



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 3

Week 4

Tuesday, 8th August, 2017

8th August

Saint Mary of the
Cross MacKillop



For Upcoming Events.....

Please see inside for
more details of other
events this week!

Term 3 concludes:
Thursday,
21st September

Term 4 commences:
Monday, 9th October

Term 4 concludes:
Friday, 15th December

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week we are having a celebration to farewell a teacher who has been on this staff here at Good Shepherd Primary School for over thirty seven years.

Mrs Platts is a very well known and well loved teacher who has taught many of our students and their parents over the years.

Mrs Platts' dedication to Good Shepherd has been in many and varied fields. She has been a dedicated teacher, Librarian, Reading Recovery teacher, Literacy Coordinator, Grade Coordinator and Literacy Instructional Leader.

Creative arts has been a passion of Mrs Platts and literally hundreds of children have benefitted from her expertise and enthusiasm when organising and producing musicals. We have had wonderful, professional performances that Mrs Platts has directed. Peter Pan, Alladin, Wakakiri and Creative Arts expo. are just some of the performances I have seen in the time I have been at Good Shepherd.

I know we are going to miss Mrs Platts very much but we wish her every success and happiness in her new role of Teaching Educator at Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta. We have been blessed to have had Mrs Platts with us for these years and know that she has much knowledge and wisdom to share with those schools she will be working with in the future.

If you are able to join us for the farewell Mass and morning tea on Friday you would be most welcome. For catering purposes I would ask that you let the office know if you are attending.

Mrs Trish Conner will take on the role of Instructional Leader and Lead Literacy teacher and Year One grade leader for the remainder of 2017. We are very grateful to Mrs Conner for taking on this role at short notice.

"God wants us, by every means in our power, to lead others to life."
Mary MacKillop 1899

God bless,

Tricia Carr
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 11th August	9.00 am Mass (Celebration for Mrs Platts) Whole School attending. 10:30 Celebration Morning Tea for Mrs Platts. Everyone welcome—Please see Invitation attached to this Newsletter.
Tuesday, 15th August:	9.00 am Mass (Good Shepherd Church—whole school attending).
Tuesday, 15th August:	Blacktown Zone Athletics
Thursday, 17th August:	Kinder Teddy Bear's Picnic (1.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Thursday, 17th August	Kinder Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Thursday, 17th August	3B & 3G Excursion to Gibberagong
Friday, 18th August:	3R & 3W Excursion to Gibberagong
Tuesday, 22nd August:	Netball Gala Day

Social Skill of the Week
"Take your hat off inside"

Kindergarten 2018 Enrolments—places are filling up quickly

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2018 are available from the School Office. Parents, if you already have a child at Good Shepherd, you will still need to submit an Enrolment Form for any **new siblings** for 2018.



We have a new telephone number!



Our school has now been migrated to a new telephone number. That new number is:



(02) 9836 7100

Our old number still works — all calls are being diverted to the new number. If you are receiving calls from our school, this number will show up on your caller ID. **Please put this new number in your phone directory.**

A reminder also that if you have "incoming call restrictions" or "do not disturb" settings on your phone, then we will not be able to contact you in the event of an emergency! Please make sure that you have all your numbers, work, mobile and emergency contact up to date!



Coin Round Up news!!!

Congratulations and thank you to all our families who supported our coin round up and brought in the spare coins. We raised \$1539.10. The winning class with \$211.95 was 5R. Thank you again for your continued support!

2017 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

Term 3 Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day) will be Friday, 22nd September (Week 10)

Term 4 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days) will be Monday 18th December and Tuesday 19th December (Week 11)

Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children on these days.

