



Good Shepherd

Catholic Primary School

Calendar

**Fifth Sunday of
Lent**



Term 1 Concludes:
Friday, 11th April, 2014

Term 2 Commences:
Tuesday, 29th April, 2014
(Monday, 28th April being
a Pupil Free Day)

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Term 1 Week 11 Tuesday, 8th April, 2014

Next week we enter a commemorative week in the life of Christ, when the first day promised so much and what followed was certainly not the way his friends would have expected nor wanted.

Holy Week commences with Jesus' grand entry into Jerusalem where he is welcomed with such enthusiasm by a large crowd, who lay palm branches on the ground before him. By week's end that crowd was no longer there for Jesus; only a few women, together with Mary and John, were gathered under the cross.

By mid-afternoon, Jesus was executed in the manner reserved for criminals, deserted by the crowd and by those who had been so close to him for the past three years.

Finally, Jesus died and was placed in a tomb.

Behold, after three days Jesus did rise from the dead at the place and time of His choosing. Now that Jesus was raised from the dead, the Apostles and disciples, his followers, were commissioned to give witness to his death and resurrection. After the coming of the Holy Spirit, they fearlessly preached what, previously, they had not understood.

Easter Sunday offers an opportunity to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. It offers us renewal to be people of faith, hope and love in our home and in our community.

The Resurrection is a celebration of the anticipation of the life to come, that there is eternal life for all. On a personal level, Easter reminds us that even when hope seems as if it is dead and buried, Christ is there to call it from the grave; Easter is available to us every day.

Best wishes for a happy and holy Easter.

I wish to inform you that Mr Ian Byrne has been appointed as Assistant Principal at St Patrick's Blacktown from the beginning of Term 2. This position is temporary until the end of Term 2, 2014.

As you all know Mr Byrne is an outstanding educator and team leader who works tirelessly for the best interests of the students here at Good Shepherd. Whilst we understand that he is needed to share his wisdom and knowledge of how children learn with others, we will miss him greatly. Mrs Debbie dela Paz will be the Year 6 Grade Leader in Mr Byrne's absence.

Congratulations to Mrs Baird who will be Acting Religious Education Coordinator in Mr Byrne's absence. We wish to congratulate Mr Byrne on his position and wish him every success in his new role.

Mrs Kemp (Year 2B) will be leaving us also this week to await the birth of her new baby. We wish her God's blessing during this exciting time.

Patricia Carr

Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 1, Week 11, 2014

Wednesday, 9th April: 9.00—10.00 am Holy Week Liturgy—Whole School attending — (Good Shepherd Church)
2.00 pm Easter Hat Parade—(Kindergarten only)

Term 1 concludes: Friday, 11th April

Friday, 18th April: Good Friday

Sunday, 20th April: Easter Sunday

Friday, 25th April: Anzac Day

Term 2 commences: Tuesday, 29th April. (Monday, 28th April being a Pupil Free Day)

Thursday, 1st May: 8.30 am—Gift Wrapping of Mother's Day Gifts (School Staffroom)

Tuesday, 6th May: Year 2 Excursion to Rouse Hill Farm



Easter Prayer—Wednesday 9th April at 9.00 am

On Wednesday 9th April we will gather at the Good Shepherd Church for a Whole School, Holy Week Liturgy at 9.00 am. All very welcome!



Mass Times for Easter

Easter Triduum Services at Good Shepherd Plumpton

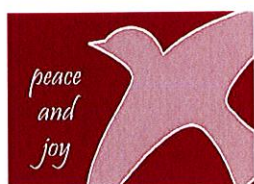
April 9 (Wed) 7.30 pm 2nd
RITE Communal Reconciliation

April 17 7.30 pm Holy Thursday

April 18 Good Friday
10.00 am Stations of the Cross (Parish Hall)
3.00 pm Commemoration (Church)

