



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 2

Tuesday, 6th February, 2018

Our new Kindies & current students enjoying their first week of school!!!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 7th February:	Meet the Teacher BBQ (4.30 pm—6.30 pm Good Shepherd School)
Thursday, 8th February:	Opening School Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church) All welcome
Friday, 9th February:	School Census Day
Monday, 12th February:	Parent Group Annual General Meeting (7.00 pm Good Shepherd School) All parents welcome
Wednesday, 14th February:	Ash Wednesday Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Tuesday, 20th February:	Year 4 Excursion to Rouse Hill
Friday, 23rd February:	Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)
Tuesday, 27th February	School Photos

School Photos

Dear Parents, School photographs are scheduled for Tuesday, 27th February and will be taken by Advancedlife Photography. Envelopes have been sent home with your child today. **Online ordering is preferable as this will reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.** Should you have any queries concerning school photos please email advancedlife—email is enquiries@advancedlife.com.au. The 9 Digit Online Order Code for Good Shepherd is **BP8 5JQ VNW**.

Staff Development Day—Term 1 2018

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 Term 1's will take place on **Friday, 23rd February (Week 4)**. 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—see flyer attached. To make inquiries of COSHC, please telephone COSHC on Ph. 0409 121 980.

No Nut Policy



A number of our students have severe allergies. Please do not send peanut butter/Nutella sandwiches or other foods containing whole or crushed nuts or sesame seeds to school. This also includes Excursions! Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Medication



If your child is taking regular medication including Asthma or is Anaphylactic or allergic, please note at the beginning of each year we require updated information and Action/management plans for these medical issues.

As part of keeping our children safe, it is vital that we maintain the most current information. Please take the time to update this information as soon as possible.

2018 Dates

Term 1 Concludes:

Concludes: Friday, 13th April

Term 1 School Holidays

Monday 16th April—Friday 27th April

Term 2

Commences: Monday, 30th April (Week 1)

Concludes: Friday, 6th July

Term 2 School Holidays

Monday 9th July—Friday 20th July

Term 3

Commences: Monday, 23rd July (Week 1)

Concludes: Friday, 28th September

Term 3 School Holidays

Monday, 1st October—Friday 12th October

Term 4

Commences: Monday, 15th October (Week 1)

Concludes: Wednesday, 19th December

Term 4 School Holidays

Thursday, 20th December 2018 through to Monday, 28th January 2019

Please note Staff Development Days will occur throughout the year. Parents will be notified of such dates at the start of each term. Term 1's Staff Development Day is Friday, 23rd February (Week 4).



Canteen News

Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal is available until Friday 23rd February).

Meal Deal 1

Salad Sandwich, Bottle Water and Frozen Juice Cup

Meal Deal 2

Chicken Burger, Juice Popper and Zooper Dooper.

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

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.

Policies and Forms

For all policies and forms, please refer to our School Website.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthday this week: Samantha Melocotones, Julian Kaasamani, Saschnaa Prabhakaran, Hanok Woldegabre, Rosary Tima, Eli Facistol, Shanika Dimri, Sesilia-Grace Liu-Ngata, Aziz Abwi, Reweis Sewiha, Roy Tawk Jr, Halle Tauaifaga and Elizur Lopez-Aguila.

Acceptable Hairstyles

Girls – Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back and ribbons or a 'scrunchie' in school colours may be used. Hair colouring is not permitted.

Boys – Neat and simple haircuts. No undercuts, Mohawks, Number Ones, Lines, Rat Tails or Hair Colouring is permitted. Hair must be of consistent length.

Hair is a very important aspect of your child's appearance. Children must have appropriate hair cuts. Coloured hair is not permitted nor should hair be cut in steps or stairs, or have any other symbols or patterns. Long hair needs to be tied back. Green or white ribbons or scrunchies are permitted. No rat's tails or mohawks are permitted.

Jewellery

Only one plain sleeper or stud is to be worn in each lobe. No other earrings are permitted. One signet ring is permitted and a cross and chain or other symbols of our faith are permitted. Any other jewellery is not permitted, nor is makeup of any description. Parents are asked to please ensure that children attend school in accordance with uniform expectations.

Label Uniforms

Please label your child's uniform **especially** their **jumpers** and hats, as a lot are ending up in lost property! Names can be written on with a laundry pen, embroidered, or you can use iron-on labels. All unlabelled uniforms are washed and re-sold in the uniform shop. By failing to label your child's uniform, you are spending money unnecessarily when you need to replace these items.

Anaphylaxis Asthma Diabetic

Parents, students who are known to be Anaphylactic, Asthmatic or Diabetic wear identification bracelets during school hours at Good Shepherd School.

The identification bracelets assist awareness for all staff and provide a quicker response should any of these students show signs of these illnesses while they are in our care.

The identification bracelets are to remain at school after school hours. We would appreciate parents encouraging their child to put it on in class each morning and remove it at the end of each school day.



The **ALERT! ASTHMATIC** bracelet is pale blue, the **ALERT! DIABETIC** is dark blue and the **Anaphylaxis ALERT!** is red.

