



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

**3rd Sunday of
Advent**



Term 4

Week 9

Tuesday, 11th December, 2018

Year 4 visit St Agnes

"Last Wednesday we went to St Agnes to watch the Nativity scene. I enjoyed the nativity scene because they have real donkeys and sheep. The costumes looked like what they would wear when Jesus was born. The actors acted like they were really serious! The Nativity scene was wonderful." Chadd

"Last Wednesday Year 4 went to St Agnes to watch a Nativity scene on how Jesus was born. My favourite part was the real life animals because it's the first time I've ever seen them!" Mariem

"Last Wednesday Year 4 went to St Agnes to watch a Nativity scene. I enjoyed seeing all the real life animals, and I liked how the actors were dressed up and really into character. I wish I could see it again!" Bianca

"Last Wednesday Year 4 went to St Agnes to watch the Nativity scene. I enjoyed how the actors acted the words that were said! I liked the animals the most because they were real life!" Sienna

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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

Wednesday, 12th December:	Fundraising Christmas Mufti Day—gold coin donation is required
Wednesday, 12th December:	Christmas Liturgy (11.00 am—12.30 pm Good Shepherd School)
Thursday, 13th December:	Year 1 Polar Express Day
Thursday, 13th December:	Kinder Christmas Day
Friday, 14th December:	Primary Swimming Carnival
Friday, 14th December:	Kinder Assembly (2.10 pm Good Shepherd School)
Monday, 17th December:	Year 6 Graduation Mass (6.00 pm Good Shepherd Church)
Tuesday, 18th December:	End of Year Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church followed by Parent Helper Morning Tea.
Tuesday, 18th December:	Year 6 Fun Day
Wednesday, 19th December:	Last day of Term 4 for students



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	Natasha Modi	KG	Talia Toleafoa
KR	Kritish Chand	KW	Nadriel Mathiew Gonzales
1B	Czarina Caalim	1G	Florian Barbor
1R	Isabella Adams	1W	Maddison Domingo
2B	All of 2B	2G	Ruby Cornish
2R	All of 2R	2W	Abinazer Dabi
3B	Ella Rhayem	3G	Suzanne Wilkes
3R	Kristina Labeeb	3W	Angeliah Elters
4B	All of 4B	4G	Jordan Villaruel
4R	Tristan Duncan	4W	Reuben-Marcel Frias
5B	Adriana Cayetano	5G	Megan Ferriera
5R	Ella Romero	5W	Not Published
6B	Ruta Leota	6G	Laraine Chicote
6R	Shay-Lee Paris	6W	Abigail Lumbre

Parent Data Validation Survey

Having accurate, up-to-date information on our students is an important part of maintaining their safety and wellbeing, and supporting their learning. It also assists schools to make good decisions about how best to support and care for all students. To ensure that the data we currently hold is current and accurate, CEDP is conducting a data validation survey.

What does this involve?

It is pretty straight forward. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) will send you an email, SMS and/or letter with a link to the survey. Please note that in some cases you may need to confirm visa details, arrival and school starting dates in Australia, so please have this information with you before starting the survey.

The survey will ask you to confirm or change the information the school currently has about your child/children. This could include names, addresses, email addresses etc. In the majority of cases, the information will not have changed. If it has, it is important you record this in the survey. Letters sent to parents will include instructions on how to access the survey online. Completing this survey helps to ensure that we have the right information about your child in the case of an emergency and for programs that best suit your child's needs. Reminder emails and SMS will also be sent.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this project, please contact your school. You can also contact the CEDP Helpdesk at enterpriseservicedesk@parra.catholic.edu.au or phone 9840 5620.

Thank you for your support of this important project.
Patricia Carr, Principal

2019 Parramatta Diocesan Team Representatives

2019 Parramatta Diocesan Team Representative nominations are now OPEN for the sports of:

AFL, Cricket, Football (Soccer), Hockey, Netball, Rugby League (11's & Opens), Rugby Union, Softball, Touch Football

Registration must be completed by Thursday 7th February 2019. Please ensure that all sections are filled out appropriately including 'Rep experience' where applicable.

These trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2019 be invited to attend.

Students must attend the selection trials to be eligible for selection.

Selections will be made based on performance at the trial. Selectors will be appointed based on their experience and background in a particular sport.

Please note that this online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST** be approved by your child's school principal. This will occur after the closing date whereby schools will be emailed their school nominations. Notification to the students will be via the school sports coordinator after the closing date.

The final selection of students to attend the respective sport Diocesan team sport trials is based on the Representative Experience and/or Playing History of the student by the school principal and sports coordinator.

Parents are responsible for organising their child's transport to and from their respective sport trial and their child's supervision at the trial.

If nominating for more than one sport, a new form must be completed for each sport.

Congratulations to Miss Moylan

Miss Moylan competed in the Australian Mixed Team Otago Competition over the weekend and her team won! Congratulations Miss Moylan - an Australian Champion!



Reconciliation and Christmas Mass Times

Reconciliation: 13th December at 7.30 pm

Christmas Mass times:

24th December: 6.00 pm Children's Mass
8.00 pm Youth Mass
Midnight Mass (commencing at 11.30 pm with Carols)
25th December: 7.00 am & 9.00 am
12.00 Noon (Vietnamese)

Please note there will be **NO** 6.00 pm Christmas Day Mass.



Hall Carpark closed

Dear Parents, please note from today through to end of this school term, 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

"Cover your nose when you sneeze and then wash your hands"

Uploading of Photos onto YouTube and Social Media

Parents, please note there is to be no uploading of pictures of students that are not your own child, onto YouTube and Social Media eg Facebook, Instagram etc. from events at school without prior permission from the School Principal. Such events include school functions, excursions, liturgies etc.



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

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 these days due to staff training.**

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Library News

Dear Parents, please note the last week for borrowing is this week. All students will need to **return any books they have no later than Friday of Week 9 (14th December)**.



IMPORTANT

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.



COSHC Notice

Dear Parents & Carers, please note there will be no child care available on the last two days of Term 4 which are the Staff Development Days (Pupil Free days) **Thursday, 20th December and Friday, 21st December**. Students finish Term 4 on Wednesday, 19th December, 2018.

Fundraising Christmas Mufti Day— Wednesday, 12th December, 2018

On Wednesday, 12th December we will be having a fundraising Christmas themed mufti day to support Father Luan's mission in East Timor. Students are to wear Christmas attire eg, tshirt, hat, tinsel etc. A gold coin donation is required.
Thank you.



End of School Year Mass

Our End of School Year Mass will take place on Tuesday, **18th December, 2018** at the Good Shepherd Church commencing at 9.00 am. All very welcome! Following Mass, we will be hosting a Parent Helper Morning Tea, in the School Staff Room.



Banning of Pokemon and other cards

Dear parents, from today onwards the trading of Pokemon and other types of cards, is banned from school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Canteen News

Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal is available until Friday, 14th December).

Meal Deal 1

Egg & Lettuce Sandwich, Pop top Juice

Meal Deal 2

Butter Chicken & Rice, Pop Top Juice

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



Birthdays



Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week:
Jamie Attard, Jarred Hide, Tevita Langi, Breanna Borg, Tuatangiketatau Sailosi,

Jeyanthas Albert Jeyathanasan, Fransisca Purwadi, Fehikitaki Haufano, Sinit Teame, Anjlika Gopal, Miguel Diamse, Petaia Leota, Jordan Lumbré, Liam Pelzmann and Emmanuel Baduri.

Afternoon School Gate Access Time and Dismissal Time

In order that afternoon classroom procedures can run smoothly and as a matter of child protection, the school gates will not open until the afternoon dismissal bell is rung at 2.50 pm. This is a practice that is now common to most primary schools, and we feel that it is something that we need to implement. **All children must be picked up no later than 3.15 pm.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Message from School Office

Dear Parents, please note the last day for all payments will be **Wednesday, 19th December.**
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.

