 16th December

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Term 4

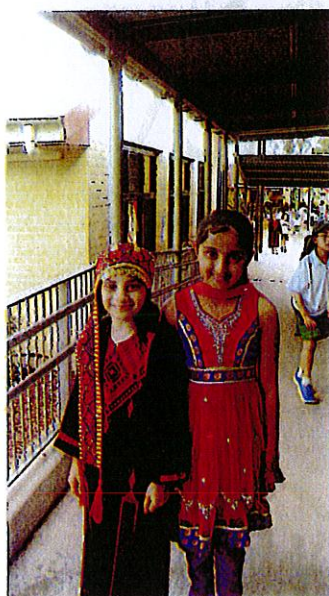
Week 4

Tuesday, 27th October, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you very much to all the parents and friends who attended our celebration day last Wednesday.

What a wonderful number turned up to celebrate with us. We are very grateful and the children were particularly delighted to have such an appreciative audience for their concert. The Liturgy certainly highlighted the special bonds we have here at Good Shepherd with so many different nationalities represented. Thank you to all the Grandparents and special people who fulfil that role in the lives of our students. You made this a special occasion by your presence. It was a very joyful day and one which we hope will become a tradition.



I mentioned that I will be embarking on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land next week. Principals from schools in the Parramatta Diocese will be on this pilgrimage led by the Vicar for Education, Reverend Father Chris de Souza. Mrs Cooke will be the Acting Principal in my absence and Mr Byrne will be Acting Assistant Principal. Mrs Dela Paz will be the Acting Religious Education Coordinator during this time.

God Bless

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4, Week 4, 2015

Thursday, 29th October: Catherine McCauley Year 7 Info. Exchange (8.30 am Good Shepherd School)
 Tuesday, 3rd November: Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
 Thursday, 12th November - Year 5 Teen Ranch Camp
 Friday, 13th November:
 Looking ahead:
 Wednesday, 16th December: Last day of Term 4 for students
 Thursday, 28th January: Years 1—6 students return to school
 Monday, 1st February: New Kinder students commence
 Tuesday, 2nd February: Sibling Kinder students

Social Skill of the Week

"Take your Hat off inside"

Peace & Joy Awards

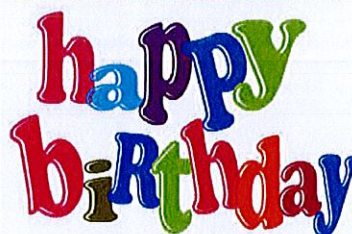
The Good Shepherd School Community would like to congratulate the following students for their hard work and dedication throughout the past week. These awards are presented for cooperation, respectfulness, responsibility, care, compassion, fair go and integrity.

KB	Kristina Labeeb	KG	Carolina Barkho
KR	Jarred Mercado	KW	Mason Parica
1B	Emily Pham	1G	Jeylan Tamer
1R	Elissa Restuccia	1W	Andrei Jambalos
2B	Athalliah Cruz	2G	Keisha Fitzpatrick
2R	Xander Mendiola	2W	Bea Dela Paz
3B	Isaiah Gomez	3G	Amellia Deja
3R	Mikayla Maggs	3W	Keisha Nuval
4B	Ayden Hoggard	4G	Sarah Bustria
4R	Thalia Mazur	4W	Raven Diola
5B	Lusia Sini	5G	Taylor Roukos
5R	Luke Lyons	5W	Shanel Taliauli
6B	Isabella Stergiou	6G	Alealin Templo
6R	Keshika Chauhan	6W	Sophie Blazevec



Peter Pan Musical—a performance by our Good Shepherd students!!

Last performance is tomorrow, Wednesday, 28th October at 6.45 pm at Western Sydney Performing Arts Centre, Hyatts Road Plumpton. Tickets are now sold out. Thank you for your support.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthday this week: Peter Mateo, Ambrose De Guia, Mithran Marimuthu, Hayden Rintoul, Jane Frerika, Charlie Luke, Jackson Elvis, Avani Narayan, Rianne Villanueva, Amara Johnson, Angelo Cruz, Myka Munsayac and Sonny Cham.

Word of the Week

K—2

Reduce

To make smaller

3 – 6

accomplish

To bring to conclusion; carry out; finish



Parramatta Diocesan Basketball Gala Day—

Tuesday 20th October 2015

Wow!! What a day. Good Shepherd students have made us all very proud. The teams played a total of 26 games and the following results were achieved:

Won – 11

Lost - 14

Draw – 1.

