



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 3

Week 8

Tuesday, 5th September, 2017

The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary



Dear Parents,

On the weekend we received the news that sadly one of our past students had passed away after a fairly sudden illness. Justin Ventanilla was in Year Six last year and had been here at Good Shepherd Primary for all his primary schooling. He was held in high esteem by teachers and students.

We extend our deep sympathy to Justin's family and friends and offer our prayers and support at this tragic time.

Funeral details are as follows:

Viewing on Thursday, 7th September from 5 pm to 8 pm at Blacktown City Funerals, 6 Artillery Crescent, Seven Hills. The funeral will be held on Friday, 8th September at 10 am at Hillsong Chapel, 1-5 Solent Circuit Baulkham Hills (entry to Chapel opposite Fairway Drive). Light refreshments to follow the service. Burial will be at Castlebrook Memorial Park, Windsor Road, Rouse Hill.

We will be holding a Mufti Day Fundraiser to support Justin's family, details of which will follow shortly.

God bless,

Tricia Carr

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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

We have been very fortunate recently to receive the deliveries of fresh fruit and vegetables and other food from the Food Bank at Glendenning.

I know how appreciative most of our parents are to receive this food, unfortunately last Friday afternoon saw a situation which we haven't had before- people pushing and shoving to get to the food, throwing food on the ground and leaving rubbish and containers for others to clean up. Thank you to the small group of mothers who stayed behind and cleaned up the area and flattened the cardboard. I was very appreciative.

Parents, I wonder what we are teaching our children when they see adults behaving in this manner.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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)
Monday, 11th September:	Infants End of Term Awards (8.30 am Assembly)
Tuesday, 12th September:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Friday, 15th September:	Good Shepherd Boot Camp & Games Day
Monday, 18th September:	Primary End of Term Awards (8.30 am Assembly)
Thursday, 21st September:	Last day of school for students
Monday, 9th October:	First day of Term 4 for students (Summer uniform commences)

Social Skill of the Week

"Chew with your mouth closed"

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!

Sacred Heart Parish (South Mount DrUITT) Fete—Sunday 10th September 10.00 am—3.30 pm. Various stalls, Chocolate Wheel, Raffle and Garage Sale, and much more... Address is: 25 Nelson Street (School Yard) Old Mt DrUITT (on corner of Edith Street).



Birthdays

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

Marta Ghilagaber, Reece Tablada, Belinda Gama, Sarah Bustria, Luke Quiroz, Isabella Craig, William Planer, Mayar El-Awar, Mary Farhad, Abby Cornish, Iesha Singh, Valerie Gunawan, Thomas Planer, Veronica Ballesteros and Celina Baker.

Infants End of Term Awards

The following students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will receive Awards for Term 3 2017. These Awards will be presented at the Whole School Assembly at 8.30 am on Monday, 11th September (Week 9). Parents are warmly invited to attend:

Religious Achievement Award:

Sherene Zaballa
Christian Elters
Ysabella Mercardo
Fatima Mancao
Ite Tonga
Joelle Soliman
Maheen Sehgal
Joanne Soliman
Jenna Felizardo
Joseph Nucum
Julianne Tumulad
Kristina Labeeb

Learning Achievement Award:

Sienna Tuaimau & Chauncey Tecson
Jayden Leonardo & Saanvi Suresh
Pualani Penitani & Jacob Heffernan
Ahaan Arora & Mayar El-Awar
Malakai Setefano & Amity Thomas
Daniella Duquilla & Kot Job
Miguel Reyes & Alexandra Barbor
Sarah-Rose Abwi & Vlad Anastasiei
Alena Mamic & Mary Bella Shamoka
Shanelle Escueta & Chloe Vere
Natalia Falemaka & Jaiden Rosas
Hannah Gerard & Miguel Diamse

Consistent Effort Award:

Kian Pangan
Gianna Moeono-Paahi
Andrei Bichescu
Aiden Dela Paz
Lena Rizeq
Sonny Stanley
Mikayla Villabona
Brianna Saxelby
Jarred Mercado
Kiarah Van De Poll
Leisiliva Tanaki
Alexis Purkis

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.**

A big thank you to all who attended our very first Father's Day BBQ Breakfast last week—it was a great success and many fathers, grandfathers and families enjoyed the beautiful Liturgy in our church. Thank you to those who gave up their time to come in early and organise the bbq and the morning's activities.



