



# Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 10

Tuesday, 3rd April, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had an enjoyable Easter Break and had the opportunity to spend time with your families and loved ones. No doubt the Easter Bunny did the rounds and everyone is very full of chocolate!

It was very pleasing to hear the kindergarten children at the Easter hat parade being able to tell us why Easter is a time of new life and why we use the symbols of eggs and chickens. They knew that the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday is a time of new life and the most significant time in our Liturgical year. By rising from the dead, Jesus shattered the hold that death had over all of us. Death could not keep him down and, if we are joined to him, neither can it keep us down for we are "Easter People", full of the new life of Jesus. This is why Christian faith does not rest on the death of Jesus and an empty tomb but on the continuing experience of the risen Jesus.

*Patricia Carr*

Tricia Carr  
Principal

## Dates for your Diary:

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

## Term 1

concludes:

Friday, 13th April

## Term 2

commences:

Monday, 30th April

**Term 2 concludes:**

Friday, 6th July



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 4th April:	Easter Liturgy (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Wednesday, 4th April:	Year 1 Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Friday, 6th April:	Cross Country
Monday, 9th April:	The Annunciation of the Lord
Monday, 9th April:	Primary End of Term Awards (8.30 am Good Shepherd School)
Tuesday, 10th April:	Year 4 Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Wednesday, 11th April:	Year 3 Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Thursday, 12th April:	Kinder Nursery Rhyme Day
Friday, 13th April:	Good Shepherd Day
Friday, 13th April:	Last Day of Term 1
Monday, 30th April:	First Day of Term 2



### Parish News

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

Dear Parents & Guardians, our Parish will be holding preparation lessons for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will take place on Monday, 21st May at 7.30 pm in the Good Shepherd Church. If you need to contact the Parish, their number is Ph. 9832 4461.

### School Office—

**Closed for Cash Transactions only —**

**Thursday, 12th April and**

**Friday, 13th April, 2018**

Dear Parents, Thursday and Friday next week, (12th & 13th April) the School Office will not be receipting any cash transactions due to end of term finalising. We apologise for any inconvenience and ask for your consideration at this time. **EFTPOS transactions will still be accepted.** Thank you.

### Policies and Forms

For all policies and forms, please refer to our School Website. Please note our Parent Handbook is on our School Website for your convenience.

### 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.

Enrolments for Nagle College for Year 7 2019 need to be lodged by Friday, 13th April 2018. For any inquiries please telephone (02) 8887 4501.

### Information regarding Leave from School

Leave from school for holiday/overseas trips in school time is not encouraged and must be explained in writing to the School Principal.

A leave form ("Application for Extended Leave") must be completed at least 4 weeks in advance for 5 or more school days. Leave forms can be obtained from the school administration office. **Leave during school terms is strongly discouraged.**

Leave of 4 days and less needs to also be approved by the Principal. Please write a letter to your child's class teacher outlining the details of the leave, including the first and last school day that the child will be absent.

In NSW, school attendance is compulsory for children over the age of six years until the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. Students must complete Year 10, and after Year 10 until they turn 17 years of age, students must be: in school or registered for home schooling, or in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship), or in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours per week) **or in a combination of work, education and/or training.**

### Project Compassion

Dear Parents & Guardians, a very big thank you for your kind generosity in donating towards Project Compassion. We are pleased to announce that \$602.25 was raised!! Project Compassion brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.



### Year 4, Year 1 and Year 3 Grade Assemblies

Dear Parents, please note the following dates for Year 6, Year 1 and Year 3 Grade Assemblies:

#### Year 1 (tomorrow)

Wednesday, 4th April (Week 10) at 2.00 pm

#### Year 4

Tuesday, 10th April (Week 11) at 2.00 pm

#### Year 3

Wednesday, 11th April (Week 11) at 2.00 pm

### Kiss and Drop Zone

Dear Parents, please note that if you are dropping off your child in the Kiss and Drop Zone, please drive around to the start of the Kiss and Drop Zone, to ensure your child alights safely, and that there is room for other cars to pull up behind you safely. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Term 1 Conclusion Date is  
Friday, 13th April**

**Term 2 Commences  
Monday, 30th April**

## NAPLAN 2018

The 2018 NAPLAN tests will be conducted over three days from **Tuesday 15th May - Thursday 17th May**. For students in Years 3 and 5, there are four tests covering:

- numeracy,
- reading,
- writing and
- language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

The assessments are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned in class.

