

Term 1

Week 2

Tuesday, 4th February 2014

7th February

St Colette



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year!

To all families and to our caring community we offer the warmest of welcomes.

A very special welcome to those of you who are new to the school, whether in Kindergarten, or joining Good Shepherd in a higher grade. You are now part of a wonderful and joyful school community.

Our school community is a place, where we work together for the success and care of all our students.

By success I don't mean getting the highest score or being the smartest, I mean using the gifts that God has given to each and every one of us. Success is reaching your full potential emotionally, physically, socially, academically and spiritually.

This year our school is following the scripture message of Matthew: 19:26 "For God everything is possible."

This will underpin all our liturgies, prayers and our school life during 2014. And it is with God's help that I hope that we can all work together to create an open and caring environment, where parents and staff are of one mind to encourage all students to practise positive school habits. Where everything is possible! Positive school habits means setting personal goals and working hard to achieve those goals, being able to take direction, working cooperatively with others, and having a positive attitude to learning.

Together, staff and parents can provide educational excellence for every student, so that they can achieve their personal best. We know that Education is the key to the future. As parents you know your children better than anyone. At Good Shepherd we have an outstanding staff of dedicated and highly qualified teachers and support staff keen to work in giving your child a great education. They appreciate and welcome the sharing of the insights into your child and their development. Working together is invaluable in the progress of children's education.

Together, we can support one another to provide a friendly academic environment and, when appropriate, celebrate our achievements.

Today as part of our opening school Mass we presented the badges to and officially conferred the role of School Captains and Vice Captains on our new student leaders. This is a very important moment in the school year. These students have been voted by staff and students as worthy leaders for the whole school population at Good Shepherd Primary. This is a great honour and I congratulate these fine young people and their parents for this achievement. I know that they will act with justice and love. Congratulations Julia and Paulo, Rhiannon and Michael and all Sports Captains and Vice Captains.

We welcome new staff members to our school: Mrs Amy Keown in Year Three in a permanent capacity and Ms Cousins and Mr Frankson as PE Teachers, and Mrs Callaghan and Ms Brereton as Creative Arts Teachers. We hope that throughout the year, our school will be a place where staff, students and families have opportunities to experience God's presence in our lives. "The Lord says, I know the plans I have for you ..... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11.

I look forward to working with you in 2014.

Mrs Tricia Carr  
Principal

**"God, our Father,  
we ask that Your Spirit be a constant influence in the lives of all who make up our  
school community this year.  
Help our students to be discerning, so that the outcomes of their choices will be in  
accordance with Christian values. Amen."**

### **Parent Group Annual General Meeting**

This will be held on Tuesday, 11th February, 2014 at 7.00 pm in the School's Resource Centre. All committee positions will be available for election for the New Year. Please join us and hear Mrs Carr and Mrs Cooke talk about what is planned for the school during 2014.

- AGM Parent Group
- Coffee & Chat
- Good Shepherd Staffing for 2014
- Library Borrowing Days & Sports Days
- School Fees

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Week 2, Term 1, 2014

- Mon 10th February:** Prayer Assembly (8.30 am).  
Coffee & Chat (9.00 am) in the School Staffroom
- Tues 11th February:** Annual General Meeting for the School's Parent Group (7.00 pm)  
School's Resource Centre
- Wednesday, 5th March:** Ash Wednesday



### 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.

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| KB | All of KB | KR | All of KR |
| KG | All of KG | KW | All of KW |
| 1B | All of 1B | 1G | All of 1G |
| 1R | All of 1R | 1W | All of 1W |
| 2B | All of 2B | 2G | All of 2G |
| 2R | All of 2R | 2W | All of 2W |
| 3B | All of 3B | 3G | All of 3G |
| 3R | All of 3R | 3W | All of 3W |
| 4B | All of 4B | 4G | All of 4G |
| 4R | All of 4R | 4W | All of 4W |
| 5B | All of 5B | 5G | All of 5G |
| 5R | All of 5R | 5W | All of 5W |
| 6B | All of 6B | 6G | All of 6G |
| 6R | All of 6R | 6W | All of 6W |

## School Terms for 2014

- Term 1** Commences: Wednesday 29th January  
(for students Years 1—6 only)  
Concludes: Friday 11th April
- Term 2** Commences: Monday, 28th April  
Concludes: Friday, 27th June
- Term 3** Commences: Monday, 14th July  
Concludes: Friday, 19th September
- Term 4** Commences: Tuesday, 7th October  
Concludes: Friday, 19th December

Please note Staff Development Days may affect commencement and concluding dates. Please refer to our weekly Newsletter in 2014.