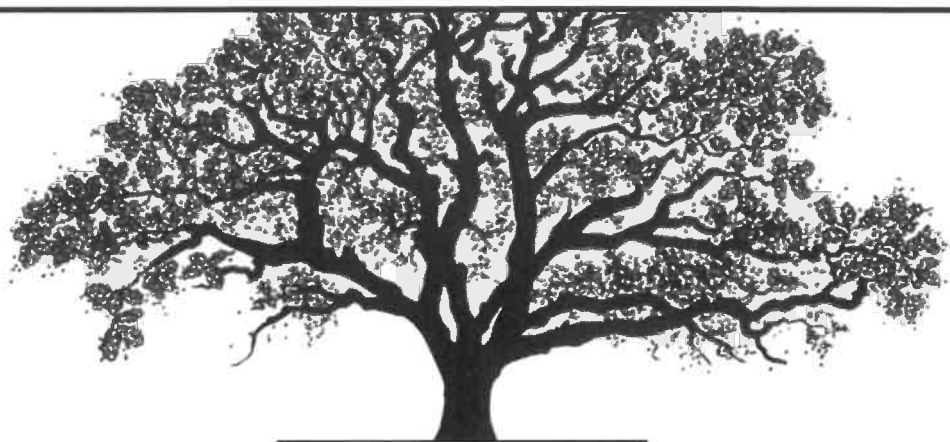


Lost Property Items

Dear Parents, there are a huge amount of clothing and other items that have ended up in Lost Property. **If they are not claimed by this coming Friday, 14th December, they will be donated to the Uniform Shop.**



ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



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(LATIN)

MEANING:

around, both

EXAMPLES:

ambulance, ambiguous

News from the Bishop's Office

Christmas 2018 Mass Times

Christmas Mass and Reconciliation times across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains can be found by visiting: www.parracatholic.org

Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Homeless Young Mothers in our Diocese

CatholicCare's Houses to Homes service, supported by Parramatta Catholic Foundation, gives hope, help, compassion, care and shelter to homeless young mums who have nowhere and nobody else to turn to. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will support the shelter, independent living and parenting skills programs that homeless mums desperately need. Please give generously via the appeal envelopes on the pews or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal - thank you.

The Epiphany Pilgrimage: the journey of the Magi

The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and an outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland and join parishioners in daily Mass, Adoration, prayer, catechesis and fellowship. To register for all or part of the pilgrimage, visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org.

For updates and to follow the journey see www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage

Family Christmas celebration in Marsden Park: 14 December

All Welcome! Join our Catholic Faith community, in conjunction with St Luke's Catholic College, on Friday 14 December 6.00pm - 8.00pm for Christmas Carols and a Nativity play. There will be LIVE animals, BBQ food and drinks available for purchase, and a possible visit from Santa (if he's not too busy!) Entry via Frontier Avenue carpark. For further details email: marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

Christmas at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook: 16 December

Music and Readings for Christmas, a major outreach celebration at St Finbar's Catholic Church, Glenbrook, will take place on Sunday 16th December. This includes St Finbar's organ played by Amy Johansen with opening and closing prayers by Father Jolly. Service commences at 7.30pm. 46 Levy Street, Glenbrook. There will be a request for donations (\$15/\$35 Families). For more information please call 02 4758 6067.

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

Australian Brandenburg Orchestra Concert. Tickets via www.brandenburg.com.au - more details at: stpatscathedral.com.au

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 23 December

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 12.30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