The NAPLAN test results and the student reports are released in September.

The results provide information about student achievement that can be used to inform teaching and learning programs. NAPLAN tests provide point-in-time information regarding student progress in literacy and numeracy and are intended to complement the wide range of formal and informal assessments that are already conducted in schools. NAPLAN test results are not intended to be used in isolation from other school-based assessment programs. Further details will be sent home closer to the date.

### Dates for your Calendar:

15th May Test day: Language Conventions and Writing  
16th May Test day: Reading  
17th May Test day: Numeracy

### Mobile Phone—Settings on your phone

Parents, would you please check your Settings for "Incoming Call restrictions" and "Do Not Disturb" notifications on your mobile phones so as in a case of an emergency, we need to be able to contact you. Would you please ensure that you can be contacted quickly and easily. Thank you.



### School Banking

Parents, please note school banking will resume next term on Tuesday, 8th May (Week 2).



### School Fees 2018

Dear Parents, accounts for the first instalment of school fees have now been posted. Any family who may experience difficulty paying their fees this year please contact the School Office for an

appointment to discuss options available under the Catholic Education Office financial hardship policy.

### Social Skill of the Week

**"Cover your nose when you sneeze and then wash your hands"**

### Coles Sports for Schools

The last date to collect Coles vouchers from stores is Tuesday April 3. All vouchers need to be received by school **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 13TH APRIL**- last day of Term 1.

Thank you to the many families who have already brought vouchers in. The boxes are overflowing with vouchers and that means we can redeem them for sports equipment for our school. Thank you again to friends and family for supporting our school. Mrs Cooke



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.

### Parent Group—Uniform Shop

#### Opening Hours:

**Wednesdays & Fridays 8.30 am—9.00 am.** Please note only Cash is accepted.

Parent Helpers are urgently required please. If you can spare an hour or so on Wednesdays and/or Fridays, would you please leave your details with the School Office. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.



### Spare Clothes Reminder

A kindly reminder to all parents of infant students, please pack a spare change of underwear, socks and shorts inside your child's bag. As there have been a couple of little accidents over the past few weeks, we have no more spare clothing to change them into. If you do not provide a spare change of clothes, you will be notified and asked to bring these to the school. Thank you.





### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Jacob Mammoliti, Charlene Forcadilla, Audrina Shiber, Falani Stanley, Chelsea Vere, Lucy Felizardo, Mark Tooma, Mahi Prasad, Hannah Gerard, Katy Perez, Taylor Gale, Jaymee Felizardo, Marcus Sewiha, Paul Sewiha, Jaiman Datt, Athena Aloisio-Malatai, Raphael Santos and EJ Laulu.

### Uniform Changeover

Parents, please note that the changeover date for winter uniform is officially **Monday, 14th May, 2018 (Week 3 Term 2)**. The correct school uniform should be worn at all times, in order to maintain expectations. If, for any reason, a child is unable to wear any part of the correct uniform, a note should be sent to your child's class teacher. Parents who have difficulty securing uniforms for their children please make an appointment with Mrs Carr, Principal, to discuss options. **THE SCHOOL HAT IS AN ESSENTIAL ITEM OF SCHOOL UNIFORM. THE WEARING OF THE SCHOOL HAT IS COMPULSORY.** For a full list of the School Uniform requirements, please refer to our School Website—"Enrol Now" - Handbook—Uniform.