However, the final results did not match the fire in their hearts to play with enthusiasm, passion and gusto. They played fairly and respected their opponents. What the students enjoyed most about the gala day was being part of a team, playing with their mates and having lots of fun.

Thank you to the parents and older siblings who attended and assisted on the day. Your time and efforts were greatly appreciated. Thank you to our parent cheer squad. Your support from the sideline gave the students the encouragement they needed to play to the best of their abilities. The students all went home sore, tired, sweaty and with huge smiles on their faces. They were all very proud of their efforts today.

Thank you Mrs Latham for organising this event along with all the volunteers, coaches, managers, referees and first aid officers for making this experience possible for all our students. Finally, a huge congratulations to our Year 6 Girls who achieved 2nd place overall in their pool. Well done, Good Shepherd.



Parents Representative Council News

General Meeting—Monday, 16th November. Presentation: All students are gifted & talented—identifying personalised pathways to success. For information please email Selina Calleia on prcparrasecretary@gmail.com or visit website www.prc.catholic.edu.au



Summer Uniform

By now all students should be wearing their Summer School/Sports Uniform. Please remember our "No Hat, No Play" policy and ensure that your child has their school hat each day. All clothing and hats should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Thank you.

Last Chance for Enrolments for Kindergarten 2015

Applications for Kindergarten 2016 are now closing and there are only a couple of places left—so please pick up an Enrolment Form from the school office.

Change of School Bus Numbers (Busways)

Dear Parents & Carers, please note that the bus numbers of Busways trips serving your school will change, commencing on **Monday 2nd November, 2015**. This is due to Transport for NSW business Rules that necessitate all bus companies to convert dedicated school buses to an individual 4 digit number, in order to assist with reporting and technology requirements. As a result, the existing 1 and/or 2 digit numbers will need to change – for a general example, Bus 1 becomes 6015. **It is important to note that there are no changes to the roads used and arrival/departure times associated with this process – it is just a simple re-numbering of the existing Busways services at your school.** We also wish to highlight that any 'route' services (generally a 3 digit number) which serve your school will not change. Attached to this newsletter, is the Busways Flyer.

Family Maths Challenge

Jason went to the doctor on the 3rd June. He needs to visit again three weeks later. When will Jason go back to the doctor?

How many days is that?

What if Jason had to go back in 4 weeks time/7 weeks time, what date would that be?

What day of the week is the 20th June?

What day of the week would the 29th May be?

How many days in June? July? December? In the whole year? A leap year?

What is the date three weeks before the 27th June?

What if Jason's sister's birthday is 5 days after Jason goes to the doctor.

What day of the week is that?

June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Not returning to Good Shepherd in 2016

If your family is not returning to Good Shepherd in 2016, would you please let Mrs Carr know in writing as soon as possible. Would you please indicate the school that they will be attending, for our records. Thank you.

Back to School 2016

Parents, if you intend travelling overseas or interstate during the Christmas holidays and your child/children will be returning to school late in 2016 due to extended holidays or any other reason, could you please notify the office, in writing, that this will be happening and noting the date your child will be returning for the 2016 school year. (NB, please remember to pick up from the school office, or you can download it from our School Website, an Application for Extended Leave form which is mandatory for leave between 10—100 days during any school term. **This must be completed, travel documentation attached to it, and returned to the school office prior to going on leave.**

Student Bus Passes

Parents, please note students in Year Two, who currently hold a bus pass, will need to apply for another pass for 2016 when they progress to Year Three. An application form is to be completed, and the completed form **MUST** be returned to the school office. If the form is not returned, the student will not receive a bus pass for the start of 2016. Thank you for your cooperation.

Car Park Safety

Parents, please be aware that all children **MUST** be escorted into the School premises, not let out of the car and left to walk alone through the car park. Also, please show a little courtesy when entering and leaving the car park.



Congratulations to the Mensah family (Darren 3G and Gideon 6W) on the birth of a gorgeous baby boy. May he bring you and your family much happiness for the future.

P&F News

Uniform Shop - Opening Hours: Wednesdays Only 8.30 am—9.00 am

We have new hats, caps, school bags, library bags, all at very reasonable prices. Second-hand school uniforms are also available. Donations always welcome!

