



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 4

Week 3

Tuesday, 24th October, 2017

29th Sunday in Ordinary
Time



Dates for your Diary:

Monday, 30th October:
Parent Group Meeting
(7.00 pm Good Shepherd
School—All parents
welcome)

Tuesday, 31st October:
Kinder 2018 Parent
Information Evening
(7.00 pm Good Shepherd
School)

For further Upcoming
Events..... Please see
inside for more details of
other events!

Term 4 concludes:
Friday, 15th December

Term 1 2018:
Tuesday, 30th January
for students in Year 1
through to Year 6

Wednesday, 31st January
for New Kinder students

Thursday, 1st February
for Kinder siblings.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Technology has become an important and expected part of how we conduct our everyday lives. We become annoyed if the internet crashes and we expect to have access everywhere. This change has happened over a relatively short space of time but for our children it is the only life they have known. Technology is evolving at a relentless pace and children are usually the first to take up anything that's new, whether it is internet, mobile phones, web cameras, digital cameras or the latest online games. They are often more skilled and informed than their parents and many of us struggle to keep abreast of the latest internet games and social networking sites our children are involved in.

As parents, we might be aware of our children's ability to master new technologies and even be tempted to boast about how "tech-savvy" our children are. However, we all need to be aware that our children are as vulnerable to harm and violence in cyberspace as they are in the physical world. This means that protecting our children in cyberspace is just as important as protecting them in other environments. Just because they are at home inside our house, no longer means that they are safe.

Unsupervised access of the internet can expose our children to materials that are psychologically harmful, to on-line grooming when a child's trust is gained so as to draw them into a situation which could be harmful to them, and to harassment and bullying. With unrestricted access, children can intentionally or unintentionally access pornography that can never really be erased from their mind.

Chat-rooms and instant messenger services allow for users to remain anonymous and so children can be totally unaware of the true identity of a person with whom they might be communicating. Online games engaged in excessively, can inhibit the development of social skills and lessen interest in stimulating activities like reading and sport.

The internet, if correctly supervised, offers children the opportunities of information, education, entertainment and communication with others. Parents need to be fully aware of the content and the amount of time their children spend in pursuing these opportunities. The outcome of these opportunities must be positive and truly developmental for our children, otherwise, we have let them down. We, too, need to be "tech-savvy".

Peace and Best Wishes,

Tricia Carr



Thank you to our School's Parent Group ...

A very big thank you to our Parent Group—in particular Mrs Marchbank (Sabrina 3R) - for organising last weekend's Laura Jean Fundraising Photoshoot! They gave up their time to stay for the weekend to ensure that the fundraiser ran smoothly. It was very successful and many memories were created through beautiful family portraits!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 25th October	Two sessions of the Numeracy Workshops for Parents (you only need to attend one session) 8.45 am—10.00 am and 6.30 pm—7.45 pm (Good Shepherd School)
Monday, 30th October	Parent Group Meeting (7.00 pm Good Shepherd School—all parents welcome)
Tuesday, 31st October	Primary Basketball Gala Day
Tuesday, 31st October	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Tuesday, 31st October	Kinder 2018 Parent Information Evening (7.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Tuesday, 14th November	Mass—Year 3 attending (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)

Social Skill of the Week
“Wash your hands after using the bathroom”



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	Sherene Zaballa	KG	Tiana Vaifale
KR	Lusia Lauulu	KW	Chrysjon Ablaza
1B	Sahara Akbarzedh	1G	Cassandra Pascual
1R	Kirsten Labial	1W	Jeremiah Tanielu
2B	Serj Pablo	2G	Shanika Dimri
2R	Leisiliva Tanaki	2W	Kylie Pham
3B	Makayla Ross	3G	Natalia Abwi
3R	Lucas Lobos	3W	Emanuel-Rian Arago
4B	Axzel Yuque	4G	Manat Kaur
4R	Isabella Lira Loloa	4W	Jaymee Felizardo
5B	Shay-Lee Paris	5G	Brent Bernardo
5R	Sheree Aranez	5W	William Planer
6B	Naia El-Awar	6G	Tiana Zammit
6R	Samantha Thomas	6W	Christian Calleja



Birthdays

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

Sheree Aranez,
 Ambrose De Guia, Mithran Marimuthu, Peter Mateo,
 Hayden Rintoul, Frerika Jane, Jackson Elvis,
 Charlie Luke, Anai Jook, Avani Narayan,
 Rianne Villanueva, Amara Johnson and Angelo Cruz.



