



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

**Our Lady, Help of
Christians**

24th May



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**Parish Priest:
Fr Vincy D'Costa
ofmcap**

**Term 2 concludes:
Friday, 5th July**

**Term 3 commences:
Monday, 22nd July**

Term 2

Week 4

Tuesday, 21st May, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Gospel from last weekend was the very beautiful teaching of Jesus recorded in the Gospel of St John.

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13: 34-35

How can we live by this direction that Jesus gave us?

In today's world, we are confronted by marginalised people whose lives have been swallowed by poverty, by addiction, by abuse, by personal weakness, by the greed of others, by depression. The question for us is, "In what ways can we be like Jesus to these people?" How can we show love to others.

Well we don't have to do huge things, every little act of kindness is a start. In the next few weeks we are once again having our Mini-Vinnies appeal for food. At Good Shepherd we are renowned for the generosity of our families to those in need. All food items donated will be given to the Parish St Vincent de Paul Society for distribution to those who would benefit from assistance.

This appeal is a very tangible expression of our social justice in action and over the years many people have been very appreciative of your generosity.

"Jesus, we ask that we be bearers of compassionate love, that we be more discerning of justice and need, that we be thoughtful and generous in confronting the pain and humiliation of people pushed to the margins of our community. Amen."

Peace and Joy

Patricia Carr

**Tricia Carr
Principal**



2019 Naplan

A very big congratulations to the students of Years 3 & 5 for completing their NAPLAN tests last week. Their behaviour during the tests was exemplary. Our teachers did an outstanding job in preparing them for the use of technology to complete the tests. We only have a handful of students to catch up tests (due to illness), which will be completed this week.

You may have heard a lot of comments in the media last week about disruptions to the Writing Test on Tuesday though our school was able to manage any minor hiccups we had. No child was disadvantaged as we were able to take the necessary actions in a quick and timely manner. A special mention to our IT trainee, Joshua Romero, for being on hand throughout all tests.

If you have any questions about the process, please speak to your child's class teacher or myself. Mrs Cooke.



Upcoming Events

- Friday, 24th May:** Our Lady Help of Christians
- Friday, 24th May:** Kindergarten excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm
- Tuesday, 28th May:** Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
- Wednesday, 29th May:** Year 6 Girls Soccer Gala Day
- Friday, 31st May:** Infants Fun Run (1.50 pm Good Shepherd School. Family & friends welcome)
- Friday, 31st May:** 5c coin fundraiser for Fr Luan
- Tuesday, 4th May:** Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
- Friday, 7th May:** Primary Athletics (Charli Bali Reserve)
- Friday, 7th May:** Years 1 & 2 Soccer Clinic
- Monday, 10th May:** Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)
- Tuesday, 11th May:** Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church. Year 2 attending)



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	Joshray Ventura	KG	Harry Pender
KR	Macklin Yokwe	KW	Ajang Job
1B	Alessandra Leigh Pascual	1G	Maddison Scanlan
1R	Koby Kearney	1W	Vansh Prasad
2B	Tia Scali	2G	Byron Forcadilla
2R	Not Published	2W	Not Published
3B	William Davis	3G	Bronte-Rose Marks
3R	Ruby Cornish	3W	Kaitlin Nguyen
4B	Giezelle Autor	4G	Isabella Gutierrez
4R	Abbey Irmisch	4W	Shyla Soliman
5B	Ashleigh Galletes	5G	Angelo Dela Paz
5R	Jay Setefano	5W	Angelina Beshay
6B	Xander Mendiola	6G	Breanna Borg
6R	Aliyah Torres		



Change to Sports Days for Kindy and 2R & 2W for this week only

Dear Parents of Kinder and 2R & 2W Classes, please note for this week only, all Kinder children need to wear their sports uniform tomorrow Wednesday and Friday. Students in 2R and 2W and to wear their sports uniform on Friday.

Infants Fun Run

Dear Parents, please note we will be holding the Infants Fun Run on Friday, 31st May (Week 5) after lunch on the school oval. If you remember, we had to postpone the event last term due to bad weather. Family and friends are welcome to attend.



2019 Dates

Term 2

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 2: Monday, 6th May

Term 3: Friday 27th September

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

Welcome to our new Finance Manager— Mrs Kristy Haywood

A very warm welcome to our new Finance Manager, Mrs Kristy Haywood. Kristy will be joining us from Monday, 3rd June. Please join me in welcoming her to our school.



