



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

**Sixth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**



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2019 Commencement Dates

**Term 1 concludes:
Friday, 12th April**

**Term 2 commences:
Monday, 29th April**

Term 1

Week 4

Tuesday, 19th February, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I realise that this is a busy time of the year and you have many demands on your time but we would like you to "save the date" for our Open Day. The Open Day will be on **Sunday 3rd March**. For the past five years we have held this Open Day as a way of showcasing our school for prospective parents and also for current students and their families.

Sunday, 3rd March is the start of Catholic schools week and our Open Day has been very popular with families who can't get to school during the week for a variety of reasons. The children love showing parents their work and seeing other classes.

Once again we will be celebrating with a free sausage sizzle and you are welcome to come for as long as you like or for just a quick visit.

The school will be open from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm and our school leaders will be the tour guides on the day.

So please come along and visit the classrooms and invite neighbours, friends and family. If you know of any families who have children starting school next year, please let them know about our Open Day on 3rd March. If you have a child starting school in 2020 you will be able to collect an enrolment form. We have already started interviews for Kindy 2020, so don't leave it too late!

Everyone is most welcome and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

Patricia Carr

Tricia Carr
Principal

Open Day at our School

Sunday 3rd March

10.00 am—1.00 pm



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 20th February:	Years 4G & 4W Excursion to Muru Mittagarr
Thursday, 21st February:	Years 4B & 4R Excursion to Muru Mittagarr
Friday, 22nd February:	5c Fundraiser (please bring in your 5 cents)
Tuesday, 26th February:	School Photo Day
Sunday, 3rd March:	Good Shepherd Primary School Open Day (10.00 am—1.00 pm)
Sunday, 3rd March:	Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday, 5th March:	Shrove Tuesday
Tuesday, 5th March:	Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church. Year 5 attending)
Wednesday, 6th March:	Ash Wednesday (Mass at 9.00 am Good Shepherd Church. Years 4, 5, and 6 attending)
	Ashes (11.00 am for Kinder, Years 1, 2 & 3)
Friday, 8th March:	Liturgy for Catholic Schools Week (10.00 am Good Shepherd Church. Following the Liturgy there will be a Morning Tea at School, followed by Open Classrooms)

Children Absent from School

In the event of your child being absent from school due to illness, please inform the school office by phone or email. It is necessary that a written note of explanation be forwarded to the class teacher on the day of your child's return to school. Prolonged absences from school due to illness should be supported by a medical certificate.

Changes to Sport & Creative Arts days for this week only

Dear Parents, please be advised of the following changes to Sport & Creative Arts days for the following year groups, for this week only:

Wednesday: Kinder will have Sport & Creative Arts
Thursday: Year 2 will have Sport & Creative Arts
Friday: Year 5 will have Sport & Creative Arts
All students in those relevant years are to wear their Sports Uniform please.



Car Park Safety

Dear Parents,
 Please note our Parish Priest is becoming very frustrated with the lack of consideration of the parking situation in the Parish car park. Please be aware of the following:

- Do not double park.
- Do not park in the covered Portico directly outside entrance to Church.
- Do not park on pedestrian crossings and walkways into the school.
- Only park in designated areas.
- There are numerous car spaces available at the back of the Church.

We are very blessed with plenty of parking but unfortunately people are still not being considerate of others. It would be a shame if the Parish car park had to be closed due to lack of consideration of others. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Tricia Carr, Principal

Just a reminder ...

The **ONLY DROP OFF AREA** in the mornings is the drop off bay at the front of the school. No other students are to be dropped off in the Parish car park OR the Hall car park. If you are entering the Parish car park or the Hall car park, **YOU MUST PARK YOUR CAR AND WALK YOUR CHILD INTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

As always, hold your child's hand when walking through car parks. As always, display courtesy towards other drivers – it makes the trip to and from school more pleasant.

Why not park in the Shopping Centre car park and take advantage of our crossing guard? She is there to help us all and keep us safe.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. After all, it is you and your child we are protecting.

School Photos

Dear Parents, School photographs are scheduled for next **Tuesday, 26th February** and will be taken by Advancedlife Photography. Students are to wear their **normal School Uniform** (not Sports Uniform). Online ordering is preferable as this will reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day. Should you have any queries concerning school photos please email advancedlife—email is enquiries@advancedlife.com.au. The 9 Digit Online Order Code for Good Shepherd is **BP8 5JQ VNW**.



