Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 2 | Week 3 | Tuesday, 15th May, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

Dear Parents,

I hope all of our mothers, grandmothers and special friends had a wonderful Mother's Day. A big thank you to our Parent group who organised the Mother's day stall. These ladies gave up so much time selecting and purchasing and then selling the gifts. The children are always so excited to select a gift for their mothers and grandmothers. Thank you all.

We are starting to prepare for our move into different spaces for some of our classes in readiness for the building project. The demolition and building should hopefully commence in the next holidays. As this is such a big project we will have to move some classes.

Year Five will be in the Library.
Year Six will be in 3 demountable classrooms at the back.
The uniform shop will be in a fitted out container.
The Library will be in the newly refurbished uniform shop.
COSHC will be in the year 3 space.

We know that everyone will be flexible and that there will be adjustments to be made but the end result will be an amazing state of the art stage three building.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday and on Monday night our students will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

On the first Pentecost the Holy Spirit confirmed the Apostles. It gave them the power to practise their faith and to preach Christ throughout the known world. Our Confirmation is the official time to accept responsibility for our faith; we are anointed to share more completely in the mission of Jesus; it unites us more firmly to Christ, it strengthens us to be witnesses to Christ in word and action.

Confirmation is not a minor event, it is a Sacrament where we make a commitment to live out our lives in faith being aware of the gifts that the Holy Spirit brings to us on this day and for the rest of our lives.

"God of all nations, May the Spirit who inspired the Apostles to know how to live and teach the message of your Son's Gospel, be our source of inspiration. May the gifts of the Spirit be alive in all aspects of our daily living. Amen"

Patricia Carr
Principal

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

Good Shepherd Primary School Garage Sale!!!!

This will be held on Thursday, 31st May from 2.00 pm in the School's Back Playground Area (near Year 6). Items for sale will be cupboards, desks, filing cabinets and various other items. Come along and grab a bargain!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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)**
Tuesday, 22nd May:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Thursday, 24th May:	Mary Help of Christians—Whole School Mass—9.00 am Good Shepherd Church
Friday, 25th May:	**Gold Coin donation to celebrate the work of CatholicCare Services in our community (not a mufti day)**
Friday, 25th May:	Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm
Tuesday, 29th May:	Mass—Year 2 attending—9.00 am Good Shepherd Church
Thursday, 31st May:	**2.00 pm Good Shepherd Garage Sale—school grounds**

Celebrating CatholicCare Services to our community ....
Dear Parents, Bishop Vincent has asked all Catholic Schools in the Diocese to celebrate the work that CatholicCare does for families in distress. The Bishop has asked all schools if they could help raise funds for CatholicCare's work. Therefore, we are asking if each family could donate ONE GOLD COIN on Friday, 25th May. The money collected will be forwarded onto the Bishop's Office. Please note this is **not** a Mufti Day.

Building Child Safe Communities - Forms for all Volunteers and Contractors

Dear Parents & Carers, just a reminder that all Volunteers and Contractors to our school need to have completed an online form (please see attached forms) . Tutors and coaches providing private services to children will also need to apply for a Working with Children Check. The tutor or coach should provide their name, date of birth and WWCC number of parent/carers for online verification. If you have any queries, please contact the School Office on Ph. 9836 7100.

If your child is absent from school due to illness

In the event of your child being absent from school due to illness, **it is necessary that a note of explanation be forwarded to the class teacher on the day of your child's return to school.** In the case of absences of more than one day, a telephone call to the office indicating your child's expected date of return is required. Prolonged absences from school due to illness should be supported by a medical certificate.

Bicycle Awareness - Keeping the children safe

Dear families, If your child rides a bicycle to school, (with or without supervision), please ensure that you have signed the Bicycle Policy and returned it to school. Please also ensure that the child enters the school using the walkers' gate and not through the carpark entrances or drop off circle. A copy of the Road Safety Policy & Bicycle Safety Policy 2016 is available at the office or on the school's website.

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	Angela Montales	KG	Sophia Moawad
KR	Estelle Osifo	KW	Enrique Vieira
1B	Aiden Dela Paz	1G	Isabelle Diamse
1R	Aahana Trivedi	1W	Chauncey Tecson
2B	Joanne Shibu	2G	Alexandra Barbor
2R	Fabiano Jameel	2W	Nishi Patel
3B	Felise Ahovelo	3G	Shanika Dimiri
3R	Sedeece Peniata	3W	Simriti Kumar
4B	Natalie Nguyen	4G	Nathan Guillermo
4R	Eunice Guitierrez	4W	Haeman Dhaliwal
5B	Gennina Espino	5G	Valerie Gunawan
5R	Oliver Allen	5W	Prince Chakraborty
6B	Temiah Sanelivi	6G	Christian Durante
6R	Andrea Tecson	6W	Cooper Smith

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 next 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.

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. Please note our Parent Handbook is on our School Website for your convenience.

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

"Wash your hands after using the bathroom"

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.

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.

Parent Group—Uniform Shop NOW OPEN THIS WEEK!!!