April 19 7.30 pm Easter Vigil

April 20 7.00 am, 9.00 am & 6.00 pm Easter Sunday



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	Precious Johnson	KG	Ashton Paciano
KR	Josette Attard	KW	Skye Monge Alfaro
1B	Valerie Gunawan	1G	Leatuku Setefano
1R	Izabella Carter	1W	Isabella Lira-Loloa
2B	Jeyanthan Albert	2G	Carmella Queras
2R	Karmela Portugal	2W	Emmelia Inbaraj
3B	Vin Ramos	3G	Anthony Israel
3R	Jack Patterson	3W	Divisha Chand
4B	Phoenix Moeno-Paahi	4G	Zion Palu
4R	Monique Morcos	4W	Nicole Morales
5B	Gideon Mensah	5G	Alai Asalemo
5R	Arabella Karganilla	5W	Nikita Soans
6B	Logan Barendregt	6G	Rhyme Balatbat
6R	Elise Portugal	6W	Aachal Prasad



Good Shepherd Playgroup

The Good Shepherd Little Lambs invites you to join our playgroup. We meet from 10.00 am to 11.30 am fortnightly in the Good Shepherd Parish meeting room. Playgroup is for families with children aged 0—5 to come together in a safe and relaxed

environment experiencing social and sensory activities encouraging learning through play. Please contact Lisa Arranz on 0435 375 028 for more information.

Staff Development Day—Term 2 2014

Each year Staff participate in professional development to support them in their roles as educators. The focus of these days is aligned to Good Shepherd School's goals. Staff will use information they have gathered about the children to design learning programs for the children that will best meet their needs. This Staff Development Day is a **Pupil Free Day** and will take place on **Monday, 28th April, 2014**. Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children on this day. COSCH will be able to offer limited spaces for care on this day. Request forms can be obtained from the school office. They can also be contacted on 0409 121 980 or emailed on COSHC.GoodShepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Alai Asalemo, Jaiman Datt, EJ Laulu, Angelina Tawil, Declan Pitkin, Ashley Leonor, Katerina Asistin, Lucas Duncan, Elizabeth Vella, Connor Sinsbury,

Raanya Ram, Chloe Angeles, Czarina Sulapat, Mohit Maharaj and Janice Hide. We wish those students who celebrate their Birthday during the school holidays, a very Happy Birthday as well.



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. Thank you.

2014 School Terms 1 & 2

Term 1— Concludes Friday, 11th April.
Term 2— Commences Tuesday, 29th April (Monday, 28th April being a Pupil Free Day)
Term 2— Concludes Friday, 27th June.

Apology from Busways

Busways has acknowledged and apologised for the recent incident whereby Bus No. 5 had broken down and a replacement bus had been sent, but inadvertently hadn't notified the school of these events. Busways has assured the school that they will communicate all future delays and breakdowns in future.

P&F News

Uniform Shop - Opening Hours:

Wednesdays & Fridays 8.30 am—9.15 am

This is run by volunteers and operates on Wednesday and Friday mornings during School Terms from 8.30 am—9.15 am. With the cooler months approaching, don't forget we also sell girls tights, hair elastics, beanies and scarves. We also 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.

Easter Update

The Raffle will be drawn this Thursday, 10th April at 2.30 pm.



Helpers needed for Wrapping of Mothers Day Gifts & helping out on the Mother's Day Stall

We would welcome your help with the wrapping of the Mothers Day gifts on Thursday, 1st May commencing at 8.30 am.

This will take place in the School Staffroom. Also your assistance with the Mothers Day Stall to be held on Thursday, 8th May will also be appreciated. If you can give any amount of time to these upcoming events, it would be very much appreciated. As they say, many hands make light work!

Please note it is a system requirement that child protection training be completed by all volunteers commencing work in our schools and a briefing be held every second year for existing volunteers. An online training module for use by volunteers is now available. After successfully completing the module, an email notification will be sent automatically to the volunteer's email address and to the school email address. This email is a confirmation that the training has been successfully completed by the volunteer. Child Protection for Volunteers may be accessed via the following link: <http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerescpmodule/index.asp>.

A note will be sent out Week 1 of Term 2 regarding the Mother's Day Stall and Raffle.

Naplan 2014 (National Assessment Program)

Naplan will be held this year for students in Years 3 and 5 as follows: Tuesday, 13th May Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Writing; Wednesday, 14th May Reading; and Thursday, 15th May Numeracy (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data; Measurement and Space)

Naplan Fees for additional copies of previous year Naplan Reports

If you require an additional copy of previous Naplan reports, a cost of \$5.00 will be charged for this service.

