



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 3

Week 3

Tuesday, 7th August, 2018

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Reflection:

The Transfiguration of the Lord—6th August

“And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him’”

Term 3 concludes:

Thursday,
27th September

Term 4 commences:

Monday, 15th October

Term 4 concludes:

Wednesday,
19th December

Anti-Bullying Show which was held at school last week for Primary students

“It was a really good performance because it taught me a lot about bullying and how to treat others. It’s also taught us, if you see someone getting bullied, you can help them out. We should always respect each other and treat others nicely” By Andrei Jambalos (4B)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, 9th August: Year 1 Planetarium Incursion

Thursday, 9th August: Stage 3 Public Speaking Finals

Tuesday, 14th August: Zone Athletics (Blacktown Sports Park, Rooty Hill)

Wednesday, 15th August: Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church. Whole school attending).

Friday, 17th August: Kinder Teddy Bear Picnic (1.00 pm at school. Kinder students to bring their favourite Teddy Bear (adults too!), a picnic lunch and something to sit on. Students to wear their school uniform.

Looking Ahead:

Thursday, 27th September: Last Day of Term 3

Safety Note—No parking on Pedestrian Lines....

Dear Parents, just a reminder that it is against the law to park on pedestrian lines in carparks. It has been brought to our attention that cars are parking in the Parish Car Park on the pedestrian crossing and we ask for your cooperation in this matter as everyone's safety is important. Thank you.



Year 4W—empty containers required please

Dear Parents & Carers, if anyone has any spare empty pool containers (similar to the picture below), would you please bring them into school as they are required for Year 4's learning. Thank you.



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	Aleksandar Milosevska-Vlaoska	KG	Ethan Aducayen
KR	Roy Tawk Jr	KW	Tristan Escueta
1B	Courtney Banares	1G	Giovanna Thomas
1R	Jad Alameh	1W	Liam Bernardo
2B	Kirsten Labial	2G	Dominic Assey
2R	Byronn Clarke-Forrester	2W	Shanel Warnakula
3B	Gabriel Manalo	3G	Jamie Attard
3R	Kristina Labeeb	3W	Kaiden Blair
4B	Jayden Gearman	4G	Catharina Purwadi
4R	Marcus Sewiha	4W	Stella Haufano
5B	Aryan Sharma	5G	Roman Tuaimau
5R	Avani Narayan	5W	Saurav Singh
6B	Rosary Tima	6G	Kartik Maharaj
6R	Losaline Fihaki	6W	Abigail Lumbre

Attendance Awards

Dear Parents, just a reminder that "Attendance" Awards will be handed out after the end of each term. These awards will be given to students who have had 100% attendance throughout the school term. So please encourage your child to

aim for excellent attendance!



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.

Excursion/Incursion Notes

Please keep these notes in a safe place when your child/ren bring them home. The office Staff are constantly being asked for another note and this uses extra paper and resources that should be utilised elsewhere in our school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

No Nut Policy

Dear parents, just a reminder that 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.

A special invitation to:
Dads, Grandads, carers!

In celebration of Father's Day we are holding a special morning for you!

Wednesday 29th August 7.00 am to 9.30 am

Lets start with a nice hot BBQ Brekky at 7.00 am followed by a liturgy at 9.00 am. Dad, Grandad—if you are bringing the children to school—they can join you for breakfast too!

We will celebrate your special day with a liturgy in Church at 9.00 am! Everyone welcome.

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**. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



Social Skill of the Week

"Wash your hands after using the bathroom"

Library News

1. Bookclub Issue 5 will be due back by Friday 17th August.
2. Premier Reader's Challenge closes on Friday 10th August. Could all students please bring in the finished record sheets if they haven't already done so.
3. Congratulations to 3R for being the first class to have all students finish the Premier Reader's Challenge.
4. There will be a **Book Character Parade for all students on Friday, 31st August (Week 6)** commencing 8.30 am to mark the end of Bookweek. This will be held in the back Cola area at school. Parents are welcome to come and watch. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character or bring in their favourite book/poster about their favourite book.



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.

School Fees 2018

Dear Parents, accounts for the third instalment of school fees will fall due on 29th August. Any family who may experience difficulty paying their fees this year please contact the School Office for an appointment to discuss options available under the Catholic Education Office financial hardship policy.



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: Ahaan Arora, Thi Bui, John-Paul Aloisio, Amber Catig, Bronte-Rose Marks, Vlad Anastasiei, Emmanuella Soliman, Jubileera Amosa, Siena Rhayem, Zacariah Harang, Christopher Gervacio Jr, Carmella Queras and Zakath Juleff.



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.

"Let's Have A Ball and Games Day" - Friday, 24th August

Friday, 24th August is our "Let's Have A Ball and Games Day". This day promises to be more **FUN** than you can imagine! This day is our major fundraiser for the year so gather your sponsors and be prepared for **FUN!!**

There are so many wonderful games and inflatable challenges that are being prepared for our students to enjoy. Please put the effort into gathering sponsors so that we can have "**FUNtastic**" dollars to buy resources for all students to share!