### Free "Alerts" and more to your mobile phone .....

Did you know that you can receive "Alerts" to your mobile phone for free? This is very handy to have and will keep you updated on "last minute" changes or reminders to School events. The App is called "Skoolbag" and to install this free App on your iPhone or Android phone, this is what you do: Simply search for Good Shepherd School Plumpton in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac and install. **After the App is installed on your phone, make sure that you select "OK" to allow Alert notifications. Also click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive Alerts for.**

For those that have Android phones, simply search our school "Good Shepherd School Plumpton" and install. **After the app is installed click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive Alerts for.**

### Easter Raffle Wrapup

A very big thank you to our Parent Group for organising the Easter Drive.

We are very pleased to announce that \$1,081.50 was raised!! As always, your support of such events is very much appreciated.



### Very important information regarding your contact phone numbers .....

Dear Parents & Guardians, if you have changed your mobile numbers, work numbers, home number etc would you please ensure you inform the office immediately. This is absolutely vital as we need to be able to contact you if your child is sick or had an accident, has not been picked up at school by dismissal time or for any other urgent matter. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

### NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018

Primary school aged children across Australia will make those important steps towards a healthier future by participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 18 May 2018.

National Walk Safely to School Day is a community initiative that aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide for the long term well-being of our children. Apart from the physical benefits, regular walking also has a favourable impact on their cognitive and academic performance.

The annual event, now in its 19th year, encourages primary school aged children to build walking into their daily routine, by walking to and from school, not just on Friday 18 May, but every day. For more information please refer to website: [www.walk.com.au/wstsd](http://www.walk.com.au/wstsd)



### Canteen News

Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal is available until Friday 13th April).

#### Meal Deal 1

Ham & Cheese Toastie, Juice Popper, Fruit Cup

#### Meal Deal 2

Sausage Roll, Bottle Juice, Fruit Cup

To view the full menu of Classroom Catering, please visit website: [www.classroomcatering.com.au](http://www.classroomcatering.com.au)

Please note **Zooper Dooper iceblocks will be replaced with a Berri Quelch iceblock instead.**

### Privacy Consent

Dear Parents & Carers,

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. If you do not want your child to sell raffle tickets, please also inform the school office. Thank you.

### Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2019 are now 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 2019.

### Lost Property

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 picked up another child's clothing, please return it to the Lost Property Bin. Thank you.

## Primary End of Term Awards

The following students from Year 3 to Year 6 will receive Awards for Term 1 2018. These awards will be presented at the Whole School Assembly at 8.30 am next Monday, 9th April (Week 11). Parents are warmly invited to attend.

### Religious Education Award:

3B: Julianne Tumulad  
3G: Joshua Odemwengie  
3R: Sosaia Fihaki  
3W: Tevita Ma'asi  
4B: Bianca Cailao  
4G: Gerard Aloisio  
4R: Louise Reyes  
4W: Nahome Dabi  
5B: Liam Bell  
5G: Jalil Rizeq  
5R: Christina Kilberd  
5W: Jessica Odemwengie  
6B: Reweis Sewiha  
6G: Hayden-Noah Mercado  
6R: Thi (Tina) Bui  
6W: Anaise Fosita

### Learning Achievement Awards:

3B: Prahallika Panuganti & Cassandra Cruz  
3G: Ezekiel Aguila & Suzanna Wilkes  
3R: Charvi Barmalli & Nicholas Ribeiro De Oliveira  
3W: Hasini Tirumalasetti & Al Jur Cabanlong  
4B: Andrei Jambalos & Mariem Tungal  
4G: Nathan Guillermo & Akuoul Acuoth  
4R: Bianca Pestrige & Angelo Cruz  
4W: Gabrielle Capule & Alexander Zeya  
5B: Aliyah Torres & Ian Stevens  
5G: Jasleen Singh & Megan Ferriera  
5R: Leila Bunyi & Cloey Nguyen  
5W: Isabella Cobban & Lily Taranto  
6B: Tiana Da Silva & Arianna Cay  
6G: Raanya Ram & Janice Hide  
6R: Gianna Manalo & Jonathan Tawk  
6W: Darren Mensah & Lisa Alemah

### Consistent Effort Award:

3B: Armando Montales, 3G: Jenaleigh Brayshaw, 3R: Hope MacMillan Savea, 3W: Lebron Manalo, 4B: Sienna Soares, 4G: Catharina Purwadi, 4R: Janina Imlay, 4W: Rasgur Mann, 5B: Leatuku Setefano, 5G: Tanielle Farrell, 5R: Rosemary Shamoka, 5W: Rianne Villanueva, 6B: Marco Blazevic, 6G: Selina Farah, 6R: Losaline Fihaki, 6W: Annabelle Rahme.



