



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 7

Tuesday, 13th March, 2018

Catholic Schools Week Celebrations at Good Shepherd Primary School





The 2018 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) is to be held **Friday 16 March 2018**. This annual positive day of action provides a national focus for school communities to talk about the importance of 'taking a stand' against bullying and violence.

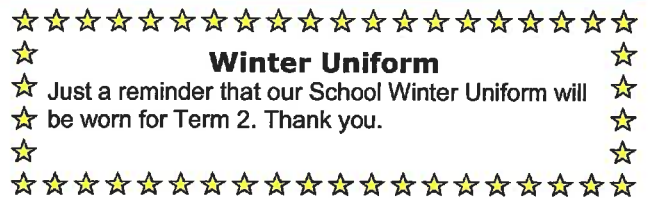
Good Shepherd Primary School will take part in this day with lessons, videos and activities designed to raise awareness of bullying and how it is addressed. We have registered as a school that is part of the National Day of Action against bullying.



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	Clara Catig	KG	Avi Menon
KR	Matthew Assey	KW	Lucy Felizardo
1B	Isabella Sugpatan	1G	Kevin Wilbert Jr
1R	Kevin Gounder	1W	Rachael Thrikawala Badalge
2B	Sophia Rahme	2G	Lily-Belle Ellison
2R	Alivia Cobban	2W	Audrina Shiber
3B	Luke Attalla	3G	Samiuela Tonga
3R	Charvi Barmalli	3W	Joseph Nucum
4B	Vilisiliva Setefano	4G	Precious Johnson
4R	Kevianne Dela Cruz	4W	Mat Alampayan
5B	Summer Catig	5G	Emmanuel Baduria
5R	Christina Kilberd & Nikita Moeono-Paahi	5W	Sesilia-Grace Liu-Ngata
6B	Felicity Baluyot	6G	Laraine Chicote
6R	Jonathan Tawk	6W	Nabil Kayrouz

“Speak in a friendly tone of voice”



Our school has joined the Coles Sports for Schools program for this year. The program starts on 7th February and continues until the 11th May. For every \$10 spent in any participating Coles, you receive one Coles voucher. Bring the vouchers in to school and hand them into the office, to your child's class teacher or directly into the collection box which is in the student foyer. Ask family, friends and neighbours to start collecting! The more vouchers we collect the more sporting items we can purchase. Thank you for your ongoing support! 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.



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. Catholic Education Office is also offering a Flexible Payment Plan (FPP) for your 2018 School Fees—details will be included with your school fee statement.



On Friday, 23rd March the Year 6 students and their teachers will be attending an Excursion to Canberra. A special thank you to the Staff members for not only organising the camp, but for their

commitment to the Year 6 students. We join together in wishing everyone a great time.

Opening Hours:

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.

Please note **only Cash** is accepted.



As part of maintaining a safe environment for all students and staff at Good Shepherd Primary School, we conduct regular Emergency

Evacuation and Safety Drills. You may have information come home from your child regarding an Evacuation Practice, please be assured in the event of a real emergency all families will be notified at the earliest possible time. **Please inform the office in writing if you have changed your contact details.** Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 16th March:	National Day against Bullying
Saturday, 17th March:	St Patrick's Day
Tuesday, 20th March:	Year 5 attending Mass at Good Shepherd Church (9.00 am)
Tuesday, 20th March:	Year 1 Science Marine Mini Beasts Incursion
Friday, 23rd March:	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Tuesday, 27th March:	Easter Raffle (2.15 pm Good Shepherd School)
Wednesday, 28th March:	Holy Week Liturgy (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Thursday, 29th March:	Kinder Easter Hat Parade (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Friday, 30th March:	Good Friday
Sunday, 1st April:	Easter Sunday
Looking ahead:	
Term 1 Concludes:	Friday, 13th April

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.

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.



Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies

Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 pm

Good Friday:

Stations of the Cross at 10.00 am
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00 pm

Easter Vigil:

Service of Light at 7.30 pm

Easter Sunday Mass Times:

7.00 am, 9.00 am, 12:00 Noon (Vietnamese) and 6.00 pm



Reconciliation:

Wednesday, 14th March 2nd Rite Reconciliation at 7.30 pm and every Saturday from 11.00 am—12.00 noon.

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.

Kindergarten

Easter Hat Parade

Dear Parents & Carers, please note on Thursday, 29th March from 2.00 pm in the School's Playground "Cola" area, Kindy students will be participating in an Easter Hat Parade. All very welcome.



Book Fair at Good Shepherd Primary School!

Dear Parents & Carers, just a reminder that our Book Fair concludes tomorrow Wednesday, 14th March. Purchases made at the Book Fair go towards purchasing resources for our school. Thank you again for your support.



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

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



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Reuben-Marcel Frias, Novaoe Lealamanu'a, William MacMillan, Nikita Moeono-Paahi, Mahalea Miles, Annaelle Rahme, Maddison Scanlan, Fabiano Jameel, Sophia Rahme, Mat Alampayan, Leila Bunyi, Riya Prasad, Ronan Cruz, Zaeclan Orayenza,

Charlie Armitage and Joseph Nucum.

School Commencement and Finishing Times

School commences at 8.30 am and concludes at 2.50 pm. Any child that 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.

Communication between Parents and Staff

Just a reminder that the direct line of communication if you need to discuss concerns/issues etc regarding your child is:

Phone call, email or letter addressed to your child's teacher stating your concerns and requesting an interview if required.

Following this, you can request an interview with your child's Year Group Coordinator. Year Group Coordinators are as follows:

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 Beaulah Frankson

Year 6: Ms Elizabeth Dowd

If you need to take further steps, after speaking with the Year Group Co-Ordinator, an email, letter or phone call to our Assistant Principal, then to the Principal.

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.

Diocesan Sports Trials

Recently a number of our students have attended Diocesan Sports Trials. Congratulations to Declan Pitkin of 5W who has been chosen to represent the Parramatta Diocese in Boys Softball. Also congratulations to Mitchell Holmes of 6B who will represent the Diocese in the boys Opens Rugby League. These boys will attend carnivals later in the year. Well done and good luck at the next level!



Canteen News

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

Meal Deal 1

Egg & Lettuce Roll, Juice Popper & Fresh Popcorn

Meal Deal 2

Meatball Sub Roll, Juice Popper and Frozen Cordial Cup.

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

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

Parent Group News Easter Drive



Just a reminder that our Parent Group is in urgent need of Easter Eggs, Easter goodies and baskets please for their annual Easter Drive. Please hand in items to the school office. As always your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Raffle Tickets have been sent home—
First Prize: Large Easter Eggs Basket,

2nd Prize: Medium Easter Eggs Basket and 3rd Prize: Small Easter Egg Basket. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. Thank you. The Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday, 27th March at 2.15 pm at Good Shepherd School.

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.



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.

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.

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 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
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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.



