



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Feast of the Assumption



Term 3

Week 4

Tuesday, 14th August, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This Wednesday is one of the Holy Days of Obligation in our church. It is the Feast of the Assumption, Mary's special feast day. Catholics are required to attend Mass on this day. The children will be attending Mass with the Parish at 9.00 am.

When we think of Mary we usually think of Mary as a young mother, travelling on the donkey, having her baby Jesus in the stable and looking after Jesus when he was little.

Mary was a constant in Jesus' life and was a witness to his public life as well as when he was a child.

Christians of the early Church would have been well aware of the role Mary fulfilled as a constant connection with Christ. It was she who had nurtured Him during the years leading up to His public life. She had a leading role at the marriage celebration in Cana, when Jesus began His public life. At the end of His life, Mary witnessed the sorrowful events of the Passion, Crucifixion and Death of her Son.

Mary was with the Apostles when they gave witness to the facts of the Resurrection and Ascension. It was Mary, the constant Mother, who prayed with the Apostles and sustained them in their belief until the First Pentecost.

There is little written about Mary, especially what happened after Pentecost, but there is strong evidence, through tradition, that at the end of her life she was united with her Son in a manner similar to how her Son was united with His Father. After an in-depth study of tradition and the early writings of the Church, and after broad consultation with bishops, theologians and lay people, Pope Pius X11 in 1950 declared that, "...*The Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory*".

Mary had been so closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, so it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe and declare, that she must be with Him body and soul in heaven. Mary is now in a position to be mother to all people for all time.



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Term 3 concludes:

Thursday,
27th September

Term 4 commences:

Monday, 15th October

Term 4 concludes:

Wednesday,
19th December

Patricia Carr

**Tricia Carr
Principal**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, 15th August:** Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church. Whole school attending).
- Thursday, 16th August:** Western Zone Voice of Youth Cluster Semi-Final (Year 6 attending St Andrew's Primary School, Marayong)
- 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.
- Monday, 20th August:** Captivate Dress Rehearsal at Sydney Olympic Park Homebush
- Tuesday, 21st August:** Captivate Showcase
- Wednesday, 22nd August:** Captivate Showcase
- Friday, 24th August:** "Let's Have A Ball and Games Day" - School Fundraising Day

This week is **National Science Week** and the theme for 2018 is **Game Changers and Change Makers**. In keeping with this, our school has declared:

War on Waste!

This is a very topical subject, with the phasing out of plastic bags in supermarkets and discussion around the impact that rubbish, in particular plastic and landfill, is having on our environment. Our focus fits with the National Science Week theme in that we collectively have the opportunity to be the Change Makers of our generations.

This week, students in Years 2 – 6 will be watching an excerpt from the War on Waste series (Tuesdays 8.30pm on ABC television or Watch Now on ABC iView #WarOnWasteAU) and Years Kindy and One will be watching Plastic Free Boy (<https://goo.gl/mPAB5k>). We will be discussing our use of plastic in our everyday lives and how we can reduce our use.

Waste Free Wednesday!

Beginning in Week 5, we will be encouraging students to bring their recess and lunch to school in recyclable wrapping and/or containers. When they do they will receive a stamp next to their name on a class list. At the end of the term, the class in each Stage with the most stamps will receive a Science/Environmental based book as a prize.

So, we are asking parents to come on board with this initiative. Talk to your children at home about some things that you can do as a family to help fight the War on Waste.



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	Xavier Batallones	KG	Caitlyn Dunn
KR	Catherine Palu	KW	Nate Glover
1B	Kassandra Nuval	1G	Seerat Mehrok
1R	Joshua Caruana	1W	Asher Gloria
2B	Emily Porter	2G	Ishanyaa Suman
2R	Daniella Duquilla	2W	Makayla-Ann DeGuia
3B	Pravish Latchman	3G	Miguel Diamse
3R	Serg Pablo	3W	Isabella Gutierrez
4B	Shiloh Sumilang	4G	Jay Setefano
4R	Josette Attard	4W	Hayden Rintoul
5B	Marsha Szulgit	5G	Bailey Coulson
5R	Isabella Limjap	5W	Not Published
6B	Kristiana Ramos	6G	Marissa Galea
6R	Benedict Cabrera	6W	Anaise Fosita

Blacktown Zone Athletics

Today 40 Good Shepherd students are attending the Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival at Rooty Hill. Students from Yrs 3 - 6 will be competing against 12 other schools in the Zone. We wish them the best of luck and I'm sure they will do Good Shepherd proud. Children that place in the first four places will represent the school and Zone at the Diocesan Carnival on Thursday, 23rd August. Results will be published next week. Good Luck.

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.

Contact Details

Parents, it is vital that all contact information including phone/mobile numbers, emergency contacts, home address, email address are kept up to date. **Please contact the School Office if any changes need to be made.** Thank you.

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.



