



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Term 4

Week 6

Tuesday, 20th November, 2018



Creative Arts Expo Write up

What a wonderful Creative Arts Expo we had last Thursday evening! The rain prevented us from having all of our outdoor activities though it certainly didn't dampen the talent on display inside the hall!

Thank you to all of the families that were able to attend and support this fantastic event. Also a very special thank you to all of the performers and those that submitted art works for the art display. I must make a special mention of the Movie Team for filming the evening. We look forward to seeing the sights and sounds that you were able to capture on the night. Thank you again to all of the staff who organised the event and helped behind the scenes. Without your help such an event would not be possible. Mrs Carr & Mrs Cooke

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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

Tuesday, 27th November:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd School)
Wednesday, 28th November:	Summer Disco
Thursday, 29th November:	Year 4 visit St Agnes Catholic High School Rooty Hill
Friday, 30th November:	Showcase of Talent (Good Shepherd School)
Monday, 3rd December:	Infants End of Term Awards (8.30 am Good Shepherd School)
Thursday, 6th December:	Year 3 & Year 1 Assembly (2.10 pm Good Shepherd School)
Friday, 7th December:	Year 2 & Kindy Assembly (2.10 pm Good Shepherd School)
Monday, 10th December:	Primary End of Term Awards (8.30 am Good Shepherd School)

Showcase of Talent

Our annual Showcase of Talent is happening again this year on **Friday 30th November** during school time. 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 shortly. I can't wait to see what you can do! If you have any questions, please see me. Thank you Mrs Cooke



Assemblies

Dear Parents, please note that there will be a Year 3 assembly and a Year 1 assembly on Thursday, 6th December commencing at 2.10 pm in their respective classrooms at Good Shepherd School. All very welcome.

Also, on Friday, 7th December, Kindy & Year 2 will be holding their assemblies commencing at 2.10 pm in their respective classrooms. All very welcome.

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	Not Published	KG	Not Published
KR	Shaliyah Johan	KW	Maci Brayshaw
1B	Siena Rhayem	1G	Sienna Tuaimau
1R	Mikaella DeGuzman	1W	Alexandr Gonzalez
2B	Jeremiah Tanielu	2G	Isaac Langi
2R	Cassandra Pascual	2W	Zaijan Caygill
3B	Chris Baluyot	3G	Jenna Felizardo
3R	Cameron Rintoul	3W	Joseph Nucum
4B	Onel Markahe	4G	Bailey Florido
4R	Not Published	4W	Angel Gopal
5B	Not Published	5G	Gilsan Gilbert Sagayathan
5R	Rosemary Shamoka	5W	Elizach Singh
6B	Marliese Toa	6G	Calvin Mercado-Jost
6R	Not Published	6W	Maxine Agpoon

School Banking

Dear Parents, please note the last day for School Banking for the year is **Tuesday, 4th December.**



Hall Carpark closed

Dear Parents, please note from Tuesday 27th November through to Friday 30th November the Hall Carpark will be out of action due to construction work. Please park in the Parish Carpark or in the carpark across the road from the school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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

**Building Child Safe Communities -
Forms for all Volunteers and Contractors**

Dear Parents & Carers, just a reminder that all Volunteers and Contractors to our school need to have completed an online form (please see attached forms). Tutors and coaches providing private services to children will also need to apply for a Working with Children Check. The tutor or coach should provide their name, date of birth and WWCC number of parent/carers for online verification. If you have any queries, please contact the School Office on Ph. 9836 7100.

**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.**

Congratulations

A special congratulations to Charlie Armitage of 2G. He has won Cadet of the Year at Stone Cutters Golf Course and has been invited to be a guard at the Australian Open Golf Tournament. Well done Charlie!



**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.



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.

Library News

Dear Parents, please note the last week for borrowing will be next week (Week 7). All students will need to **return any books they have no later than Friday of Week 9 (14th December)**. Also Bookclub Issue 8 will close on Week 7 (Friday 30th November).

Back to School 2019



Parents, if you intend travelling overseas or interstate during the **Christmas holidays** and your child/children will be **returning to school after school resumes**, would you please notify the office in writing that this will be happening and note the date your child will be returning for the 2019 school year. (NB, please remember you require an interview with the Principal for leave of 10 school days or more **prior to taking leave**. You will need to complete an Application for Extended Leave form which can be picked up from the school office). **This must be completed, travel documentation attached to it, and returned to the school office prior to going on leave**. An interview will then be arranged with the Principal in order for leave to be approved.

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
Commences: 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.**

School Shoes & Joggers

At this time of the year we often find that children need their school shoes & joggers replaced. Please remember if you are buying new school shoes, they are to be **black**. **If you need to replace joggers, they should be predominantly white. No fluoro or bright colours.** For information on uniform and hairstyle requirements, please see website.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Joshua Odemwengie, Poppy Stojanovski, Annabelle Stojanovski, Andrea Tecson, Prince Chakraborty, Cziana Sulapat, Christoffe Ablaza, Alison Wedgwood-Kemp, Chelsea Baxter, Bailey Florido, Ankit Maharaj and Raphael Dominguez.

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.

