



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 4

Week 5

Tuesday, 7th November, 2017

31st Sunday in

Ordinary Time



Dates for your Diary:

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

Term 4 concludes:
Friday, 15th December

Term 1 2018 commences:
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.

Good Shepherd Wins Basketball!!

Last Tuesday students from Year 6 represented our school at the Basketball Gala Day held at the Penrith Stadium. The following are recounts from our fabulous basketballers.....

"We came to school at 7.10 am to go to the Penrith Stadium and we arrived about 8.00 am. We played about seven teams. We came 1st and were undefeated! Our team players were Joseph Hide, Jok Job, Ceejai Gutierrez, Liam Torres, Vincent Baduria, Christian Calleja and Kelvin Sene. We had lots of fun—we wanted to win to make Good Shepherd proud! We were good sportsmen and so were the other teams. Everyone played their hardest and so did we. They all put up a good game. We played for eight hours of basketball all together—it was so much fun! We arrived back to school at 4.00 pm, tired but ecstatic!" Recount by Joseph & Jok

"I appreciated getting chosen to play basketball. We were undefeated and had good games with each school. Our coach was Mr Jeffrey Gutierrez, and he was a good coach. He was telling us to not show off, and have good sportsmanship." Recount by Kelvin

"I appreciated representing Good Shepherd at the Basketball Gala Day with peace and joy. On the day, teamwork got us up to the number one spot! Everything else was good like our coach and chemistry. I love representing Good Shepherd School with pride. I really enjoyed the day at Basketball!!!" Recount by Vincent



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, 9th November	Laura Jean Photo Viewing (1.00 pm—7.30 pm Good Shepherd School)
Monday, 13th November	Kinder 2018 Orientation commences this week
Tuesday, 14th November	Mass—Year 3 attending (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Tuesday, 21st November	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Looking ahead	
Wednesday, 29th November	School Disco
Monday, 11th December	Year 6 Graduation Mass (6.00 pm Good Shepherd Church)
Tuesday, 12th December	Whole School End of Year Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church). Following Mass there will be a Parent Helper Morning Tea at Good Shepherd School
Friday, 15th December	Last day of school for students

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



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	Annabelle Stojanovski	KG	Christian Elters
KR	Kassandra Nuval	KW	Fatima Mancao
1B	Aarav Sharma	1G	Corey Reyes
1R	Gabrielle Almazan	1W	Izaak Knoester
2B	Camille Ebuenga	2G	Nino Santos
2R	Laiza Chicote	2W	Acuoth Acuoth
3B	Isabelle Deaves	3G	Charlene Forcadilla
3R	Laksh Samli	3W	Ethan Sarza
4B	Liana Banares	4G	Isabella Limjap
4R	Lily Taranto	4W	Michael Labeeb
5B	Emmanuel Adetunji	5G	Charlie Luke
5R	Abby Cornish	5W	Christian Durante
6B	Madison Butler	6G	Jared Soans
6R	Julayah Felizardo	6W	Carmella Dela Cruz



Birthdays

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

Anthony Israel, Sean Scanlan, Roza Elloise Frias, Renaise Alpuerto, Cooper Lambert, Theresia Purwadi, Cooper Jones, Oliver Allen, Laurina Aziz, Alex Gillett-Pracy, Isabelle Diamse, Kot Job, Makayla-Ann DeGuia, Kian Pangan, Samiuela Tonga, Elijah Laulu, Amity Thomas and Kirsten Labial.



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.

Car Park Safety

Due to the need for increased safety measures in the Parish and Hall car parks, the following safety procedures are enforced:

The ONLY DROP OFF AREA in the mornings is the drop off bay at the front of the school. No other students are to be dropped off in the Parish car park OR the Hall car park.

If you are entering the Parish car park or the Hall car park, YOU MUST PARK YOUR CAR AND WALK YOUR CHILD INTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Please note when exiting the Parish Car Park, please use the correct exit as there have been a few incidents lately whereby cars have exited from the wrong exit, nearly causing an accident! We do not want this car park to close!!

As always, hold your child's hand when walking through car parks. And display courtesy towards other drivers – it makes the trip to and from school more pleasant.

