



# Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 3

Week 1

Tuesday, 24th July, 2018

**Saints Joachim &  
Anne (Parents of the  
Blessed Virgin  
Mary)**



**Friday, 3rd August:**

**Census Day and Mufti Day. Students are to wear Sporting heroes/ Sporting team colours.. Gold coin donation please. Funds raised will go towards the Children's Hospital at Westmead.**

**Term 3 concludes:**

Thursday,  
27th September

**Term 4 commences:**

Monday, 15th October

**Term 4 concludes:**

Wednesday,  
19th December

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term Three! The buildings as you would have seen have started with the demolition of the old buildings. The builders moved very quickly during the holidays so the greater part of the demolition was completed while the children were on holidays.

We will keep you updated with photos for those who are not here on a daily basis.

This Thursday we are celebrating Grandparents Day here at Good Shepherd. What are we celebrating? We are celebrating the fact Grandparents and those who take on that role for our students are a very important part of the children's lives.

Our school, with its motto of peace and joy, is proud to be a place of learning for children. It is also a place where we are one community or family, where we celebrate the great joys in our lives and support each other in times of sorrow or hardship.

Grandparents have a special place in all this because usually they set the traditions and the values that are passed on throughout the family.

The relationship with their grandchildren is so special that it brings much joy, love and amusement. Grandparents know that children grow up too soon and that love never spoils a child!

Grandparents have a special role in our families, they provide support when parents are working or by just being there for families, offering wisdom or different perspectives on problems.

We invite all our grandparents and special friends to join us for Mass and morning tea on Thursday at 9.00 am and then to visit the classrooms and see the children's work. We know they'll enjoy this special time with you. I know that many of our children here at Good Shepherd have grandparents living overseas and are not able to be with us on a regular basis. To all the special friends, who take on the role of grandparents to our children - you are very welcome here at Good Shepherd on Thursday and every day as part of our community.

*Patricia Carr*

Tricia Carr  
Principal



Have you seen our latest Building Renovations .....





# NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATIONS



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Thursday, 26th July:</b>	<b>Grandparent's Day</b> (9.00 am Whole School Mass in Good Shepherd Church). Following Mass we will have morning tea in the school grounds and then there will be the opportunity for you to visit the classrooms.
<b>Tuesday, 31st July:</b>	<b>9.00 am Mass at Good Shepherd Church (Year 5 attending).</b>
<b>Friday, 3rd August:</b>	<b>Census Day</b>
<b>Friday, 3rd August:</b>	<b>Mufti Day for all students (Theme: Sporting heroes/ Sporting team colours day— Gold coin donation. All funds received will go towards the Children's Hospital at Westmead.</b>

## Term 2 'Infants' Principal's Morning Tea

Dear Parents, last term we held our Infants Principal's Morning Tea at school. Teachers were asked to nominate one child from each class to attend morning tea with the Principal and the Assistant Principal. These nominated children have shown a positive attitude to all aspects of schooling for the term. Congratulations to the parents and teachers of these children who consistently make good choices about their learning: KB: Scarlet Nguyen, KG: Jacob Luke, KR: Layla Cobban-Hmura, KW: Savannah Attard, 1B: Jerome Aloisio-Malatai, 1G: Ethan Ong, 1R: Saanvi Suresh, 1W: Aryan Shah, 2B: Mikayla Villabona, 2G: Lily-Belle Ellison, 2R: Alivia Cobban and 2W: Tomas Mallari

## Term 3 Library Borrowing & Sports Days

### Library Borrowing:

<b>Mondays:</b>	Kinder and Year 4
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	Year 1 and Year 2
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	Year 5 and Year 6
<b>Thursdays:</b>	Year 3

### Sports Days:

<b>Wednesdays:</b>	KB, KG, Year 3, 4B and 4G
<b>Thursdays:</b>	KR, KW, 1B, 1G, 2B, 2G and Year 6
<b>Fridays:</b>	1R, 1W, 2R, 2W, 4R, 4W and Year 5



## 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. **Please ensure your child has a tab or tie as we have noticed that many children are not wearing these and it is part of the uniform.**



### Grandparent's Day—Thursday, 26th July

Good Shepherd Primary School will be celebrating Grandparent's Day on Thursday, 26th July. We would like to invite you to be with us. We will be starting the day with Mass at 9.00 am in the Good Shepherd Parish Church. Following Mass we will have morning tea in the school grounds and then there will be the opportunity for you to visit the classrooms. Please return the RSVP slip to school.