Dear Parents, please note the Uniform Shop at Good Shepherd Primary School is now open. It will be open on **Wednesdays and Fridays from 8.30 am to 9.00 am.** School Hats and Library Bags can still be purchased from the School

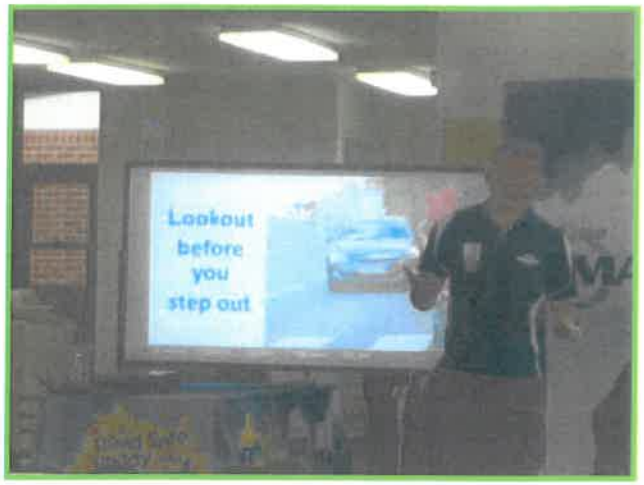
School Safety Procedures

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.

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**:

NRMA Road Safety Day

Our Good Shepherd Primary School students learning about Road Safety ……..



Year 6 Movie Team visit the Apple Store

Our Year 6 Movie Team had the opportunity of visiting the Apple Store. The following are comments from some of those students:

Christian
"Travelling to the Apple store in Castle Hill for a workshop was great. We learnt about editing movies and creating music using Garageband. This trip was superlative."

Raffy
"It was a fun and educational experience as we were able to express ourselves creatively!"

Cooper
"Going to the Apple Store was fun and exciting. We got to learn how to make movies and we learnt how to make our own type of music to accompany our movies. Ryan the Lion was a good mentor!"

Ashton
"Going to the Apple Store was a way to learn the basics of using iMovie and Garageband. Our instructor was great!"

Isabella
"We all discovered a new way to make our videos creative."

Iesha
"When we went to the Apple Store we learnt how to edit the music, add sound effects and make the movie more interesting."

Haeman
"We found out how to create our own music and make interesting movies."

Class Captains for Term 2

KB	Aahna Patel	Tuoro Savea Hosking-Ellis
KG	Zooey Davis	Oliver Toma
KR	Vanessa Bradley	Isaac-Diesel Frias
KW	Abigail Milag	Falani Stanley
1B	Isabella Sugpatan	Carter Horne
1G	Tia Scali	Isaac Narayan
1R	Tiana Vaifale	Winston Milag
1W	Zhania Galletes	Errol Cantorna
2B	Hannah Sonter	Nixon Baduria
2G	Kaitlin Nguyen	Eli Facistol
2R	Amber Catiq	Aron Deju
2W	Yvette Pineda	Abinazer Dabi
3B	Sofia Nazar	Chris Baluyot
3G	Shanika Dimri	Carlos Kaasamani
3R	Marybelle Shamoka	Serj Pablo
3W	Simriti Kumar	Al Jur Cabanlong
4B	Karen Gunawan	Chadd Ablaza
4G	Ilyana Toma	Gerard Aloisio
4R	Bianca Pestridge	Shreesh Rai
4W	Gabrielle Capule	Mat Alampayan
5B	Liam Bell	Gaile Zapanta
5G	Roman Tuaimau	Joanne Imlay
5R	Luke O'Rourke	Cloey Nguyen
5W	Elizach Singh	Rianne Villanueva
6B	Rosary Tima	Anthony Nguyen
6G	Sasha Urqueza	Andre Forcadilla
6R	Andrea Tecson	Jahaziel Dela Paz
6W	Menna Dawit	Darren Mensah

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.**

2018 Dates

Term 2
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 2's Staff Development Day will be Monday, 21st May (Week 4).

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Shruthi Lal, Soul Fauena, Travis Giles, Adriana Cayetano, Gilsan Gilbert Sagayathasan, Bianca Galea, Tristan Duncan, Alexandra Barbor, Charvi Barmalli, Dre Oakes, Sedeece Peniata, Gemma Soans, Hasini Tirumalasetti, Angelo Cabida, Talia Toleafoa, Maddison Domingo, Leatuku Setefano, Joshua Thomas and Alexander Zeya.

Sports Update

Recently 25 Good Shepherd students travelled to Eastern Creek Raceway to compete at the Diocesan Cross Country. All students did their very best running a very demanding course. Congratulations to Isabella Lira - Loloa for her outstanding result of being placed First in her !0yrs 2 km race. A first for Good Shepherd!! Liam Bell was placed 7th in his 11yrs 3 km race. Also an outstanding result. These two students will now compete at the Catholic State Carnival later in the term.

Congratulations to Mitchell Holmes who has been selected in the Diocesan Rugby Union team to play in Forbes later in the term. Mitchell will travel to Canberra next week as a member of the Diocesan Open Rugby League team for the Mackillop trials. Best of luck Mitchell!