Social Skill of the Week

"Take your hat off inside"

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.

Student Absences



Dear Parents,
Just a quick reminder that **ALL student absences need to be explained**. This is a legal

requirement. We ask that on your child's return to school you send a note to your child's teacher to explain their absence for school. We need to receive this note within seven days of the last day of absence.

Unexplained Attendance letters

Your child may bring home a letter asking for an explanation for your child's absence from school. Would you please complete and return back to your child's teacher promptly.

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 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.

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.

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: 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.

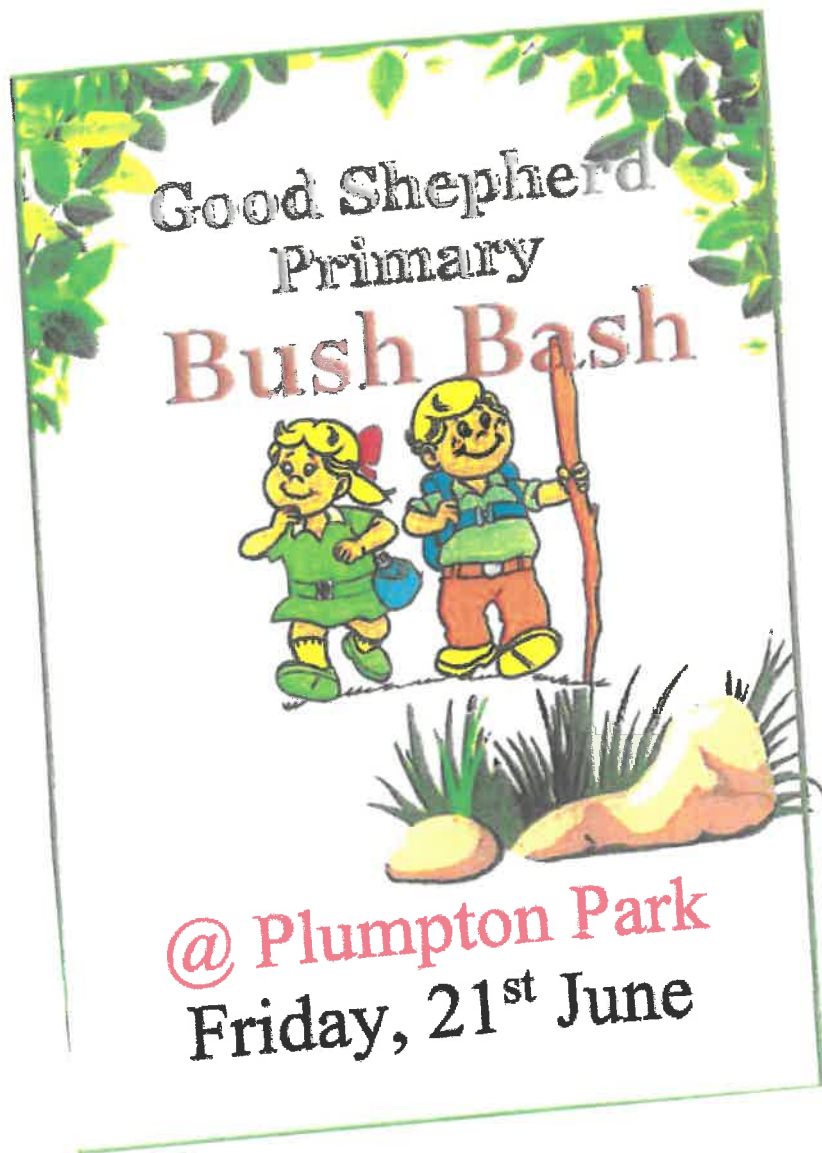
Information regarding Leave from School

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.



2019 Good Shepherd's Bush Bash!!

Good Shepherd Primary School Plumpton is holding a Bush Bash Day on Friday, 21st June, 2019 to raise money for resources within our school. Your generosity in sponsoring the children will provide much needed funds for our school.

The Bush Bash Day involves an extensive walk and a bush treasure hunt involving all the children of the school. Please consider donating and asking sponsors to be part of this important fundraiser.

