



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 3

Week 5

Tuesday, 15th August, 2017

St Pius X 21st August

Queenship of the
blessed Virgin Mary

22nd August

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This coming Saturday is one of the Holy Days of Obligation in our church. It is the Feast of the Assumption, Mary's special feast day. Catholics are required to attend Mass on this day.

If we were asked to offer a phrase or two to describe the word "mother", most of us would come up with something like this: an amazing, multi-talented person, who gives birth, demonstrates loyalty, bears sorrow, offers support and encouragement, looks after her family. Well, from the most ancient of times, Mary has been venerated under the title of God-bearer or Mother of God. Down through the ages, paintings and statues of Mary have mostly given expression to a "motherly smile", a smile that is welcoming and expresses peace and serenity.

The Christians of the early Church would have been well aware of the role Mary fulfilled as a constant connection with Christ. It was she who had nurtured Him during the years leading up to His public life. She had a leading role at the marriage celebration in Cana, when Jesus began His public life. At the end of His life, Mary witnessed the sorrowful events of the Passion, Crucifixion and Death of her Son. Mary was with the Apostles when they gave witness to the facts of the Resurrection and Ascension. It was Mary, the constant Mother, who prayed with the Apostles and sustained them in their belief until the First Pentecost.

There is little written about Mary, especially what happened after Pentecost, but there is strong evidence, through tradition, that at the end of her life she was united with her Son in a manner similar to how her Son was united with His Father. After an in-depth study of tradition and the early writings of the Church, and after broad consultation with bishops, theologians and lay people, Pope Pius XI in 1950 declared that, "... The Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory".

Mary had been so closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, so it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe and declare, that she must be with Him body and soul in heaven. Mary is now in a position to be mother to all people for all time.

**"Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us, your people, now,
and at the hour
of our death. Amen."**

Peace and Best Wishes

Principal

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
Friday, 25th August	Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Thursday, 31st August	Father's Day Stall
Tuesday, 5th September	Mass St Theresa of Kalkuta (9am Good Shepherd Church)

Social Skill of the Week
"Say please and thank you"



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!

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week:

Christina Ket, Caspian Santos, Ezekial Aguilar, Sabina La, Cedric Roldan, Akuol Acouth, Krish Patel, Melody Cuasay, Vincent Baduria, Carlos Kaasamani,



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.**

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	Alani Teo-Asiata	KG	Seerat Mehrok
KR	Zhania Galletes	KW	Kevin Gounder
1B	Bronte-Rose Marks	1G	Skye Ocampo
1R	Tevita Langi	1W	Saschnaa Prabhakaran
2B	Mason Parica	2G	Chloe Vere
2R	Carlos Kaasamani	2W	Alexis Purkis
3B	Marley Tamani	3G	Kingston Tauaifaga
3R	James Costigan	3W	Laurina Aziz
4B	EJ Laulu	4G	Paolo Reyes
4R	Aliyah Torres	4W	Isabella Cobban
5B	Caitrin Duquilla	5G	Raanya Ram
5R	Mitchell Holmes	5W	Enivee Peniata
6B	Mariel Sevilla-Doria	6G	Michaela Pua
6R	Geethika Aranhiyullathil	6W	Thalia Mazur



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 cut them out 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.

School Canteen



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.

Sports Update!

- Tuesday 15th August—35 Good Shepherd students are competing at the **Blacktown Zone Athletics** carnival. We wish them every success. Students who are placed at the top 4 of their events will compete at the Diocesan Carnival Friday 25th August.
- **PSSA Rugby**—Congratulations to Mitchell Holmes 5R, Jonah Sua 6B, and John Vaokakala 6B who will be members of the Mackillop Rugby Union team competing at the PSSA State Carnival next week. They will travel and play at the Central Coast for 3 days. Best of luck boys for this outstanding achievement.
- **Penrith Netball Gala Day**—Students from Year 2-6 will be representing Good Shepherd as part of 6 netball teams competing at the St Nicholas Netball. to be held on Tuesday 22nd August. Thank you in advance for the parents and St Clare students who will be assisting with the Gala day coaching and the umpiring. Good luck boys and girls!

Father's Day Invitation!

A special invitation to: Dads,
Grandads, Carers!

In celebration of Father's Day we are holding a special morning for you!

Wednesday 30th August 7.00am
to 9.30am

Lets start with a nice hot BBQ Brekky at 7am followed by a liturgy at 9am. Dad, Grandad—if you are bringing the children to school—they can join you for breakfast too!