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



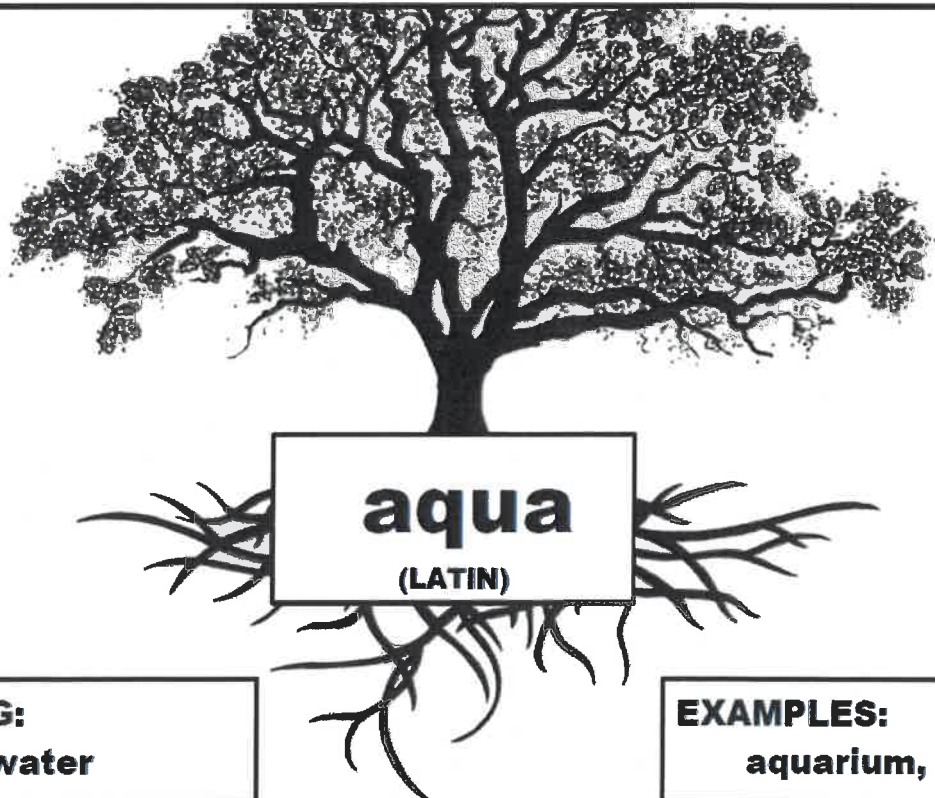
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Term 1 Whole School Writing Stimulus

Each term students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are engaged in imaginative writing for a range of purposes and audiences. Last Tuesday were given the opportunity to create an entertaining piece using rich vocabulary based on this stimulus.



ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



MEANING:
water

EXAMPLES:
aquarium, aqua

News from the Book Fair....

Thank you to all the families that purchased books and stationery during the Book Fair. Your support is greatly appreciated. A special thanks to the Langi and Newell Families for purchasing books that were then donated back to the Resource Centre.



From the Bishop's Office

Mount St Benedict: 15 March

Writing your own spiritual story – facilitated by Dr Peter Mudge. This day combines time for participants to reflect on writings from the desert monastics to Augustine, Benedict and Pope Francis, children's stories and poetry as inspiration for writing down stories from their own spiritual journey. No previous writing experience is necessary. Starts 9am on 15 March. Cost is \$30. Contact 02 8752 5390 or mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au for more information.

Sisterhood Catholic Women's Conference: 16-18 March

Do you want to go deeper in your relationship with Jesus, do you want to grow as a Catholic woman and develop friendships with other women of faith? Join women of all ages for a weekend of prayer, keynote talks, the sacraments, adoration and quality sisterhood time. Keynote speakers include; Darlene Darlene Zschech, Laura Roland, Sr Mary Rachel OP, Jonathan and Karen Doyle, Jo Hayes, Justine Cumbo, Francine Pirola and more. to register visit www.sisterhood.org.au

Individual Discernment Weekend: 17 March

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are hosting an individual discernment weekend retreat on 17 March 2018 from 4:00pm for women (aged 18-35) who want to discern their vocation to religious life. This retreat is will be a one-to-one encounter. It includes prayer times, talks, accompaniment and the opportunity to have a live-in experience with the Sisters. Address: Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula on email vocationscsfn@gmail.com or mobile 0449 656 406.

Australian Catholic Historical Society Lecture: 18 March

Br Dr Kelvin Canavan fms -The bureaucratisation of Catholic schooling and the emergence of the Catholic Education Office. Meet at 2.00pm in the Crypt Hall of St Patrick's, Church Hill (Grosvenor Street). Admission is free and open to all. Visit the ACHS website www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au for more information.

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