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2019

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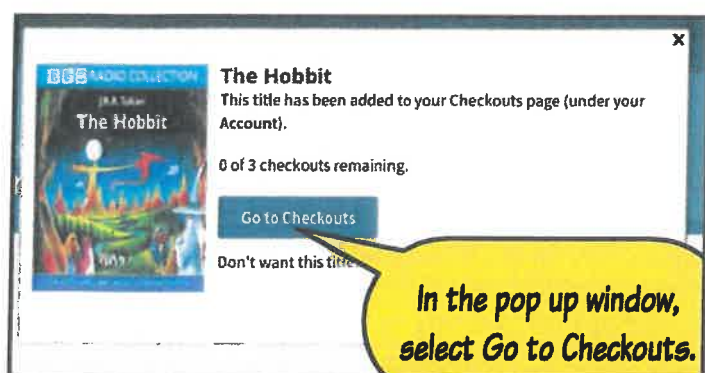
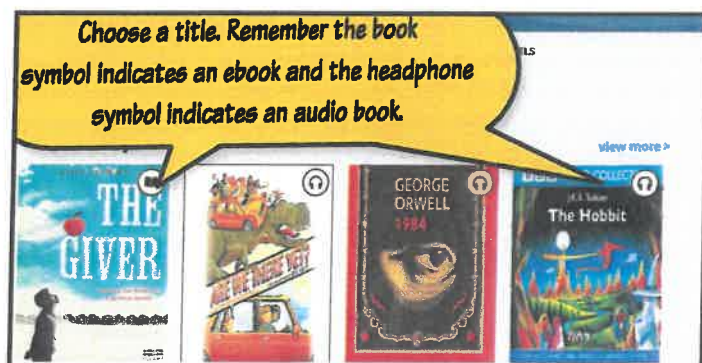
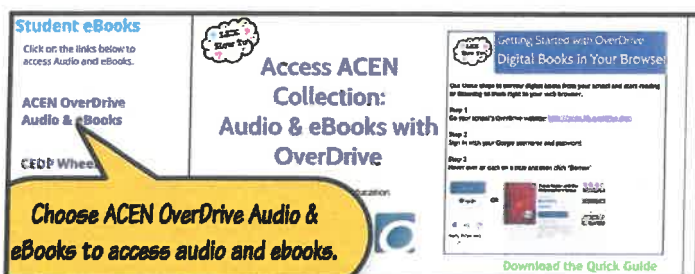
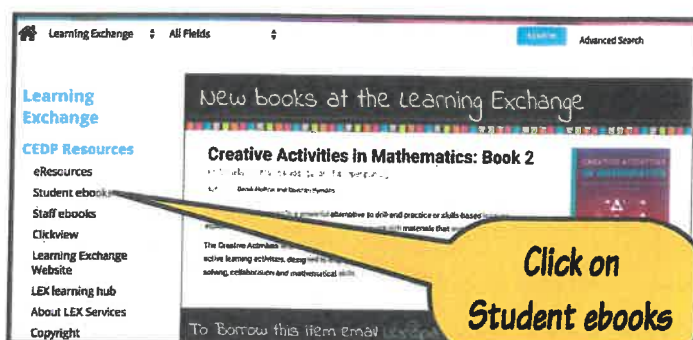
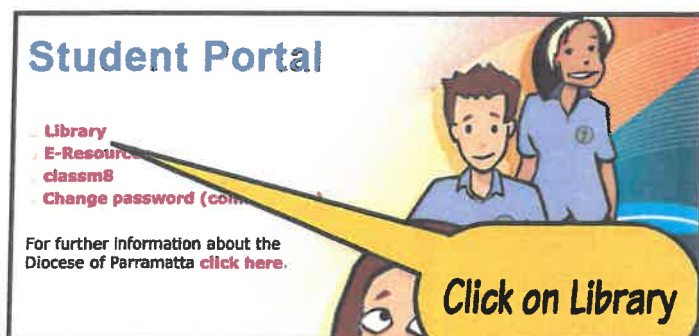
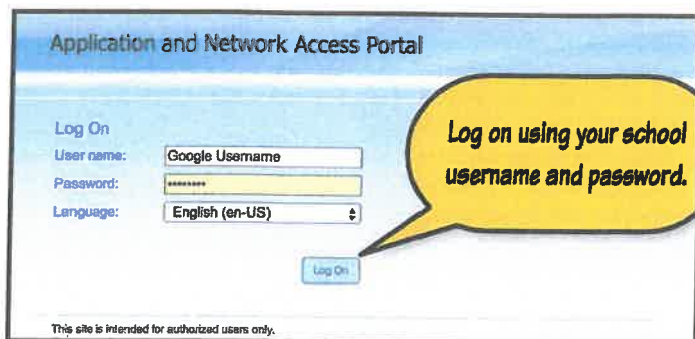


