



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 2

Week 2

Tuesday, 8th May, 2018

The Ascension of the Lord



Dear Parents,

When we are faced with the departure of a very close friend, this parting inevitably causes sadness; this is a perfectly human reaction. So how come, when Jesus departed company with his disciples at his Ascension, St Luke records: "Then he led them out as far as Bethany and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy." Luke 24:50-53.

How are we to understand this? Pope Benedict shares his insight with us: "The disciples do not feel abandoned. They do not consider Jesus to have disappeared far away into an inaccessible heaven. They are obviously convinced of a new presence of Jesus. They are certain that he is now present to them in a new and powerful way. ... They know that he is now permanently among them in the way that only God can be close to us.

The joy of the disciples after the 'Ascension' corrects our image of this event. 'Ascension' does not mean departure into a remote region of the cosmos but, rather, the continuing closeness that the disciples experience so strongly, that it becomes a source of lasting joy." Jesus of Nazareth.

Just before Jesus' departure, the disciples, still trapped in their old ideas, ask yet again if it is time for the kingdom of Israel to be established and the occupying Romans driven out. Jesus counters this notion of a restored kingdom with a promise and a commission. The promise is that they will be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit; the commission is that they be his witnesses to the end of the earth. They are being told, as we are today, that Christianity is in the present, it is both a gift and a task: receiving the gift of God's inner closeness and, as a consequence, being witness to Jesus.

At the 'Ascension' we are told that Jesus, "Lifting up his hands blessed them. While he blessed them he parted from them." Luke 24:50,51. The gesture of hands outstretched in blessing, expresses Jesus' continuing relationship to his disciples and to us. In our faith we know that Jesus holds his hands stretched out in blessing over us. This is why, as we commemorate the feast of the Ascension, we should be motivated to go about our life with joy, Christian joy.

Dates for your Diary:

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

Term 2 concludes:

Friday, 6th July

Term 3 commences:

Monday, 23rd July

Term 3 concludes:

Friday, 28th September

Patricia Carr
Principal

Patricia Carr

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 8th May:	Mass—Year 3 attending (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Wednesday, 9th May:	NRMA Safety Day
Friday, 11th May:	Mother's Day Liturgy & Morning Tea (10.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Sunday, 13th May:	Mother's Day
Tuesday, 15th May:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Tuesday, 15th May:	Naplan (Years 3 & 5) Language Conventions & Writing)
Wednesday, 16th May:	Naplan (Years 3 & 5) Reading
Thursday, 17th May:	Naplan (Years 3 & 5) Numeracy
Monday, 21st May:	Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

Mother's Day Liturgy

On Friday, 11th May at 10.00 am we will be celebrating Mother's Day with a Liturgy in the Good Shepherd Church. Following the Liturgy, you are welcome to join us for morning tea in the Staffroom.



Library Borrowing for Term 2

Mondays:	Kinder and Year 4
Tuesdays:	Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesdays:	Year 5 and Year 6
Thursdays:	Year 3

Sports Days for Term 2

Wednesdays:	KR, KW, 1B, 1G, Year 3, 4B & 4G
Thursdays:	KB, KG, 2R, 2W, 4R, 4W & Year 5
Fridays:	1R, 1W, 2B, 2G, Year 6.

Please note, all Kindergarten students are to wear their Sports Uniform on Tuesdays for Gross Motor.

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.

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	Dylan Ribeiro De Oliveira	KG	Isabele Kate Cornejo
KR	Jordan Gutierrez	KW	Alisi Kusitafu
1B	Damian Luzardo Gotts	1G	John-Paul Aloisio
1R	Chelsea Vere	1W	Magda Ghilagaber
2B	Kirsten Labial	2G	Taylor Nguyen
2R	Ramaj Kaur	2W	Milan Mahajan
3B	Soteria Gearman	3G	Laiza Chicote
3R	Kiarah Van De Poll	3W	Acouth Acouth
4B	Lachlan Bell	4G	Emmanuella Soliman
4R	Ashleigh Galletes	4W	Ryan Ludwig
5B	Chris Oquias	5G	Megan Ferriera
5R	Rosemary Shamoka	5W	Beulah Maquera
6B	Ethan Zammit	6G	Marissa Galea
6R	Lilah Magro	6W	Maxine Agpoon

Term 2 2018 Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

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. Term 2's Staff

Development Day is a Pupil Free Day and will take place on **Monday, 21st May (Week 4)**. Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children on this day. COSHC will be able to offer spaces for care on this day. Please phone COSHC on 0409 121 980 for all inquiries and bookings.



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.

Social Skill of the Week

"Make way for an adult"

School Fees—Term 2 2018

Dear Parents, accounts for Term 2 school fees have now been posted out. Any family having difficulty completing term payments on time and who wish to make payments by instalments using cash, Centrelink or BPay etc, please contact the School Office for an appointment with Mrs Carr to set up a new arrangement.