Staff Development Day— Friday, 22nd September (Week 10)

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

Friday, 22nd September (Week 10). Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children on this day. **COSHC will be able to offer care on this day. To make inquiries of COSHC, please telephone COSHC on 0409 121 980.**



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Thi Bui, John Paul Aloisio, Ahaan Arora, Isosa Airhumwunde, Amber Catig, Jio Nerviol, Naia El-Awar, Vlad Anastasiei, Emmanuella Soliman, Bronte-Rose Marks, Zacariah Harang, Christopher Gervacio Jr, Siena Rhayem, Jubileeara Amosa, Zakath Juleff, Carmella Queras, Dylan Salalila, Xerses Galletes and Jana Tato.

New Changes to Applications for Leave

Leave of **4 days or less** should be requested by parents/carers in writing by email or a written note to the Principal. This letter of request should be addressed to the Principal prior to commencing the leave period indicating the specific reason or purpose for the request of leave.

If the leave is for **5 or more school days**, this will require a **formal application for leave by completing an Application for Extended Leave form. An interview is also required with the Principal prior to taking leave for 10 or more days.**

Pastoral Care & Student Management Policy 2016 and the Countering Discrimination, Harassment & Bullying—Policy

Dear Parents & Carers, for information on the above policies, please refer to our School Website—Our School—Policy & Procedures—Good Shepherd Primary Policies and the Catholic School Community section.

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	Isabella Sugpatan	KG	Aashish Mann
KR	Damian LuzardoGotts	KW	Julian Kaasamani
1B	Riena Manuel	1G	Samantha Zacharia
1R	Travis Sansom	1W	Byronn Clarke-Forrester
2B	Joshua Gavilan Calderon	2G	Tevita Ma'asi
2R	Orlando Solis	2W	Kristina Labeeb
3B	Bailey Florido	3G	Alexander Zeya
3R	Gerard Aloisio	3W	Heina Kiteau
4B	Tevita Tonga	4G	Alisha Makkar
4R	Ian Stevens	4W	Rianne Villanueva
5B	Calvin Mercado-Jost	5G	Jonathan Tawk
5R	Annabelle Rahme	5W	Janice Hide
6B	Zaelic Orayenza	6G	Frerika Jane
6R	Frank Patena	6W	Adrian Doctor



Woolies Earn and Learn

Dear Families and Friends,
Just a reminder that we are once again participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion which will allow us to buy some much needed school equipment for your children. All you need to do is collect the Earn & Learn stickers every time you spend \$10 or more at any Woolworths store. You can

put your stickers onto the sticker chart and when it is full, send it into school. It's that easy! Alternatively, you can just send the stickers into school and we can put them onto the sticker charts for you. The promotion runs from Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September. Please encourage all of your friends and family to collect and donate their stickers to Good Shepherd. Many thanks, Bianca Cooke, Assistant Principal.



New look to our School Website

Dear Parents & Carers, this week our school will be moving to a new website You still will be accessing our website as per normal procedure

www.gsplumpton.catholic.edu.au and the School Newsletter will continue to be emailed to your email address as currently in place. So over the coming weeks, please take the time to have a look at our new website and be informed that various categories on our website will be updated regularly and relevant information will be displayed for your convenience. Thank you.

Term Dates for 2017

Term 3:
Concludes: Thursday, 21st September for Students (Friday, 22nd September is a Staff Development Day)

Term 4:
Commences: Monday, 9th October
Concludes: Friday, 15th December for Students (Monday 18th December and Tuesday 19th December are designated Staff Development Days)

Privacy Consent

Dear Parents,
If you **do not** give consent for the use of your child's image and/or works to be published in our School Newsletter or on our website, please notify the school in writing or request a new consent form. Thank you.

Diocese of Parramatta

Please see attached Flyers: "World Meeting of Families" to be held in Dublin in 2018 and "2017 Faith in Marriage Seminar" to be held in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall Parramatta for your information.