Please note the Sponsorship Cards have been sent home with the students. **All money collected must be returned to school with the Sponsorship Card no later than Monday, 1st July 2019.**

Your support of our school fundraiser is greatly appreciated.

Bianca Cooke, Assistant Principal



YEAR 7 2020

Enrolments closing 30 May

*Make sure you have your
application in on time.*

*Office open 8am - 3:30pm for
enrolments*



ST AGNES CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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.



Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

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.

School Fees 2019

Dear Parents, accounts for the second instalment of school fees have now been posted. 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. Please note that a term's notice in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or 10 week's fees will be payable.

Small change for a big result!

Congratulations we were able to make \$1373.30 with enough money to purchase a generator for Fr Luan. This term we hope to be able to further our donation with an additional generator. Thank you for being part of the Small Change—Big Result coin donation.



Are you visiting our school???

All visitors to our school must report to the office and be signed in. The sign-in process must be completed using the electronic iPad system on the front desk. You must also sign-out when leaving the site. The information stored in the system is used as part of our evacuation and lockdown—keeping you and the children safe in the event of an emergency. We welcome you to our school and we appreciate your cooperation with this important part of our security and our safety within the school.

**Keeping you safe—
keeping our community
safe.**



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Don't forget to bring in your completed recording sheets

Joshray Ventura, Bruce Pelesa, Jasmine Hoang, Raphael Dominguez, Isabella Sugpatan, Nikil Kumar, Lauren Torres, Alexandr Gonzalez, George Abdallah, Aahana Trivedi, Andrei Bichescu, Magda Ghilagaber, Christian Elters, Euan Gozon, Makayla-Ann De Guia, Bassam Abdallah, Roza-Elliose Frias, Lena Rizeq, Kaiden Blair, Benji Reyes, Henry Sene, Amou Majok, Hasini Tirumalasetti, Christiano Jamil, Mahalea Miles, Sofia Nazar, Jarred Mercado, Kylie Pham, Emmanuel Momoh, Maya Portugal, Giezelle Autor, Shanelle Escueta, Jana Tato, Mary Bella Shamoka, Onkar Mehrok, Shyla Soliman, Serj Pablo, Cedric Roldan, Aldrin Ocampo, Gabrielle Capule, Louise Reyes, Janina Imlay, Emily Pham, Jaymee Felizardo and Liana Banares.



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.



Parent Group News

Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop is open on Fridays from 8:30 am to 9:00 am during school term.

The shop is located next to the library behind the Year 5 classrooms. Thank you to the parents who volunteer each week to run the shop.

We are always accepting donations of the new school uniform, so if your child has grown out of theirs, we'd be happy to find it a new home.

Socks on Sale

Brand new white socks are only \$3 per pack from the uniform shop!

Please note cash sales only—No Eftpos!



Woolworths Earn and Learn is back!

Help support our school by collecting as many Earn and Learn stickers as possible so we can trade them for much needed sporting equipment.

The promotion begins on Wednesday 1st May till Tuesday 25th June. 1 token will be given for every \$10 spent in any Woolworths store (excluding alcohol and tobacco products). Stick them onto the sticker chart that was sent home or bring the stickers into school and put them in the big green box in the office. The more stickers we collect, the more items we can obtain. Ask your family and friends to collect the stickers also! Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Cooke



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.

Winter Uniform

By now all students should be wearing their Winter 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.

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.**



Colourful
words



Fluorescent:
The bugs were
attracted to
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fluorescent
light.

Attendance at School

Attendance at school has a vital and measurable impact upon our children's learning. The data supporting this is reflected in the CEDP attendance campaign title "Every Day Counts". Statistically, students taking more than 10 days off per year are at risk of a measurable, detrimental impact on their learning and success. Please be aware of the number of days your child is missing from school, and work with us in the development of strategies to support you being able to get your child to school each day. Together we can ensure that they have every possible opportunity for success.

Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day
just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just
missing,

That equals ..

Which is ...

and over 13 years
of schooling that's ...

10 minutes per day

50 minutes per week

Nearly 1.5 weeks per year

Nearly half a year

20 minutes per day

1 hour 40mins per week

Over 2.5 weeks per year

Nearly 1 year

Half an hour per day

Half a day per week

4 weeks per year

Nearly 1 and a half years

1 hour per day

1 day per week

8 weeks per year

Over 2 and a half years

every learner
every day 



Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

News from the Catholic Education Office

Pros and cons of NAPLAN



Greg Whitby



MAY is NAPLAN month in schools. It's a time when NAPLAN workbooks and 'how to' guides take centre stage in bookstores, coaching clinics attract more students and anxiety begins to build among parents and students.