If your child suffers from Anaphylaxis, is Asthmatic or Diabetic **or has any other medical problem** and the school has not been informed or you know your child hasn't been given the appropriate bracelet, we would appreciate correspondence from you so that he/she can be given the bracelet and his/her individual Medical Action Plan can be put in place. Thank you for your assistance.

Summer Uniform

By now all students should be wearing their Summer School/ Sports Uniform. **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.



Summer Uniform

GIRLS

School 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

Black Shorts, White Shirt with Good Shepherd Primary School Crest, Black Socks, Black School Shoes, Bottle Green Hat and Bottle Green Jacket.

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.**

PLEASE NOTE IF YOUR CHILD IS CURRENTLY WEARING BROWN SCHOOL SHOES, THEY MUST WEAR FAWN SOCKS WITH THE BROWN SHOES.

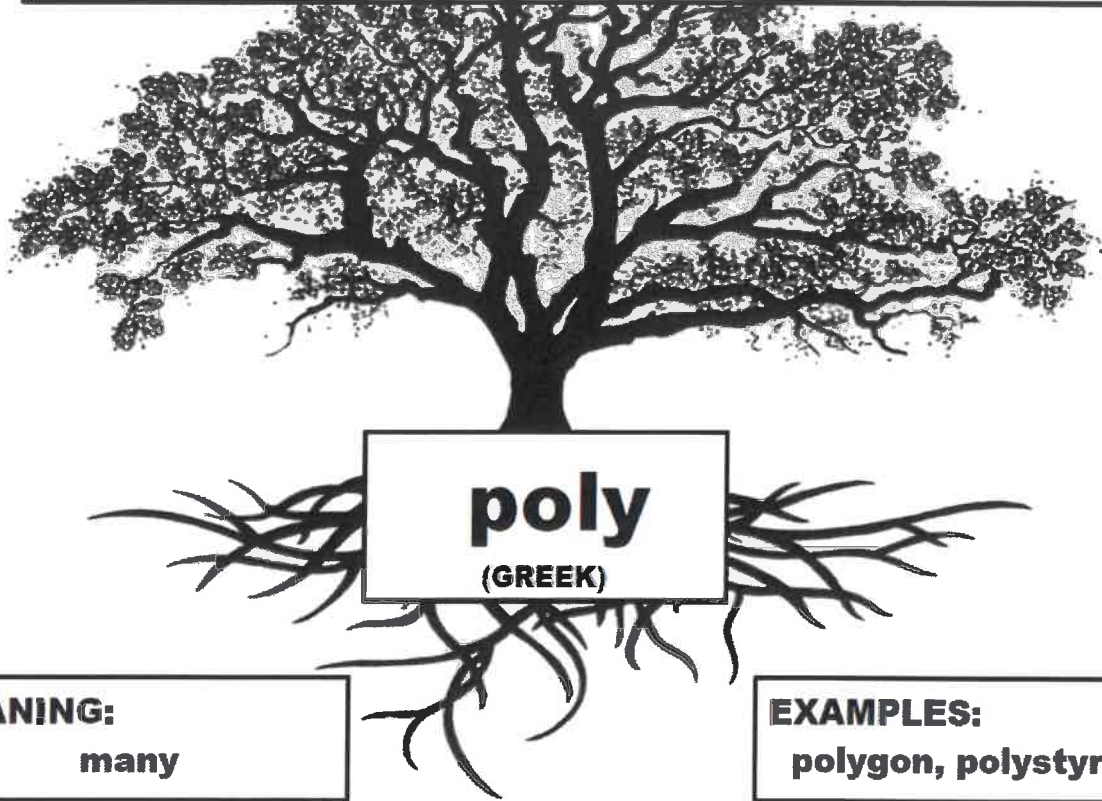
The School Jacket with crest may be worn at any time throughout the year. The School Hat with crest is a compulsory school item to be worn every day. The School's Uniform Supplier is Lowes, Mt Druitt. **Please mark all school clothing with your child's name to avoid lost property!**

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ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



MEANING:
many

EXAMPLES:
polygon, polystyrene



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

SCHOOL
Attendance

From the Catholic Education Office

Child Safety Handbook

NSW Police Legacy [Child Safety Handbook](#) 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/>

2018 Events at Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre February to March

9-11 February, 2018 - Retreat for Women

Theme: "IT IS WHEN I AM WEAK THAT I AM STRONG" (2 COR. 12: 10)

Enjoy a time of prayer and reflection as we approach the season of Lent. Experience the love of God and our Blessed Mother at the Schoenstatt Shrine in this Fr. Kentenich Year. (15.9.2017 – 15.9.2018)

Where: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745

When: 7pm 9 February – 4pm 11 February 2018

Cost: \$150 Shared rooms - Deposit \$50, Saturday only \$40 (includes lunch)

Bookings: info@schoenstatt.org.au or Phone: 4773 8338 by 5 February

25th February, 2018 - Lenten Retreat Afternoon for Families of all ages and constellations

2pm: Talk for Adults: JOY in SUFFERING including Testimonies (Children's Programme and Baby sitting)

3pm: Prayer, Adoration, Confession and Benediction

4pm: Afternoon Tea

Where: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745

Cost: Free

Contact: Sr M Julie BrCAR - 0408 738 334 or juliebrcar@gmail.com

9-10 March, 2018 - "24Hrs for the Lord" a time of Adoration and Reflection

Theme: "Do not be afraid Mary for you have found favour with God". Luke 1:30

When: From Friday 9th March beginning with Holy Mass at 6pm and finishing Saturday 10th March with Holy Mass at 5pm

Come and spend some time with Our Lord and His Mother in the Schoenstatt Shrine.

