



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 3

Week 7

Tuesday, 29th August, 2017

The Passion of St John
the Baptist
29th August



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 Wednesday we are having our first "Father's Day Breakfast" and Liturgy. We realise that sometimes it is not possible for fathers to be here during the day and so we thought we would change the event to have a bar-b-que breakfast. We have been delighted with the response so far and the staff plan to get up very early to cook that breakfast! At 9.00 am we will be having a Liturgy in the church so we hope that our fathers, grandfathers, uncles and those who take on the role of fathers for our students will be able to join us.

"Happy Fathers' Day!" But what is Fathers' Day? According to one astute 8 year-old, "It's a bit like Mothers' Day, only it doesn't cost as much!" A better definition of Fathers' Day would be that this special day is an opportunity to celebrate the important role that fathers play in the lives of their children.

Studies have shown that when fathers are affectionate and helpful, their children are more likely to get on well with each other. When children have fathers who are emotionally involved, so that they acknowledge their children's emotions and help them deal with bad emotions, they tend to have better relationships with children outside of their family and behave less aggressively. (Gottman, Katz & Hooven. *How Families Communicate Emotionally.*)

Fathers with a strong commitment to their family provide a model of responsible behaviour for their children. As a consequence, their children tend to take more responsibility for their actions and rarely blame others for their mistakes. Fathers also influence their children's moral development by being good models for their children to admire and desire to resemble. This results in their children developing a strong respect for rules and authority figures. (M.L. Hoffman. *The Role of the Father in Moral Internalization.*)

So to all our fathers, grandfathers, uncles and special carers, have a Happy Father's day!

God bless,

Patricia Carr

Tricia Carr
Principal



Today we farewell Mrs Nicole Bennett. Mrs Bennett has been a dedicated and very efficient member of our wonderful office team for many years. Many of you would know Nicole as our enrolment secretary. She has always been very positive and welcoming to all our families. We wish her all the best in her new role and we will miss her.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 celebrating St Theresa of Kalkuta (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church) Kinder & Year 1 attending.
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)
Friday, 15th September:	Good Shepherd Boot Camp & Games Day

Social Skill of the Week

"Maintain eye contact when speaking to someone"

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!

Bookclub—Issue 6 Closing Date

Dear Parents just a reminder that Bookclub Issue 6 will close on Friday 8th September, 2017. Thank you.

Blacktown City Council—for all your school holiday activities please click on the following link: www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Ella Cutajar, Nixon Baduria,

Divine Vaifale, Macsimos Agpoon, Imarosa Tungul, Jared Soans, Chantelle Osifo, Kristopher Leonardo, Aaron Botham, Kaitlin Nguyen, Lucas Zammit, Tamara Tamani, Rowana Maasi, Asher Gloria, Charlotte Pillay, Adrian Doctor, Malakai Setefano, Pravish Latchman, Theodorea Taotua and Cruz Raza.

Father's Day Liturgy

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

Let's start with a nice hot BBQ Brekky at 7.00 am followed by a liturgy at 9.00 am. 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 9.00 am! Everyone welcome.



Father's Day Stall

Dear Parents & Carers, just a reminder that the Father's Day Stall is on this Thursday, 31st August. Gifts range from \$1.00 to \$5.00, Gift Bags \$1.00, Cards \$1.00 and wrapping paper will be sold for 50 cents per sheet. Please remind

your child/ren to bring their money in on Thursday.

Father's Day Raffle Prize Donations please

Also if you have any donations for the Father's Day Raffle, please bring into the School Office before this Thursday, 31st August. Thank you, the Parent Group.

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.**

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	Kevin Wilbert J	KG	Aryan Shah
KR	Giovanna Thomas	KW	Harrison Coote
1B	Johnny-Vee Tupou	1G	Lily-Belle Ellison
1R	Shlok Samli	1W	Dominic Assey
2B	Joshua Gavilan Calderon	2G	Alexander Newell
2R	Giezelle Autor	2W	Lucas Zammit
3B	Julian Nicolas	3G	Levi Finau
3R	Chadd Ablaza	3W	Pranith Tirumalasetti
4B	Arav Prasad	4G	Oliver Allen
4R	Joseph Labbad	4W	Joanne Imlay
5B	Mikayla Horwood-Campbell	5G	Not Published
5R	Chris Attalla	5W	Stephanie Moseley
6B	Gilaxsan Gilbertsagayathan	6G	Sima Elgondi
6R	Raven Diola	6W	Mojtaba (Mani) Shakibaei Shahadati

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)

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.

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.



Woolies Earn and Learn

Dear Families and Friends,
 Just a reminder the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion will finish on Tuesday, 19th September. Please encourage all of your friends and family to collect and donate their

stickers to Good Shepherd. A sticker sheet is attached for your convenience. Many thanks, Bianca Cooke, Assistant Principal.

Lost Property & Change of Underwear

As the weather is cooler, please check that your child's clothing has their name on it (waterproof markers and/or iron on clothing labels work very well) as there are many items that end up in the Lost Property Bin. Please re-check any items that you pick up in the Lost Property Bin as they may have another child's name on it. **If you accidentally pick up another child's clothing, please return it to the Lost Property Bin.** Also it would be a good idea to put an extra pair of underwear, socks/stockings in your child's backpack, as with the weather being cooler, little accidents can happen. Thank you.

Acceptable Hairstyles & Jewellery

Girls – Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back and ribbons or a 'scrunchie' in school colours may be used. Hair colouring is not permitted.

Boys – Neat and simple haircuts. No undercuts, Mohawks, Number Ones, Lines, Rat Tails or Hair Colouring is permitted. Hair must be of consistent length.