### School Fees 2014

Parents, accounts for Term 1 school fees will be posted out early February and payments will be due on Friday, 7th March. Arrangements made in 2013 are now finished and any family having difficulty completing term payments on time and who wish to make payments by instalments using cash, Centrelink or BPay etc, please contact the School Office for an appointment with Mrs Carr to set up a new arrangement. Catholic Education Office is also offering a Flexible Payment Plan (FPP) for your 2014 School Fees—details will be included with your school fee statement.

## Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthday last week and this week:

Phoenix Leupolu,  
Maselino Palu,



Isaac Luke, Emily Pham, Esha Menon, Clare Wilkes, Hannah Fraser, Josette Attard, Edrea Santos, Marquise Cuthbertson-Iakopo, Mark Eckert, Jude Aloisio, Nicolas Mellado Diaz, Joshua Polea-Vizcarra, Jessica Dela Paz, Angela Gallego, Jai Singh, Alek Mawien, Dennis Jose, Maxx Usatti, Rosary Tima and Sesilia-Grace Liu-Ngata.

### Anaphylaxis Asthma Diabetic

Parents, students who are known to be Anaphylactic, Asthmatic or Diabetic wear identification bracelets during school hours at Good Shepherd School.

The identification bracelets assist awareness for all staff and provide a quicker response should any of these students show signs of these illnesses while they are in our care.

**The identification bracelets are to remain at school after school hours.** We would appreciate parents encouraging their child to put it on in class each morning and remove it at the end of each school day.



The **ALERT! ASTHMATIC** bracelet is pale blue, the **ALERT! DIABETIC** is dark blue and the **Anaphylaxis ALERT!** is red.



If your child suffers from Anaphylaxis, is Asthmatic or Diabetic **or has any other medical problem** and the school has not been informed or you know your child hasn't been given the appropriate bracelet, we would

appreciate correspondence from you so that he/she can be given the bracelet and his/her individual Medical Action Plan can be put in place. Thank you for your assistance.

### Ventolin Sprays

Parents, if your child has a puffer at school, please call into the office to check the "use by" date.



If you would like to volunteer at our school, you will need to complete an online Child Protection Course—website <http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/module1/index.htm>

Also please feel free to come along to our "Coffee & Chat" (9.00 am) after morning assembly on Monday, 10th February for more information on this. A computer will be available for you at the Coffee & Chat morning tea.

# Good Shepherd Staffing 2014

|                       |                            |                      |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Principal             | Mrs Patricia Carr          | Office Administrator | Mrs Gabby Smithard   |
| Assistant Principal   | Mrs Bianca Cooke           | Secretaries          | Mrs Vicki Doran      |
| REC                   | Mr Ian Byrne               |                      | Mrs Nicole Bennett   |
| REC Assistant         | Mrs Megan Baird            |                      | Mrs Dianne Holmes    |
| Leaders of Learning   | Mrs Patricia Carr (Kinder) | Maintenance          | Mr Chris Willard     |
|                       | Mrs Yvonne Davies (Yr 1)   | IT Technician        | Mr Hayden McKechnie  |
|                       | Mrs Bianca Cooke (Yr 2)    | IT Trainee           | Miss Gennalie Espino |
|                       | Ms Elizabeth Dowd (Yr 3)   | Business Trainee     | Miss Mikayla Dunn    |
|                       | Mrs Kim Platts (Yr 4)      |                      |                      |
|                       | Mrs Beulah Frankson (Yr 5) | Learning Support     | Mrs Grace Pestano    |
|                       | Mr Ian Byrne (Yr 6)        |                      | Mrs Louise Gray      |
| Pastoral Care Support | Sr Helen Stannard          |                      | Mrs Yvonne Davies    |
| Teacher Librarian     | Mrs Kim Platts             |                      | Mrs Karen Fairall    |
| Library Assistant     | Mrs Jo Edgerton            |                      | Miss Di Touzell      |
| School Counsellor     | Mrs Anna Madigan-Singh     |                      | Mrs Jo Hocking       |
| Physical Education    | Mr Byron Frankson          |                      | Mrs Carolyn Duval    |
|                       | Miss Jeanine Cousins       |                      |                      |
| Creative Arts         | Mrs Maree Callaghan        | Teacher Assistants   | Mrs Julie Smith      |
|                       | Miss Seon Brereton         |                      | Mrs Leslee Summers   |
| Music                 | Mrs Anita Meredith         |                      | Mrs Tania Cornett    |
|                       |                            |                      | Mrs Jan Wedgwood     |

