



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 2

Week 6

Tuesday, 5th June, 2018

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8th June



Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week it is the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

There is no doubt that love is a central craving in everyone's life and it is the central principal upon which Christianity is built: love God, love yourself, love your neighbour as you love yourself.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart reminds us of the fullness of God's love and symbolises both the human and divine love that God has for us.

"The love of God", St Paul tells us, "is poured forth in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." *Romans 5:5*. The "pictures" or "images" of the Sacred Heart represent the heart as crowned with thorns and suggest a connection between love and suffering or sacrifice.

Love and sacrifice are intimately connected in Jesus' life; it was by the sacrifice of his life that Jesus brought about our redemption. It will often be through sacrifice that we will be called upon to exercise our love. "God has sent His only Son into the world that we may live through him. If God so loves us, we also ought to love one another." *Paraphrase. 1 John 4: 9-11*.

Catholics have a religion of love as St John tells us in his first letter: "Let us therefore love, because God first loved us," *1 John 4:19*. Love enables us to change our lives so that we do not react out of resentment or anger or vengefulness or self-pity. Our love leads us to forgiveness as Jesus taught us, "Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you and pray for those who persecute you and speak evil of you." *Matthew 5:44*. Even when Jesus had been tested to the extreme and was close to death, He "lived" the message he taught: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." *Luke 23:34; Matthew 11:28*.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart is a wonderful reminder and inspiration for us that truly, "The love of God is poured forth into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." *Romans 5:5*.

"Father in Heaven, we rejoice in the gift of love we have received from the heart of your Son. Open our hearts to share his love and continue to bless us with his love. 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, 8th June:** Primary Athletics Carnival (Charlie Bali Athletic Track, Rooty Hill)
- Monday, 11th June:** Queen's birthday public holiday
- Tuesday, 12th June:** Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church—Kindy and Year 1 attending)

Parish Carpark — closed tomorrow Re-scheduled from last week Wednesday, 6th June

Dear Parents & Carers, please note the Parish Carpark will be closed tomorrow Wednesday, 6th June as new line marking will be in progress. This has been re-scheduled from last week, when the line marking had to be postponed due to wet weather. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



SPORTS NEWS

Last Tuesday a team of Year 6 girls attended a soccer gala day at

Penrith. After playing 7 shortened games they had won 2, lost 1 and drawn 4. They did themselves proud by doing the best they could do and showing great sportsmanship.

A credit to the school. Thank you to the parents that attended to support their children. Year 6 boys and Year 4 boys and girls will be attending gala days in a few weeks.



Complaints/Grievances Forms

Parents, please note if you would like to make a complaint/grievance in regards to any school matter, you can visit our school website, look under "About Us", "Policies & Procedures", "Catholic School Community", and you will find the Complaints documents there. Or you can pick up a form from the school office. All matters will be attended to under strict confidentiality.

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.

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	Alliyson Grantham	KG	Jahliah Palu
KR	Jonathan Zeya	KW	Aarav Ahwan
1B	Leah Angeles	1G	Geoffrey Manalo
1R	Mary Ghilagaber	1W	Maddison Domingo
2B	Jeremiah Tanielu	2G	Samantha Zacharia
2R	Bronte-Rose Marks	2W	Mahi Prasad
3B	Lucas Zammit	3G	Maya Portugal
3R	Chloe Vere	3W	Alena terepo
4B	Chadd Ablaza	4G	Cyrille Raposas
4R	Janina Imlay	4W	Mariah Attard
5B	Ian Stevens	5G	Tevita Tonga
5R	Leila Bunyi	5W	Arav Prasad
6B	Marliese Toa	6G	Raanya Ram
6R	Emmanuel Adetunji	6W	Menna Dawit

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.

Policies and Forms

For all policies and forms, please refer to our School Website—"About Us"—"Policies & Procedures". Please note our Parent Handbook is on our School Website for your convenience.

School Opal Card—Tap on and Tap Off Important information for Parents and Students

This term will see Busways Inspectors checking to ensure students are using their Opal cards when boarding the school bus.



Students that do not present a valid Opal card will be asked to pay a fare. Failure to produce a valid Opal card or bus fare will result in the Inspector recording the student's name. After the school inspection the names that were recorded will be emailed to the school, with a request for the school to follow-up with the students and parents/guardians concerned.

