



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 3

Week 6

Tuesday, 22nd August, 2017

20th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Year 3 Reflections on their excursion to Kur-ring-gai Chase National Park

"Last week Year 3 went on an excursion to Kur-ring-gai Chase National Park. It was a long trip but it was worth it. We saw preserved animals in the visitor's museum and we also saw artefacts that were left by Aboriginal people and even got to taste the salt on the mangrove leaves. My favourite part was when the teacher gave us small containers to catch insects and other small creatures that lived there. It was a fun, enjoyable excursion." Andrei 3W

"On the 18th of August we went on an excursion to Kur-ring-gai Chase National Park. We got to go on a bushwalk, see the mangroves, meditate, sketch plants, look at Aboriginal engraving in stones, catch insects, visit a cave and even paint our faces with soot. This excursion was really a lot of fun." Gabrielle 3W

"On the 18th of August Year 3 went on an excursion to Kur-ring-gai Chase National Park where we did lots of activities. My favourite activities were making a shelter out of sticks and when we were able to lick the mangrove leaf to taste the salt. We had so much fun." Eunice 3R

"Last week our grade went to Kur-ring-gai Chase National Park for a HSIE excursion. We learnt more about Aboriginal culture and visited a museum where we saw lots of animals. We were able to touch their fur, skulls and eggs and we even touched some snake skin." Jarred 3B

"My favourite part of the excursion was when we went to the Visitor's Centre and got to see the animals, bones and Aboriginal weapons. We had lunch on an enormous rock and then we made shelters for animals the size of our fist." Ethan 3G

"My favourite part of the excursion was when we went to the Aboriginal midden because it was very interesting. My second favourite part was when we got to lick the mangrove plants because they I liked the taste. They tasted like salt." Karen 3G

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, 24th August:	Year 1 Jungle Day
Friday, 25th August:	Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Wednesday, 30th August:	Father's Day Breakfast BBQ (7.00 am—9.00 am Good Shepherd School)
Wednesday, 30th August:	Father's Day Liturgy (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Thursday, 31st August:	Father's Day Stall
Sunday, 3rd September:	Father's Day
Tuesday, 5th September:	Mass St Theresa of Kalkuta (9am Good Shepherd Church)
Thursday, 7th September & Friday, 8th September:	Teen Ranch (Year 5 attending)
Friday, 8th September:	Year 2 Science Incursion
Friday, 8th September:	Year 3 Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)

Social Skill of the Week

"Cover your nose when you sneeze and then wash your hands"

Kindergarten 2018 Enrolments—places are very limited

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!



Chicken Pox Alert

Please be advised that there is a diagnosed case of Chicken Pox in the school. If your child is displaying symptoms, please see your local medical practitioner. For details of symptoms, treatment etc, please refer to the Department of Health's website: <http://edcp.org/factsheets/chickpox.html> or telephone: 9391 9000.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week:
Tsega Dawit,
Menna Dawit,

Tevita Ma'asi, Errol Cantorna and Cloey Nguyen.

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.**



Sincere Condolences

Sincere Condolences to Miss Lizzy Symonds (class teacher of 5R) on the recent passing of her grandfather and to Taraneh Shiyari's family on the passing of their grandmother. Please know that you are in our

thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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	Sienna Tuaimau	KG	Leila Queras
KR	Loreign Bautista	KW	Euan Gozon
1B	Mia Smith	1G	Roza-Elloise Frias
1R	Sophia Rahme	1W	Makayla-Ann DeGuia
2B	Sabina La	2G	Joseph Stanton
2R	Aiden Agngaray	2W	Luke Attalla
3B	Catharina Purwadi	3G	Not Published
3R	Marcus Sewiha	3W	Carlo Calleja
4B	Sesilia-Grace Liu-Ngata	4G	Not Published
4R	Bailey Lees	4W	Not Published
5B	Cooper Jones	5G	George Alam
5R	Cooper Smith	5W	Reweis Sewiha
6B	Parv Shah	6G	Lachlan Turner
6R	Vin Ramos	6W	Aiden Quiroz

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)



Foodbank Donations—bring your own plastic bags please

Dear Parents would you please bring your own plastic bags for when we have

Foodbank donations as we will not be supplying any more bags. As we don't know when donations are coming without much advance notice, perhaps keep some spare plastic bags in the car, in a handbag, or in your child's school bag. If families would like to donate spare plastic bags to the school, they would be gratefully accepted and shared with others. Many thanks, Bianca Cooke, Assistant Principal.



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.

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.



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.

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 Bolognaise, 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.