Why not park in the Shopping Centre car park and take advantage of our crossing guard? She is there to help us all and keep us safe.

Also, please do not leave your child/children unattended in your car when collecting your child/ren at dismissal time. It is extremely dangerous, particularly as the weather is getting hotter, the temperature in the car rises and it is extremely dangerous for anyone left in the car!

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. After all, it is you and your child we are protecting.
 Bianca Cooke, Assistant Principal.



Library Borrowing

Dear Parents & Carers, just a reminder that the last week for borrowing will be Week 7. **All books will then need to be returned by the end of Week 8.** Any books not returned by then, the relevant students will receive overdue

notices and will be asked to pay for any books that are not returned, lost or damaged.

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—students in Year 1 through to Year 6 commence.

Wednesday, 31st January—New Kinder students commence.

Thursday, 1st February—Kinder siblings commence.



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.



Starting this week we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey.

Tell Them From Me

The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Good Shepherd School.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<https://www.tellthemfromme.com/goodshepherd>

If you do not have internet access at home, you are welcome to complete the survey at school in the Resource Centre on the following dates and times-

Thursday 9/11 2:30-3:30pm
Friday 10/11 2:30-3:30pm
Wednesday 15/11 8-9am
Thursday 23/11 8-9am

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Cooke. Thank you



Good Shepherd School Bag
From 2018, **all students are required to use 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.

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.**

School Fees—Outstanding Accounts

Parents, would you please finalise all outstanding accounts for your child in Year 6, no later than this **Friday, 10th November**. All families who have an arrangement in place, please continue with your commitment. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLEASE
NOTE

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.



Canteen News
Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal is available until Friday 17th November).

Meal Deal 1

Chicken & Lettuce Sandwich, Juice Popper and Monkey Chips

Meal Deal 2

Sausage Roll, Juice Popper and Monkey Chips.

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

Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,

That equals ..

Which is ...

and over 13 years of schooling that's ...

10 minutes per day

50 minutes per week

Nearly 1.5 weeks per year

Nearly half a year

20 minutes per day

1 hour 40mins per week

Over 2.5 weeks per year

Nearly 1 year

Half an hour per day

Half a day per week

4 weeks per year

Nearly 1 and a half years

1 hour per day

1 day per week

8 weeks per year

Over 2 and a half years



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.

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.**

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.

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.

Back to School 2018

Parents, if you intend travelling overseas or interstate during the Christmas holidays and your child/children will be **returning to school after school resumes**, could you please notify the office in writing that this will be happening and note the date your child will be returning for the 2018

school year. (NB, please remember you require an interview with the Principal's for leave for 10 school days or more **prior to taking leave**. You will need to complete an Application for Leave form for leave for 5 days or more. This form can be picked up from the school office). **This form must be completed, travel documentation attached to it, and returned to the school office prior to going on leave. An interview will then be arranged with the Principal in order for leave to be approved if the leave is for 10 days or more.**



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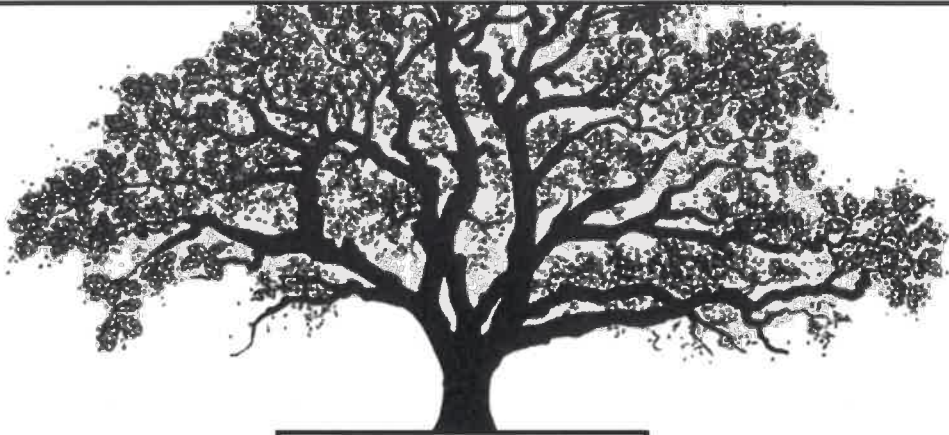
Dear Parents, when ordering Bookclub and paying online, please use the following link:

[http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP How to Order and Pay](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP%20How%20to%20Order%20and%20Pay)

COSHC Notice

Dear Parents & Carers, please note there will be **no child care available** on the last two days of Term 4 which are the Staff Development Days (Pupil Free days) Monday, 18th December and Tuesday, 19th December. Students finish Term 4 on Friday, 15th December, 2017.

ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



mit
(LATIN)

MEANING:

send, let go

EXAMPLES:

transmit, emit



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



10. Please read aloud every day because you just adore being with your child, not because it's the right thing to do.

From the Bishop's Office

Special edition of Catholic Outlook

At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook will be back in print for a special, one-off December 2017 Christmas edition. This special edition will be a beautifully bound, 40-page, A4 magazine and will showcase the work of the parishes, ministries and agencies of the Diocese of Parramatta. Look out for copies in your parishes and schools from Monday 4 December.

Health Carers and the Assisted Dying Bill 2017

The proposed legislation to legalise assisted suicide and euthanasia will be debated in the Parliament of New South Wales on the 16 November. A similar bill has passed the Lower House in the Victorian Parliament. Such changes will place at risk the most vulnerable patients as well as undermining the relationship between patients and Healthcare Professionals which is based on trust and mutual respect. Rather than the legalisation of assisted suicide and euthanasia all Doctors, Nurses, Allied Health Professionals are asked to let your Members of Parliament know that you support increased access to better aged care and mental health services, disabilities assistance and excellent palliative care.

There is an open letter against the legalisation of assisted suicide and a petition which has been organised by concerned healthcare professionals. You are asked to add your name to their petition by going to the link: www.healthprofessionalsayno.info

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv statement on Manus Island

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop Delegate for Migrants and Refugees has issued a statement on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, following the closure of the Manus Island Centre. He states: "The policy of offshore detention has failed and it is time for us to deal with the issue of asylum seekers and refugees according to this nation's proud tradition and the best nature of its citizens. We can do a whole lot better, just as we did welcome "those who've come across the seas" after the wars in Europe and in Southeast Asia. The concern for maritime border security does not have to make us into a mean-spirited people. The policy of offshore detention has cost Australia dearly. But it has cost the detainees and their families even more. I appeal to the government and political leaders to act in accordance with our honourable tradition. It is time to find an alternative and conscionable solution, including accepting New Zealand's offer of resettlement and bringing the remaining detainees on Manus Island to Australia for further processing."

Concert at St. Finbar's, Glenbrook: 12 November

From 3pm, The Mystery of the Earth concert is a choir and organ, exploring our connection to the earth and beyond. This will be a wonderfully relaxing concert performed by Academy Singers, an experienced and well-known choir, directed by the esteemed Paul Terracini and accompanied by organist Amy Johansen. Amy will play music by Haydn and Mendelssohn. Choral music by Bainton, Mendelssohn, Lauridsen, Whitacre and young Australian composer Ban van Tienen. Adults \$25, Concession \$20, Child \$10. Enquiries on 4754 1780.

St Philomena Association Holy Mass: 18 November

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her "the great wonder worker". Mass at noon with Confession from 11.30am: St John Vianney's Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. A short walk north from Doonside station, the one past Blacktown. Please bring a snack to share. Elizabeth tel or text 0423 15 44 63, epeoples9@gmail.com Facebook: Libby Peoples (events)

Christian Meditation Day: 19 November

The last Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day for 2017 at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia is on Sunday, 19th November. Arrival is 10am for 10:30am. Presentations, Meditation and Mass. BYO picnic lunch, tea and coffee provided. Books and DVDs available for purchase. Registration on arrival. Voluntary Donation to the monks. Day closes around 3pm. Accommodation may be available at the monastery, ring: Br Terry 0438 282 318. Enquires: Ann Lomas 9456 4775 /atlomas@bigpond.com or Ann Bergman 9498 2625 /anniebergman@hotmail.com

**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.

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



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