All students need to produce a •School Opal card •Child/Youth Opal card •Or pay a fare to travel on our buses. It is very important that students use their Opal Cards and this is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't have an Opal card to tap on and off, the service will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

For students that currently do not have an Opal card, please visit the Opal website: www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/ For all School Opal Card and Bus Timetable inquiries, please telephone 131500.



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.

Social Skill of the Week

"Speak in a friendly tone of voice"

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.

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.

Winter Uniform

By now all students should be wearing their Winter 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. Don't forget to label lunch boxes and drink bottles. Thank you.

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.

**SAFETY
IS OUR
BUSINESS**

Safety is everyone's business!

Have you noticed anything that needs to be fixed in the school? Hazard reporting is important to us!. If you see something that needs to be fixed because its

broken or could cause an injury, please come to the office and let us know. We care about safety! Thank you

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.

Parent Group—Uniform Shop NOW OPEN!!!

Dear Parents, please note the Uniform Shop at Good Shepherd Primary School is open. Opening hours are **Wednesdays and Fridays from 8.30 am to 9.00 am.** School Hats and Library Bags can still be purchased from the School Office (cash only).



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.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Jacob Luke, Miguel Reyes, Ashton Borg, Magda Ghilagaber, Mary Ghilagaber, Leah Angeles, Anjani Patel, Achan Mawien, Saurav Prasad, Alexis Purkis, Saanvi Suresh, Aiden Dela

Paz, Lisa Alameh, Mia Batac, Liam Bell, Maci Brayshaw, Jake Howell, Sabrina Marchbank

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.



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!!

Simriti Kumar, Kaelyn Aquino, Alexis Palu, Kevin Cole, Ethan Ong, Isaac Narayan, Isabelle Diamse, Fatima Mancao, Mayar El-Awar, Rachael Thrikawala, Selina Farah, Laraine Chicote, Mitchell Holmes, Lyana El-awar, Kaelan Torralba, Gemma Soans, Shanel Warnakula, Makayla De Guia, Dorria Alhamwi, Patricia Mateo, Christopher Gervacio Jr.

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.

Please note Bookclub Issue 3 has now closed.



School Fees 2018

Dear Parents, accounts for the second instalment of school fees 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 8th June).

Meal Deal 1

Chicken Sandwich, Juice Popper, Watermelon Cup

Meal Deal 2

Hot Bento Box (1 chicken tender, 2 x Roasted Wings, 1 x Corn on the Cob, 1 x Party Pie, 1 x Sauce.

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

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.**

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.



Are you visiting our school???

All visitors to our school must report to the office and be signed in. The sign-in process must be completed using the electronic iPad system on the front desk. You must also sign-out when leaving the site. The information stored in the system is used as part of our evacuation and lock-down—keeping you and the children safe in the event of an emergency.

We welcome you to our school and we appreciate your cooperation with this important part of our security and our safety within the school.

Keeping you safe—keeping our community safe.

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 Beulah 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.

Is my child too ill to attend school?

What signs should I watch for to see if my child should stay home from school? Sick children who are lethargic or whiny are often giving clues that they require rest at home to recuperate. Other possible signs of illness are fever, uncontrolled coughing, difficulty breathing, wheezing or persistent crying. Did the doctor diagnose a contagious illness that should keep your child at home? In this case, your child should remain at home until the risk of passing on the illness has passed. When can my child return to school?

As long as there is no fever or discomfort, a child with a cold may go to school, as long as they are not too uncomfortable to function in school. Instruct the child on the proper use of tissues for coughing, sneezing, and nose blowing. They should also be taught good hand-washing techniques, since research has shown that more colds are spread via contaminated hands than by infected droplets in the air.



Student Supervision

As you know it is a priority at Good Shepherd Primary School to keep every child safe. Teachers have a duty of care to supervise children both in class and on the playground. This supervision commences at 8.10 am each morning. **Prior to then no child should be dropped off at school.**

Similarly afternoon supervision of children concludes at 3.15 pm. All children must be picked up by this time. It is vital that parents seek a safe, supervised environment whilst they are away at work. It is not the responsibility of school staff to provide before and after school care whilst parents are at work. School staff have their own personal and professional responsibilities to attend to in out of school hours. Thank you for your support with 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.

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.

Road Safety Update!

Where's your head at?

It's easy to become complacent about safety, especially on a familiar route such as on your way to or from work or school. Taking risks and not being mindful on the roads can have serious consequences. It's important to have your head in the moment and make safe decisions when crossing the road.

