



# Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Week 2  
Term 1 2019



Term 1

Week 2

Tuesday, 5th February, 2019

Congratulations to our new School Captains, Vice Captains and Sports Captains who were presented with their badges at our Opening School Mass this morning.

## School Captains

Emmanuel Baduria & Christina Kilberd

## Vice Captains

Axzel Yuque & Megan Ferreira

## Sports Captains

### Bradman

#### Captains

Isabella Limjap & Jude Aloisio

#### Vice Captains

Aliyah Torres & Liam Bell

### Fraser

#### Captains

Christina Ketu & Gilsan Gilbert Sagayathanan

#### Vice Captains

Leatuku Setefano & Tevita Tonga

### McKay

#### Captains

Gennina Espino & Saurav Prasad

#### Vice Captains

Isabella Cobban & Aryan Sharma

### Newcombe

#### Captains

Isabella Lira-Loloa & Oliver Allen

#### Vice Captains

Renaise Alpuerto & Roman Tuaimau

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## 2019 Commencement Dates

Term 1 concludes:  
Friday, 12th April

Term 2 commences:  
Monday, 29th April



**Our new Kindergarten students have settled very well into school at Good Shepherd!!**







## 2019 Dates

### Term 1 Concludes:

Concludes: Friday, 12th April

### Term 2

Commences: Monday, 29th April (Week 1)

Concludes: Friday, 5th July

### Term 3

Commences: Monday, 22nd July (Week 1)

Concludes: Thursday, 26th September

### Term 4

Commences: Monday, 14th October (Week 1)

Concludes: Wednesday, 18th December

## 2019 Staff Development Days

(Pupil Free Days)

Term 1: Monday, 18th February

Term 2: Monday, 6th May

Term 3: Friday 27th September

Term 4: Thursday, 19th December and Friday 20th December

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Social Skill of the Week

*"Look at the person, smile and say hello"*

School Commencement time: 8.30 am

School Dismissal time: 2.50 pm

Please note for this week only Kinder students will be dismissed at 2.30 pm.



## Carpark Safety

Dear Parents, just a friendly reminder to be vigilant when driving, parking and walking your children through the school gates. There are a lot of students and families around at both commencement and dismissal times and care needs to be taken for everyone's safety. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## Summer Uniform

By now all students should be wearing their Summer School/Sports Uniform. **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.

## Subscribing to our Weekly School Newsletter & Free Skoolbag App

Dear Parents, just a reminder that if you are not already subscribing to our Weekly Parent School Newsletter, we would encourage you to do so as this will keep you updated as to events happening at our School and other important information. **Please inform the school office if your email address has changed.** The process of subscribing is very simple and easy to do so. (The newsletter can also be viewed on our School Website and via the Skoolbag App.) To subscribe to our Online Newsletter, go to our School Website—[www.gsplumpton.catholic.edu.au](http://www.gsplumpton.catholic.edu.au)—and on the front page, left hand side you will see a heading titled "Newsletter Signup". Click on this and enter your details. You can also obtain an electronic copy of the Newsletter via the Skoolbag App. This is a **FREE** download.

**To Install the Skoolbag App** on your iPhone this is what you do: Simply search for Good Shepherd School Plumpton in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac and install. After the App is installed on your phone, make sure that you select "OK" to allow Alert notifications. Also click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive Alerts for.

For those that have Android phones, simply search our school "Good Shepherd School Plumpton" and install. After the app is installed click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive Alerts for. If you do not have access to a computer or a mobile phone, we can organise for you to receive a paper copy.

## 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





## 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	All of KB	KG	All of KG
KR	All of KR	KW	All of KW
1B	All of 1B	1G	All of 1G
1R	All of 1R	1W	All of 1W
2B	Jerome Aloisio-Malatai	2G	Denis LuzardoGotts
2R	Sophia Romero	2W	Carter Horne
3B	Dorria Alhamwi	3G	Andrail Adriano
3R	Rovin Ayala	3W	Bhavya Chand
4B	Kylie Pham	4G	Nino Santos
4R	Ella Rhayem	4W	Alexander Newell
5B	Gerard Aloisio	5G	Jordan Lumbre
5R	Tristan Duncan	5W	Not Published
6B	Jessica Odemwengie	6G	Isabella Lira-Loloa
6R	Celina Baker		



### 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.

### Children Absent from School

In the event of your child being absent from school due to illness, **it is necessary that a note of explanation be forwarded to the class teacher on the day of your child's return to school.** In the case of absences of more than

one day a telephone call to the office indicating your child's expected date of return is required. Prolonged absences from school due to illness should be supported by a medical certificate.

