



Good Shepherd

Catholic Primary School

Calendar

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Term 4 Concludes:

Wednesday, 16th December

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Term 4

Week 7

Tuesday, 16th November, 2015

"Wrap-up of Teen Ranch 2015"

"Teen Ranch 2015 was a fun experience for all Year 5.

The food there was amazing, even for those children who were on special diets the chefs got it 'spot on!!'. The activities were awesome and included rock climbing, archery, horse riding and the giant swing. The cabins were very nice, clean and comfortable. I would really like to go back there sometime and I'm sure the rest of Year 5 does as well.

Year Four—get prepared because you are in for a great time!!" By Dylan Leo 5B

"Students from different schools come to Teen Ranch to have tremendous amounts of fun.

Year Five from Good Shepherd arrived on Thursday 12/11/15 and had the best two days of their lives. The activities at Teen Ranch were the best I've ever seen and the meals were amazing. We ate pancakes, roast beef, chocolate mousse, hamburgers, fruit, homemade cakes and sandwiches—just to name some of the menu. We tried rock climbing, archery, horse riding and the giant swing. Who wouldn't like to travel to Teen Ranch?" By Nicole Morales 5B

"On 12th November, Year 5 went to Teen Ranch at Cobbity. The camp was mostly about learning leadership skills and enjoying ourselves. We stayed overnight and spent two full days.

Once we arrived at the campsite, Year 5 had recess and played an entertaining game that the staff of Teen Ranch created. After that, we went to do the main activities of Teen Ranch.

Those activities were: horse riding, giant swing, archery and rock climbing. Even though it was raining on the first day, that didn't stop Year 5 from doing these action-packed activities.

The food at Teen Ranch was delicious. Year 5 enjoyed all the different meals and loved that we were asked to have "seconds"!

There were many highlights of Teen Ranch and it was quite difficult to decide the best one. Like Mr Byrne having to buy ice blocks for the people who popped balloons at archery or the opportunity at reflection time when we connected with each other and learned more about God. But the most favourite highlight of all was everyone's favourite activity—the giant swing.

Teen Ranch was very exciting and all the staff were very kind and supportive. Year 5 would have loved to go there again—it was fantastic!!"
By Czarina Sulapat 5R

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4, Week 7, 2015

Wednesday, 25th November:	Year 6 St Agnes Orientation Day & Summer School Disco
Thursday, 26th November: & Friday, 27th November	Year 2 Loreto Excursion
Friday, 27th November:	Gold Coin Mufti Day (WYD Fundraiser)
Monday, 30th November:	Infants Awards Ceremony (8.30 am School Assembly area)
Tuesday, 1st December:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Church)
Wednesday, 2nd December:	Year 6 Reflection Day
Friday, 4th December;	Year 6 Fun Day
Monday, 7th December:	Primary Awards Ceremony (8.30 am School Assembly area) Year 6 Graduation Mass (6.00 pm Church)
Wednesday, 9th December:	Christmas Liturgy (11.30 am Church)
Friday, 11th December:	Swimming Carnival
Tuesday, 15th December:	End of Year Whole School Mass (9.00 am Church) Parent Helper Morning Tea (10.00 am School Staffroom)
Wednesday, 16th December:	Last Day for Students



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthday this week: Jakob Basmayor, Ella Romero, Ashriyah Harang, Jaiden Rosas, Zein Salameh, Aryan Sharma, Gabriel Cabalhin, Julayah Felizardo, Joshua Odemwengie and Andrera Tecson.

Word of the Week

K-2

Describe
to tell about something

3 - 6

Plead
To appeal or beg

Afternoon School Gate Access Time

In order that afternoon classroom procedures can run smoothly and as a matter of child protection, the school gates will not open until the afternoon dismissal bell is rung at 2.50 pm. This is a practice that is now common to most primary schools, and we feel that it is something that we need to implement. This procedure will start as from Wednesday, 11th November, 2015. Thank you for your cooperation.

