



# Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Term 3**

**Week 6**

**Tuesday, 28th August, 2018**



## Captivate 2018

Students from our school, together with students from other schools in the diocese, participated in a thrilling concert last week featuring choir, dance and band. We are so proud of them and their achievements. Well done!! The following are comments from a few of the students involved .....

*"It was very, very fun and very very tiring!"* Raphaella 6R (Choir)

*"It was very tiring but it was exciting to perform."* Tanielle 5G (Dance)

*"It was fun and exciting to perform in front of so many people!"* William 6G (Band)

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### Term 3 concludes:

Thursday,  
27th September

### Term 4 commences:

Monday, 15th October

### Term 4 concludes:

Wednesday,  
19th December



## Photos from our Let's have a Ball Day last Friday ...

Dear Parents, please note all money needs to be received by **21st September** and that prize draws will take place then. To date we have raised \$16,000 which is fantastic, though our target is \$25,000. So keep up the good work!! The following are comments from a few of our students on the fun they had:

"Friday was the best day of the year!! Heina 4B

"I loved going on the inflatable and competing against my friends." Eunice 4R

"It was an absolutely sensational time for all to experience." Raphaella 6R

"I liked the human soccer table. It was fun playing with my friends"" Cedric 3W

"I liked it because it was a mufti day ." Cassandra 2R

"It's fun because we got to go on a slide." Alessandra KW

"I liked the big slide and when I played netball." Liam 1W









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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, 29th August:** Father's Day Breakfast (7.00 am—8.30 am Good Shepherd School)
- Wednesday, 29th August:** Father's Day Prayer Service (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
- Thursday, 30th August:** Father's Day Stall
- Thursday, 30th August:** Year 6 visit Loyola Catholic Trade Training Centre
- Friday, 31st August:** Book Parade for all students (8.30 am Good Shepherd School). Parents welcome to come and watch.
- Friday, 31st August:** Father's Day Raffle (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
- Sunday, 2nd September:** Father's Day
- Tuesday, 4th September:** Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
- Friday, 7th September:** Kindergarten Grade Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)

### Waste Free Wednesday!

Dear Parents, don't forget we have commenced our Waste Free Wednesdays .....we are 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.



### 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.

## 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	Taylor Gale	KG	Noah Scall
KR	Glorianna Ma'asi	KW	Halle Tauaifaga
1B	Benjamin Modi	1G	Malia Tupou
1R	Brooklyn Viray	1W	Janaya Habito
2B	Bianca Galea	2G	Riena Manuel
2R	Shlok Samli	2W	Lily Russell
3B	Armando Montales	3G	Francisco Lira
3R	Lily Stojanovski	3W	Zaeclan Orayenza
4B	Emmanuel-Rian Arago	4G	Japnoor Singh
4R	Laurina Aziz	4W	Riane Salentes
5B	Martin Stanton	5G	Bailey Lees
5R	Siola Haufano	5W	Jaymee Felizardo
6B	William McMillan	6G	Janice Hide
6R	Ambrose DeGuia	6W	Mikayla Horwood-Campbell

## 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.**

## 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. **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.



### **Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)**

Dear Parents, you should have received your updated ACARA Privacy Notice. If you did not receive a copy, please call into the school office to pick up a copy.

### **Uniform Shop—Opening Days Fridays only 8.30—9.00 am**

Please note **only Cash is accepted**. If you can assist with helping our Parent Group with the uniform shop, please leave your contact details with the school office.

### **School Hat found on a Busways Bus**

Dear Parents, please note a school hat has been found on one of the school buses. Please go to Busways Glendenning Depot (150 Glendenning Road, Glendenning) and quote Reference No. B2296.

### **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.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **Netball Gala Day**

Today six teams of Good Shepherd Netballers are participating at a Diocesan Netball Gala Day at Penrith. Five girls teams and one boys team play other schools in the Diocese. Thank you to the parents and St. Clare students who are assisting with the teams. Also to Miss Boustani and Mrs Latham for accompanying the students. I am confident all students will do their best and good luck to all!



### **PSSA Rugby Union**

Mitchell Holmes of Year 6, as a member of the Mackillop team, is participating at the PSSA State Rugby Union Carnival at Coffs Harbour this week. Congratulations to Mitchell on his achievement of getting to this level. He was also selected as team captain!! Best of luck!



### **Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Results**

Last Tuesday 17 students represented Good Shepherd and the Blacktown Zone at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival. All students did there very best with the following students qualifying for the Mackillop Athletics which is the Catholic state carnival. Some tremendous results .....