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	Mikaella DeGuzman	KG	Keilani Sua
KR	Lillian Dunn	KW	Carter Horne
1B	Joanne Shibu	1G	Rovin Ayala
1R	Abinazer Dabi	1W	Katy Perez
2B	Jarred Mercado	2G	Carolina Barkho
2R	Ezekiel Aguila	2W	Onkar Mehrok
3B	Stella Haufano	3G	Paul Sewiha
3R	Jay Setefano	3W	Japnoor Singh
4B	Summer Catlg	4G	Leila Bunyi
4R	Aziz Abwi	4W	Isaac Luke
5B	Nabil Kayrouz	5G	Koul Mawien
5R	Sasha Urqueza	5W	Gianna Manalo
6B	Jonah Sua	6G	Rian Gutierrez
6R	Preston Henson	6W	Olivia Solis

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.



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.

Term 4 Summer Uniform

GIRLS

Uniform: Regulation School Uniform, Green Hair Ribbons, White turn-down School Socks, Black School Shoes.

Sports: Unisex Sports Shorts with School Crest OR Green School Track Pants, Short sleeved White Polo Shirt with School Crest, Green Sports Jumper, White turn-down School Socks and Joggers **predominantly white**.

BOYS

Uniform: School white short-sleeved shirt with lay-back collar, Black Shorts, Black turn-down socks and Black School Shoes.

Sports: Unisex Sports Shorts with School Crest OR Green School Track Pants, Short sleeved White Polo Shirt with School Crest, Green Sports Jumper, White turn-down School Socks and Joggers **predominantly white**.

IF THE WEATHER IS HOT, CHILDREN MAY WEAR THEIR FULL SUMMER UNIFORM BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF TERM 4.

The School Jumper with crest may be worn at any time throughout the year. The School Hat with crest is a compulsory school item to be worn every day. The School's Uniform Supplier is Lowes, Mt Druitt. **Please mark all school clothing with your child's name to avoid lost property!!**

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.

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 Toasted 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.**

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team. The College is now enrolling for 2019. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.

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!**



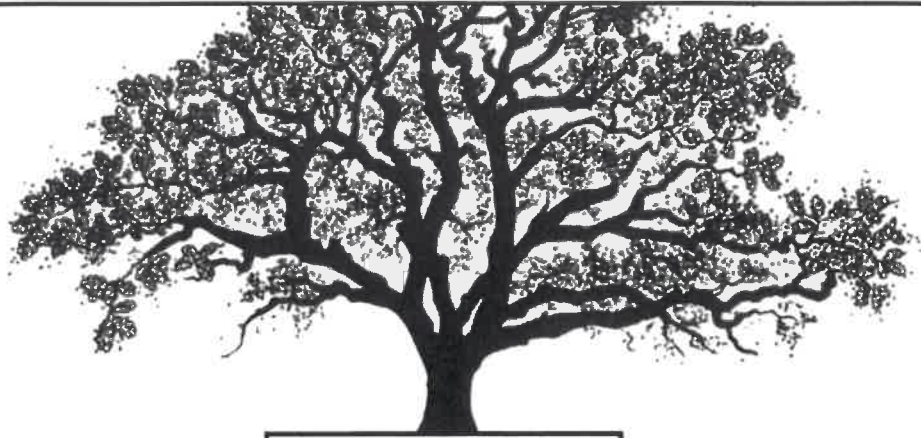
A day here or there doesn't seem like much but absences add up 2 days a month adds up to 4 weeks a year / 20 days a year which is over one year of lost learning.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

every learner
every day



ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



rupt

(LATIN)

MEANING:

break, burst

EXAMPLES:

interrupt, rupture

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



3. Read aloud with animation. Listen to your own voice and don't be dull, or flat, or boring. Hang loose and be loud, have fun and laugh a lot.

Numeracy Update

ESTIMATING

Sometimes we don't always need to know the exact answer. We need to know roughly how much the answer should be. Sometimes we need to think about if an answer is a logical one, that it makes sense. It could be trying to work out the dinner bill at a restaurant, the number of cars in a carpark, finding the best value for money, determining how long it will get to a destination, working out the size of items and trying to figure out if they will fit in your car! Estimating is a quick way of finding out.

We can use rounding up or down to the nearest 'friendly number' to help with mental calculations.

53 + 26 + 72 + 19 + 22 = ?

First, round these numbers to the nearest friendly number

53 + 26 + 72 + 19 + 22 = ?

50 + 30 + 70 + 20 + 20 = ?

50 + 100 + 40 = ?

The estimate is 190.

The actual answer is 192, so the estimate was close.

Rounding and estimating also work well with money amounts.

\$3.65 + \$1.25 + \$7.40 = ?

Round these to the nearest 50 cents before adding. You'll never be far out!

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.

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