### 2018 Census Day

Dear Parents & Carers, Friday, 3rd August (Week 2) is the annual Census Day. Please phone the school office on Ph. 9836 7100 from 8:00 am onwards on that Friday if your child is going to be absent from school on this day for any reason. A signed letter of explanation from you must also be sent to the school on the day your child returns, for our records. This procedure is vital for our funding and audit purposes. Thank you for your assistance. It will be also be a mufti day for students. Students are to wear sporting team colours and/or sporting heroes theme. A Gold coin donation would be gratefully appreciated as all funds raised will be going to the Children's Hospital at Westmead.

### Social Skill of the Week

*"Look at the person, smile and say hello"*



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.



### 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!

### 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.

## 2018 Dates

### Term 3

**Concludes:** Thursday, 27th 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.**

## Parent Group News

### Father's Day Raffle—Donations required please

Dear Parents, our school's Parent Group are organising a Father's Day Raffle which will be held at school on Friday, 31st August and has asked if you would kindly donate male appropriate items for the raffle. These can be brought into the school office at any time and must be received no later than Friday, 24th August. Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



## Library News

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have participated in this challenge. Well done!!

**Angelo Cabida, Chris Baluyot, Roy Tawk, Jaiden Rosas, Mariah Attard, Damian Luzardo Gotts, Sandeep Nijjar, Falani Stanley, Kot Job and Emily Pham.**



### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Thomas Sanak, Zion Penman, Aditiya Prathapan, Lincoln Magro, Arthur Alhamwi, Krishan Chand, Jayden Fernandez-Zamora, Bassam Abdallah, Joachima Toa, Lucas Blazevic, Kartik Maharaj, Carlo Calleja, Christian Durante, Angel Deeleon Lonesborough Togahai, Kayla Simmons, Darren Mensah and Malia Tupou.



### Term 3 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 3's Staff Development Day is a Pupil Free Day and will take place on Friday, 28th September (Week 10). 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.

### 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.

### Sincere Condolences

Our sincere condolences to Mrs Hocking, one of our Learning Support Teachers here at Good Shepherd, on the sudden passing of her father. Please keep Mrs Hocking and her family in your prayers. Also our deepest sympathies to the Smith family (Ty (4R) and Mia (2R)) on the recent passing of their



grandfather. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this very sad time.

### 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.



### Canteen News

**Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal is available until Friday 10th August).**

#### Meal Deal 1

Ham & Cheese Toastie  
Juice Popper  
Popcorn

#### Meal Deal 2

Chicken Tender roll  
Flavoured Milk  
Cookie

To view the full menu of Classroom Catering, please visit website: [www.classroomcatering.com.au](http://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.



### 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.

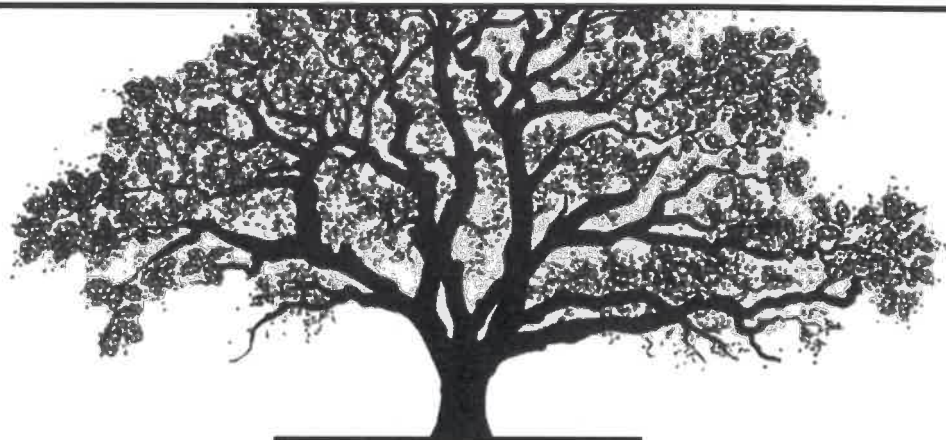
### Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments

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.





# ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



**path**

(GREEK)

**MEANING:**  
**feeling**

**EXAMPLES:**  
**pathetic, empathy**



**MISSING SCHOOL  
= MISSING OUT**

Early primary children learn new sounds and words every day. These are important building blocks upon which all future learning is built.

Help your children achieve their best by getting them to school on time every day.

every learner  
every day ✓



Catholic Education  
Diocese of Parramatta

# Catholic Education Office

## Holy Spirit Seminary Open Day: 19 August

"Come and See Day" at Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park on 19 August 2018 is a whole-day event, inspired by Our Lord's invitation to the two disciples of John the Baptist to "Come and see", found in the Gospel of John. Open Day provides single men open to a priestly vocation with the opportunity to experience seminary life, beginning with Holy Mass at St Oliver's Parish Church at 10 am, followed by talks, a tour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and dinner with Bishop Vincent. RSVP essential. Please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan via [johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org](mailto:johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org) or 0420 310 771. We are currently promoting via our social media channels and parish bulletin notices and will continue to do so until the open day. The image is of Chris del Rosario, one of our seminarians who should be ordained a priest by the end of this year.

## From the Bishop's Office

### Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

The Office For Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. To be held at the Institute For Mission at 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Enrolments close 9 August. NOTE: Introduction Session on 16 August is compulsory.

Please see your Parish office for a form or for more information contact [ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au) or 02 8838 3456 or [parracatholic.org/office-for-worship](http://parracatholic.org/office-for-worship)

### We're hiring!

If you're studying or recently graduated from accounting and looking to get your foot in the door in finance, the Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Development Fund is looking for a casual Trainee Assistant Accountant with an immediate start. For more information contact [ddffinance@parraddf.org.au](mailto:ddffinance@parraddf.org.au)

### IFM Themes of Faith Program

Exploring Catholic life, faith and action themes – for people keen on very manageable home readings/reflection ready to attend great group conversations. Ten Monday evenings and one Saturday morning are spread out across July 30 to Oct 29. Gatherings break into mentored groups of 10 – excellent for age 18 to seniors – builds confidence to grow and share faith. See [ifm.org.au](http://ifm.org.au) or call the IFM team 9296 6369

### IFM Reflective Ministry Program

This enjoyable program aims to enrich those involved in service/ministry of Catholic communities – excellent chance for learning and further shaping of faith and purpose. Ten Tuesday evenings and two Saturday mornings are spread out across August 18 to Dec 1 – presenters' inputs, journaling and application to ministry – group size about 35. See [ifm.org.au](http://ifm.org.au) or call the IFM team 9296 6369

### ACYMC 2018

Early-bird registration for the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops is now open at [www.acymc.org.au](http://www.acymc.org.au). The event will host up to 500 adult delegates who are engaged in ministry with young people in parishes, schools, agencies and ministries of the Catholic Church. Rooty Hill RSL, September 21-23.

Contact James Camden, Director, Catholic Youth Parramatta for more information (02) 8838 3428 or [james.camden@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.camden@parracatholic.org)

### Save the Date - Liturgy Conference 2018

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Workshops (still to be finalised): Singing the Psalms, RCIA ritual & symbols, Training Junior Altar Servers and Music and Prayer in the Classroom. To register your interest go to: [parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018/](http://parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018/)

Tickets: On sale soon (we'll let you know when).

### Faith in Marriage Seminar: 3 August

All are welcome to attend the 2018 'Faith in Marriage' Seminar address is entitled 'Marriage & Men in Contemporary Society' and will be given by Robert Falzon co-founder of menALIVE. All parishioners are warmly welcome to attend this free event on Friday 3 August at 7.30pm at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Please RSVP to [lmf@parracatholic.org](mailto:lmf@parracatholic.org) or phone 02 8838 3460.