It's also a time when schools and school systems feel like their work comes under the microscope.

Then there's the long wait between tests and the release of results when everyone hopes there has been student and school improvement.

Like many in education, I continue to ask myself how a test that was intended to measure a

student's progress in reading, writing, grammar and numeracy at a nominated moment in time could generate such heated debate. None of this can be healthy, particularly for students about to sit the tests.

When I was teaching, we had the Basic Skills Test (BST) in NSW, which provided a snapshot of a student's progress in literacy and numeracy. The BST was low-key and never used to compare students, teachers or schools. There was general agreement that the BST provided useful feedback for teachers in the areas for improvement or intervention.

Unfortunately, the publication of NAPLAN results and the use of these results to make blunt comparisons has created more fear than understanding. Any standardised test must be viewed in the context of each learning community and reviewed in terms of its reliability. It is only one tool and it isn't the only tool for identifying where there are gaps in student learning.

While NAPLAN's future is unclear, I think it is vital that schools continue to have a clear understanding of how each child is progressing.

Whatever may follow from NAPLAN needs to harness the power of today's technologies to allow teachers to be able to access data and track student progress in real time in order to make better and faster decisions that lead to improved learning.

Greg Whitby is the executive director of schools for the

Catholic Diocese of Parramatta

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News from the Bishop's Office

Positions Vacant

- Risk Officer - Diocese of Parramatta
- Sacramental Coordinator - Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens Parish
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment
- Transition Housing Worker - CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains
More details at: ccss.org.au

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7th May 2019

Dear Parents,

Once again we are calling on your generosity. As we approach winter, we realise that there are many families in our community who struggle during this time of the year. As we enjoy the comfort of our homes and the warmth of our meals, let us remember those who are not as fortunate as we are.

Therefore, we would like to make a difference to some people's lives by supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal.

If you can help with our food collection, could you send in the suggested item for your grade **before Tuesday 4th JUNE** Please feel free to send in more than one item if you can. Also, the food item for the grade is only a suggestion. Feel free to donate whatever food you wish.

Kindergarten	tins of baked beans, spaghetti, tuna
Year 1	tins of vegetables (Peas, corn, potato etc)
Year 2	pasta/pasta sauce/rice/2 minute noodles
Year 3	biscuits, plain or savoury (please no nuts)
Year 4	soup (tins/packets)
Year 5	tins of fruit or breakfast cereal
Year 6	tinned vegetables/tinned fruit/tea bags

Thank you for your generosity.

Mia Batoc
Mini Vinnies President

Jade Aloisio
Mini Vinnies President

Navigating the School Years (Kindergarten – Year 6)

**FREE
EVENT**



Topics included:

- Homework – Why do we do it? What do we do?
- Strategies to engage your child in homework and make it interesting
- How to help your child with Maths and English skills.
- What if your child needs extra support? Who to talk to and what does this look like.

DATE: Wednesday 22nd May 2019

TIME: 6pm – 8pm

VENUE: Blacktown – venue to be advised upon registration

- Refreshments provided
- Childcare not available

**TO REGISTER PLEASE
CALL THE OFFICE ON
02 9621 3922**

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FAMILY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
ABN: 41 625 162 199