2016 Diocesan School Fees

Attached to this Newsletter, are notes from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta regarding the 2016 Diocesan School Fees. For further information or queries, please phone the Catholic Education Office on 9840 5680 or visit their website: www.parra.catholic.edu.au.

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	Jenna Felizardo	KG	Kaiden Blair
KR	Soteria Gearman	KW	Ella Rhayem
1B	Lachlan Bell	1G	Natalia Abwi
1R	Gabrielle Capule	1W	Gerard Aloisio
2B	Luke Quiroz	2G	Gennina Espino
2R	Hannah Soans	2W	Alexis Skaramangos
3B	Koby Paris	3G	Benedict Cabrera
3R	Dylan Salalila	3W	Hayden Mercado
4B	Aiden Quiroz	4G	Kisna Pental
4R	Summah Russell	4W	Marko Maniti
5B	Kristian Milosevski-Vlaoski	5G	Diego Aleman
5R	Michael Sequeira	5W	Kayne Cornett
6B	Katerina Asistin	6G	Nathan Groves
6R	Jake Hodder	6W	Serhon Quispe

Term Four, 2015 Concludes

Please note Term Four will conclude on Wednesday, 16th December, 2015. This will be the last day of School for 2015 for all students.

Social Skill of the Week

"Open the door for another person"

Premier's Reading Challenge 2015

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2015 has come to a close with 434 children from Good Shepherd completing the challenge. Children will be receiving their certificates in the coming weeks. A special congratulations to Year 2, where ALL children completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. What a great effort! We also had two classes in other grades where all children completed the challenge. Congratulations to 5B and 6B for your dedication as well.

Kinder	51 children completed the challenge
Year 1	48 children completed the challenge
Year 2	101 children completed the challenge
Year 3	44 children completed the challenge
Year 4	63 children completed the challenge
Year 5	62 children completed the challenge
Year 6	65 children completed the challenge

Well done to these children! Let's see if we can get more children completing the challenge in 2016!!



Sincere Condolences

Sincere Condolences to Julian Nicolas' family (Julian 1G) on the passing of Julian's grandmother. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this very sad time.

Year 6 Graduation Mass

The Year 6 Graduation Mass will take place on Monday, 7th December, 2015 at the Good Shepherd Church Plumpton commencing at 6.00 pm. Please mark this date in your diary. All very welcome!

Lost Property

Please feel free to call into the school office and look through the Lost Property Bin for any items of clothing that you may have misplaced as they may have ended up in this bin! Anything not claimed will be sent to the Uniform Shop for re-sale. It is a good idea to mark and recheck all items of clothing to ensure your child's name is clearly visible. Also, there are many items that have been found on the school grounds, eg wallets, glasses..... Please ask at the School Office if you have lost any items. Thank you.

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

Family Maths Challenge

Here is a map of beds at camp. There are three rooms, A, B and C.

Max is sleeping in bed number B4.

What about Carly?

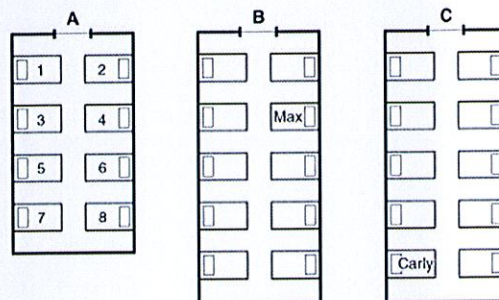
How many beds are there altogether in the three rooms?

Can you count the number of beds in an efficient way (not by ones?)

Could you write the total of beds as a multiplication question? By using doubles?

How many beds would there be if there was another room the same size as room C? or room A?

If I had 50 children going to camp, how many rooms would I need? What sizes would they be?



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 Group News (Cont'd) 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: 18th, 23rd, 24th, 25th November. Please leave your details at the office.

Is Your Child Too Sick To Come To School?