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.

Premier's Reading Challenge

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

Alliysen Grantham, Lisa Alameh, Raphael Santos, Marta Ghilagaber, Cziana Sulapat, Lanna Cruz, Japnoor Singh, Laurina Aziz, William Davis, Nathaniel Soans, Ishanyaa Suman, Leila Queras, Samreet Nijjar, Raphaella Garcia and Erin Alcober.



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



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,

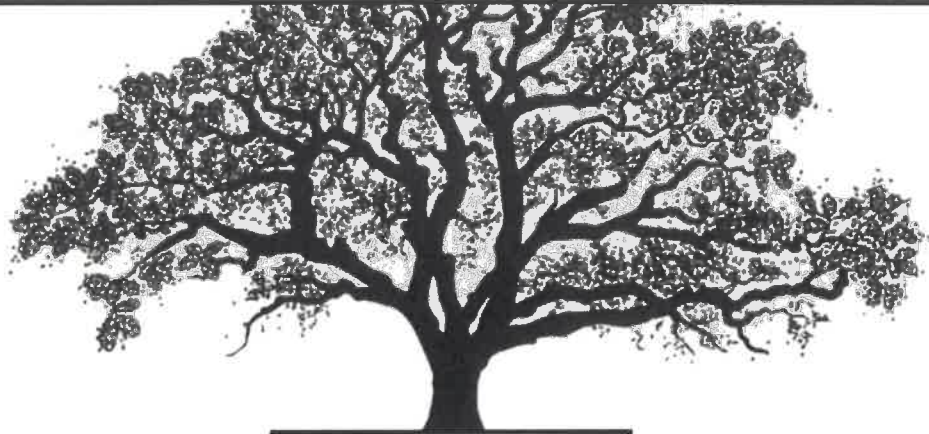
If you **do not** give consent for the use of your child's image and/or works to be published in our School Newsletter or on our website, please notify the school in writing. If you do not want your child to sell raffle tickets, please also inform the school office. Thank you.

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



photo

(GREEK)

MEANING:

light

EXAMPLES:

photograph, photosynthesis

Numeracy Warmup

60 is the middle number in a number line. What numbers could be the other numbers be?

Learning Intention: we are learning to use our knowledge of place value to construct number lines with given numbers

Success Criteria: I know I am successful when I can:

Construct a number line with 60 in the middle

Construct a number line with a non zero starting point

Find what the numbers $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the number line would be

Prove my numberline is correct

Find the smallest and largest range on the number line with 60 in the middle.

Aim: to develop children's understanding of two and three digit numbers

Equipment needed: paper pencil, beadstring or bead line if needed.

Supporting questions: What does "in the middle mean?"

Does the number line always have to start with zero? How can you prove that 60 is in the middle of the other two numbers?

How many solutions can you find? Can you notice any patterns in the solutions?



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 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 or 02 8838 3456 or 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 ddfinance@parradfd.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 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 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. 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

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/

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 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 02 8838 3456.

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Kindy News

Term 3, Week 2

Future Events:

Week 2

Friday 3rd August

Mufti Day- Gold coin donation for the Children's Hospital.

Come dressed in any clothes OR in sporting team colours OR as a superhero. This fundraiser is being organised by the School Student Leaders.

Week 3

Monday 6th August, 7pm

Parent Group Meeting.

All welcome

Week 4

Wednesday 15th August, 9am

Whole School Mass for Feast of the Assumption

Friday 17th August

Teddy Bear's Picnic 1pm

Week 5

Friday 24th August

School Fundraising Day.

Children to bring in all sponsorship money by 23rd August. More details soon

Week 6

Thursday 30th August

Father's Day Stall

Friday 31st August

Bookweek celebrations

Father's Day Liturgy and BBQ Breakfast (more details soon)

Week 10

Tuesday 25th September

Magic Words- Anti Bullying show for K-6

Thursday 27th September

Students last day Term 3

Friday 28th September

Staff Development Day – no school for students

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope that you enjoyed the school holidays!

Thank you to all the parents that were able to meet with their child's teacher at the end of last term. We know you love hearing all about their learning. If you have any questions or problems during the term, please arrange a time to chat with your child's class teacher. If you don't have time to meet face to face, letters or phone calls can be arranged.

Please ensure that you check your child's bag each day for notes to ensure you don't miss out on any important communication.

As you can see when you walk into the school, our building program is well and truly underway. We are thrilled with the amazing spaces they are building and it is also a wonderful experience for the children to see building works in action! Keep your eye on the LINK for regular photo updates.

We look forward to another exciting term.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Kindergarten Team

Miss Burrows (KB), Mrs Robinson (KG), Miss Moylan (KR), Miss Debrincat (KW), Mrs Hocking (Learning Support), Mrs Cornett (Teacher Assistant) Mrs Cooke (Grade Leader)

Here is what is happening in Kindergarten this term:

Religion.

My family loves me & A community that celebrates God's love. During these units the children will learn and appreciate the importance of our families and community. Through the love of our families and our local community we also experience God's love for us. We also learn the way Jesus treated others and that we are to do the same.