Dear Parents & Carers, please note if someone else will be collecting your child **early or during school hours**, on your behalf, you need to inform the school **in writing or by email to:** (goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au) **prior to pickup**. This policy is **effective immediately**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sick before School

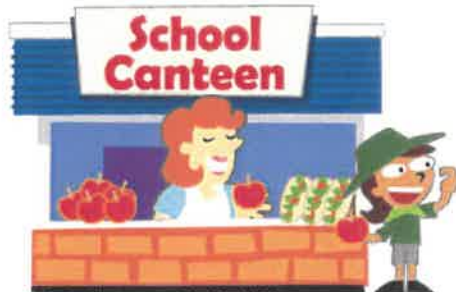
Parents if your child is sick in the morning before coming to school please **do not** send them. It is much better that they are resting and recuperating at home than in Sick Bay. With the colder weather here, many little accidents are happening in Kinder and Year One. Could you please pack a spare pair of underwear and pants/socks/stockings for your child/ren. Thank you for your cooperation in both of these matters.

Excursion/Incursion Notes

Please keep these notes in a safe place when your child/ren bring them home. The office Staff are constantly being asked for another note and this uses extra paper and resources that should be utilised elsewhere in our school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Children Absent from School

In the event of your child being absent from school due to illness, it is necessary that a note of explanation be forwarded to the class teacher on the day of your child's return to school. In the case of absences of more than one day a telephone call to the office indicating your child's expected date of return is required. Prolonged absences from school due to illness should be supported by a medical certificate.



Canteen News
Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal is available until 25th August).

Meal Deal 1

Egg & Lettuce Sandwich, Bottle of Water and Fruit Salad.

Meal Deal 2

Pasta Bolognese, Juice Popper & Jumpy's Snack.

To view the full menu of Classroom Catering, please visit website: www.classroomcatering.com.au



Uniform School Bag

From 2017, new students should be using the logo "Good Shepherd" school bag. The decision to have these bags as a standard part of our school uniform was made in 2015, voted in by the school Leadership Team as well as the Parent Group. If you are replacing your child's bag, please purchase the school bag. The bag is available from the uniform shop or the school office. The cost is \$40.00. These bags are designed to evenly distribute weight and are made of extremely durable materials making them good value in the long run. Thank you.

Uniform Shop—Opening Days

Wednesdays & Fridays

8.30—9.00 am

Please note **only Cash is accepted**. If you can assist with helping our Parent Group with the uniform shop, please leave your contact details with the school office.



Premier's Reading Challenge—Ending soon..

Dear Parents, just a reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge is ending soon. Notes need to be back to Mrs Edgerton no later than this **Friday 11th August**.

Library Borrowing & Sports Days for Term 3 2017

Please note amended Timetable

Library Borrowing:

Monday:	Year 4
Tuesday:	Year 2 and Year 5
Wednesday:	Year 6 and Year 3
Thursday:	Kindergarten and Year 1
Friday:	Year 1

Sports Days:

Wednesday:	KB, KG, 1B, 1G, Year 2, 4B and 4G
Thursday:	1R, 1W, Year 3 and Year 6
Friday:	KR, KW, 4R, 4W and Year 5

School Fees—Term 3 2017

Dear Parents, accounts for Term 3 school fees have now been posted out. 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.



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. Reverse parking is designed for everyone's safety, please comply. Thank you.



Australian Citizenship Papers

If parents or students become Australian Citizens at any time during the year, could you please provide the school with a copy of your certificate so we can put it with your child's enrolment forms. This is needed for audit purposes. Thank you.



Contact Details

Parents and Carers are reminded that it is vital to advise the School Office should your telephone/mobile numbers change. In cases of an emergency, we need to be able to make contact with you immediately. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Complaints/Grievances Forms

Parents, please note if you would like to make a complaint/grievance in regards to any school matter, you can pick up a form from the school office. All matters will be attended to under strict confidentiality.



Good Shepherd Boot Camp & Games Day
Fun, Fitness & Fundraising!
It's a challenge!

Exciting news!

This year our fundraiser is a " Good Shepherd Boot Camp & Games Day" to be held on Friday 15th September, 2017.