St Agnes Catholic High School—Year 7 2016 Information Evening

Mr Brogan, Principal of St Agnes Catholic High School, would like to invite Year 6 students and their families to their Year 7 2016 Information Evening on Monday, 16th November at 7.00 pm. Address is: Evans Road, Rooty Hill. Orientation Day for students will be on Wednesday, 25th November. For all inquiries please phone 8882 0700.

Canteen News

(Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$4.50 each)
Available every day until Friday, 13th November.

Meal Deal 1

Chicken Lettuce & Mayo Sandwich, Juice Popper & Fruit Cup.

Meal Deal 2

Cheeseburger & Slushie.

Both Meal Deals are \$4.50 each

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

Please note the Mini Cheese Burger is no longer available; it has been replaced with Mini Pork Bun \$2.50. Orders to be placed by 9.00 am daily.

Online Ordering: To order online please visit www.flexschools.com.au. Orders to be placed by 9.00 am daily.

2015 Blacktown City Art Prize—Children & Young Artists Section

Children and young artists between the ages of 5 and 15 are invited to submit entries for selection and judging, with certificates and age group prizes on offer. **Please see attached entry form for details.** The completed entry form and artwork must be delivered on Friday 13th or Saturday 14th November (between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm) to: Blacktown Arts Centre, 78 Flushcombe Road Blacktown (Enter Arts Centre Car Park via Campbell Street).



St Finbar's Primary School Fete

St Finbar's Primary School, Levy Street Glenbrook is holding its annual School Fete this Friday, 30th October from 4.00 pm – 8.00 p.m. Lots of rides for all ages, various stalls including a Cake Stall, Trash n Treasure, Chocolate Wheel, and a great variety of food stalls. For more details, look us up on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StFinbarsPrimarySchoolFete> or you can contact the School Office on 4739 1796. Hope to see you there!

Good Shepherd Primary School

Dear Student/Parent/Guardian

Commencing **Monday 2nd November 2015**, many school bus numbers will be changing as shown below. It is important that you make yourself aware of the new bus number for the morning and afternoon trip, as both will be different.

AM - PM	Current Bus Number	New Bus Number
AM	10 (Departs Mt Druitt Station)	6023
AM	10 (Departs via Sedgman Cr.)	6070
AM	4	6071
AM	2	6067
AM	1	6010
PM	5	6602
PM	7	6597
PM	10	6530
PM	8	6589
PM	4	6523

This change to 4 digit numbers is required to ensure Busways can meet guidelines set by Transport for NSW in terms of reporting and ticketing functionality.

Detailed school bus timetables (**including all connecting services**) are available on the Busways website at www.busways.com.au or for further information, please contact Busways Customer Service on **9497 1870** or **9497 1887**.

Busways wishes to apologise for any confusion this critical information upgrade may cause.

Yours sincerely

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(17) Good Shepherd Primary School (19/10/2015)

Busways Blacktown P/L ABN 86 000 173 437 T (02) 9625 8900 F (02) 9625 4703 150 Glendenning Rd Glendenning NSW 2761	Busways Blacktown P/L Penrith Depot T (02) 4721 9900 F (02) 4732 6160 47-53 Mullins Rd Penrith NSW 2750	Busways Blacktown P/L Windsor Depot T (02) 4574 9200 F (02) 4577 9054 91 Mulgrave Rd Mulgrave NSW 2756	Busways Gosford P/L ABN 79 817 812 619 T (02) 4368 2277 F (02) 4368 2077 42 Empire Bay Dr Kincumber NSW 2251	Busways Wyong P/L ABN 17 000 044 726 T (02) 4392 6666 F (02) 4392 5831 9 Arizona Rd Woongarra NSW 2259	Busways North Coast P/L ABN 75 106 202 340 T (02) 6583 2499 F (02) 6583 2388 6-8 Denham St Port Macquarie NSW 2444
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Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/Information-for-childcare-and-schools.aspx>

Blacktown City Art Prize

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG ARTISTS SECTION
(FOR AGES 5 – 15)**

PRIZES

CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION

All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

INDIVIDUAL AGE PRIZES

Awards will be presented to the individual entries judged best in each age level. Age levels eligible for awards will be for children of 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 years of age. Prizes may include books, art supplies, board games etc.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR ENTRANTS

