



Good Shepherd

Catholic Primary School

Calendar

All Saints Day & All Souls Day

NOVEMBER 1

All Saints
All Souls

NOVEMBER 2

Term 4 Concludes:

Wednesday, 16th December

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Term 4

Week 5

Tuesday, 3rd November, 2015

GOOD SHEPHERD WRITERS RECEIVE A PRIZE!!

Last term, a team of Year 6 writers, the 'Awesome Authors', took part in the national 'Write a Book in a Day' project under the guidance of Mrs Voda. The aim of this project is to raise funds for the Kids Cancer Research Project at Westmead Children's Hospital and to provide books for the children to read that are written by children. This is the third year that Good Shepherd has entered but it is the first year that we were nominated for a prize.

Last Friday, the team of children, consisting of Osaru Airhumwunde, Alynna Arago, Katerina Asistin, Jessica Dela Paz, Joaquin Dungca, Aaliyah Habito, Praveena Kilberd, Tamara Lamont, Elkah Pillay and Sara Scott were invited to Westmead Children's Hospital for the Presentation Ceremony.

Our very talented writers won the 'Commended Award' in the Best Book category for Primary Schools in ACT/NSW. We are very proud of their achievements. The book entitled 'The Unexpected Trip' can be borrowed from the school library.



GOOD SHEPHERD STARS SHINE!!

Last week the cast of the musical 'Peter Pan Jr' and the choir performed magnificently on two sold out evenings. The children displayed their talents and gave a performance worthy of the standing ovation they received at their final performance. The children are fortunate that they are at a school that provides these wonderful opportunities for them. It is a memory they will carry with them throughout life.

A huge thank you goes to the hard working and dedicated staff who gave up so much of their own time to ensure the children 'shone'. Thank you also to the parents who helped with sewing or sets. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to the children of the cast who made the commitment and gave up two to three lunchtimes a week to rehearse. Well done everyone!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4, Week 5, 2015

Thursday, 12th November & Year 5 Teen Ranch Camp
 Friday, 13th November:
 Wednesday, 25th November: Year 6 St Agnes Orientation Day & Summer School Disco
 Thursday, 26th November: Year 2 Loreto Excursion
 & Friday, 27th November
 Friday, 27th November: Gold Coin Mufti Day (WYD Fundraiser)

Looking ahead to 2016:

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 commence



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthday this week: Alisha Deamer, Bella Monge Alfaro, Shanel Taliauli, Marco Blazevic, Selina Farah, Soteria Gearman, Ella Rhayem, Dominic Sultana, Anthony Israel, Sean Scanlan, Julian Martin, Renaise Alpuerto, Cooper Lambert, Cooper Johnson, Theresia Purwadi, Cooper Jones, Oliver Allen and Laurina Aziz.

Word of the Week

K—2

Protect

To defend from danger

3 – 6

proceed

To carry on or continue any action

Social Skill of the Week

"Say please and thank you"

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	Christiano Jamil	KG	Jana Tato
KR	Saharsh Morisetti	KW	Isalyah Seiuli
1B	Ethan Nunag	1G	Josette Attard
1R	Ryan Ludwig	1W	Catharina Purwadi
2B	Marley-Poppi Ellison	2G	Jaymee Felizardo
2R	Ella Romero	2W	Saurav Prasad
3B	Sheree Aranez	3G	Mya Schmidt-Tuaimau
3R	Tsega Dawit	3W	Jahaziel Dela Paz
4B	Abbelyn Deja	4G	Aarav Karan
4R	Jamie Ocampo	4W	Isaiah Misi
5B	Billynishan Taupau	5G	Diego Aleman
5R	Logan Pillay	5W	Celeste Roldan
6B	Natasha Vincent	6G	Reese Obedoza
6R	Alisha Deamer	6W	Samuel Wilkes

Parramatta Diocesan Gymnastics—Friday 30th October 2015

Last Friday, Mitchell Holmes (3W) and Parv Shah (4R) represented Good Shepherd Primary School at the Diocesan Gymnastics. Congratulations to Parv for his participation and achieving diocesan level for gymnastics. Congratulations also to Mitchell who achieved first place in Static, 2nd Place for Mini Tramp and Floor. He was also named "Overall Champion Boy".