There is an "inflatable" obstacle course and many more challenging events. This will be the most fun day ever! Please gather your sponsors for this event. More information will come soon. Families are most welcome to watch. BBQ lunch provided! Help us to make this the most successful fundraiser and the most fun day yet!

Anaphylaxis Asthma Diabetic

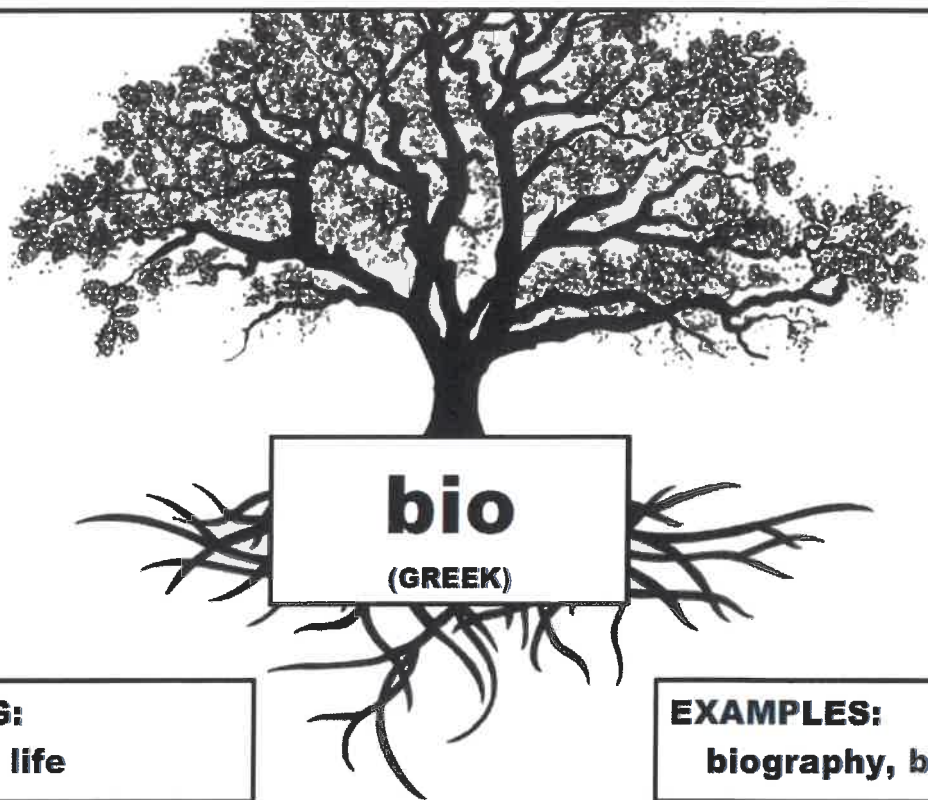
Parents, students who are known to be Anaphylactic, Asthmatic or Diabetic wear identification bracelets during school hours at Good Shepherd School. The identification bracelets assist awareness for all staff and provide a quicker response should any of these students show signs of these illnesses while 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.

ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



MEANING:

life

EXAMPLES:

biography, biology



MISSING SCHOOL = MISSING OUT

Early primary children learn new sounds and words every day. These are important building blocks upon which all future learning is built.

Help your children achieve their best by getting them to school on time every day.

