



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 4

Week 9

Tuesday, 5th December, 2017

Second Sunday of
Advent



Dates for your Diary:

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

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Friday, 15th December

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

At the end of every year we have the chance to reflect on the many events and blessings we have had as a school. I have this opportunity as I write the Annual School Report. This will be on our website and hard copy will be available in the foyer in the New Year.

I would particularly like to thank the members of the Parent Group who have worked so tirelessly for our school. They have organised fund raisers, discos and been present and supportive at the Kindergarten orientation to talk to our new parents. We are very appreciative of their efforts and support for the school and the children.

We have some staff members leaving us at the end of this year. We thank them for the professionalism and the enthusiasm they have displayed whilst at Good Shepherd. Mrs McCaffrey, Mrs Zeall and Mrs Crowley are leaving us to have their babies and we know how excited they are.

We hope they each get plenty of sleep before the birth of their baby.

Miss Knight, Miss Lapidario and Miss Symonds are leaving us to take up permanent roles at other schools. We are also farewelling Mrs Cadman who has been a teacher's aide here at Good Shepherd for the later part of the year.

Peace and Best Wishes.

Tricia Carr

Good Shepherd Staffing for 2018

Principal

Mrs Patricia Carr

Assistant Principal

Mrs Bianca Cooke

Religious Education

Coordinator

Mr Ian Byrne

Office

Mrs Gabrielle Smithard

Mrs Vicki Doran

Mrs Rosa Rusnak

Mrs Dianne Holmes

Grade Leaders

Kinder- Mrs Bianca Cooke

Year 1- Mrs Trish Conner

Year 2- Mrs Yvonne Davies

Year 3- Mrs Debbie dela Paz

Year 4- Mr Ian Byrne

Year 5- Mrs Beulah Frankson

Year 6- Ms Elizabeth Dowd

PE Teachers

Mrs Anne Latham

Mrs Danielle Del Duca

Creative Arts Teachers

Miss Diane Touzell

Mrs Janice Saliba

Mrs Clare Burnett

Teacher Assistants

Mrs Jo Edgerton

Mrs Leslee Summers

Mrs Tania Cornett

Mrs Jan Wedgwood

Mrs Annamaria Farrugia

Librarian/Literacy Support

Mrs Carol Sirry

Mrs Jo Edgerton

Intervention Teacher:

Mrs Stephanie Van Weverburgh

Maintenance

Mr Chris Willard

Teachers & Classes

	B Classes	G Classes	R Classes	W Classes	Learning Support
Kinder	Miss Alexandra Burrows	Mrs Megan Robinson	Miss Ebony Moylan	Miss Sarah Debrincat	Mrs Joanne Hocking
Year 1	Mrs Susanne Mammolitti	Mrs Silvia Nicolls	Mrs Melonie Kemp & Mrs Karen Fairall	Miss Jennifer Boustani	Mrs Louise Gray
Year 2	Mrs Amie Keown	Miss Tasha King & Mrs Anita Meredith	Mrs Bronwyn Micallef	Mrs Beonika Dumont	Mrs Yvonne Davies
Year 3	Mrs Debbie dela Paz & Miss Diane Touzell	Mrs Joan Bellenger	Mrs Jo-Ann Lindsay	Mrs Tania Pereira	Mrs Grace Thomson
Year 4	Mr Ian Byrne & Mrs Anita Meredith	Miss Kellie Rowntree	Mrs Linda Freitas & Mrs Janice Saliba	Mrs Maria Rainert	Mrs Carolyn Duval
Year 5	Miss Katrina Sherlock	Mrs Cathy Moylan & Mrs Anita Meredith	Mrs Maree Callaghan	Mr Matthew Slager	To be confirmed
Year 6	Miss Kelly Maloney	Ms Elizabeth Dowd & Mrs Tiffany Reid	Mr Henry Escandor	Mrs Christine Ellul & Miss Diane Touzell	Mrs Grace Pestano