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 7.00 am to 9.30 am

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 9 am ! Everyone welcome. An invitation will be coming home this week—please RSVP for catering purposes!

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.

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.

every learner every day

When is sick too sick for school



If I am sick please call the school or write me a note to let the school know why I am not at school.

Send me to school if ...

- ✓ I have the symptoms of a cold or hayfever
- ✓ I have a sprain, strain or pain and I can function (walk, talk and eat)
- ✓ If I have asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc - school personnel are trained to manage my condition. Talk to the school about my health plan
- ✓ I haven't vomited or had diarrhoea for 24 hours

Keep me home if ...

- ✓ I have a temperature higher than 37 degrees
- ✓ I am vomiting or have diarrhoea
- ✓ My eyes are red, and crusty (conjunctivitis)
- ✓ I have influenza (flu) - combination fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches
- ✓ I have the symptoms of an infectious disease. Go to NSW Health A-Z of infectious diseases for more information

The **Write a Book in a Day** Team would like to **THANK YOU VERY MUCH** for your generosity and support of our recent cake stall. We raised \$426 for The Kids Cancer Project. Also, a big thank you to everyone who baked or brought in goodies for us to sell and to everyone who helped us on the day.



**A big congratulations to Carmella Dela Cruz (6W) - she was the runner up at the Zone Voice of Youth competition with her speech titled- "A Homeless Life"
Well done Carmella!!**



**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!**

Numeracy Update

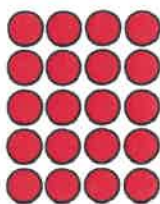
ARRAYS

You have probably heard your child talk about arrays many times this year and maybe you are not really sure what they are?

An array shows items in an orderly way to make it easier to determine the total amount. They are arranged in even straight rows and columns.

Rows go across, like rows of seats in a picture theatre.

Columns go up and down, like the ones holding up your house or carport.



Here are some examples of arrays.



As you can see, we use arrays all the time and not just in a maths lesson!

Arrays help us to see groups of items easily.

Arrays help with multiplication and division concepts.

Once we know how arrays work, we don't need to count all of the items. We can figure it out in a quicker way.

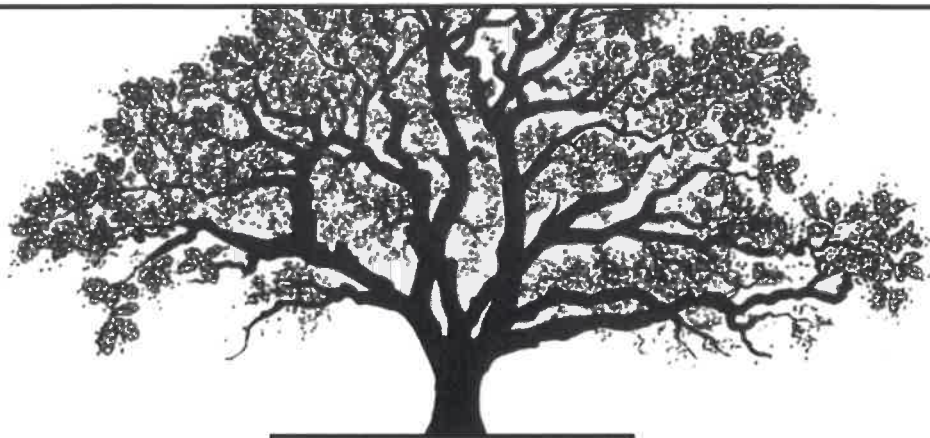
How many arrays can you see at home or in the world around you?

Have an array hunt with your children next time you go out- especially to the shops because arrays are EVERYWHERE!

Why not take some photos and send them into the school email address so they can be included in next week's Link! (Don't forget to attach your name and where you found the array)

HAPPY ARRAY HUNTING!

ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



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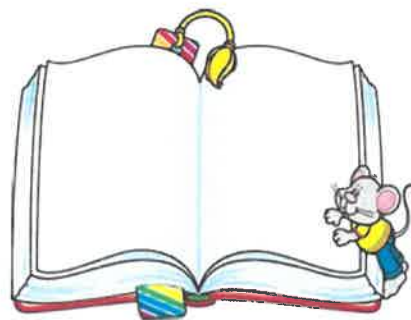
MEANING:

measure

EXAMPLES:

thermometer, perimeter

Read-Aloud Tips to try at Home based on Mem Fox's Ten Read-Aloud Commandments



- 1. Spend at least ten *wildly* happy minutes every single day reading aloud.**

**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**
- COSHC will re-open on Tuesday, 30 January, 2018.