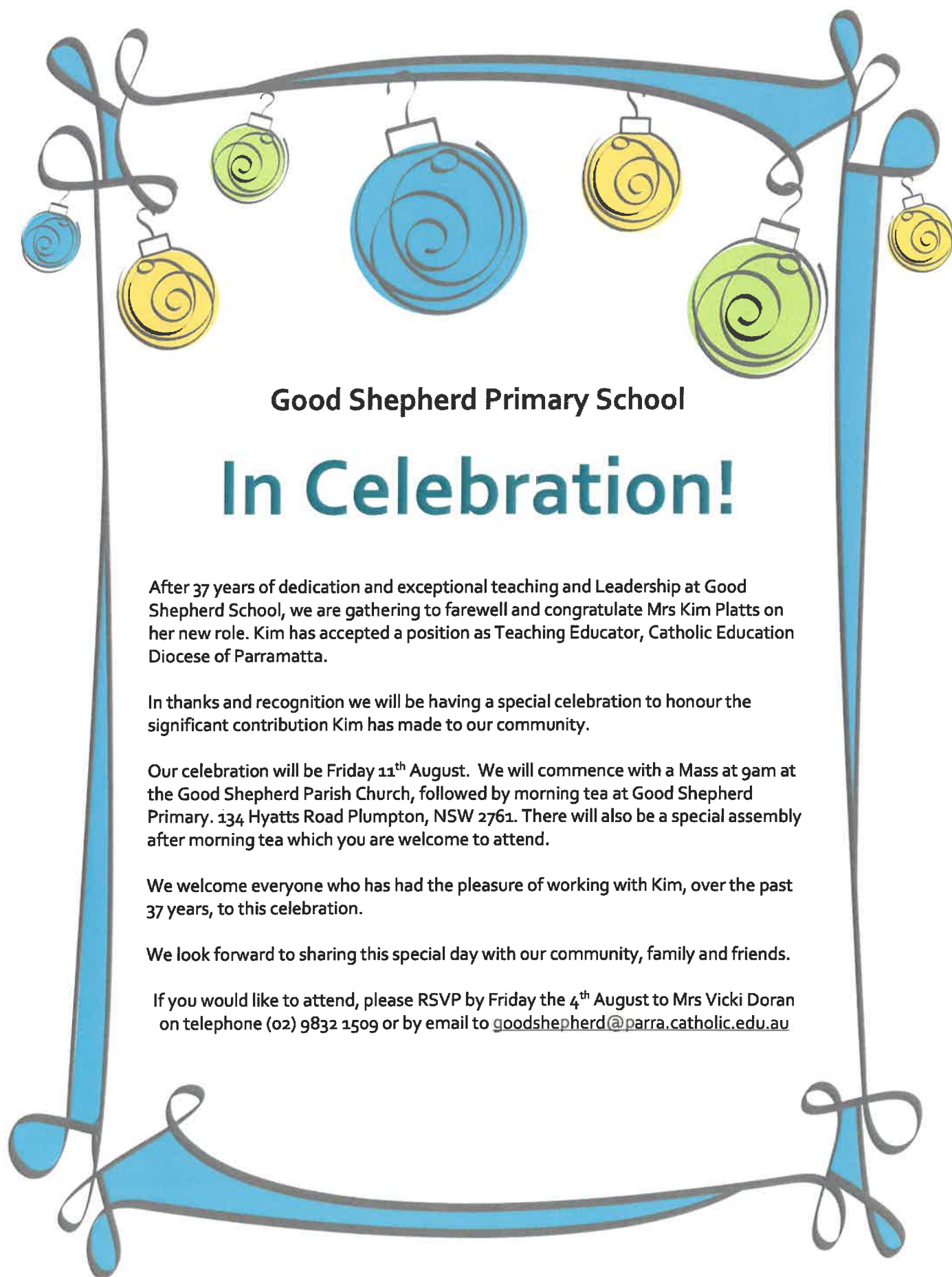
every learner
every day 



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Good Shepherd Primary School

In Celebration!

After 37 years of dedication and exceptional teaching and Leadership at Good Shepherd School, we are gathering to farewell and congratulate Mrs Kim Platts on her new role. Kim has accepted a position as Teaching Educator, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta.

In thanks and recognition we will be having a special celebration to honour the significant contribution Kim has made to our community.

Our celebration will be Friday 11th August. We will commence with a Mass at 9am at the Good Shepherd Parish Church, followed by morning tea at Good Shepherd Primary. 134 Hyatts Road Plumpton, NSW 2761. There will also be a special assembly after morning tea which you are welcome to attend.