Parent Group News School Summer Disco

The School Summer Disco will be held Wednesday, 28th November in the Parish Hall. Sausage Sizzle, Drinks and chips will be available for purchase on the night. Glow jewellery will be also available for purchase at \$4.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Parents, please note the following times for your children to participate at the Disco:

Infants (Kinder—Year 2): 4.30 pm—5.30 pm
Primary (Year 3—Year 6): 5.45 pm—7.00 pm

We require Parent Helpers for the disco, so if you are able to assist and have completed an online Building Child Safe Communities Volunteers application Webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au> then click on "Child Protection Training Forms (halfway down page on the right hand side). Also, would you please leave your name at the office.



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, 23rd November).

Meal Deal 1

Salad Box with Chicken & Bottle Water

Meal Deal 2

Toasted Ham & Cheese Wrap & Bottle Juice

To view the full menu of Classroom Catering, please visit website: www.classroomcatering.com.au



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:

Email, phone call 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.

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.

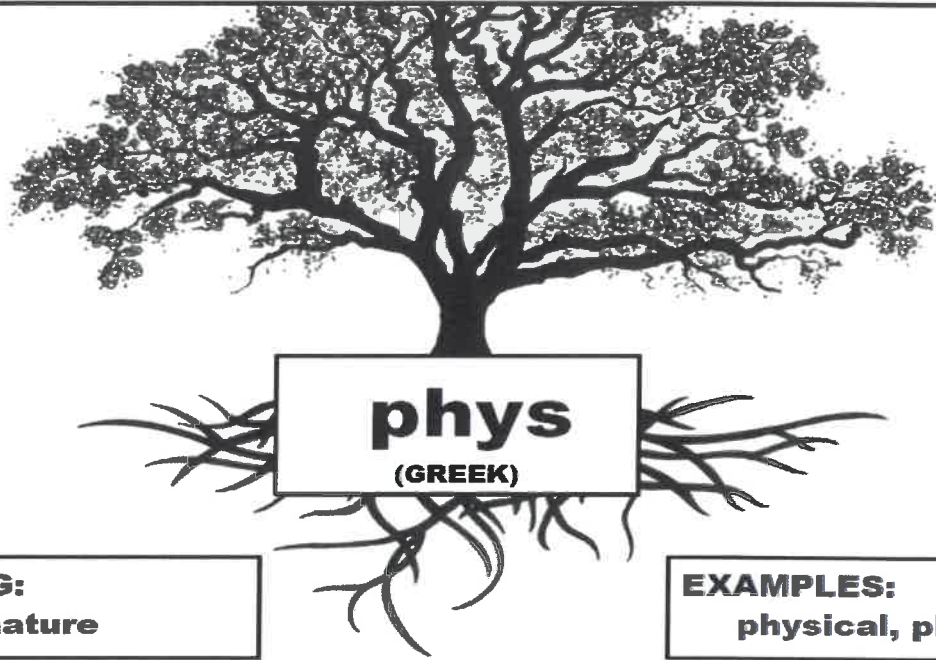
Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments—only a limited number of places left.....

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:
nature

EXAMPLES:
physical, physics

Numeracy Warmup

Greedy Pig

Students stand. Teacher nominates the number 1 as the "Bust" number. Teacher rolls a die (I often use two dice with stage 3 kids and have two "Bust" numbers). Students add the number rolled to their total. Students sit when they are contented with their total. If the "Bust" number is rolled, all students still standing Bust and their total for the round is zero. Play three rounds. The student with the largest total after three rounds is deemed the winner.

Purpose:

Fun way to have students learn addition of single digit numbers, then when adding totals of each round they are adding two digit numbers. It also requires knowledge of Chance and Probability.

Resources:

Dice, student workbooks.

Vocabulary/Questions:

Which addition strategies can you use?

What is your total so far? (For this round/overall)

What is the likelihood the die will now roll a 1?

Are you being a greedy pig?

When should you sit?

(After 2nd round) Who can beat (x)?

What is the minimum you need to win?

(When adding two digit numbers) Can you use a split strategy to add the numbers?

Can you use a doubling strategy?

Can you use a compensation strategy? (Friends of 10 and add on)



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every learner every day

ABSENCES ADD UP!



DID YOU KNOW



1 IN 6

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO



GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP



If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

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19th September, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good Shepherd Primary School recognises that email is a fast and convenient way to communicate with your child's teacher.

As you could appreciate, teachers read their emails at various times throughout the school day. Further, other than in the case of a genuine emergency, they are generally not expected to respond to emails from parents and students outside of normal working hours. Please keep in mind that if you send an email to a member of our staff outside of normal working hours, a reply may not be received until the following working day.

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please continue to direct your email to goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au which will then be triaged, as per usual practice.

We appreciate your assistance and understanding.

Kind regards,

Patricia Carr
Principal



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Dear Families of Good Shepherd School,

2018

BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care.

We realise that many of our dedicated volunteers have already completed a Working with Children Check. Thank you for the providing this information to our school, however, this new requirement is in addition to the current WWCC/APP number that you have provided.

If you are **new** to volunteering to the school, or you have **already completed** your clearance, please follow the procedures below to complete the online forms.

It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

- **Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Volunteer Form](#)' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering. Thank you for assisting us in keeping our children and community safe.

Mrs Patricia Carr

Principal

GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

Mobile Blood Service visiting: Plumpton Marketplace

Cnr Hyatts & Jersey Road, Plumpton

Thursday 13 December	12.00pm – 6.00pm
Friday 14 December	8.30am – 2.30pm
Saturday 15 December	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



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