Reconciliation will be available at times through out the 24Hrs. Tea and Coffee available.

Where: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745

Cost: To come to the Shrine: Free. To have accommodation and meals provided for the 24Hrs - Cost is \$90

Bookings: Bookings: info@schoenstatt.org.au or Phone: 4773 8338

9-11 March, 2018 - Lenten Retreat for Young Adults

Note that the 24 Hrs for the Lord commences on Friday 9th with 6pm Holy Mass so if you come on Friday, it is to participate, as you want, in the 24 Hrs for the Lord (adoration with hourly reflection). The retreat will officially begin at 9am on Saturday.

Registration and payments essential by Sunday 4th March

Where: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745

Cost: Fri-Sun: \$200 or Sat-Sun \$150

Contact: Sr M Julie BrCAR - 0408 738 334 or juliebrcar@gmail.com

14-15 April, 2018 - Being and Becoming a WOMAN - A Retreat for Young Women on Womanhood following the example of MARY

When: Saturday 14th April 10am - Sunday 15th April 2pm 2018

Where: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745

Investment: \$130 - Registration and Payment by 8th April

Contact: Sr M Julie BrCAR - 0408 738 334 or juliebrcar@gmail.com



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Tuesday 6th February, 2018

Dear Parents,

As a follow up to the *Meet the Teacher BBQ* (Wednesday 7th February 4:30-6:30pm), we are offering you the opportunity of making a booking to meet with your child's class teacher in a more formal setting.

This meeting is a valuable opportunity to get to know your child's class teacher, discuss your child's learning goals for the year as well as sharing important personal information that might assist your child to be a successful learner.

We are using an online booking system to coordinate the interview time allocations. It is a very simple process and it gives you the opportunity to independently choose a time most convenient to you. If you do not have internet access at home, please contact the office for assistance.

All you need to do is log on to the website and follow the simple on screen steps. This 'event' is now open for bookings. Bookings will close Sunday 11th Feb at 9pm.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IT IS A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE SYSTEM.

Below are some simple steps to get you started.

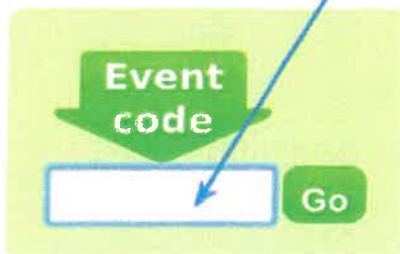
See you at the interviews!

Tricia Carr and Bianca Cooke

ONLINE BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
2. You will see the screen below
3. Enter the event code- **ugvjju** and press GO

Parents...



Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit *you*. Simply enter the event code and press "Go".

You will be guided through three simple steps, and a few moments later you will get an email confirming your interviews. School Interviews works for both primary and secondary schools. If you have children at another school that doesn't use our service, let them know what they are missing!

GOOD SHEPHERD PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON: **Tuesday 27 February**

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife Photography. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for photography packages can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique **9 digit Online Order Code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au



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photography & print specialists



catholic out of school hours care

Monday 5th February, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good Shepherd – Plumpton Catholic Primary School: Pupil Free Day

As families are aware, Friday 23rd February, 2018 is a Pupil Free Day at **Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School**. Catholic Out of School Hours Care at COSHC Good Shepherd – Plumpton is able to offer limited places for care on this day. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, priority given to families already enrolled at the service.

Opening Times: 7:00am to 6:00pm

Flat Fee: \$50.00 per child for the day, prior to Child Care Benefit deductions.

Families that already attend COSHC on Mondays will have their regular fee deducted from the \$50.00 fee.

How to secure a position for Friday 23rd February, 2018.

Simply complete the tear off slip below and return to the school office or COSHC to secure your position. Families new to COSHC will be required to complete an enrolment form

No further applications will be accepted after 1:00pm on Wednesday 14th February, 2018.

Please note: If your child would normally attend Before &/or After School Care on a Friday and do not attend on this Friday, they will be marked as absent and normal fee charged.

Further enquires are to be directed to the COSHC Supervisor on 0409 121 980 or coshcgoodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au

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PUPIL FREE DAY REQUEST FORM – Friday 23rd February, 2018.

I will require all day care on the Pupil Free Day, **Friday 23rd February**, at COSHC Good Shepherd Plumpton . I accept that if I book care for my child/ren and they do not attend on the day, my child/ren will be marked absent and the daily fee will still apply.

Child's Name: _____ School Class: _____

Parent / Carer Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I am new to Catholic Out of School Hours Care. Please send me an enrolment form.