Uniform Changeover

Parents, please note that the changeover date for winter uniform is officially **Monday, 12th May, 2014 (Week 3 Term 2)**. The correct school uniform should be worn at all times, in order to maintain expectations. If, for any reason, a child is unable to wear any part of the correct uniform, a note should be sent to your child's class teacher. Parents who have difficulty securing uniforms for their children please make an appointment with Mrs Carr, Principal to discuss options.

THE SCHOOL HAT IS AN ESSENTIAL ITEM OF SCHOOL UNIFORM. THE WEARING OF THE SCHOOL HAT IS COMPULSORY. For a full list of the School Uniform requirements, please refer to our School Website—For Parents—Parents Handbook—Uniform & Grooming—The School Uniform.

School Office—Closed for Cash Transactions only — Friday, 11th April, 2014

Parents, this coming Friday, 11th April the School Office will not be receiving any cash transactions due to end of term finalising. We apologise for any inconvenience and ask for your consideration at this time. EFTPOS transactions will still be accepted. Thank you.

Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC)

April 2014 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.

Sincere Condolences

We wish to express our sincere condolences to the Bell family (Liam 1B and Lachlan KW) on the passing of their Grandfather, John Bell. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this very sad time.



Medications/Lotions/Creams

Parents, please note if your child requires medications both prescription eg antibiotics or non prescription eg Calamine Lotion, Savlon, for staff to be able to administer medication, parents/carers are required to complete particular Medical Forms which are available at the school office, as well as on the School Website. A note is also to be addressed to the class teacher stating when the medicine should be taken.

Thank you.

Head Lice and Slapped Cheek

There has been a reported case of Head Lice and Slapped Cheek at Good Shepherd School. For information on the symptoms, treatment etc please see the office for a Fact Sheet. If a doctor has diagnosed your child with the Slapped Cheek virus, could you please notify the school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Canteen News

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

Available every day commencing Monday 24th March until the end of Term 1:

Meal Deal 1

Chicken, Lettuce & Mayonnaise Roll, Flavoured Water Buddy and Frozen Juice Cup.

Meal Deal 2

Hot Dog with Sauce, Flavoured Water Buddy and Home Ice Cream.

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 full Canteen Menu is available on our School Website.

Blacktown City Council Festival—

24—31 May 2014 -

Lots of fun things for the family—Peppa Pig, Dora the Explorer, Streets Alive and Parade Day, Sports in the Park and many more things. Please visit the website: www.festival.blacktown.nsw.gov.au for more details.

Go4Fun—Making a healthy difference to families in the Quakers Hill, Seven Hills and Emerton area. Healthy habits formed early in life can stay with a person beyond childhood. Go4Fun is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for 7-13 year olds. For all inquiries please phone 9840 3714 or email kirsti.cunningham@health.nsw.gov.au

UWS Penrith Observatory—Annular Solar Eclipse—29/4/2014

The University of Western Sydney Penrith Observatory will be open from 4.00 pm to view a "partial" solar eclipse. The eclipse will begin at 4.14 pm and end at 5.17 pm at sunset. Cost is free. Bookings are essential. For all information, please visit our website: www.uws.edu.au/observatory and for all bookings, please phone (02) 4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au.

Kids in the Park

Sydney's largest school holiday program returns this summer, with over 50 fun-filled activities to keep your kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under \$20, making it affordable to discover Sydney's more exciting playground this holidays! Activities include: Archery, All Day Holiday Recreational Program, Art, Cooking and Drumming Workshops, Cheerleading & Gymnastics, Circus Skills & Flying Trapeze, Fizzics Science Workshops, Martial Arts for Kids, Sport & Adventure Camps, Space Racing for Kids and lots more. Full details at www.kidsinthepark.com.au.

CatholicCare Social Services—

Solo Parent Ministry

Post Separation Recovery Program: Support for those Separated or Divorced

Date: Wednesday, 14th May (seven week program) Time: 7.30 pm—9.45 pm, Cost \$80.00, Venue: 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown

Bookings essential for both programs. Inquiries: 9933 0205, Mobile: 0419 400 571 or soloparentministry@ccss.org.au.

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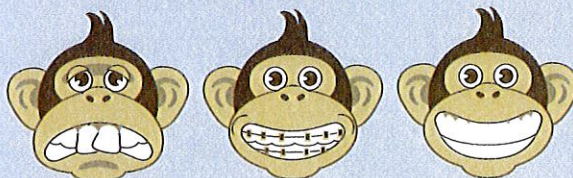
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