Hair is a very important aspect of your child's appearance. Children must have appropriate hair cuts. Coloured hair is not permitted nor should hair be cut in steps or stairs, or have any other symbols or patterns. Long hair needs to be tied back. Green or white ribbons or scrunchies are permitted. No rat's tails or mohawks are permitted.

Jewellery

Only one plain sleeper or stud is to be worn in each lobe. No other earrings are permitted. One signet ring is permitted and a cross and chain or other symbols of our faith are permitted. Any other jewellery is not permitted, nor is makeup of any description. Parents are asked to please ensure that children attend school in accordance with uniform expectations.

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.

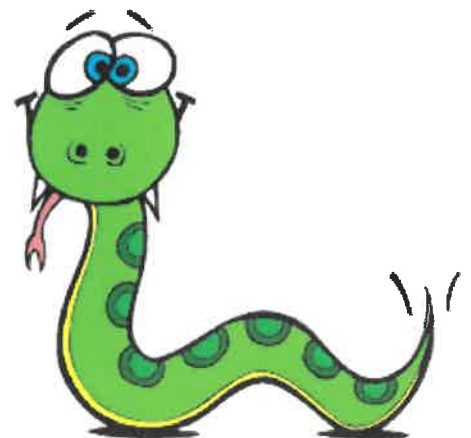


Jungle Day Recounts from Year 1

On Thursday we had Jungle Day. We had fun. I dressed like a leopard. My favourite part was going on a lion hunt. I was happy and tired. I was about to go to sleep! Amber Catig

Last week Year 1 went on a safari in their class. I was a sneaky, cheeky sloth. I really liked dancing to "lion sleeps tonight" and I liked the lion hunt because we got to go to places where we could not usually go. My favourite thing was not having to wear my school uniform! Cassandra Pascual

On Jungle Day my favourite part was the lion hunt because at the end we got a treat. I got dressed up like an explorer, so did Averie. My other favourite thing was water colour painting. I drew a rainbow, a tree and the sun on my paper. Skye Ocampo



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 Friday 15th September).

Meal Deal 1

Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Poptop Juice and Cheese Stick.

Meal Deal 2

Hot dog with sauce, Glee Sparkling Drink and Zooper Dooper.

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

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.**

"On Monday the 21st August, 10 students from Years 5 and 6 participated in 'Write A Book In A Day'. This took place in the Resource Centre from 8 am till 8 pm. The team had to create an original book in 12 hours, that had to include the following parameters listed. We worked in pairs to develop a chapter, which would create the flow of the story. Each chapter included an illustration that was drawn by our creative writers.

During the day, teachers popped in to support us in writing and editing our chapters. Editing was a long process and we thank Mrs Platts and Mrs Conner for conferencing our writing. For dinner we had pizza that was kindly provided by Miss King.

This experience wouldn't have been possible without Miss King's time and cooperation. We thank her for providing us snacks throughout the day in order to keep the students motivated. We also thank Mrs Carr who allowed us to take part in this occasion. This day will be treasured for the rest of our lives. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN TEACHERS!"

The Write A Book In A Day Team



**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



Numeracy Update

More on Arrays!


Last week I wrote about arrays and the way they make calculating a collection of objects easier.

So, to review, an array is a set of objects or numbers arranged in order, often in rows and columns.

When using arrays, we do not count the items by ones though rather by the group structure. In fact, we try not to count at all! We try and use our understanding of multiplication and division.

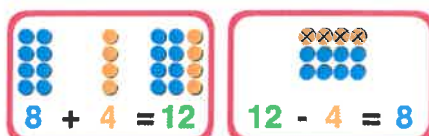
Here is an easy example that shows all 4

arrays



$4 + 4 = 8$ $2 \times 4 = 8$ $4 \times 2 = 8$
 $8 - 4 = 4$ $8 \div 4 = 2$ $8 \div 2 = 4$

Items arranged in rows and columns
to make counting and calculating easier.



$8 + 4 = 12$ $12 - 4 = 8$

operations.

Once students see how multiplication and division work, we try to use our knowledge of these number facts to solve problems. We try to shift our thinking from adding to multiplying. The memorisation of multiplication and division facts (times tables) is very important though it is best to wait until the student has a clear understanding of what it all means.

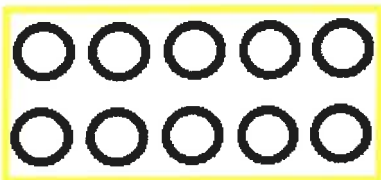
What does 2×5 mean? It means 2 groups of 5.

What does 5×2 mean? It means 5 groups of 2.

Even though the answer is the same for both questions, the array looks different.

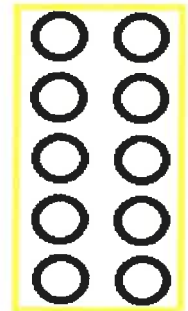
2×5

2 groups of 5



5×2

5 groups of 2



Why not look around for more arrays and see what they look like from different perspectives!



Good Shepherd Boot Camp & Games
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!**

ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



port
(LATIN)

MEANING:
to carry

EXAMPLES:
transport, portable

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



2. Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read. Or the same story a thousand times!

**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.

Celebrate Family Fun Day Parliament of NSW

Children from 4 to 12 years
Friday 6 October, 10am - 3 pm

Ghosts of our Colonial past

Fun educational activities at Australia's oldest Parliament; Children's trail, guessing competition, arts and crafts, role plays, tours of the Chambers, and the opportunity to visit areas rarely open to the public.

Family Fun Day is also renowned for its highly entertaining theatrical re-enactments. This year some very special 'ghosts' from the Parliament's past will engage visitors with intriguing stories and interactive performances.

Sausage in a bread roll - \$3.00 per person

Public Café will be open.



FREE EVENT

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