Sacramental Programme 2017/2018

Enrolment forms for Reconciliation 2017, 1st Holy Communion 2018 are now available for your collection. These same forms need to be handed in at the 'Information Session'. A photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate should accompany this form. Forms are at the table near the entrance doors. Information session for parents regarding 1st Holy Communion will be held on Sunday 29th October at 10.30 am in the Parish Hall. Lesson Dates are 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th November at 10.30 am concluding 11.30 am.

Safety Message

Dear Parents, just a reminder that the School Crossing Supervisor is there to keep everyone safe, particularly when students, parents and members of the public are walking across the pedestrian crossing. Please hold your child's hand when crossing. When exiting from the School's drop off turning circle/car parks onto Hyatts Road, please show courtesy and respect. This will ensure everyone's safety. Thank you.

Evacuation & Lockdown Practices

Each term our school practices either a Lockdown or an Evacuation. This is part of our keeping the children and our whole community safe. There is no need for alarm if your child comes home with stories of "an emergency". We do use the sirens to make the drill realistic. Be assured if ever there is a reason for a Lockdown or Evacuation, all staff are trained and ready. **Please make sure you regularly update your telephone and emergency contact details. If your mobile phone settings are "incoming call restricted" please change these settings so that we can reach you, in the event of an Emergency. Thank you.**



Child Safety—Protocol regarding discipline

Dear Parents & Carers—just a reminder regarding child safety, please do not approach children who are not yours. If you have a problem or concern, please speak to your child's class teacher or teacher on duty. Also please do not approach the parents of other students if you have an issue at school, rather let the school know and we will deal with any issues that may arise. The following is an insert from the Department of Child Protection: "The NSW Child Protection legislation prohibits any adult from disciplining a child other than their own. This is particularly so when children are at school. Issues should always be brought to the attention of the class teacher, assistant principal or principal." Thank you.

Term 4 2017 & Term 1 2018 Dates

Term 4:

Concludes: Friday, 15th December for students (Monday 18th December and Tuesday 19th December are designated Staff Development Days)

Term 1 2018

Commences: Tuesday, 30th January for students in Year 1 through to Year 6

For 2018 Kindy students, you will be notified of a commencement date at the upcoming Parent Information Evening on Tuesday, 31st October.



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.

School Hats



Please remember our "No Hat, No Play" policy and ensure that your child has their school hat each day. All clothing and hats should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Thank you.



Good Shepherd School Bag

From 2018, all students should be using the school's "Good Shepherd" school bag as pictured. 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 and payment is cash only.**

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.

Is my child too ill to attend school?

What signs should I watch for to see if my child should stay home from school? Sick children who are lethargic or whiny are often giving clues that they require rest at home to recuperate. Other possible signs of illness are fever, uncontrolled coughing, difficulty breathing, wheezing or persistent crying. Did the doctor diagnose a contagious illness that should keep your child at home? In this case, your child should remain at home until the risk of passing on the illness has passed. When can my child return to school? As long as there is no fever or discomfort, a child with a cold may go to school, as long as they are not too uncomfortable to function in school. Instruct the child on the proper use of tissues for coughing, sneezing, and nose blowing. They should also be taught good hand-washing techniques, since research has shown that more colds are spread via contaminated hands than by infected droplets in the air.

