



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Term 4

Week 3

Tuesday, 30th October, 2018



Year 3 Excursion to Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park

"Year 3 went on an excursion to Ku-ring-gai National Park last week and we did a lot of fun things, like capturing bugs, bushwalking and scratch art. The coolest thing that happened was when we heard the fastest bird...the falcon. I loved it." **Soteria Gearman 3B**

"The best part about the excursion was the scenery! It was beautiful with all the trees and plants. Ku-ring-gai National Park is so lucky to own all of this land. We were also very lucky because we did many fun activities that were also educational." **Isabella Gutierrez 3W**

"Last Wednesday, 3B and 3R went on an excursion. We felt amazed because of the wonderful sights and animals. My favourite part was when we were looking out from the platform because the view was so beautiful!" **Charvi Barmalli 3R**

"We saw lots of plants and animals that I have never seen before. While we were bushwalking we saw a brush turkey, a little pond with tadpoles and turtles. When we were walking on a boardwalk we saw tiny crabs." **Laiza Chicote 3G**

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2019 Commencement Dates

Wednesday, 30/1/2019
Years 1—6

Thursday, 31/1/2019
New Kinder Families

Friday, 1/2/2019
All Students



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, 1st November:	All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
Friday, 2nd November:	All Souls' Day
Tuesday, 6th November:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Monday, 12th November:	Special School Assembly (8.30 am Good Shepherd School). Following assembly, there will be coffee & chat in the Staffroom.
Tuesday, 13th November:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Thursday, 15th November:	Creative Arts Expo (5.00 pm Good Shepherd School)

Library Borrowing & Sports Days for Term 4, 2018

Library Borrowing:

Mondays:	KB, KR, Year 4, 6B & 6R
Tuesdays:	Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesdays:	KG, KW, Year 5, 6G & 6W
Thursdays:	Year 3

Sports Days:

Tuesdays:	Kinder
Wednesdays:	1B, 1G, Year 3 and Year 4
Thursdays:	Kinder, 5B, 5G and Year 6
Fridays:	1R, 1W, Year 2, 5R and 5W

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	Samantha Melocotones	KG	Ronawyn Decena
KR	Violet Nguyen	KW	Aliyana Carson
1B	Jerome Aloisio-Malatai	1G	Fatima Mancao
1R	Aleer Acouth	1W	Ezra Toa
2B	Malakai Setefano	2G	Prabnoor Manan
2R	Amber Catig	2W	Brianna Saxelby
3B	Christiano Jamil	3G	Dominic Sultana
3R	Kiarah Van De Poll	3W	Josue Gavilan Calderon
4B	Joshua Wasef	4G	Esha Menon
4R	Malaki Schmutter	4W	Levi Finau
5B	Aliyah Torres	5G	Joanne Imlay
5R	Christina Kilberd	5W	Declan Pitkin
6B	Arianna Cay	6G	Sasha Urqueza
6R	Jahaziel Dela Paz	6W	Annabelle Rahme

Showcase of Talent

Our annual Showcase of Talent is happening again this year on **Friday 30th November** during school time. **Do not confuse this with the Creative Arts Expo!** (That's on 15th November from 5 pm).

The Showcase of Talent is a chance for students to perform an act or skill to their grade buddies. The best from each grade will perform in front of a larger audience on 30th November during school time.

Students, start planning your act! Auditions will take place with your grade in a few weeks time and a letter of interest will be available next week. I can't wait to see what you can do! If you have any questions, please see me.

Thank you Mrs Cooke

Special Assembly on Monday, 12th November

Dear Parents, Mr Kevin Jones, new Principal of St Clare's Catholic High School will be joining us at our morning assembly on **Monday, 12th November** which commences at 8.30 am, then for coffee and chat in our staffroom. You are very welcome to join us.



Good Shepherd Creative Arts Night

On 15th November, Good Shepherd Primary School will celebrate a Creative Arts Night showcasing dance, drama, music and visual arts. We are inviting students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to submit an artwork to be on display for the open gallery.



Express your artistic abilities through painting, printmaking, photography, digital art, sculptures, charcoal, clay, paper mache, sculptures, wood or other various crafts. We want to see artworks that demonstrates great effort in planning, creating and refining. **Submit your artwork to Mr Escandor 6R, by tomorrow, Wednesday, 31st October.** If there are any questions, please ask Mr Escandor.