## Terms 2 & 3 Winter School and Sports Uniform

### School Uniform

#### Girls

School Uniform Checked Tunic  
White Long Sleeve Blouse  
Checked Scissor Tie  
Green Hair Ribbons  
Grey Tights, or Grey Long Socks  
Black School Shoes  
Green Zip-Up Jacket  
School Uniform Hat

#### Boys

Black Long Pants  
White Long Sleeve Shirt  
Green Zip-Up Jacket  
Black Socks  
Black School Shoes  
School Checked Tie  
School Uniform Hat

### Sports Uniform

#### Girls

White Polo shirt with School Emblem  
Bottle Green Shorts  
Bottle Green Tracksuit Uniform  
Predominantly White Joggers/Sneakers  
A white skivvy (colder weather)  
White Socks  
School Uniform Hat

#### Boys

White Polo shirt with School Emblem  
Bottle Green Shorts  
Bottle Green Tracksuit Uniform  
Predominantly White Joggers/Sneakers  
A white skivvy (colder weather)  
White Socks  
School Uniform Hat

In cooler weather, a bottle green uniform tracksuit is worn, and a white skivvy may be worn under the white polo shirt.

# ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



**urb**

(LATIN)

**MEANING:**

city

**EXAMPLES:**

urban, suburb



## Literacy Tips:

Try this fun way to assist your child to join sounds together to make word.

Play the game 'Guess my Word'.

Select words which contain two or three sounds in them and say each sound slowly. Ask your child to guess the word which is made when the sounds are joined together e.g.

(s-u-n = sun). Take turns.

**Literacy**  
is for **life.**

## Attendance Requirements

Just a quick reminder that ALL student absences need to be explained. This is a legal requirement. We ask that on your child's return to school you send a note to explain their absence for school. We need to receive this note within seven days of the last day of absence. We all know that every day counts, but of course when students are unwell it is best for them and their peers, to keep them at home in order for them to recover. Thanks for your prompt action!



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## From the Bishop's Office

### **First Mass at St Luke's Marsden Park: 8 April**

The new St Luke's Catholic Faith Community, Marsden Park invites you to join them as Bishop Vincent Long, assisted by Deacon Tony, leads their first Mass at St Luke's College, Frontier Avenue, Marsden Park on 8 April at 10am. More info at: <https://stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au>

### **The Permanent Diaconate: 6 May**

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at St John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768. Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. The meetings will commence at 3.00pm until 6.00pm followed by the Parish Mass and Fellowship. The 2018 dates on Sundays: 8 July, 9 September, 4 November. For further information visit [www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate](http://www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate) or please contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270 782, Deacon George – 0408 440 769

### **PROCLAIM 2018: National Conference on Parish Renewal and Evangelisation 12 – 14 July 2018**

The Archdiocese of Brisbane, in collaboration with the ACBC's National Centre for Evangelisation, will host PROCLAIM 2018. This national conference will engage parishes and faith communities in a conversation focusing on five key areas: Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging and Evangelisation.

During the conference participants can attend keynote presentations, expert panel sessions and discussions facilitated by leaders with 'on the ground' experience. Ideally, this will help those participants to contribute to the formulation of some practical strategies to assist your parish or faith community's own goals in the areas of renewal and evangelisation.

Keynote speakers include Cardinal John Dew (Archdiocese of Wellington, New Zealand), Ron Huntley (Divine Renovation – Canada), Ms Lana Turvey-Collins (Plenary Council 2020 Facilitator), Mons Enrique Figaredo SJ (Cambodia) and host of PROCLAIM 2018 Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archdiocese of Brisbane). To find out more visit [www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au) and register at our early bird rate.

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