Staff Development Days—Term 4 2017

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. These Staff Development Days are **PUPIL FREE DAYS** and will take place on **Monday, 18th December and Tuesday 19th December, 2017 (Week 11)**. Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children on these days. COSHC will be able to offer limited spaces for care on these days. To make inquiries of COSHC, please telephone COSHC on Ph. 0409 121 980. **Please note the last day of school for students will be Friday, 15th December, 2017.**

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, the Countering Discrimination, Harassment & Bullying Policy and other policies...

Dear Parents & Carers, for information on all policies, please refer to our School Website—About Us—Policies & Procedures.

Bootcamp Fundraiser Day Wrapup

Dear Parents & Carers, the final prize draw was held last week. Prize winners are as follows:

1st Family Prize: Jeremiah Tanielu
2nd Family Prize: (\$100 gift card) - Ashton & Brianna Borg
3rd Family Prize: (\$100 gift card) - Ella Rhayem

Grade Prizes:

Kindy: Ysabella Mercado
Year 1: Mia Smith
Year 2: Joshua Odemwengie
Year 3: Ashleigh Galletes
Year 4: Isabella Cobban
Year 5: Nabil Kayrouz
Year 6: Carmella Dela Cruz



Scholastic Bookclub

Dear Parents—just a reminder that the Scholastic Bookclub closing date will be Monday, 30th October, 2017.

Keeping Everyone Safe!!

We're all in this together! As a community it's our joint responsibility to take care of each other. If you see or witness something in this school that could be a potential danger to the children/ staff or visitors, please contact the school office to advise. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.



Attendance at School

A major learning and pastoral focus of Good Shepherd each year is making sure that every student is at school every day possible. As you are probably aware, attendance at school has a huge impact on a student's academic success, starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day - they understand why attendance is so important for success in school and life.

We realise some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school — regardless of the reason — it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is absent. Absences can add up quickly and if a student is absent one day a fortnight over the course of a school year they will miss 20 days of education, which is almost half a school term.

Missing school will negatively impact on your child's learning and results.

We want your child to be successful at school and we know that you do too. If you are having a problem with your child attending school regularly, please let us know. There may be ways we can support you in making sure your child attends school on time every day. Thank you, Mrs Carr and Mrs Cooke

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.

After School Supervision

Just a reminder that school finishes at 2:50 pm. Please ensure that your children have been collected **before 3:15 pm each afternoon.**

There are many children who have not been collected before 3:15 pm which creates issues with supervision & safety for the children. If you are late collecting your children from school it impacts on the children, the staff and the running of the school. Please ensure that you have made suitable arrangements to have your children collected by 3:15 pm. If there is an emergency and you are running late to collect the children, please telephone the school office on (02) 9836 7100. Thank you.

Applications for Leave

Dear Parents, just a reminder of the following: 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.**



Canteen News

Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal is available until this Friday 27th October).

Meal Deal 1

Salad Roll, Bottle of Water and Bag Popcorn.

Meal Deal 2

Hot Chicken roll, Flavoured Milk and Frozen Ice Cup.

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

Class Placement for 2018

Very soon we will start to formulate classes for 2018. If you have any issues regarding your child's class placement, please inform Mrs Patricia Carr, Principal, in writing no later than **Friday, 17th November.** Whilst we endeavour to take into account your considerations, final decisions are made by the School.

If your family is not returning to Good Shepherd in 2018, would you please inform Mrs Carr in writing also by **Friday, 17th November.** Please indicate the school that they will be attending for our records. Thank you.

School Commencement and Finishing Times

School commences at 8.30 am and concludes at 2.50 pm. Any child who arrives after this time or leaves school earlier for an appointment etc will need to report to the School Office. It is very important that your child arrive to school on time. Children arriving late to school miss out on valuable learning time and their late entry to the classroom disrupts their fellow students. If your children are late to school, they are to be escorted to the School Office by a Parent/Carer.

Visa Updates

If there has been any change to your Visa Status, could you please send in a copy to the school office. It is important that we have the most up-to-date information for our school records.



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.

Kindergarten 2018 Enrolments—only a couple of places left

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.

ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



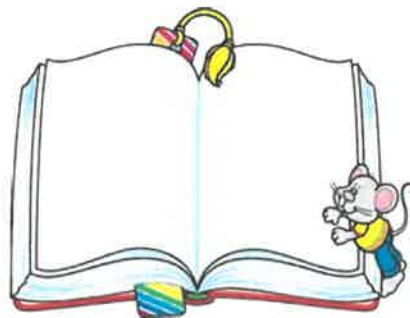
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Read-Aloud Tips to try at Home based on Mem Fox's Ten Read-Aloud Commandments



8. Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, and finding the letters that start the child's name and yours, remembering that it's never work, it's always a fabulous game.

From the Bishop's Office

Call for Nominations: Deanery & Diocesan Pastoral Councils

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is calling for nominations for Deanery Pastoral Councils and the Diocesan Pastoral Council. For more information, including the nomination kit, please visit parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils or contact Richard or Tanya from the Diocesan Ministry Centre on 02 8838 3460. Nominations close on Sunday, 5 November 2017.

Diocesan Liturgy Conference 2017

The Diocesan Liturgy Conference will be held on Saturday 4 November at St Andrew's Parish, Marayong. The conference, 'Liturgy: The Living Presence of Christ' is an excellent opportunity to gather together as a Diocese and explore the Presence of Christ in Liturgy. Day includes Keynote Speaker and various workshops including: Music and copyright, Bringing Christ to the Sick, Scripture and the Season of Advent, Sacraments of Initiation – a Field Perspective., organising a Mass- Ordos, Missals and Lectionaries. For more information go to: parracatholic.org/ofw or Office for Worship ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au

Pre-marriage preparation

The Life Marriage & Family Office in the Diocese of Parramatta has now launched an online booking system, allowing couples to enrol for pre-marriage preparation programs and to pay by credit card. Couples will be guided on the website to the most appropriate form of preparation, i.e., the Pre-Marriage Weekend Course (Friday evening & Sunday) or Prepare/Enrich, an individual couple preparation with face to face feedback sessions. Both preparations are designed to strengthen and enrich the couple's relationship and work on building a rewarding life together. Bookings may be made and dates chosen by visiting our website www.parracatholic.org/pmp

Enquiries may be made to our office on 8838 3460 or email lmf@parra.catholic.org.au.

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

Positions Vacant in 2018 – Family Educators

Applications are invited for the position of Family Educator based in a number of systemic Catholic primary schools across the Archdiocese of Sydney. To see locations please go to <https://sydcatholicsschools.nsw.edu.au> Click on Employment , Positions Vacant. Applications close October 27, 2017. For further information contact meredith.lemos@syd.catholic.edu.au

Jesuit Mission Golf Day: 26 October

The annual Sydney Golf Day is on 26 October 2017 at Manly Golf Course. Please join us for another fun day of golf and dinner in support of Jesuit Mission. The funds raised from the Golf Day enables Jesuit Mission to support our local Jesuit partners in 10 countries across Africa and Asia to deliver community and human development programs. These programs are designed to empower communities to live full and free lives. For bookings and queries, contact golfday@jesuitmission.org.au or (02) 8918 4109.

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth – Holy Hour for Vocations: 2 November

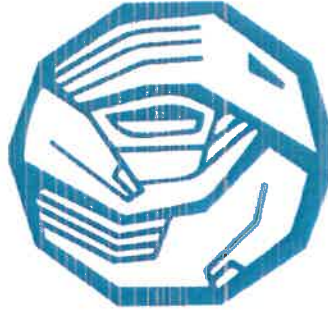
The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations. Thursday, 2nd November 2017, at 7:00 pm. Join us also for pizza at 8:00pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 28th June, email: vocationscsfn@gmail.com or mobile 0449 656 406.

Good Shepherd Primary School

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GOOD SHEPHERD PRIMARY SCHOOL

MINI-VINNIES



CHRISTMAS APPEAL

1st November 2017

Dear Parents of Good Shepherd,

As the season of Christmas is approaching we are once again calling on your generosity. The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to put together Christmas hampers for the needy in our area.