Conjunctivitis Beware

Dear Parents, please be aware that there have been cases of conjunctivitis at our school. This is highly contagious. If your child's eyes are itchy, red, sore, "pus", please take them to the doctor's for treatment. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Term 4 2018 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

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 4's Staff Development Days are Pupil Free Days and will take place on **Thursday, 20th December and Friday, 21st December**. Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children on this day. **COSHC will be unable to offer spaces for care on this day due to staff training.**

Evacuation & Lockdown Practices

Each term our school practices either a Lockdown or an Evacuation. This is part of our keeping the children and our whole community safe. There is no need for alarm if your child comes home with stories of "an emergency". We do use the sirens to make the drill realistic. Be assured if ever there is a reason for a Lockdown or Evacuation, all staff are trained and ready. **Please make sure you regularly update your telephone and emergency contact details. If your mobile phone settings are "incoming call restricted" please change these settings so that we can reach you, in the event of an emergency. Thank you.**

Social Skill of the Week

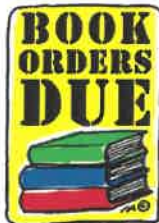
"Wash your hands after using the bathroom"

Captivate 10th Anniversary Showcase

A highlights video of the 10th Anniversary Showcase is now available - <https://vimeo.com/293871025>
A full version of the performance will be available soon.

Library News

Dear Parents, just a reminder that Bookclub Issue 7 will close on 2nd November (this coming Friday).



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.

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.



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.



School Hats

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. Thank you.

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.

Complaints/Grievances Forms

Parents, please note if you would like to make a complaint/grievance in regards to any school matter, you can pick up a form from the school office. All matters will be attended to under strict confidentiality.

Term 4 Dates

Concludes: Wednesday, 19th December
Term 4 School Holidays
Thursday, 20th December 2018 through to
Monday, 28th January 2019

Commencement Dates for 2019

Wednesday, 30th January, 2019	Years 1—6
Thursday, 31st January, 2019	New Kinder Families
Friday, 1st February, 2019	All Students

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.**

Excursion/Incursion Notes

Please keep these notes in a safe place when your child brings 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.

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.





Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Angelo Cruz, Amara Johnson, Miguel Manalili,

Ysabella Mercado, Gabriel Manalo, Bella Mionge Alfaro, Dominic Sultana, Selina Farah, Ella Rhayem, Soteria Gearman and Marco Blazevic.

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 cup cakes for birthdays, slices, excursions etc!

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.



Pedestrian Crossing

Parents, please be aware that the pedestrian crossing between the Parish carpark and the school is used constantly for students, parents and carers to enter and leave the school grounds in a safe manner. We ask you not to park on these pedestrian lines as it puts everyone's safety at risk. Thank you.



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 under "Enrol Now" for your convenience.

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.** Also if you purchase a new mobile phone, don't forget to download the Skoolbag App as this is an important tool for communication purposes. Thank you.



Uniform School Bag

Dear Parents, please note as of **Term 1 2019** all students (except Year 6 2019 students) will be expected to be using the new school bag. The decision to have these bags as a standard part of our school uniform was made in 2015, voted in by the school Leadership Team as well as the Parent Group. If you are replacing your child's bag, please purchase the school bag. **The bag is available from the uniform shop or the school office. The cost is \$40.00** and cash only will be accepted. These bags are designed to evenly distribute weight and are made of extremely durable materials making them good value in the long run. Thank you.



Canteen News

Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal is available until Friday, 2nd November).

Meal Deal 1

Salad Wrap and Bottle of Water

Meal Deal 2

Chicken Burger and Juice Popper

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**. If leave is **10 days or more**, an interview with the Principal is also required, together with an Application for Extended Leave form. Leave forms can be obtained from the school administration office.

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.** Leave during school terms is strongly discouraged.



Mobile Phones

Parents, please note students are not allowed to have mobiles on their person or in the backpack during school hours. If you need to contact them, please ring the School Office. Students can leave their mobile phones with the office in the morning and collect them at dismissal time.