Lost Property & Change of Underwear

As the weather is getting cooler, please check that your child's clothing has their name on it as there are many items that end up in the Lost Property Bin. 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 pick up another child's clothing, please return it to the Lost Property Bin. Also it would be a good idea to put an extra pair of underwear, socks/stockings in your child's backpack, as with the weather being cooler, little accidents can happen. Thank you.

Parish News

Sacrament of Confirmation

Dear Parents & Guardians, just a reminder that the Sacrament of Confirmation 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 Safety Procedures

As part of maintaining a safe environment for all students and staff at Good Shepherd 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.

Parent Group—Uniform Shop

Dear Parents, please note the Uniform Shop at Good Shepherd School is closed until further notice. School Hats and Library Bags can still be purchased from the School Office (cash only). Thank you for your cooperation.



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:





Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Brianna Saxelby, Harper Thomas, Lusia Lulu, Serenity Thomas, Josue Gavilan Calderon, Brooklyn Viray, Cooper Smith, Jack Jamil, Shanelle Escueta, Samreet Nijjar, Francisco Lira, Marell Wasfy, Prahallika Panuganti, Joanne Shibu, Shruthi Lal, Travis Giles.

Uniform Changeover

Parents, please note that the changeover date for winter uniform is officially next **Monday, 14th May, 2018 (Week 3 Term 2)**. **Students are still permitted to wear their summer uniform if the weather is warmer.** 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 Page 5 of this newsletter, as well as our School Website—"Enrol Now" - Handbook—Uniform.

NRMA Road Safety Day

This Wednesday 9th May, Good Shepherd is holding a Road Safety Day. During the Day, we are very lucky to be having a free Road Safety show presented by the NRMA as well as completing other in class road safety activities. Parents are welcome to attend any NRMA road safety show in the Resource Centre and the times are listed below. All students are also encouraged to bring **along** their bike helmet to the show.

Any questions, please see Mrs Cooke or Mr Escandor (6R)

NRMA ROAD SAFETY SHOW- RESOURCE CENTRE-
Parents are welcome to attend any show. They last for approximately 1 hour.
8:30am- Years 3 & 4
9:30am- Kindergarten
11am- Years 5 & 6
12:10pm- Years 1 & 2

School Commencement and Finishing Times

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

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.

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

Hairstyling, Grooming and Earrings

Students are expected to keep their hair clean, neat and tidy at all times. Students are to keep hair off their face and out of their eyes. Student haircuts are to be in a sensible and conventional style. There are to be no extremes of fashion in hairstyle cut or colour. Shaving of any part of the head or undercuts, and haircuts with a number 1 or 2 blade are not permitted. Rat's tails are not permitted. For girls, long hair below the shoulder should be tied back by a ribbon, 'scrunchy', hair band or clip in school colours. Only one pair of sleepers or studs are to be worn in the lower ear lobe. No dangling earrings.

Canteen News

Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal is available until Friday 18th May).



Meal Deal 1

Egg & Lettuce Sandwich, Bottle of Water, Bag Popcorn

Meal Deal 2

Hot Chicken roll, Milo Popper and Frozen Ice Cup

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

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.



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.

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.

Literacy Tips:

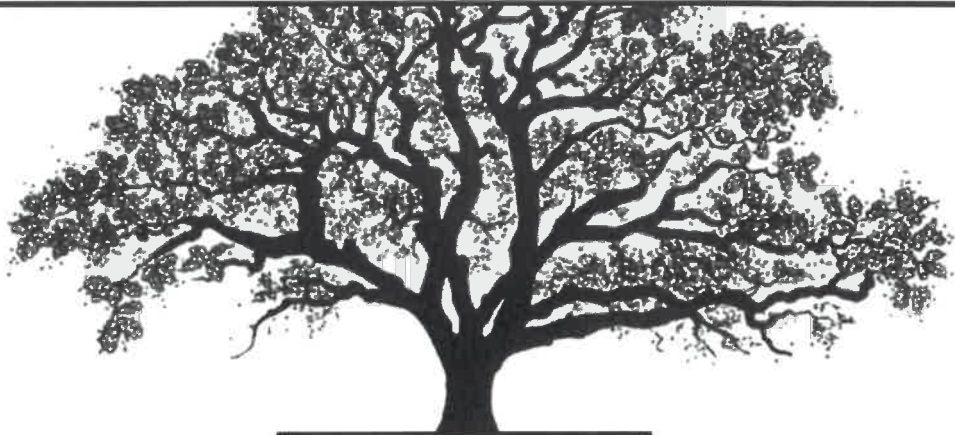
Try this great way to assist your child to describe the important events of a story in the correct order.

Quick Retell.

Model to your child how to retell a story that they are very familiar with. Prompt them with sentence starters, e.g. "First...", "After that...", "Then..." and "Finally...". Make sure that you encourage your child to look at the pictures in the book to remind them of the important parts of the story.

Literacy
is for **life.**

ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



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MEANING:

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EXAMPLES:

sense, sensitive

**PLEASE
NOTE**

Have you changed your contact details?

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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.