Class Placement for 2016

Very soon we will start to formulate classes for 2016. If you have any issues regarding your child's class placement, please inform Mrs Bianca Cooke, Acting Principal, in writing no later than **Friday, 20th November**. Whilst we endeavour to take into account your considerations, final decisions are made by the School.

If your family is not returning to Good Shepherd in 2016, would you please let Mrs Cooke know in writing by **Friday, 20th November**. Please indicate the school that they will be attending, for our records. Thank you.

School Shoes & Joggers

At this time of the year we often find that children need their school shoes & joggers replaced. Please remember if you are buying new school shoes, they are to be black. If you need to replace joggers, they should be predominantly white. No fluoro or bright colours. For information on uniform and hairstyle requirements, please see website.



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

Last Chance for Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016

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.

Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days) for Term 4, 2015

Thursday, 17th December and
 Friday, 18th December (Last two days of the term).

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

Change of School Bus Numbers (Busways)

Dear Parents & Carers, please note that the bus numbers of Busways trips serving your school have changed, commencing last 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.

School Fees

Parents, would you please finalise all outstanding accounts for your child in Year 6, no later than Friday, 6th November. All families who have an arrangement in place, please continue with your commitment. Thank you for your cooperation.

Walking to School

Dear Parents & Carers, just a reminder if your child is walking to and from school, please ensure that they walk with an adult or with other children. This ensures everyone keeps safe at all times.

Please note Issue 8 of Bookclub Orders is due Monday 16th November. Thank you.



Roads & Maritime

40 km/h school zones

The 40 km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school. Most 40 km/h school zones operate between 8.00 am and 9.30 am and from 2.30 pm until 4.00 pm. The 40 km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.



Family Maths Challenge – Time

What time does the clock show?
How would you write that in digital notation?, In words?
How many minutes have already passed the hour?
What are the arms of the clock called? (clue: types of hands)
How many minutes to go till 9 o'clock?
What things could you do at this time in the morning (am)?
What things could you do at this time in the evening (pm)?
If you had to write this time in 24-hour notation, what would it look like?
If my friends are coming over to my house at 10:30, how long do I have to wait before they arrive?

How many minutes have passed since 7 o'clock? Since 6:30? Since 4:45?

How many minutes in 1 hour?

How many minutes in $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour?

How many hours in 1 day?

How many minutes in 1 day?

If you look at the TV program for the time shown on this clock, what show/s would be on?

Parent Group News

School Summer Disco

The School Summer Disco will be held Wednesday, 25th November in the Parish Hall. Sausage sizzle, Drinks, chips and Glow Sticks will be available for purchase on the night. Parents, please note the following times for your children to participate at the Disco:

Kindy & Year 1: 4.30 pm—5.30 pm

Years 2, 3 & 4: 5.45 pm—7.00 pm

Years 5 & 6: 7.15 pm—8.30 pm

We require Parent Helpers for the disco, so if you are able to assist and have completed an online Child Protection Volunteers application, please leave your name at the office.

Parent Helpers required for Kinder 2016 Orientation mornings to help with uniforms etc.

The Parent Group also require parent helpers for the Kinder 2016 Orientation mornings from 8.30 am—11:30 am. The dates are as follows: 16th, 17th, 18th, 23rd, 24th, 25th November. Please leave your details at the office.

Parent Group News (cont'd)

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! Please note it is 'Cash Only' sales.

School Drop Off Procedures

Parents, please note that if your children are late to school, they are to be escorted to the school office by a Parent/Carer. Thank you.

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.flexischools.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. 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).