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.

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.

Visa Updates

If there has been any change to your Visa Status, could you please send in a copy to the school office. It is important that we have the most up-to-date information for our school records.

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

"Wash your hands after using the bathroom"

School Commencement time: 8.30 am

School Dismissal time: 2.50 pm



Small change for a big result!

Is your coin purse rattling!! Can you find some 5 cent pieces in there? What can you buy with 5 cents—not a lot, however you can be part of a big change for Fr Luan in East Timor. Each Friday we are gathering 5 cent coins—they will be going towards a new generator to help the students and community where Fr Luan is located. Please consider saving those rattling 5 cent pieces, your little change can make a HUGE difference. If you would like to be part of the small change revolution, **please send those 5 cent coins every Friday.** Thank you for being part of the Small Change—Big Result coin donation.

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.

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 Deia Paz

Year 4: Mrs Beulah Frankson

Year 5: Mr Ian Byrne

Year 6: Ms Elizabeth Le Breton

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.

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 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.



Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2020 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 2020.

Collecting your child

To ensure the safety of all students, students are not to be collected from the Bus Bay area. Parents who wish to pick up their child/children need to collect them from the COLA and then accompany them out of school. Students who do not have a Walker's Pass are not permitted to walk out of the school gates unless an adult or carer accompanies them. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

No Nut Policy

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! Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.



School Fees 2019

Dear Parents, accounts for the first instalment of school fees will be posted out very shortly and payments will be due March 2019. Arrangements made in 2018 are now finished and any family having difficulty completing term payments on time and who wish to make payments by instalments using cash, Centrelink or BPay etc, please contact the School Office for an appointment to set up a new arrangement. Catholic Education Office is also offering a Flexible Payment Plan (FPP) for your 2019 School Fees—details will be included with your school fee statement.



Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our Zone Swimming team who competed at Mt Druitt pool on Wednesday, 13th February. They performed their absolute best in all races and were very supportive of their team mates' achievements. They displayed wonderful sportsmanship and outstanding behaviour throughout the day. Congratulations to Gabrielle Almazan, Zaeclan Orayenza, Makayla De Guia, Abbey Irmisch, Ashleigh Galletes, Catharina Purwadi, Xander Mendiola, Yareli Montarde, Marsha Szulgit, Lanna Cruz and Reuben-Marcel Frias.

An extra congratulations to Xander and Reuben-Marcel who will proceed to the next level at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on the 22nd February.

Special thanks to Mrs Latham for her hard work on the day.

Mrs Cooke



Spare Clothes Reminder

A kindly reminder to all parents of infant students, please pack a spare change of underwear, socks and shorts inside your child's bag. As there has been a high number of little accidents over the past few weeks, we have no more spare clothing to change them into. If you do not provide a spare change of clothes, you will be notified and asked to bring these to the school. Thank you.



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.



Free "Alerts" and more to your mobile phone

Did you know that you can receive "Alerts" to your mobile phone for free? This is very handy to have and will keep you updated on "last minute" changes or reminders to school events. The App is called "Skoolbag" and to install this free App on your iPhone or Android phone, 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 receive Alerts for.**

Skoolbag 
Smartphone school to parent communication

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	Anamanu Setefano	KG	Femuel Agpoon
KR	Rhenzo Alpuerto	KW	Cataleya Caygill
1B	Arthur Alhamwi	1G	Amisha Singh
1R	Oliver Toma	1W	Nate Glover
2B	Joshua Toa	2G	John-Paul Aloisio
2R	Caspian Santos	2W	Taiuli-Rose Bennell
3B	Nixon Baduria	3G	Malakai Setefano
3R	Mahi Prasad	3W	Alexandra Barbor
4B	Maya Portugal	4G	Joshua Odemwengie
4R	Acuoth Acuoth	4W	Faith MacMillanSavea
5B	Joachima Toa	5G	Not Published
5R	Jasmin Javed	5W	Josephine Telea
6B	Gennina Espino	6G	Kaelan Torralba
6R	Sesilia-Grace Liu-Ngata		



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.

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. 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.

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.

How you can help your child become the best they can!

Attendance matters—especially for children in Kindergarten. Studies show children who miss too many days in Kindergarten and Year One can struggle academically in later years, particularly if they miss 10% of school days. This can be just two days a month and can build up before you know it.

Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by Year Three.

How you can help—

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine
- Plan vacations during term break
- Schedule your child's medical and dental appointments after school
- Make sure they come to school every day unless they are truly unwell
- Have a backup plan for getting your child/children to school
- Car pool
- Make sure your child arrives at school by 8.25 am, ready to join class lines when the bell goes at 8.30 am. Please note: supervision of students begins at 8.10 am every day!

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every learner every day ✓

ABSENCES ADD UP!

FEBRUARY
2 DAYS
A MONTH

NOVEMBER
4 WEEKS
A YEAR

MISSING MORE THAN 1 YEAR OF LEARNING IN 12 YEARS

DID YOU KNOW

1 IN 6
PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT
ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

- ✓ **BE FIRM.** Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
- ✓ Develop good sleep and morning routines
- ✓ Schedule appointments after school
- ✓ Avoid taking holidays during term time

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

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.

'Express Yourself'

This year the Literacy team have decided to continue to build vocabulary across the school with a weekly focus. As we are using vocabulary as our vehicle to develop writing skills, the 'Root of the Week' has been replaced with 'Express Yourself'. Each term we will have a particular focus and the words selected will be used in a statement or sentence which can be used as a writing prompt. This term the vocabulary focus is "onomatopoeia".

EXPRESS YOURSELF

Giggle:
Worth the
GIGGLE



ONOMATOPOEIA:
A WORD THAT
IMITATES THE SOUND
IT MAKES



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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Year 7/2020

INFORMATION

NIGHT

MONDAY 4 MARCH 2019

5pm - 7.30pm

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To Truth Through Love



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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>

NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook

A new edition of the NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook is now available online. A resource for all parents, carers and teachers proudly brought to you by NSW Police Legacy. Download the latest edition via this [link](#) and discuss the safety content with your children or students today.

Bus Safety Week 18-24 February

Refer to the Centre for Road Safety's [Be Bus Aware](#) webpage. Please find attached some posters from Transport for NSW.

NSW Youth Week 2019 Design Competition

Youth Week is fast approaching. This year, the NSW Youth Week theme is: Coming together to Connect, Share, Speak out, and Celebrate. The theme was decided by the NSW Youth Advisory Council 2018. Youth Week will run from 10-18 April 2019.

To celebrate NSW Youth Week this year, the Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People (ACYP) is inviting young people between 12 and 24 years of age to enter the NSW Youth Week Design Competition.

The winner will be presented with an award and will receive shoe slides with their design printed on them for themselves, their family and friends at the NSW Youth Week Forum at NSW Parliament House on Monday 8 April 2019.

Designs can include drawings, paintings, photographs and digital illustrations. It's not about being a good artist, it's about young people showing us what inspires them.

Entries close Sunday 17 March 2019.

Click on the [link](#) to find out more and submit your application.

News from the Bishop's Office

Communion to the Sick at Blacktown Hospital

We urgently require people to take Holy Communion to patients in Blacktown Hospital on Sundays. Volunteers are currently rostered on every second month (6 times annually). Distribution of Communion takes about 2 to 3 hours. Security checks required and carpark access available. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who can help with this important ministry please contact Deacon George Bryan at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown either via the parish office or via email

George.Bryan@parracatholic.org

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

For more events please go to: <http://parracatholic.org/events/>

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Good Shepherd Primary School

Shrove Tuesday, 5th March 2019



Dear Parents/Caregivers

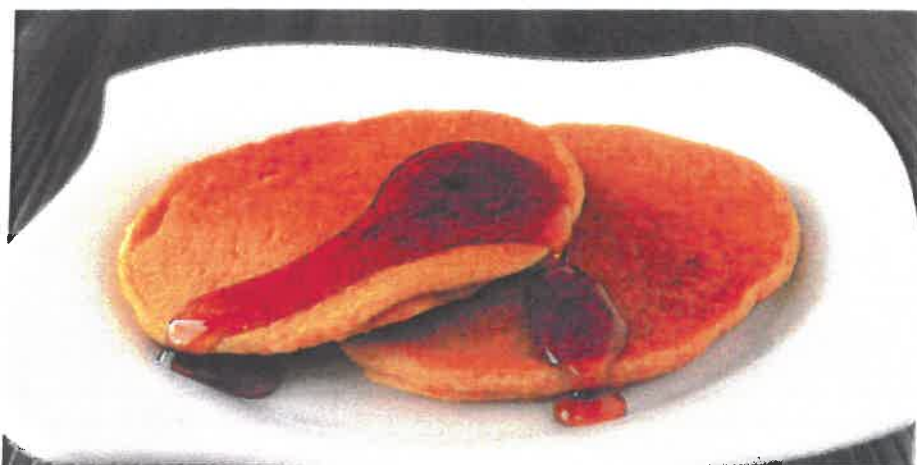
To celebrate the beginning of Lent and Shrove Tuesday, we would like to offer all children the following Pancake Day Lunch Pack.