English.

Children will be working in groups and are involved in activities to develop the following skills; reading, writing, handwriting, talking and listening. A particular focus with reading will be the comprehension strategies of identifying the main idea, sequencing events in order and identifying details. We will also plan units of work around the themes of Teddy Bears, Literacy & Numeracy Week and Book Week.

Reading Books & Sight Words.

It's wonderful to see so many children remembering to bring their home readers to school for changing. The children's reading is improving everyday and the help of parents at home with nightly reading DOES make a difference! Make sure reading and revision of sight words is an important part of your family routine.

Human Society and Its Environment.

This term we are looking at the History unit 'Festivals and Celebrations'. Children will learn about the variety of celebrations we have in Australia as well as around the world. We will be investigating their cultural importance as well as developing a tolerance of occasions that are different to ours.

Mathematics.

Topics focused on this term are:

Number, Place Value and Counting, Addition and Subtraction, Time, Multiplication and Division.

We continue to use lots of materials such as counters, dice, pop sticks and blocks to help us with our learning. Children need lots of objects to count each day. Why not do some counting each night? Ask what is 1 more? 1 less? 10 more? 10 less? Count by 10's, 2's, 5's. Can you do this past 100? Count backwards and forwards from any starting number. Read the time and check the calendar. Share items into groups. How many in each group? Does it always share evenly?

Computers

Children will be using laptops and ipads to work through various programs. These programs allow the children to revise reading, sounds and mathematical concepts in a fun and interactive manner. If you haven't already sent in a pair of earphones, please do so. Pop them into a snap lock bag labelled with your child's name.

Science and Technology.

Our unit for this term is 'What's it made of?' We look closely at the types of materials used in our society and why we use them.

Personal Development Health (PDH) and Physical Education (PE).

Children will continue their PE and gross motor programs. Ms Latham's and/or Mrs Del Duca's specialist lesson is 1 hour each week with the focus being ball handling skills and tumbling. In PDH they will be learning about *Healthy Habits*. Children will have opportunities to learn about all the ways we need to look after our bodies to keep ourselves healthy. Why not make sure your child goes outside and exercises everyday and has a piece of fruit in their lunchbox!

Creative Arts.

Children will have opportunities to develop skills in dance, visual arts and drama. Miss Touzell, Mrs Saliba's/ Mrs Burnett's specialist lesson is 1 hour each week this term with drama and dance as the focus. Visual Arts will be linked to what the children are learning in English, Science, Human Society and It's Environment and Religious Education. **REMINDER - ART SMOCKS/PAINT SHIRTS SHOULD ALWAYS BE IN YOUR CHILD'S BAG AS WE WILL NEED IT ON MORE THAN 1 DAY IN A WEEK.**

Homework.

Homework begins this term and should take no longer than 10 minutes each night. Please ensure homework is returned to school each Friday. Any problems, please write it in the homework book or send in a note to your child's class teacher.

Students are still expected to be wearing the **full** winter school uniform. Ties **MUST** be worn for boys and girls. Details are as follows:

Girls:

- School Uniform Checked Tunic
- White Long Sleeve Blouse
- Checked Scissor Tie
- Brown or Green Hair Ribbons
- Grey Tights, or Grey Socks
- Black School Shoes
- Green Zip-Up Jacket

Boys:

- Black Long Pants
- White Long Sleeve Shirt
- Green Zip-Up Jacket
- Black Socks
- Black School Shoes
- School Checked Tie

Please ensure that all of your child's personal belongings are **CLEARLY** labelled. Students often take their jackets off through the course of the day as the weather warms-up. Jackets are expensive and we would hate to see them lost because they are not labelled.

Haircuts must also be in accordance with our school uniform policy. Our policy states that:

Girls- shoulder length hair or longer needs to be tied back. If using ribbons or scrunchies they must be school colours. Hair colouring is not permitted.

Boys- Neat and simple haircuts only. No undercuts, mohawks, shaved heads or Number 1's, no lines, no rats tails or hair colouring. If your child presents to school with an inappropriate haircut you will receive notification in writing.

We appreciate your support in uniform and haircut matters.

Library Borrowing:

Library borrowing for Kindergarten this term is as follows:

KB & KR- Mondays

KG & KW- Wednesdays

Your child needs to bring their library bag and any outstanding loans to borrow new books.

Sports Uniform:

Sports uniform days have changed this term. Please note the new sports uniform days are as follows:

KB and KG – Tuesdays and Wednesdays

KR and KW – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Attendance:

As you know, daily attendance at school is VERY important. If your child is absent from school due to sickness, please send a note with your child the day he/she returns. Keep family holidays to school holiday breaks to ensure your child has everyday at school. It is also important that students come to school on time everyday to ensure they do not miss out on crucial learning experiences. We have a 100% attendance award as well as a punctuality award this term, so come on time everyday!

Teddy Bear's Picnic:

Mark the date in your diary- Friday 17th August. Family and friends are invited to join us for a Teddy Bear's Picnic for lunch at 1pm and activities. More details coming soon!