Child Safety—Protocol regarding discipline

Dear Parents & Carers—just a reminder regarding child safety, please do not approach children who are not your own. If you have a problem or concern please speak to your child's class teacher or teacher on duty. Also please do not approach the parents of other students if you have an issue at school, rather let the school know and we will deal with any issues that may arise. The following is an insert from the Department of Child Protection: "The NSW Child Protection legislation prohibits any adult from disciplining a child other than their own. This is particularly so when children are at school. Issues should always be brought to the attention of the class teacher, assistant principal or principal." Thank you.

Supervision

Before school supervision commences at 8:10 am. No responsibility can be taken for children arriving before that time. Children arriving before this time are expected to sit in the designated area. Supervision is provided for children during class and play times during the school day. Staff supervise children waiting for buses, walkers who cross driveways in the immediate vicinity of the school and those waiting for collection by parents.

Children are supervised by teachers until 3:15 pm after which time, parents will be contacted. It is the parents/carers responsibility to ensure children are collected before 3:15 pm every day.

Visa Status

Could you please ensure the school has the most up-to-date paperwork on your child's Visa Status i.e. if his/her status has changed or if your child is now an Australian Citizen or the passport has expired and a new one has been reissued, please contact the school office immediately.

Australian Citizenship Papers

If parents or students become Australian Citizens at any time during the year, could you please provide the school with a copy of your certificate so we can put it with your child's enrolment forms. This is needed for audit purposes. Thank you.

Seminar

Understanding the Process of Annulment of Marriage within the Catholic Church

Brought to you by Solo Parent Services (CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains)
and the Catholic Tribunal Office Parramatta Diocese

Date: Wednesday 16th May 2018

Time: 7pm – 9pm

**Venue: St. Patrick's Cathedral - Parish Hall
Cnr Marist Place and Victoria Rd (On site parking via Victoria Rd)
Parramatta**



Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all concerned.

The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

Many separated and divorced people and their families wonder about their status within the Catholic Church, and begin to ask such questions as ...

What is the basis for an annulment?

How does an annulment differ from a divorce?

How long does it take?

Are children of a marriage declared null considered illegitimate?

At this Seminar you will have the opportunity to have these and other questions clearly answered.

PRESENTERS

Catholic Tribunal Office
Parramatta

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL

Contact Rita

Solo Parent Services

Ph. 8843 2575

or

soloparentservices@ccss.
org.au



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Catholic Education Office

PRC 2018 Calendar of Events

A copy of the calendar can be downloaded 2018 Calendar of Events for the Parents Representative Council (PRC). All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

From the Bishop's Office

Catholic Outlook Survey

Tell Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta what you think about CatholicOutlook. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Take the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook

CatholicCare has a new website

Remaining committed to their core mission to be the compassionate face of Christ and be a strong and visible provider of care for all in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains with a special concern for the poor, CatholicCare now also has a new website to help them on their journey. Visit the new website at www.ccss.org.au

Volunteers Required

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, are looking for volunteers to support our clients in the Blacktown area who are over 65 and living in their own home. You may be able to spare a couple of hours once a week or fortnight to take a client out shopping or to a medical appointment or just stop by for a cuppa and a chat. We also require drivers who are able to drive a 12 seater Hiace bus. If this interests you, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 8843 2541, 0418 114 055 or via email on deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

We want to hear YOUR voice!

The Council for Australian Catholic Women, an advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, and will be holding a consultation session with women in the Diocese of Parramatta on the evening of 21 June 2019. Share your thoughts with us and/or let us know if you would like to be part of that consultation event on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParraWomen>

Formation 2018

Formation 2018 presented by 'Live Christ Share Christ' at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta have been holding monthly formation talks for the past eighteen months. Topics have included: Sacraments, An Introduction & Overview of the Gospel of Mark, The Temptation of Jesus (Mark) and weekly Lenten reflections. Our speakers are clergy from the Diocese of Parramatta and other special guests. Sessions alternate from Friday nights to Saturday afternoons in the Cathedral Hall. If you would like to be included on our mailing list for upcoming talks, please email Pat, Parish Secretary on secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au.

Positions Vacant

Risk Officer - Chancery Office, Parramatta

Interviewer - Tribunal Office, Parramatta

More details at: www.parracatholic.org/employment

Garden Crew Supervisor - CatholicCare, Orchard Hills

More details at: www.ccss.org.au

Youth Co-ordinator - Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes

More details at: www.olqp.org.au

Assistant Bookkeeper - St John 23rd Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens

More details at: www.john23rd.com

Ordination to the Diaconate of Jack Green: 2 June

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Jack Green on Saturday 2 June 2018 at 6.00pm. The ordination will take place at Sacred Heart Church, Westmead. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Candidacy for Holy Orders: 24 June

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will be accepting into Candidacy for Holy Orders of Mr Roderick Pirotta, Mr John Cinya, Mr Roque Dias and Mr Thong Nguyen at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 24 June at 11am.

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. All people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?" Find out more at: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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