PLEASE  
NOTE

### Label Uniforms

Please label your child's uniform **especially their hats, drink bottles, school bags, jumpers** as many items are ending up in lost property! Names can be written on with a laundry pen, embroidered, or you can use iron-on labels. All unlabelled uniforms are washed and re-sold in the uniform shop. By failing to label your child's uniform, you are spending money unnecessarily when you need to replace these items.



### Anaphylaxis Asthma Diabetic

Parents, students who are known to be Anaphylactic, Asthmatic or Diabetic wear identification bracelets during school hours at Good Shepherd School.

The identification bracelets assist awareness for all staff and provide a quicker response should any of these students show signs of these illnesses while they are in our care.

**The identification bracelets are to remain at school after school hours.** We would appreciate parents encouraging their child to put it on in class each morning and remove it at the end of each school day.



The **ALERT! ASTHMATIC** bracelet is pale blue, the **ALERT! DIABETIC** is dark blue and the **Anaphylaxis ALERT!** is red. If your child suffers from Anaphylaxis, is Asthmatic or Diabetic **or has any other medical problem** and the school has not been informed or you know your child hasn't been given the appropriate bracelet, we would appreciate correspondence from you so that he/she can be given the bracelet and his/her individual Medical Action Plan can be put in place. Thank you for your assistance.

### Medication

If your child is taking regular medication including Asthma or is Anaphylactic or allergic, please note at the beginning of each year **we require updated information and Action/management plans for these medical issues.** As part of keeping our children safe, it is vital that we maintain the most current information. Please take the time to update this information as soon as possible.

## News from the Catholic Education Office

### **\$100 Creative Kids Vouchers Go Live**

As parents begin planning for the year ahead, they can now access Creative Kids vouchers, providing them with \$100 for every school-age child to help cover the cost of enrolment for creative and cultural learning activities. Parents can use one voucher for every school-age child per year to help meet the cost of structured creative and cultural activities, such as music lessons, languages, coding, drama and theatre, photography and graphic design. Minister for Finance, Services and Property Victor Dominello said the NSW Government's Creative Kids program builds on the success of the Active Kids program, which is back this year, helping to reduce the cost of registration for sport and organised physical activity. Please visit website: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

### **Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge—see attached flyer**

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of four iPad minis. Enter online at The Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge.

## News from the Bishop's Office

### **St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains: 10 February**

We will be celebrating a special Mass on Sunday 10 February in Spanish. The Mass will take place at St Canice's Church, Katoomba at 12.00 pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

### **Catholic Charismatic Renewal: 15-17 February**

Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Parramatta is holding a "Restoring Reverence" event. From Friday 15 – Sunday 17 February at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills. Further information can be obtained on 0404 093 118 or 0425 607 227. Entry by donation, Children's Ministry available, coffee and tea provided, BYO lunch.

### **Bereavement Support Program: 21 February - 16 May**

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is commencing a Bereavement Support Program for men or women whose spouse or partner have died. The program will be run at Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair (5 Todd Row, St Clair) on Thursdays fortnightly from 10am to 12 midday in the Pioneers Room of the Parish, commencing 21 February to 16 May. To secure a place on this program please ring the Parish on 02 9670 8222 or email to [stclair@parracatholic.org](mailto:stclair@parracatholic.org)

### **Ordination to the Diaconate: 22 February**

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Roque Dias, John Cinya, Thong Nguyen and Roderick Pirota on Friday 22 February at 7.00pm. The ordination will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshments to follow.

### **National Church Architecture Symposium: 6-8 February**

The National Liturgical Architecture and Art Council and Australian Catholic University Centre for Liturgy are hosting a symposium on Catholic liturgical cultural heritage. It will provide you with an opportunity to consider the history, heritage value, liturgical suitability and merit of Australian Church architecture and art. Keynote addresses will be presented by British architecture historian, author and heritage expert, Sophie Andreae and leading American liturgical design consultant Richard S. Vosko. Details at [acu.edu.au](http://acu.edu.au)

### **Holy Hour for Vocations: 7 February**

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite youth (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations. Thursday 7 February from 7:00pm. Join us also for a meal at 8:00pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP to Sr Paula via [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com) or 0449 656 406.

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