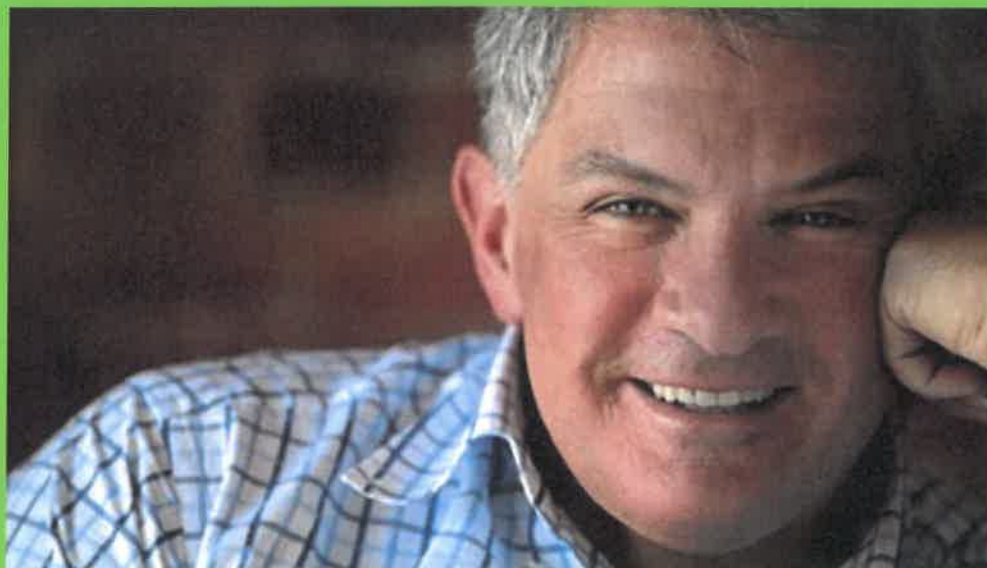


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HOW TO RAISE HAPPY AND RESILIENT CHILDREN

Join the PRC to hear one of Australia's leading Psychologists talk about the journey from childhood through to young adulthood, as it seems to have become so much harder to navigate.



Hear about the latest news from the science of positive psychology and how its applied to bringing up children and teenagers.

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Adolescent and Child Psychologist

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



Monday, 3rd June 2019

Doors open: 6:15 pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)
(PRC General Meeting - will be held prior to guest speaker)

John XXIII Catholic College

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens, NSW, 2768

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

www.prc.catholic.edu.au



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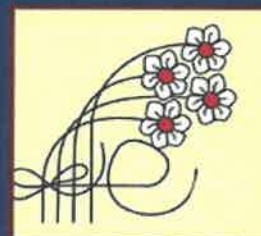


THANK YOU TO OUR 2019 SPONSOR

Floral Expressions

For details on the School fundraising program

Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116





SEMINAR

Dealing With the Legal System

Hosted by
CatholicCare - Solo Parent Services

Guest Presenter:
Mr. Richard Brading
Solicitor

This Seminar covers the following topics:

- How the Legal System Works
- How to choose the best lawyer for your situation
- How best to prepare for and communicate with your Lawyer to minimize your legal fees,
- The importance of having a Will
- Options if you can't afford a lawyer or representing yourself
- Opportunity for Question Time

DATE

Tuesday, 04th June 2019

TIME

6.45pm for 7pm Start
7pm—9pm



VENUE

13 Buller St,
North Parramatta

FEE:

\$10.00



Further Details and Bookings Essential

Solo Parent Services

Contact Rita

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Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



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Dear Families of Good Shepherd School,

2019

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.

Patricia Carr

Mrs Patricia Carr
Principal

You're invited...



Presented by OLMC Parramatta

**Tuesday 4 June, Wednesday 5 June
and Thursday 6 June**

6.30pm

Edith Angel Hall, OLMC Parramatta

Come early and make a night of it with
Food Trucks and Snack Stalls available from 5pm

Tickets: \$20 Ground Floor | \$25 Mezzanine
Tickets can be purchased at www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

Celebrating 130 Years of Mercy Education



OLMC WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP FORUM

Wednesday 29 May 2019

You are invited to join us in our 130th anniversary year for our third annual Women in Leadership Forum. This is an opportunity to be inspired by four renowned women from a variety of fields, as they share their perspectives on women in leadership and discuss how each of us can boldly expand beyond what we know we can be.

- Date:** Wednesday 29 May 2019
Time: Light refreshments from 5pm. Panel Presentation and Q&A session from 5.30pm
Venue: Ailsa Mackinnon Community Centre, Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta
RSVP: Susan Giacomelli – susan.giacomelli@olmc.nsw.edu.au by Wednesday 22 May, 2019



Edwina Bartholomew

Journalist and Presenter
with the Seven Network



Liz Scully

Chair, NSW Labor Women's Forum and
Chair, Parramatta Women's Shelter



Annabelle Chauncy OAM

CEO and Founding Director of
School for Life Foundation



Belinda Woolford

CEO Ronald McDonald House
Charities Greater Western Sydney

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Honouring the past. Serving the future.*