Primary End of Term Awards

The following students from Year 3 to Year 6 will receive Awards for Term 4 2017. These Awards will be presented at the Whole School Assembly at 8.30 am next Monday, 11th December (Week 10). Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Class	Religious Education	Learning Achievement	Learning Achievement	Consistent Effort
3B	Matthew Zacharia	Stella Haufano	Mikayla Uili-Lilo	Lincoln Magro
3G	Charlene Forcadilla	Joachima Toa	Angelo Cruz	Paul Sewiha
3R	Jayden Gearman	Angelo dela Paz	Emily Pham	Mat Alampayan
3W	Jordan Villaruel	Ryan Ludwig	Pranith Tirumalasetti	Onel Markahe
4B	Liana Banares	Summer Catig	Chloe Angeles	Sesilia-Grace Liu-Ngata
4G	Marquise Cuthbertson-Iakopo	Luke O'Rourke	Alisha Makkar	Leila Bunyi
4R	Aziz Abwi	Aryan Sharma	Gaile Zapanta	Prayer Fotualii
4W	Athallah Cruz	Breanna Borg	Alyssa Turner	Isaac Luke
5B	Mikayla Horwood-Campbell	Emmelia Inbaraj	Rosary Tima	Lilah Magro
5G	Lyana El-Awar	Ashton Borg	Brent Bernardo	Raanya Ram
5R	Lily Cook	Mitchell Holmes	Taylah Sonter	Sasha Urqueza
5W	Tiana Da Silva	Menna Dawit	Anthony Nguyen	Christian Durante
6B	Jonah Sua	Isoa Airhumwunde	Bhoomi Sami	Rohan Shibu
6G	Graig Zapanta	Jashan Singh	Rian Gutierrez	Summah Russell
6R	Nancy Guillermo	Lana Chicote	Raven Diola	Moira Cruz
6W	Sarah Bustria	Mojtaba (Mani) Shakibaei Shahadati	Carmella Dela Cruz	Benjamin Cruz

Reconciliation and Christmas Mass Times at Good Shepherd Church, Plumpton

2nd Rite Reconciliation for Christmas

Wednesday, 13th December at 7:30 pm

Christmas Eve—24th December

6.00 pm Children's Mass and 8.00 pm Youth Mass

Midnight Mass at Midnight

Christmas Day—25th December

7.00 am, 9.00 am and 12.00 noon

(12.00 noon in Vietnamese)

There will be NO 6.00 pm Christmas Day Mass



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, 7th December:	Kindergarten Christmas Tee-Shirt Day
Thursday 7th December:	School reports to go home
Friday, 8th December:	Swimming Carnival
Monday, 11th December:	Year 6 Graduation Mass (6.00pm Good Shepherd Church)
Thursday, 14th December:	End of Year Whole School Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church). Following Mass, the Parent Helper Morning Tea will be held at Good Shepherd School).
Friday, 15th December	Last day of school for students

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This coming Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent. The readings for this Sunday point to 'a voice cries out in the wilderness'. Who are the voices crying in the wilderness today? As we prepare for the birth of the Christ-child may we continue in faith to hear the voices that influence our Christian mission offering hope for the hopeless, shaping a more just and compassionate society.

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	Saanvi Shrestha	KG	Jesse Taylor
KR	Taiuli-Rose Bennell	KW	Aditiya Prathapan
1B	Thomas Planer	1G	Seraphina Vaasili
1R	Mikayla Villabona	1W	Vlad Anastasiei
2B	Nicholas Ribeiro De Oliveira	2G	Cooper Lambert
2R	Ezekiel Aguila	2W	Amou Majok
3B	Sienna Soares	3G	Ty Smith
3R	Emily Pham	3W	Andrei Jambalos
4B	Prit Patel	4G	Marquise Cuthbertson-lakopo
4R	Gaile Zapanta	4W	Taraneh Shiyari
5B	Carmella Queras	5G	Maxine Agpoon
5R	Jaiman Datt	5W	Joshua Thomas
6B	Diannella Cruz	6G	Annabelle Murray
6R	Jok Job	6W	Krish Patel

Religious Education News

First Sunday of Advent



The season of Advent, which begins next Sunday, is the time when we focus our attention on Jesus' coming at Christmas. Advent looks back on the first coming of Jesus Christ, when the Word of God became flesh and shared our human

story. It points to our present life when Jesus comes to give meaning to what we do as we meet Him in the Word, in the Sacraments and through His Spirit. Advent then joins the past with the present. It is the presence of God that gives us life. Advent is a time of preparation, a time of waiting. So, what are we waiting for? Why do we keep watch? What we are waiting for is the gift of Jesus. So we wait patiently and perseveringly for His coming!