With each order placed the Canteen will make a donation to Project Compassion.

This is available for this day only and will be given to the students at lunch time.

Lunch Pack Combined Total \$5.00

- Plain Hot Cakes with Strawberry Jam OR Butter
- Juice Popper OR Bottle Water



Name _____ Class _____

Please tick your selection

Lunch 2 x Pancakes with ☐ Plain ☐ Strawberry Jam ☐ Butter

Drink ☐ Juice Popper ☐ Bottle Water

2 ITEMS IN TOTAL

All orders MUST be pre-paid and handed to the Canteen by Wednesday 27th February,
No Late Orders can be accepted.

Thank you, Canteen



Good Shepherd Primary School

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

Tuesday 26 February 2019

**ORDER NOW go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code
BP8 5JQ VNW**

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by **advancedlife**. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique **9 digit advancedorder code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au



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HELPING YOUR CHILD MANAGE ANXIETY



Learn effective way to deal with child anxiety and positive behavior practices

What can you do?

How is the Catholic Education Department Parramatta (CEDP) helping?

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Anoushka Houseman

Clinical Psychologist

Wellbeing Coordinator - Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Monday, 4th March 2019

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)

(PRC AGM- will be held prior to guest speaker)

St Patrick's Primary School: 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown

Light supper and refreshments will be provided and
a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

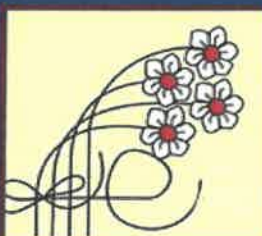
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Floral Expressions

For details on the school fundraising program

Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116



GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

Mobile Blood Service visiting: **Plumpton Marketplace**

Cnr Hyatts & Jersey Road, Plumpton

Thursday 21 March	12.00pm – 6.00pm
Friday 22 March	8.30am – 2.30pm
Saturday 23 March	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**



Australian Red Cross
BLOOD SERVICE

Bus safety for school students

How families can help



Safety information



Getting to and from the bus stop

- Families are responsible for getting their child to and from the bus stop safely.
- Always supervise your child until they are at least 10 and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop or interchange and when crossing the road.
- When waiting for the bus, hold hands and wait as far back from the passing traffic as possible.

Getting off the bus

When travelling by bus, your child is most at risk in the minutes after they get off the bus.

Meet your child AT the bus stop or interchange after school. NEVER wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across. If you cannot meet your child, organise for a trusted adult to take your place.

Always wait until the bus has gone, then use a safe place to cross.

Talk with your child about what to do:

- if you are delayed and cannot meet them as usual
- if they catch the wrong bus
- if they get off the bus at the wrong bus stop.

Crossing the road

Together, choose the safest place to cross the road and talk about:

STOP! one step back from the kerb
LOOK! continuously both ways
LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic
THINK! whether it is safe to cross

Keep checking as you cross the road.

40km/h when passing bus flashing lights



Driving near buses

Bus lights flash on the front and back of a bus when the bus is picking up or setting down school children. A 40km/h speed limit applies when bus lights flash. The speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

Informal school bus stops

Informal bus stops are not sign posted and are usually found in rural areas. They may be at the front of a property or on the side of the road.

Drivers may find it difficult to see children at informal bus stops. Families should take special care when using these stops. Staying on the bus a bit longer to travel to another bus stop may reduce the need for your child to have to cross the road.

Refer to the Safety Information in this brochure and for more information on selecting or reviewing informal bus stops visit: <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/informal-school-bus-stops.html>

More information is available on the Parents section of
Safety Town: www.safetytown.com.au/parents

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