**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
"Take your hat off inside"**

Library News

1. Bookclub Issue 5 is due back this Friday, 17th August.
2. The Premier Reader's Challenge has now closed. Would all students please bring in the finished record sheets if they haven't already done so.
3. 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: Jana Tato, Dylan Salalila, Christina Ketl, Caspian Santos, Ezekiel Aguila, Koby Kearney, Robin Cruz, Cedric Roldan, Harmony Nomani, Akuol Acuoth, Vanessa Bradley, Melody Cuasay, Glorianna Ma'asi and Carlos Kaasamani.



"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!



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.

Premier's Reading Challenge

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

Rovin Ayala, Nixon Baduria, Maheen Sehgal, Jalil Rizeq, Joseph Nucum, Sofia Nazar, Angel Gopal, Leisha Kumar, Prahallika Panuganti, Rainier Camat, Jonathan Tawk, Courtney Banares, Ethan Zammit, Ethan Baxter, Ronan Cruz, Jacob Cayetano, Miguel Reyes, Ava McKeough, Maxine Agpoon, Karmela Portugal, Jaiman Datt, Darianne Afinidad, Sara Al Makkdissi, Angelina Beshay, Veronica Ballesteros, Shlok Samli, Roza Frias, Thomas Planer, William Planer, Kassandra Nuval, Charlotte Russell, Cooper Parica, Shristi Kumar, Aiden Alano and Xavier Batallones.



Canteen News

Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal is available until Friday 31st August).

Meal Deal 1

Chicken Salad Box (Chicken, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot & Beetroot)

Bottle of Water

Meal Deal 2

Homemade Pasta Bolognese

Glee 99% Juice Drink

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,

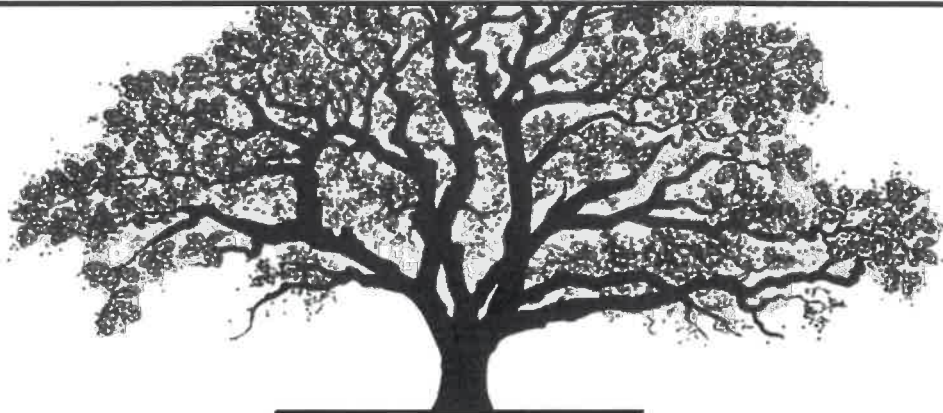
If you **do not** give consent for the use of your child's image and/or works to be published in our School Newsletter or on our website, please notify the school in writing. If you do not want your child to sell raffle tickets, please also inform the school office. Thank you.

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



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MEANING:
to please

EXAMPLES:
grateful, gratitude

Numeracy Warmup

Concealed Collections for Addition and Subtraction

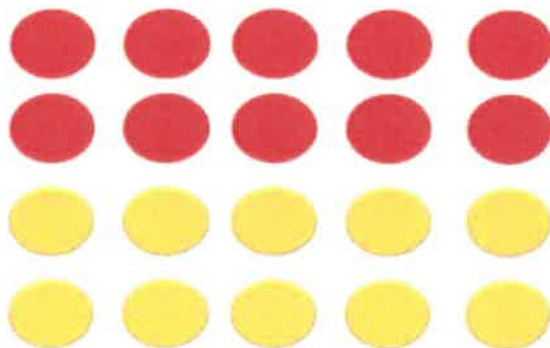
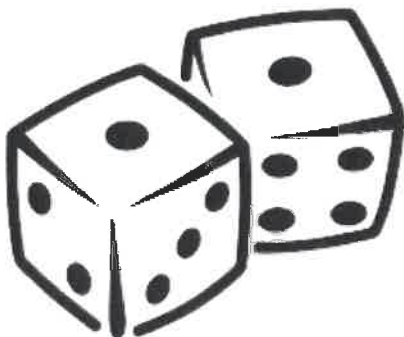
The child chooses a two-digit number between 10-50. The child needs to make the two digit number using counters. They then cover the counters with a piece of paper. Then they roll a dice to add onto their concealed collection.

Aim: Students develop an understanding of addition and subtraction.

Equipment needed: Counters, two digit number cards, piece of paper and a dice.

Supporting Questions: How many counters concealed? How do you know? How many counters altogether? What is the difference between the two collections? If I took take 10 counters away, how many are left? Can you arrange your counters in a different way to work out the answer?

Mathematics words: addition, subtraction, take away, altogether, adding and difference.



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).

Concert at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta: 17 August

Sydney Philharmonia - Chamber Singers: TALBOT Path of Miracles - Tickets via www.sydneypilharmonia.com.au – More details at: www.stpatscathedral.com.au

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