Henry Sene 2nd 8yrs boys 100m

Betty Tanaki 4th 9yrs girls 100m, 4th Junior Girls Relay

Isabella Lira Loloa 3rd Junior Girls 800m, 4th Junior Girls Relay

Mitchell Holmes 4th Senior boys 200m, 4th Senior boys Long Jump

Mya Schmidt-Tuaimau 1st Senior Girls Shot Put, 2nd Senior Girls Discus

Sesilia Grace Lui-Ngata 3rd Junior girls Shot Put

Cleo Tuaimau and Grace Tautua 4th Junior Girls Relay



Outstanding achievements by all students!!

## 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 Prayer Service in the Church at 9.00 am! Everyone welcome.

### Term 4 Summer Uniform

#### GIRLS

**Uniform:** Regulation School Uniform, Green Hair Ribbons, White turn-down School Socks, Black School Shoes.

**Sports:** Unisex Sports Shorts with School Crest OR Green School Track Pants, Short sleeved White Polo Shirt with School Crest, Green Sports Jumper, White turn-down School Socks and Joggers **predominantly white.**

#### BOYS

**Uniform:** School white short-sleeved shirt with lay-back collar, Black Shorts, Black turn-down socks and Black School Shoes.

**Sports:** Unisex Sports Shorts with School Crest OR Green School Track Pants, Short sleeved White Polo Shirt with School Crest, Green Sports Jumper, White turn-down School Socks and Joggers **predominantly white.**

The School Jumper with crest may be worn at any time throughout the year. The School Hat with crest is a compulsory school item to be worn every day. The School's Uniform Supplier is Lowes, Mt Druitt. **Please mark all school clothing with your child's name to avoid lost property!!**



### Social Skill of the Week "Speak in a friendly tone of voice"

### Library News

Dear Parents, just a reminder that there will be a **Book Character Parade for all students this Friday, 31st August** commencing 8.30 am to mark the end of Bookweek. This will be held around the 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: Macsimos Agpoon, Divine Vaifale, Nixon Baduria, Ayesha Kumar, Chantelle Osifo, Kristopher Leonardo, Aaron Botham, Tamara Tamani, Lucas Zammit, Rowana Maasi, Kaitlin Nguyen, Angela Montales, Charlotte Pillay, Cooper Parica, Pravish Latchman, Asher Gloria and Malakai Setefano.



### 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!**



### 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.

### Sick before School

Parents if your child is sick in the morning before coming to school please **do not** send them. It is much better that they are resting and recuperating at home than in Sick Bay. With the colder weather here, many little accidents are happening in Kinder and Year One. Could you please pack a spare pair of underwear and pants/socks/stockings for your child/ren. Thank you for your cooperation in both of these matters.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have participated in this

challenge: Nishi Patel, Anjani Patel, Keilani Sua, Valerie Gunawan and Aryan Sharma. Well done!!



### 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](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.

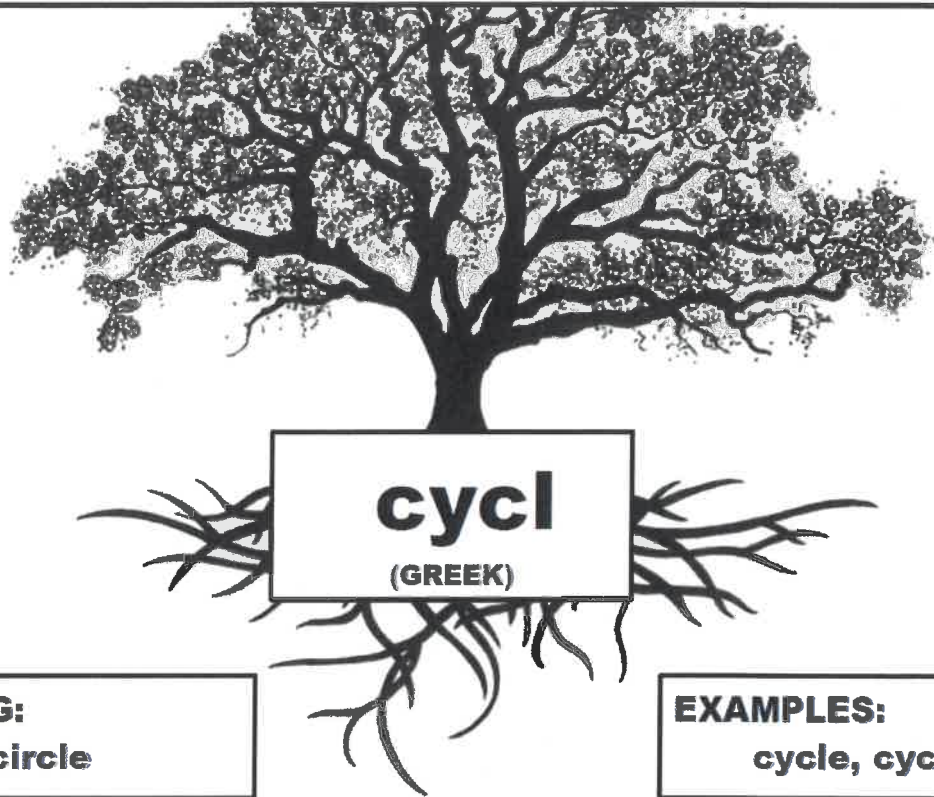
### Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments

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



**MEANING:**  
circle

**EXAMPLES:**  
cycle, cyclone

## Numeracy Warmup

### Counting Pairs

**Task:** Gather or draw lots of items that come in pairs (e.g. eyes, shoes socks, arms, knives/forks). Use the pairs to count the individual items more quickly than counting by ones.

**Purpose:** Learning to count by twos.

**Resources:** Household items

**Vocabulary:** pair, one more, one less, total

### Supporting/extending questions:

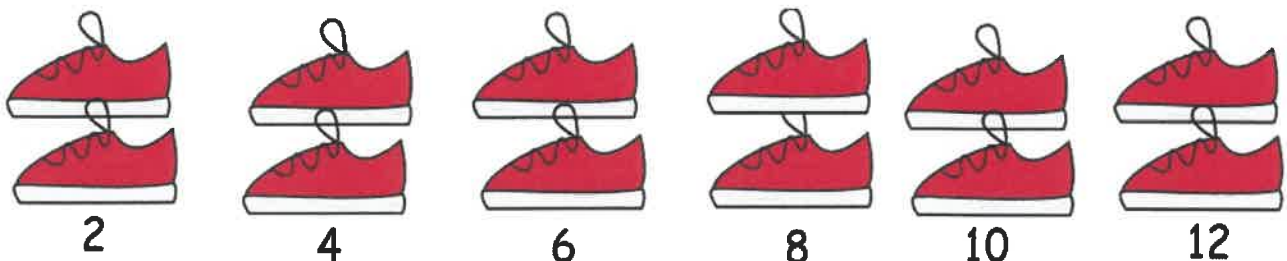
How many items are in a pair?

How can we count this collection more efficiently?

Imagine that you had one more pair. What would be the new total?

Imagine that you had one less pair. What would be the new total?

If you doubled the total of your collection what would the new total be?



# From the Bishop's Office

## Natural Fertility Services

"My husband and I opted for Natural Family Planning (NFP) after our first baby, we'd struggled with other means of fertility management prior to this. Since then, we've been shocked by just one thing, hardly anyone knows about it! Our educator has patiently guided us in learning, implementing and having confidence in ourselves. Best of all, NFP goes hand-in-hand with faith, as God's handiwork is on vibrant display in the human body. Beyond its practical benefits, NFP has revealed to us the astounding mechanisms that God has set in motion in our bodies to create life. NFP is family planning God's way". A couple in their 40's with two children.

To learn more about Natural Family Planning in the Diocese of Parramatta contact 02 8838 3460 or [nfs@parracatholic.org](mailto:nfs@parracatholic.org) or [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) and [www.parralnf.org.au/nfs](http://www.parralnf.org.au/nfs)

## 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](mailto: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](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).

## Creating a Safe Church: 31 August - 1 September

The Diocese of Parramatta is co-hosting two days of presentations by Fr Hans Zollner SJ addressing the most significant issues facing the Catholic Church today with respect to harmful behaviour, including the theological and spiritual implications arising from the abuse crisis and their impact on victims and survivors, together with members of the Church. Fr Hans is regarded as one of the leading ecclesiastical experts in the field of safeguarding of minors and on areas concerning sexual abuse both in the Roman Catholic Church and beyond. More information and registration via [parracatholic.org/safechurch](http://parracatholic.org/safechurch)

## Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

## St Vincent de Paul DROUGHT APPEAL

Help support struggling rural communities facing tough drought conditions. Help individuals and communities across NSW in three ways:

Provide immediate relief through food assistance and other household bill payments

Fund the delivery of water and animal feed by partner organisations

Organise social events for rural communities to come together and find support

Donations can be made by calling 13 18 12, [www.vinnies.org.au/drought](http://www.vinnies.org.au/drought) or at any local Vinnies Shop.

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# GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

## Mobile Blood Service visiting: **Plumpton Marketplace**

Cnr Hyatts & Jersey Road, Plumpton

**Thursday 13 Sept**

**12.00pm – 6.00pm**

**Friday 14 Sept**

**8.30am – 2.30pm**

**Saturday 15 Sept**

**8.30am – 2.30pm**

**Drink up!** Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate

**Eat!** Have a good sized breakfast or lunch

**Please bring photo I.D. with you**

To make an appointment call **13 14 95**  
or visit **[donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au)**



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