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Darianne Afinidad, Onkar Mehrok, Janica Nerviol, Emmanuel Ibanez, Loreign Bautista, Annabelle Kayrouz, Kaizer Cruz, Jayden Gearman, Tevita Langi, Jamie Attard, Jarred Hide.

End of School Year Mass



Our End of School Year Mass will take place on **Thursday, 14th December** at 9.00 am in the Good Shepherd Church. All very welcome! Following Mass, we will be hosting a Parent Helper Morning Tea, in the School Staff Room.

Term 1 2018

Tuesday, 30th January:
Years 1—6 commence

Wednesday, 31st January:
New Kinders commence

Thursday, 1st February:
Sibling Kinders commence

Uploading of Photos onto YouTube and Social Media

Parents, please note there is to be no uploading of pictures of students that are not your own child, onto YouTube and Social Media eg Facebook, Instagram etc. from events at school without prior permission from the School Principal. Such events include school functions, excursions, liturgies etc.



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.
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Showcase of Talent

As you may know, we have a 'Showcase of Talent' at the end of the year. This is an opportunity for the children to share their talent and skills with their grade buddies. The 'best of each grade will perform to a larger audience in Week 10. If your child would like to participate in a performance, they must complete their own individual nomination form which they will receive by the end of the week. If your child would like to participate, they are to prepare everything at home. Parents are invited to attend the finalists performance next week—Week 10 - Thursday, 14th December. Any questions, please ask. Thank you Mrs Cooke

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.**

Good Shepherd School Bag



From 2018, **all students (EXCEPT YEAR 6 2018) will be 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 \$35.00 (old stock) and \$40.00 for new stock. Please note we are still awaiting new stock of the bags from the manufacturer. 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.

Library News

Assistance Needed please

The school has recently purchased a number of new literacy and library resources and we need assistance with covering. We would like to try and get this done before the school term ends. We would very much appreciate if Parents have any spare time to come to the Resource Centre at school and help with covering books. Please think about helping out as the sooner they are covered, the sooner the children can use them!

Bookclub Orders

Please note all Bookclub orders are now closed for the year.

Library Borrowing

Just a reminder that **all library books should now be returned to school.** Thank you.

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.



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.



Canteen News

Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal is available until Friday, 8th December).

Meal Deal 1

Ham & Cheese Toastie, Poptop Juice & Fruit Salad

Meal Deal 2

Sweet Chiklli Wrap, Bottle of Water & Zooper Dooper

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

Upcoming Swimming Carnival—Friday, 9th December

Our Year 3- 6 Swimming Carnival is coming up this Friday and the Houses are busy preparing! It will be a great day and visitors are welcome to join us.

A reminder that any photos you may take on the day are to be **only of your child.** No photos containing other children are to be taken or uploaded to Social Media, this is a Child Protection requirement.

Also, if your child is leaving the pool with someone other than a parent/guardian, the class teacher must have **written permission from the parent/guardian otherwise the child will not be allowed to leave.** He/she will return to school on the bus.



Dear Parents of Year 5 & Year 1
Year 5 would like to invite you to their
assembly this Wednesday,
6th December at 11.00 am at Good
Shepherd School.

Year 1 would like to invite you to their
assembly also this Wednesday,
6th December commencing at
2.15 pm. Hope to see you there!

Social Skill of the Week

"Speak in a friendly tone of voice"

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.

Lost Property Items

Dear Parents, there is a huge amount of clothing and other items that have ended up in Lost Property. If they are not claimed by this coming Friday, 8th December, they will be donated to the Uniform Shop.



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.

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.

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.



Year 6 Graduation Mass

Dear Parents & Carers, just a reminder that the Year 6 Graduation Mass will take place next Monday, 11th December, 2017 at the Good Shepherd Church Plumpton commencing at 6.00 pm. Please mark this date in your diary. All very welcome!

Afternoon School Gate Access Time and Dismissal Time

In order that afternoon classroom procedures can run smoothly and as a matter of child protection, the school gates will not open until the afternoon dismissal bell is rung at 2.50 pm. This is a practice that is now common to most primary schools, and we feel that it is something that we need to implement. **All children must be picked up no later than 3.15 pm.** Thank you for your cooperation.

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 which can be picked up from the school office). **This 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.