Our aim is to bring some joy into the lives of some families on Christmas day. As we sit down to our Christmas lunches and open our presents, we should remember those families who will not have any such celebrations except for your generosity. Our school has supported this appeal in the past through the work of our mini-vinnies team of Year Six students. Once again we ask if you could donate one item of food. To make sure we receive a mixture of items we have suggested some items for each grade. However, if you wish to donate an item not listed for your grade, please feel free to do so.

KINDER cordial, poppers, fruit juices, soft drinks, etc.

YEAR ONE tinned vegetables (Peas, carrots, corn, potato etc)

YEAR TWO pasta, rice, noodles

YEAR THREE jam, vegemite, honey, cheese spread, (no Peanut Butter please)

YEAR FOUR tea/coffee, cereal, long life milk, sugar, topping for ice cream.

YEAR FIVE tinned fruit, chips, lollies, twisties, etc.

YEAR SIX cakes/biscuits(plain/savoury/chocolate)

STAFF any of the above or jellies, cake mixes, puddings etc.
Items will be collected during Week 8 24th to 28th November.

Thank you for your support and generosity,

(Presidents of Good Shepherd Mini- Vinnies)

Theresia

Seann

2018 Diocesan School Fees

24 November 2017

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the 2018 Diocesan school fees schedule which includes a modest 3.6% increase on the fees from 2017.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 3.6% increase to ensure we have consistency across our Diocese. School-based fees cover the costs of important things such as technology and school administration.

I appreciate that from time to time, some families might experience financial challenges. With this in mind, I take this opportunity to remind you that confidential fee support is available through

- discounts for families with multiple siblings in our schools
- flexible payment plans
- hardship concession policies for families in need
- the Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- the Byawalla Co-contribution Scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families

Tuition Fees - 2018

The 2018 diocesan tuition fees are outlined below:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4th+ children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,173	\$879	\$588
	Years 1 – 6	\$1,515	\$1,137	\$759
	Years 7 – 8	\$2,100	\$1,575	\$1,050
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$2,331	\$1,749	\$1,167
	Years 11 – 12	\$2,976	\$2,232	\$1,488

The 2018 term rate for each of the first three terms is outlined below:

Instalment FEES	Charged in Terms 1, 2 & 3	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$391	\$293	\$196
	Years 1 – 6	\$505	\$379	\$253
	Years 7 – 8	\$700	\$525	\$350
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$777	\$583	\$389
	Years 11 – 12	\$992	\$744	\$496



Diocesan Building Levy - 2018

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us, through our capital works program, to meet the demand for new schools and new classes in high growth areas, and to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard.

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. This levy has replaced the various building levies that parents previously paid to school building funds (managed by either parishes or schools). **The levy for 2018 is \$783 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$261 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.**

Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents - 2018

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2018 is **\$1,935 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$645.** The fee applies to new students on the following visa numbers: 173, 401, 402, 411, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 456, 457, 459, 462, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 884, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090.

Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a *per family* basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

Thank you for your continuing support of Catholic education, support that allows us to provide students with exciting learning experiences within our Catholic faith environment.

With warmest wishes



Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director
Catholic Education
Parramatta of Diocese

**2018 - Good Shepherd Primary
School Based Fees**

FEE TYPE	GRADES CHARGED	ANNUAL FEE	Charged in terms 1,2, & 3
Resource Fee – per child	Kinder to Year 6	\$123.00	\$41.00
Family Levy – per family	Kinder to Year 6	\$ 51.00	\$17.00
Activity Fee – per child	Kinder to Year 4	\$ 93.00	\$31.00
Activity Fee – per child	Year 5	\$ 51.00	\$17.00
Overnight Excursion Fee	Year 5	\$ 195.00	\$65.00
Activity Fee – per child	Year 6	\$ 141.00	\$47.00