### Office for Worship Formation Day: 11 August

The Office For Worship is offering a Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Ongoing Formation Day on Saturday 11 August, 9.30am – 2.00pm (Morning Tea and lunch provided) at the Institute For Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. RSVP by 6 of August, 2018. For more information or to register contact [ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org](mailto:ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org) 02 8838 3456.

### Good Shepherd Primary School

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Email: [goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au) - Website: [www.gsplumpton.catholic.edu.au](http://www.gsplumpton.catholic.edu.au)



# Blacktown City Council International Links and Sister Cities Writing Contest Permission Form

Entrant Name (Please Print)

Name

Parent/Guardian Permission (Please Print)

I/We

give permission for

to enter the Blacktown City Council International Links and Sister Cities Writing Contest.

- I understand that the winning entries may be published in print form and will include the students name, year and school.
- I agree that if my son/daughter is a winner of the contest the name and photograph of the winning entrants may be published in the local newspaper and Council's website.
- I agree that by entering the contest entrants will indemnify Blacktown City Council from any liability or legal action that may arise from my/our child's activities connected with the contest.

Address

Signature

Contact No

Date

School Details (Please Print)

School Name and Address

Contact No

Date

Principal's Signature

(or authorised school person)

## Guidelines For Entrants

- Entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation.
- Entries are restricted to 200 words or less.
- Entry is open to students in Years 5 and 6 from Primary Schools within the Blacktown LGA.
- There will be 2 winning students per ward.
- Entry form needs to be signed by Parent/Guardian and School Principal or authorised person.

## What Can Entrants Win

- Winners and runners up will receive **HOYTS MOVIE VOUCHERS or FEATHERDALE WILDLIFE PARK PASSES**.
- The schools of the winning students will receive a \$100 gift voucher to purchase educational items.
- With the approval of School Principals, presentations will be conducted by the Mayor and/or Ward Councillors at individual schools.

## How to Enter

- Entries close 31 AUGUST 2018 at 4 pm.
- Fill in an entry form, signed permission form and send to: Gordon Allen / Greg McCallum  
Sister Cities Project Officer  
Blacktown City Council  
PO Box 63 Blacktown NSW 2148  
or hand deliver to Blacktown City Council, 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown.

Please note that Parent/Guardian and Principal's (or authorised school person) signature must accompany your entry.

## Judging

- The judging panel will comprise 3 Council representatives.
- There will be 2 successful works selected for each ward. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Winners will be notified via their School Principal.
- All entries become the property of Blacktown City Council and will not be returned. Personal information on entry forms will not be used for any other purposes than those associated with the winning competition entry and will not be disclosed.

## Information

Contact

**GORDON ALLEN**  
gordon.allen@blacktown.nsw.gov.au  
(9839 6050)  
**GREG McCALLUM**  
greg.mccallum@blacktown.nsw.gov.au  
(9839 6551)

# Blacktown City Council International Links and Sister Cities Years 5 and 6 Writing Contest

Year 5 and 6 students who live or attend a primary school within Blacktown City are invited to enter the Blacktown City Council International Links and Sister Cities Writing Contest.

Students are encouraged in 200 words or less explain how diversity, culture, friendship unite people and the community in which they live. Give examples of this including how Blacktown has interacted with its Sister Cities in recent years.

**Entries close 31 AUGUST 2018**

Winners and runners up will receive Hoyts or Featherdale passes.

Winning schools receive a \$100 gift voucher to purchase educational items.

Entrants receive a certificate of participation

To find out more visit the website [www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/internationallinksandsistercities](http://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/internationallinksandsistercities)

**Blacktown City Council**

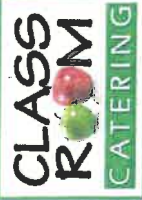


Entry is easy • Creativity is easy • Go for it





# Meal Deal \$5.00



## Meal Deal 1

- Ham & Cheese Toastie
- Juice Popper
- Popcorn



## Meal Deal 2

- Chicken Tender Roll
- Flavoured Milk
- Cookie



Available from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018