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

Each week we will be listing students (in no particular order) who have completed the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. Congratulations to those students who have participated in this challenge. Well done!!

Tia Scali, Lillian Dunn, Jasmine Hoang, Zara Guillermo, Joshua Caruana, Nicholas De Oliveira, Charvi Barmalli, Angeliah Elters, Cedric Roldan, Lucas Blazevic, Gaile Zapanta, Megan Ferreira, Mark Eckert, Jasmine Ismail, Arthur Alhamwi, Sinit Teame, Alexandra Barbor and Florian Barbor.

Parent Helpers required for covering books

Dear Parents if you are able to spare an hour or so, we urgently require helpers to cover books for Kindy and the Library. If you are available would you please see Mrs Sirry or Mrs Edgerton in the Library before or after school. Thank you.

Resource Centre closed .....

Please note the Resource Centre will be closed in Week 5 and 6 due to the preparation required for the upcoming move to a new space. From Week 7 the Library borrowing will operate out of the Uniform Shop which will be the new location of the Library until the new building is complete. Thank you for your understanding.

Bookclub Issue 3 will close on Friday, 25th May.

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 this 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

School Fees 2018

Dear Parents, accounts for the second instalment of school fees will be posted out shortly and payments will be due 6th June, 2018. Any family who may experience difficulty paying their fees please contact the School Office for an appointment to discuss options available under the Catholic Education Office financial hardship policy.

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

School Banking

Dear Parents, please note School Banking has commenced for this term and will be on Tuesdays.

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.

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.

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

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

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White Polo shirt with School Emblem
Bottle Green Shorts
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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.

Medication

If your child is taking regular medication including Asthma or is Anaphylactic or allergic, and there are changes to any procedures etc, please provide the school office with an up-to-date action plan and/ or directions 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.

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.

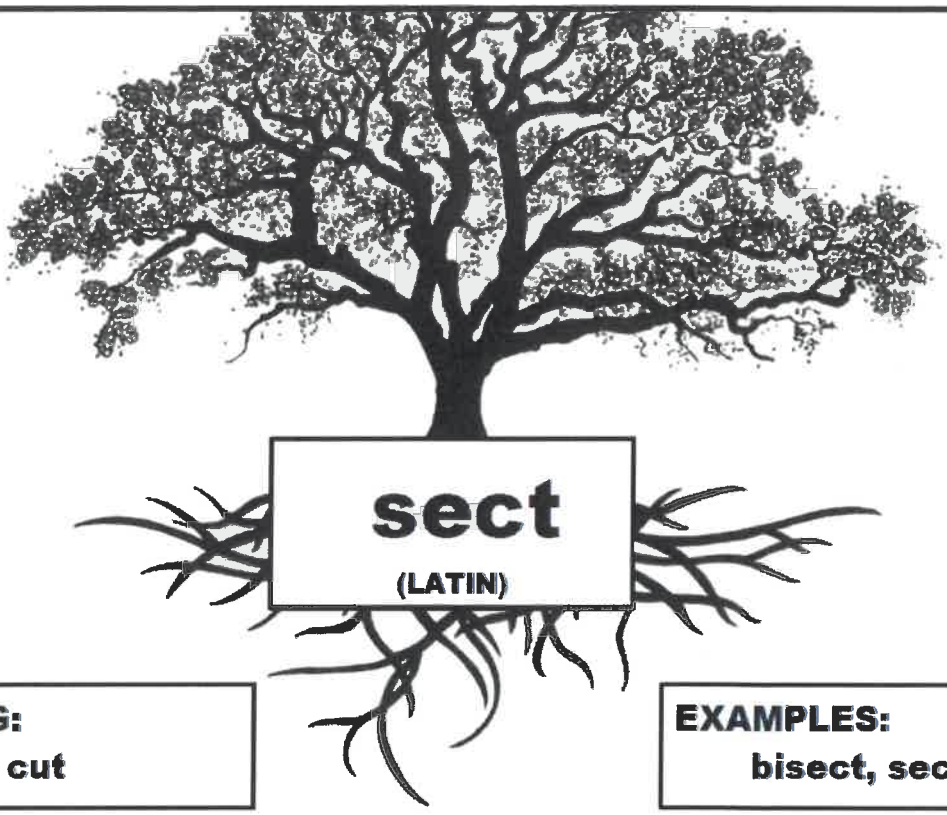
As you are probably aware, attendance at school has a huge impact on a student's academic success, starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day - they understand 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

ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



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Have you changed your contact details?

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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.

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

GOOD SHEPHERD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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website: www.gsplumpton.catholic.edu.au

Dear Families of Good Shepherd School,

2018

BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care.

We realise that many of our dedicated volunteers have already completed a Working with Children Check. Thank you for the providing this information to our school, however, this new requirement is in addition to the current WWCC/APP number that you have provided.

If you are **new** to volunteering to the school, or you have **already completed** your clearance, please follow the procedures below to complete the online forms.

It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

- **Volunteers** – please click on 'Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).

Then click on '**Volunteer Form**' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering. Thank you for assisting us in keeping our children and community safe.

Mrs Patricia Carr

Patricia Carr

Principal

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.

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