Before you cross the road:

Look before you cross. Just because someone else decides to cross, doesn't mean it's safe for you

Unplug your earphones and put away your phone

Never assume that an approaching vehicle can see you, or will stop for you – wait until all vehicles have stopped before you step off the kerb

Avoid crossing between parked cars or at the front or back of buses and large vehicles

At intersections, check for turning vehicles before you leave the kerb, and while you are crossing the road

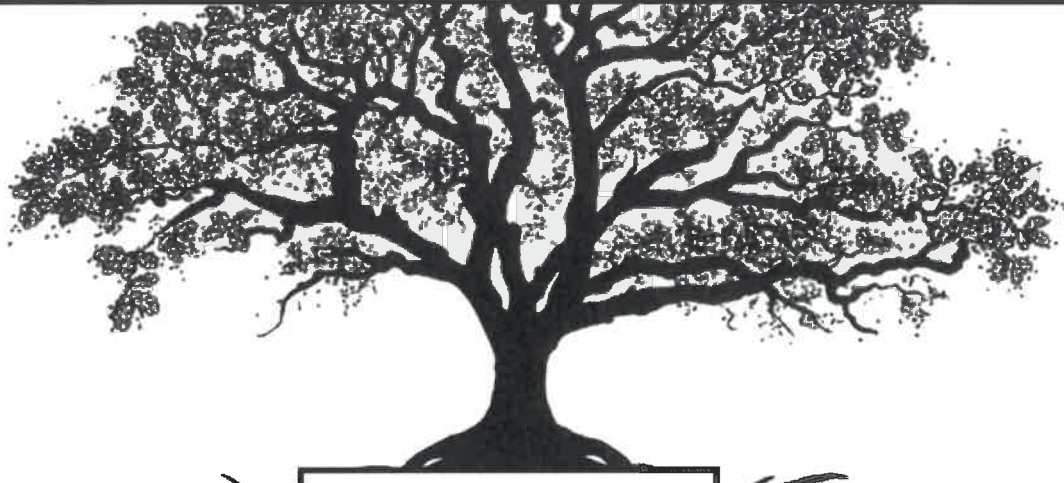
Wear bright, light coloured clothing at night or in reduced visibility conditions.

When crossing the road:

Always use pedestrian crossings

Wait for the walk signal. [Pedestrian countdown timers](#) show how many seconds you have left to finish crossing before oncoming vehicles will be given a green light. If you haven't started to cross, the countdown timers can help you decide if it's safe to do so. At traffic lights, don't enter the road if vehicles are moving through the crossing or if the red don't walk signal shows.

ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



multi

(LATIN)

MEANING:

many

EXAMPLES:

multitude, multiple

**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.

Parent Representative Council Meeting

Just a reminder the PRC meeting for this term is next week, Monday 4th June. Our guest speaker for the evening is Dianne Mills (Partnership Manager and Career Coach) Her focus is on building Industry, Community and Education Partnerships to assist in career transitions. Dianne will be discussing career planning and transition to work. All welcome and we also invite parents to bring along their children in years 8-12.

Pre registration can be accessed online at www.prc.catholic.edu.au

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.



The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Service is visiting

Plumpton Mobile-Marketplace

Thursday 14 June, **12.00pm – 6.00pm**

Friday 15 June, **8.30am – 2.30pm** (**18** more donors needed)

Saturday 16 June, **8.30am – 2.30pm**

If you haven't already made an appointment to give blood, you can [make an appointment online](#) or call us on **13 14 95**. 1 in 3 Australians will need blood, but only 1 in 30 donates. Donated blood helps cancer patients, people with blood disorders, mothers-to-be and newborn babies, as well as trauma and surgical patients.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,

Australian Red Cross Blood Service

Catholic Education Office

The Council for Australian Catholic Women want to hear YOUR voice!

The Council for Australian Catholic Women is an advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The group will be holding a consultation session with women in the Diocese of Parramatta. The details of the event are below:

Event: The Council for Australian Catholic Women Consultation

Date: 21 June 2018

Venue: OLMC Parramatta, Victoria Road (opposite St Patrick's Cathedral)

Time: 6.15pm

All women in the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to participate in this consultation. Come along and share your thoughts with us. Even if you are unable to attend the event, you can still contribute by completing this short online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParraWomen>.

Whether you are a woman working in one of our Catholic schools or offices, a parent of a student in a Parramatta Catholic school or a student, we want to hear from you.

We look forward to your contribution.

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