We welcome everyone who has had the pleasure of working with Kim, over the past 37 years, to this celebration.

We look forward to sharing this special day with our community, family and friends.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by Friday the 4th August to Mrs Vicki Doran on telephone (02) 9832 1509 or by email to goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au

FREE FAMILY EVENT

A program of Spiritual Enrichment for families
on the theme of the World Meeting of Families 2018

Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World

Sunday, 27 August 2017
1pm -3.15pm

Mass available 11am
BYO Picnic Lunch
Mt Schoenstatt Family Hall - 230 Fairlight Road,
Mulgoa NSW 2745
Register: 8838 3460 or lmf@parra.catholic.org.au

2017 FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Men, Women & the Mystery of Love

Dr Edward Sri

St Patrick's Cathedral Hall Parramatta
Friday, 8th September 2017
7.30pm sharp

Sponsored by Parousia Media and
Life Marriage & Family Office
Diocese of Parramatta
Register: 8838 3460 or lmf@parra.catholic.org.au



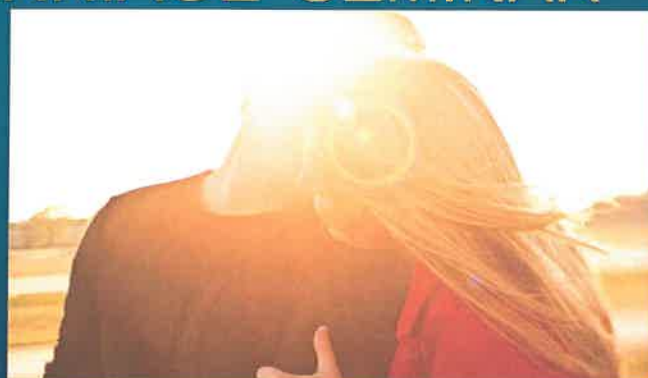
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Present

THE 2017 'FAITH IN MARRIAGE' SEMINAR MEN, WOMEN & THE MYSTERY OF LOVE

Presented by Dr Edward Sri
American Theologian

St Patrick's Cathedral Hall
1 Marist Place, Parramatta
Friday, 8th September 2017
@ 7:30pm sharp*



SUGGESTED DONATION:

\$10 per person

To Register:

Email - lfm@parra.catholic.org.au

or call - **(02) 8838-3460**

*A light supper will be served following
the main presentation.

DR EDWARD SRI

from **Augustine Institute**

Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN. Each year he speaks to clergy, parish leaders, catechists and laity from around the world.

He has written several best-selling books, including *A Biblical Walk through the Mass*, *Walking with Mary* and his newest release, *Who Am I to Judge?—Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love*.



**AUGUSTINE
INSTITUTE**

My Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers

My name:

My school:

Stick your Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers in the squares below, then drop your completed Sheet in the Collection Box at your school or local Woolworths store. Make sure you drop it in by Tuesday 19 September – even if it's not complete – so your stickers can be redeemed for your school or early learning centre.

Entry to the promotion is open to registered primary and secondary schools, and eligible early learning centres (ELC) in Australia. Promotional period is from Wednesday 26th July until Tuesday 19th September 2017. Speak to your school or ELC to ensure they are registered, or visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn and check online. One Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker is given for every \$10 spent at Woolworths Supermarkets, excluding purchases of liquor,

tobacco and gift cards. Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers will not be accepted by Woolworths unless attached to a Sticker Sheet provided by Woolworths. Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets must be received by your registered school or ELC by 19th September 2017 for counting. For full set of Terms and Conditions, please visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn





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20%*
SCHOOLWEAR
AND EVERYTHING ELSE



THURSDAY
10TH AUGUST
INSTORE & ONLINE

*Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount. Excludes gift cards.

Offer ends midnight (AEST) 10/8/17. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.