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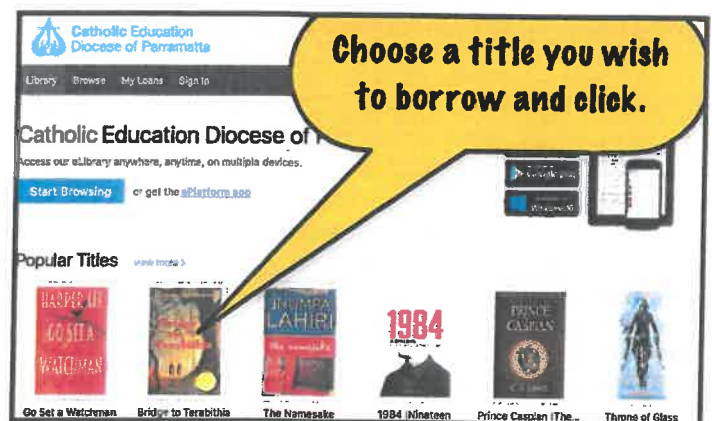
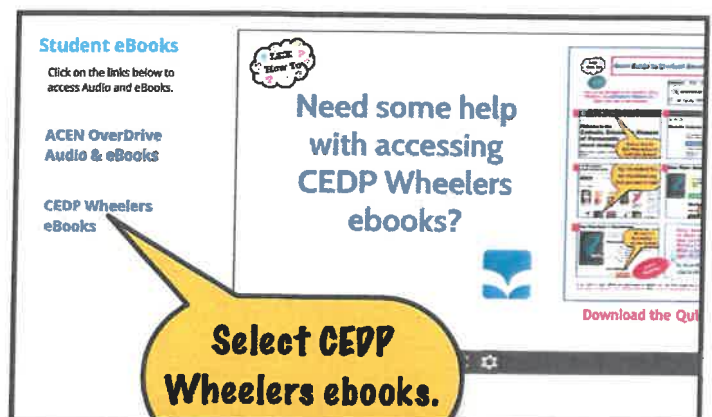
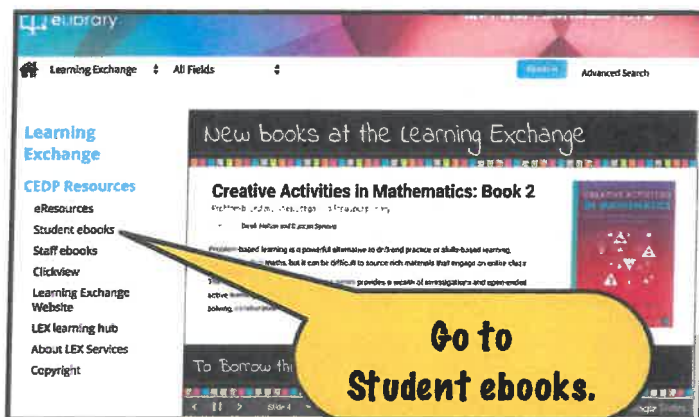
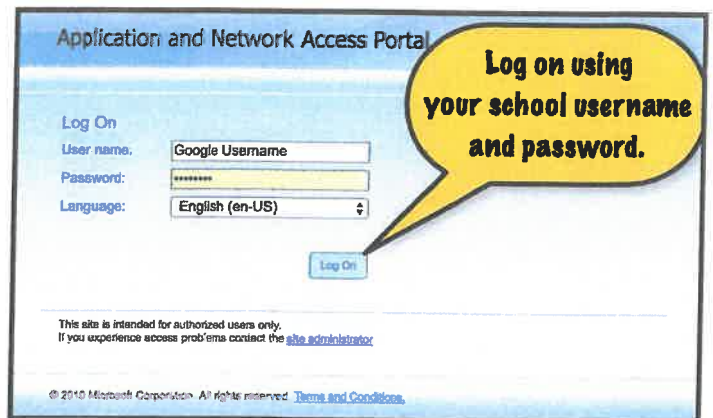
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