Parents, if your child is sick in the morning before coming to school, please do not send them. It is much better that they are resting and recuperating at home than in Sick Bay. With the warmer weather here, sometimes little accidents may occur. Could you please pack a spare pair of underwear and pants and socks for your child. Thank you for your cooperation in both of these matters.

Your Guide to the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

These summer holidays the Executive Director will once again be launching his Summer Reading Challenge and encouraging all students to read, read, read! Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, piece of poetry, book, e-book or graphic novel. This year we have made the challenge easier to enter by removing the minimum number of books to read and provided students with more chances of winning a prize. How to enter: It's simple, students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. The more material a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of four iPad minis. Entries open on 2nd November, 2015 and close at 5.00 pm on 5th February, 2016.

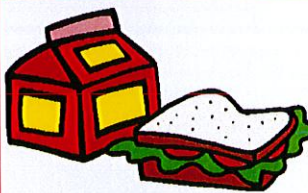
Canteen News

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

Available every day until Friday, 27th November.

Meal Deal 1

Ham Cheese & Tomato



Sandwich, Small Water and a SPC Fruit Pouch.

Meal Deal 2

Three Party Pies, One Juice Popper and an Icymony.

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.



COSHC—Pupil Free Days and Vacation Care

Pupil Free Days and Vacation Care are fast approaching. If you require care on these days, get in

to COSHC QUICK! Spaces are limited. There are lots of wonderful activities planned for your child to enjoy this Christmas break! Hope to see you soon, the COSHC Team.
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2016 Diocesan School Fees

Dear families

As you may be aware, there is still uncertainty around long term government funding for Catholic schools. Indications are that federal government funding for education post 2017 will be linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which historically has been much lower than the education inflation rate. Funding growth linked to CPI will not meet increases in the real costs of schooling.

To maintain our current service levels we will need to increase diocesan tuition fees by 5%. This increase will mean we can continue to fund important initiatives to improve student learning, including:

- ☐ literacy and numeracy programs such as Focus160, Reading Recovery, EMU, EM4 and professional learning for teachers and leaders to support the implementation of these programs
- ☐ increasing support for students with disabilities, behavioural and emotional needs
- ☐ improving our learning spaces, technology and infrastructure
- ☐ building new schools and expanding existing schools to cater for new places

Scholarships and fee arrangements

We are committed to ensuring that **no child will be refused enrolment due to a family's financial situation**. There are a range of scholarship and support programs to assist families including:

- ☐ The Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- ☐ Fee arrangements and discounts
- ☐ The Byallawa co-contribution scheme for Indigenous families

The 2016 Annual Tuition Fees are as follows:

Annual Fees		1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Tuition Fee Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,098	\$825	\$549
	Years 1 - 6	\$1,419	\$1,065	\$711
Tuition Fee Secondary	Years 7 - 8	\$1,968	\$1,476	\$984
	Years 9 -10	\$2,184	\$1,638	\$1,092
	Years 11 - 12	\$2,790	\$2,094	\$1,395

The 2016 Good Shepherd School Based Fees are as follows:

Term 1	Resource Fee	\$115.00 per child
Term 1	Technology Fee	\$50.00 per family

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees - 2016

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal payments in Terms 1, 2 and 3. Flexible payment plans are also available around weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments. The fee is only charged for the first three children currently enrolled in the diocese. There is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools.

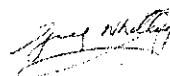
Annual Diocesan Building Levy - 2016

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard, and ensure we can expand or build new schools in high growth areas. To ensure this continues we will need to increase the building levy by \$ 33 per family per year. The levy for 2016 will be \$ 735 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$245 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

We continue to make every effort to contain educational costs and we do not take the decision to raise fees lightly. **If a school fee increase will be difficult for your family to manage, please contact your school principal.** We will provide every assistance to families in financial need.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic education.

Yours sincerely



Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director of Schools