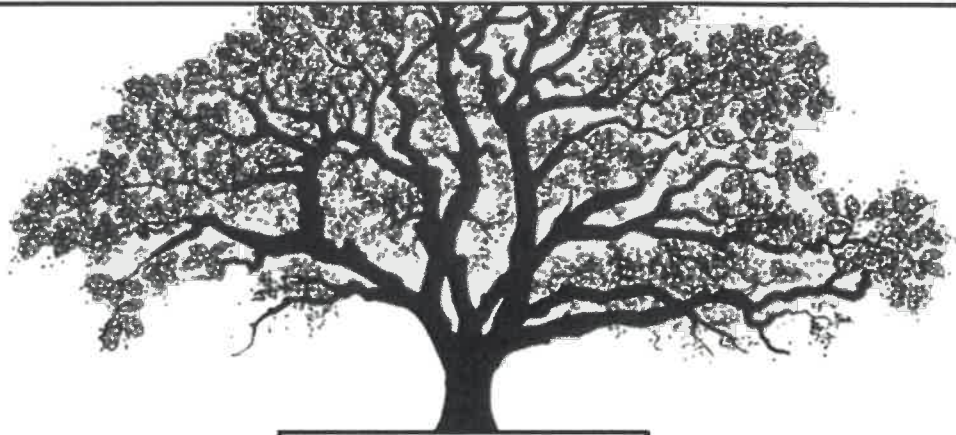
Road Safety Policy & Bicycle Safety Policy 2016

Please refer to our School Website "Our School — Policies & Procedures — Good Shepherd Primary Policies" — for our Road Safety Policy and our Bicycle Policy for 2016.

Message from School Office

Dear Parents, please note the last day for all "Cash and Cheque" payments will be Wednesday, 13th December. Eftpos payments will be accepted until Friday, 15th December. Thank you.

ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



auto

(GREEK)

MEANING:

self, same, one

EXAMPLES:

automatic, autocrat



Studies that prove we need to read more...

(From Disrupting Thinking by Beers and Probst)

Reasons to read more:



Improves Understanding of Text Structures

Armbruster, 2004 • Fletcher, 2006 • Kendeou & van den Broek, 2007
• Meyer & Rice, 1984 • Snyder, 2010



Develops Empathy

Allington, 2013 • Bal & Veltkamp, 2013 • Johnson, 2012
• Koopman & Hakemulder, 2015 • McLean, Breen, & Fournier, 2010

From the Catholic Education Office

Keeping schoolies safe

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FOR most Year 12 students, schoolies week has become a rite of passage. Traditionally, school-leavers have flocked to the Gold Coast and a few other popular venues for a week of sun, surf and fun with friends. However, we now are seeing more students seeking out alternative destinations or experiences.

As a parent, I understand that schoolies can be a balancing act between ensuring your child's well-being and safety and allowing them to develop their independence. For many young people, schoolies week may be the first time they've ever been away from home without adult supervision. For some, it can also mean heading off overseas where local laws and customs are different to ours.

While I think that it is important for young people to be able to experience the end of an important chapter in their lives typically by celebrating with friends, the focus needs to be on finding the most appropriate way of marking this milestone for each young person. Some students choose to devote their time and energy into outreach projects among disadvantaged communities. Others find value in starting work once exams are over in order to save for a car or to cover the costs associated with further study or future travel.

If students are keen on heading away with friends, then planning needs to happen early and parents should be involved. Cost, location, who else is attending, expectations around behaviours, what to do in the case of an emergency and how to stay safe all need to be part of the discussions between young people and their parents.

It's also just as important for young people to hear and acknowledge their parents' concerns and to recognise that with greater freedom comes greater responsibility.

Schoolies week won't be for everyone and it can be a huge leap of faith for parents. The best way to make it a memorable experience for the young people who wish to go is plan well, stay focused on being safe and make sure everyone is looking out for each other.



Child Safety Handbook

NSW Police Legacy [Child Safety Handbook](http://www.childsafetyhub.com.au/) is now available in digital form. The Handbook provides advice to assist children, parents and teachers on a range of areas related to child safety, including cybersafety, bullying and crossing roads safely. Over the past five years, many NSW primary schools have received hard copies of the NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook for distribution to their families. Now schools are encouraged to assist in the promotion of this resource to all families. Attached is an article that can be included in your school newsletter or other communications with parents, carers or the broader community. The direct link to the resource is <http://www.childsafetyhub.com.au/>

**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.