We will celebrate your special day with a liturgy in Church at 9am ! Everyone welcome. An invitation will be coming home this week—please RSVP for catering purposes!

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.



Congratulations and
Farewell
Mrs Kim Platts!



BOOT CAMP CHALLENGE®

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! The class that brings in the highest dollar amount before 14th September (the day before) will be given exclusive use of the inflatable obstacle course at lunchtime on the Boot Camp day. If we raise over \$25,000, the highest earning infants and primary classes will be allowed to colour bomb some of our teachers on Friday 13th October! Please start bringing in your money now!

Anaphylaxis Asthma Diabetic

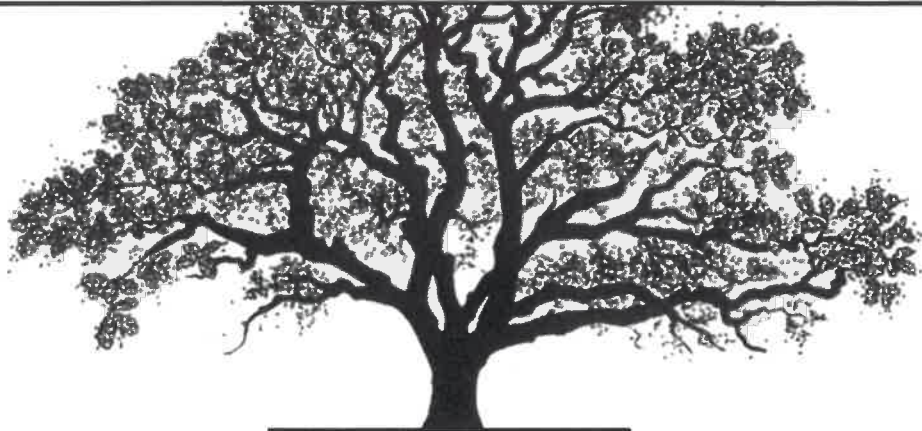
Parents, students who are known to be Anaphylactic, Asthmatic or Diabetic wear identification bracelets during school hours at Good Shepherd School. The identification bracelets assist awareness for all staff and provide a quicker response should any of these students show signs of these illnesses while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



inter

(LATIN)

MEANING:

between, among

EXAMPLES:

interrupt, intersection



**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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**CHRISTMAS 2017 AND JANUARY 2018:
COSHC OPERATION DATES**

To assist COSHC families in planning their education and care needs over the Christmas closure period and to plan bookings for Vacation Care in January 2018, a calendar of Closure Dates and Operational Dates has been issued to all families enrolled with COSHC.

COSHC WILL BE CLOSED ON:

Monday, 18 December 2017 and Tuesday, 19 December, 2017. COSHC staff will be participating in professional development in line with teachers and school staff.

The Early Learning and Care team will be on annual leave from 22 December, 2017 to 5 January 2018. COSHC will not be operating during these days.

COSHC will be closed on Australia Day, 26 January, 2018

COSHC will be closed on Monday, 29 January 2018 for professional development of staff.

FAMILIES, PLEASE NOTE:

Christmas Closure

The last day of operation of COSHC services will be Friday, 15 December 2017.

January Vacation Care

The COSHC Summer Vacation Care Program commences on Monday, 8 January, 2018 to Thursday 25 January 2018.

2018 Commencement of COSHC operations for Before- and After-School programs



The Write a Book in a Day Team will be holding a cake stall in front of the Resource Centre on

Friday August 18th.

Cakes will be \$1.00 or \$2.00. All proceeds go to the Westmead Children's Hospital.

Please come along and support us and get something YUMMY!



DOONSIDE LITTLE ATHLETICS

At Doonside LAC we encourage fun and fitness and giving all athletes a chance to "have a go" and try their best.

During the year there are many opportunities to represent Doonside at Gala Days, Zone, Regional and State Carnivals.



Doonside Little Athletics are celebrating their 40th birthday this year.



Our club caters for athletes 3yrs (*Tiny Tots*) to Under 17's
We compete on Friday nights with competition starting the 8th of September

REGISTRATION DAYS

Charlie Bali Reserve, Knox Rd Doonside (*Entrance via Narraginy*)

- Saturday 12th / 26th August (10am - 3pm)
- Friday 1st September (6pm - 8pm)

McDonald's, Plumpton Market Place

- Thursday 17th August (6pm - 8pm)



For more information & links to online registrations:

<http://www.doonsidelac.com>

<http://www.facebook.com/Doonside-Little-Athletics-Centre-721829067842703/>

email: doonsideathletics@gmail.com