| Class | Teacher                                    | Class | Teacher                                   |
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| KB    | Mrs Melisa Mufale<br>Miss Maree Sisson     | KG    | Miss Sara Hunter                          |
| KR    | Miss Michelle Cooke                        | KW    | Mrs Clare Burnett                         |
| 1B    | Mrs Megan Robinson                         | 1G    | Miss Tasha King                           |
| 1R    | Miss Stephanie Borg                        | 1W    | Miss Nicole Gardner                       |
| 2B    | Mrs Melonie Kemp                           | 2G    | Mrs Daniela Del Duca<br>Mrs Maria Brennan |
| 2R    | Mrs Tiffany Reid                           | 2W    | Mrs Joan Bellenger                        |
| 3B    | Mrs Elizabeth Dowd<br>Miss Dorianne Cassar | 3G    | Mr Luke Baxter                            |
| 3R    | Mrs Amie Keown                             | 3W    | Mr Luke Baxter                            |
| 4B    | Mrs Jenna Joseph                           | 4G    | Mrs Bronwyn Micallef                      |
| 4R    | Mrs Linda Freitas                          | 4W    | Mrs Megan Baird<br>Miss Seon Brereton     |
| 5B    | Mrs Jo-Ann Lindsay                         | 5G    | Mrs Maria Rainert                         |
| 5R    | Mrs Christina Ellul<br>Miss Seon Brereton  | 5W    | Mrs Beulah Frankson<br>Mrs Carol Sirry    |
| 6B    | Mrs Karen Voda                             | 6G    | Mr Ian Byrne<br>Mrs Anita Meredith        |
| 6R    | Mrs Debbie dela Paz                        | 6W    | Mr Matthew Slager                         |

## Library Borrowing Days

|            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| Monday:    | Year 3, Year 2 |
| Tuesday:   | Year 6         |
| Wednesday: | Year 4, KB, KG |
| Thursday:  | Year 5, KR, KW |
| Friday:    | Year 5, Year 1 |

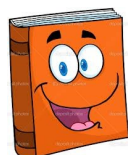
## Term 1 Sports Day

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| Wednesday: | KB, KG, 1B, 1G, 2B, 2G<br>All of Year 6 |
| Thursday:  | 1R, 1,W All of Year 4,<br>All of Year 5 |
| Friday:    | KR, KW, 2R, 2W,<br>All of Year 3        |

Our sincere condolences to the Fuller family (Taylah Sonter 2B) on the loss of their Grandmother, Susan Ann Fuller. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time.

## School Banking

Please note School Banking will resume for students in **Week 3 of Term 1 2014**.



## Book Club Orders

The first Book Club orders (Issue 1 January) need to be returned to school with payment by **Thursday, 13th February**. Late orders cannot be processed after this date. Thank you



## Canteen \$4.50 Meal Deal

Available every day and finishing Friday, 7th February

**Hot Chicken Roll**  
**Juice Popper**  
**Lemonade Ice Block**

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



### **Western Raptors Junior Rugby Union Club**

Registration Day: Saturday 1st February between 9.00 am and 12.00 noon, and every Tuesday and Thursday from 5.30 pm thereafter at Mittaggar Reserve, Hassall Grove. For all inquiries, please call Bill on 0421 733 788.



### **Roll up your sleeves and give blood**

The Mobile Blood Service is visiting Plumpton Marketplace, Cnr Hyatts & Jersey Road, Plumpton on:

Monday 17 February – 12.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Tuesday February – 9.00 am – 2.30 pm

Wednesday 19 February – 12.30 pm – 6.00 pm. Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate. Eat a good sized breakfast or lunch and please bring photo I.D. with you. For further information please call 139596 or visit [donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au)



### **Penrith RSL Junior Rugby**

**Registrations: Saturdays in February**

**5.00 pm—7.00 pm Penrith RSL Foyer**

Also a 'Come and Try Rugby' program will be held for just \$20.00 for 4 weeks on Tuesday, 4, 11, 18 and 25th February at 5.30 pm at Nepean Rugby Park. For all inquiries please contact Adam on 0421 958 892 or email [PenrithRSLJRUC@gmail.com](mailto:PenrithRSLJRUC@gmail.com)



### **UWS Penrith Observatory**

The University of Western Sydney Penrith Observatory is holding an Astronomy Night featuring "Supernovae, A Life after Death on Saturday, 8th February (8.00 pm – 10.00 pm). For all bookings, please phone (02) 4736 0135 or email [r.mccourt@uws.edu.au](mailto:r.mccourt@uws.edu.au)