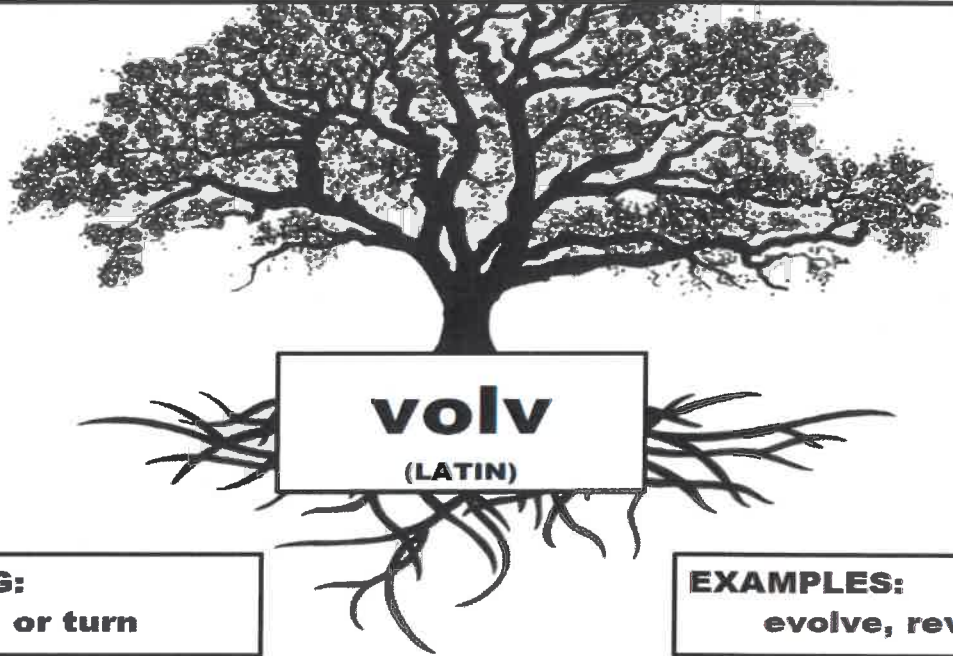


Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments—only a few places left

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2019 are 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:
roll or turn

EXAMPLES:
evolve, revolve

Numeracy Warmup

Make 21

Task:

Students are given 4 cards to make the number 21 using any of the 4 operations. If they can't make the number, they can put the cards back and take another 4 cards from the deck.

Purpose:

To develop mental strategies and to be able to create algorithms for a given number.

Resources:

Deck of playing cards

Possible Questions:

Can you make the number 21?

Can you explain what strategy you used to make your number?

Can you make 21 using a different operation?



Attendance at School

A major learning and pastoral focus of Good Shepherd each year is making sure that every student is at school every day possible. As you are probably aware, attendance at school has a huge impact on a student's academic success, starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day - they understand why attendance is so important for success in school and life.

We realise some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school — regardless of the reason — it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is absent. Absences can add up quickly and if a student is absent one day a fortnight over the course of a school year they will miss 20 days of education, which is almost half a school term.

Missing school will negatively impact on your child's learning and results.

We want your child to be successful at school and we know that you do too. If you are having a problem with your child attending school regularly, please let us know. There may be ways we can support you in making sure your child attends school on time every day. Thank you, Mrs Carr and Mrs Cooke



News from the Bishop's Office

Positions Vacant

- Communications Officer – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

- Parish Secretary (part-time, maternity leave role) – Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair

More details at: holyspiritstclair.com.au

- Media and Community Liaison Officer – Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations

More details at: www.catholicjobsonline.com.au

Holy Hour for Vocations: 1 November

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, 1 November at 7:00 pm. Join us also for pizza at 8:00pm, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula on vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

All Souls' Day Mass: 2 November

All Souls' Day Mass will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 2 November at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Celebrated by Bishop Vincent and with the Cathedral Choir the Mass will include hymns, motets and chants in honour of all the deceased. A special tribute to all those who have been buried from the Cathedral in 2018 will also be included. Mass times for 2 Nov: 6.30am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm. Mass will also be held at St Patrick's Cemetery at 6.00pm. For enquiries call 8839 8400 or email

secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au

The Permanent Diaconate: 4 November

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at St John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768. Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. The meetings will commence at 3.00pm until 6.00pm followed by the Parish Mass and Fellowship.

For further information visit www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or please contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270 782, Deacon George – 0408 440 769

Liturgy Conference 2018: 10 November

The Diocese of Parramatta Liturgy Conference will be held on 10 November. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Tickets are now on sale. For tickets and a full list of workshops go to parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018. Cost \$30 - includes lunch.

Our Lady of the Nativity Parish, Lawson: 11 November

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv will preside at our 90th Anniversary Mass at 8.30am on Sunday, 11 November followed by Morning Tea. There will be a Photographic, Memorabilia, History display.

Seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive: 11 November

Waiting for Gabriel is an information afternoon for couples hoping to conceive. You'll hear testimonies and learn about natural options which assist fertility. For more information contact Natural Fertility Services, Diocese of Parramatta catherine.bourme@parracatholic.org 0400 427 605. Sunday 11 November at the IFM 1.30pm-4.00pm.

Sacred Heart Westmead Shopping Trip: 11 November

Come shopping with us on a Full Day, Fundraising Shopping Trip on Sunday 11 November 2018. Raising funds for Sacred Heart Parish Westmead. Includes: coach travel, tea & bistro lunch, lucky door & raffle prizes. Tickets: Adults \$62, Seniors/Students \$52, Children (5 – 17 years) \$22. Tour departs: 7.00am Seven Hills Train Station & Sacred Heart Parish Westmead (14 Ralph Street). For Details, Individual or Group Bookings: 9635 9262; office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au. Bookings are essential & close: 28 October 2018

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26 – 31 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftoaliceaus.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griefftoaliceaus.org

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Family and friends are invited to attend:

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL'S CREATIVE ARTS EXPO!

THURSDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 2018

5-8:00PM

PARISH HALL

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

5-6pm

*Outdoor Art Exhibition, Buskers, Face Painting,
Karaoke, Dance Area, Sausage Sizzle, Ice Blocks
and Drinks for sale*

6-8pm

*On stage performances by our very talented
students
(Intermission to be held)*

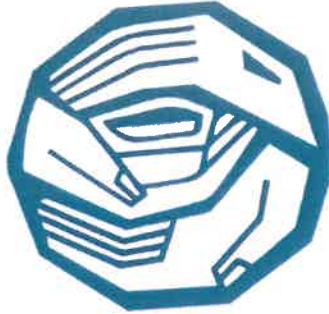
**ENTRY- GOLD COIN DONATION per adult
No ticketed seating**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE ON SALE FROM 5-6PM

There will be group and solo performances by the students of Good Shepherd School showcasing their skills in Choir, Dance, Band, Drama, Gymnastics and Art & Craft displays.

GOOD SHEPHERD PRIMARY SCHOOL

MINI-VINNIES



CHRISTMAS APPEAL

29th October 2018

Dear Parents of Good Shepherd,

As the season of Christmas is approaching we are once again calling on your generosity. The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to put together Christmas hampers for the needy in our area.

Our aim is to bring some joy into the lives of some families on Christmas Day. As we sit down to our Christmas lunches and open our presents, we should remember those families who will not have any such celebrations except for your generosity. Our school has supported this appeal in the past through the work of our Mini-Vinnies team of Year Six students. Once again we ask if you could donate one food item. To make sure we receive a mixture of items we have suggested some items for each grade. However, if you wish to donate an item not listed for your grade, please feel free to do so.

KINDER cordial, poppers, fruit juices, soft drinks, chips, lollies

YEAR ONE tinned vegetables (Peas, carrots, corn, potato etc)

YEAR TWO pasta, rice, noodles

YEAR THREE jam, vegemite, honey, cheese spread, (no Peanut Butter please)

YEAR FOUR tea/coffee, cereal, long life milk, sugar, milo, jelly mix

YEAR FIVE tinned fruit /baked beans/ spaghetti

YEAR SIX cakes/biscuits(plain/savoury/chocolate)

STAFF cereal or any of the above .

Items will be collected during Week 8 : 26th November.

Thank you for your support and generosity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz Doakes'.

(Presidents of Good Shepherd Mini- Vinnies)



Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolments for Year 7 2020

Catherine McAuley Westmead is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2020.
The closing date for Year 7 2020 applications 1st round offers is
Friday, 22nd March 2019.

Parents and their daughters have the opportunity to tour the school campus
at one of our upcoming school tours specifically for Year 7 2020 applicants,
but open to any year group.

**Monday 26th November and Thursday 6th December 2018
9.15 – 11am**

These mornings will provide parents and students with the opportunity to
tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school
grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers.
Enrolment packs will be available on the day. Please note that following these
tours there will be no other school tours held until our Open Afternoon.

Contact our School Reception on 9849 9100 to book a place on a school tour.

Save The Date – The Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Afternoon
will be held from 4.00pm – 7.00pm on Tuesday 12th March 2019.