Delivery date for works and entry forms

10am – 5pm Friday 13 and Saturday 14 November 2015

Exhibition dates

Open Tuesday – Sat 10am – 5pm 5 December – 30 January 2016

Awards Presentation

11:30am Saturday 12 December 2015 at Blacktown Arts Centre

Collection of entries

10am – 5pm Friday 5 and Saturday 6 February 2016

ARTWORK DELIVERY AND COLLECTION ADDRESS

Blacktown Arts Centre
78 Flushcombe Rd Blacktown NSW 2148
(Enter Arts Centre car park via Campbell St)
For enquiries please phone (02) 9839 6558

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Blacktown City Art Prize 2015

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ARTISTS SECTION

Blacktown City Council is proud to announce the 20th Blacktown City Art Prize. Children and Young Artists are invited to submit entries for selection and judging, with certificates and age group prizes on offer.

Entry Form

**ENTRY FORM AND ARTWORK DUE 10AM – 5PM
FRIDAY 13 AND SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2015**

Blacktown Arts Centre
78 Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown
02 9839 6558

ENTRANT'S DETAILS (Please print)

First name _____

Last name _____ Age _____

School _____ Suburb _____

Please note: Entrants must live or attend schools within the Blacktown Local Government Area

PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS

First name _____

Last name _____

Postal address _____

Suburb _____ State _____ Post Code _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Will the parent/guardian or a school teacher collect the artwork?

Parent/Guardian ☐ Teacher ☐

If teacher, please provide teacher's name _____

DETAILS OF ENTRY

Title _____

Medium _____

DECLARATION

I the undersigned have read, understood and agree to the published conditions on this entry form for the 2015 Blacktown City Art Prize Children and Young Artists Section. I certify that my child's entry is their original work, completed since October 2014.

Parent/Guardian _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(Privacy notice: The information supplied will be utilised and stored for the purposes of the Art Prize only)

Climate: Let's Talk About the Weather

Is climate the same as weather? No. Weather is what's happening today or this week. Climate is the average weather in a place over many years. While weather can change in just a few hours, climate takes hundreds, thousands, even millions of years to change. There are many types of climates across the Earth.

If you lived in a wildly windy place, what would the land and the plants look like? What about if you lived in a rainforest, a hot desert, or a cold one? Would there be lots of trees or none? Would there be food for animals and places for them to sleep?

Create a graphic design, ceramic work, painting, drawing, collage, relief or sculpture that tells a story about climate. It can be a real climate you have experienced or one you have imagined.

Finalists are exhibited alongside the main exhibition from 5 December 2015 to 30 January 2016.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

A parent or guardian must read the terms and conditions of this entry form carefully and sign the declaration for children submitting entries.

1. Entrants are encouraged to address the theme of **Climate: Let's Talk About the Weather** in their work, however this is not compulsory.
2. There are no fees for entry. Works submitted will not be for sale.
3. Blacktown Arts Centre on behalf of Blacktown City Council reserves the right to limit the display to a maximum of 150 works according to quality of work and space availability.
4. Entrants must live or attend a school within the Blacktown Local Government Area and be aged 5 – 15 years old on the 1 October 2015.

5. Entries:

- (a) Each child/young artist is limited to one (1) entry
 - (b) Maximum size of works accepted:
Two dimensional works – A3 size (30cm x 42cm), not including frame
Three dimensional works – 30cm x 30cm x 30cm
 - (c) For two dimensional works, entrants are strongly encouraged to frame submitted work
- This will allow professional presentation in the exhibition. Blacktown Arts Centre staff reserve the right to attach hanging devices where necessary
- (d) Each entry must bear the title, medium and entrant's name, address, school, school year, age and phone contact details on the back
 - (e) Each entry must be the original work of the entrant and must have been completed since October 2014

6. Entrants will allow their work to be reproduced by Council and/or the media (with Council's permission) for art prize promotion, signage, website, catalogue entry and official Council-authored or supported reports only. Council also reserves the right to negotiate with entrants for the use of reproductions of their work for other purposes.

7. The decisions of the Judges and Blacktown Arts Centre on behalf of Council in all conditions of entry, display and judging will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

8. Collection of entries at the conclusion of the exhibition is from 10am – 5pm Friday 5 and Saturday 6 February 2016. Works that are not collected will be held for one week after the arranged pick-up date but will thereafter be disposed of without further notice.

Entry forms can be downloaded from www.artscentre.blacktown.nsw.gov.au