



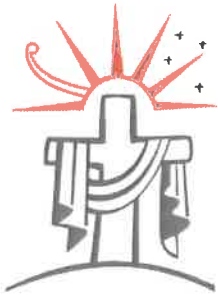
# Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Sixth Sunday of  
Easter

Term 2

Week 5

Tuesday, 28th May, 2019



## Kindergarten students enjoyed an excursion to Calmsley Farm

"My favourite part was the tractor ride"

"My favourite animal was the rabbit"

"I liked when the guy was shaving 'Bart' the sheep"

"My favourite part was patting the chicks"

"There was a rooster" KB

"Last Friday Kindergarten students went on their first excursion to Calmsley City Farm. We all milked a cow, patted many farm animals, watched a sheep getting sheared and had a tractor ride on the farm. The weather was amazing and everyone enjoyed their day on a farm." KG

"I loved feeling all the little animals in the nursery, especially the mice"

"Milking the cow was so fun!"

"I liked hanging with the goats, they were so soft and warm" KR

"We saw a dog show and when a man cuts the sheep's wool off"

"We went on the bus and we had to put our seatbelts on"

"I saw a sheep, a camel and a fox at the farm"

"I went to see the cows and the piglets. The piglets were sleeping on the floor and we got to milk the cow" KW

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Term 2 concludes:  
Friday, 5th July

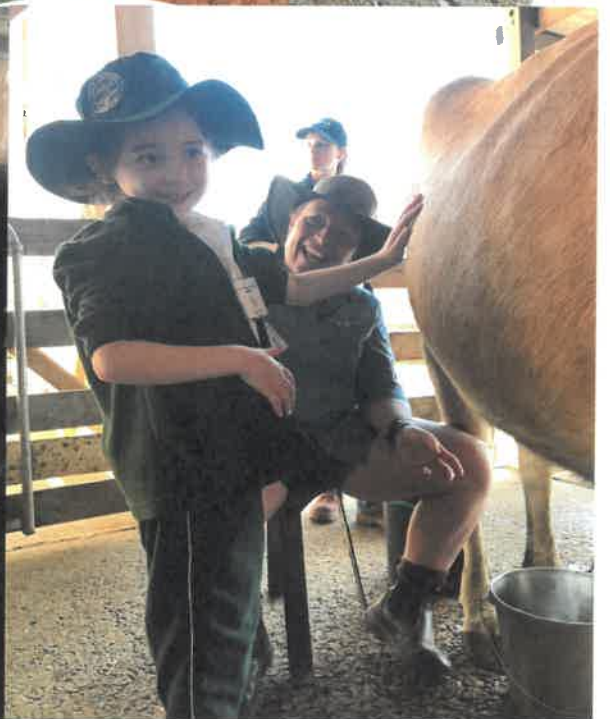
Term 3 commences:  
Monday, 22nd July



## Kindergarten Excursion



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## Upcoming Events

**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 June:** Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)

**Friday, 7th June:** Primary Athletics (Charli Bali Reserve)

**Friday, 7th June:** Years 1 & 2 Soccer Clinic

**Monday, 10th June:** Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)

**Tuesday, 11th June:** Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church. Year 2 attending)

**Friday, 14th June:** Year 1 Excursion to Rouse Hill House & Farm

Looking ahead ..

**Wednesday, 19th June:** Year 6 Boys Soccer Gala Day

**Wednesday, 26th June:** School Disco



## 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	Zoe Boyle	KG	San Trinh
KR	Taysia Paahi	KW	Dianne Nicolas
1B	Scarlet Nguyen	1G	Jasmine Eskandari
1R	Cziana Sulapat	1W	Matilda Marks
2B	Raphael Dominguez	2G	Leila Queras
2R	Belinda Gama	2W	Aryan Shah
3B	Chantelle Osifo	3G	Eli Facistol
3R	Jaco Cayetano	3W	Shlok Samli
4B	Simriti Kumar	4G	Francisco Lira
4R	Armando Montales	4W	Roopam Thind
5B	Crystle Manalili	5G	Laksh Samli
5R	Anjlika Gopal	5W	Onel Markahe
6B	Summer Catig	6G	Leila Bunyi
6R	Valerie Gunawan		

For the next three weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Good Shepherd School, Plumpton.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/goodshepherd19>

The survey closes on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Cooke



**Tell Them From Me**  
Parent Survey

## 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 3: Friday 27th September

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

## Infants Fun Run

Dear Parents, please note we will be holding the Infants Fun Run this 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.



### Social Skill of the Week

**"Say please and thank you"**

### 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 from 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.

### Damage to Library Books

Each week damaged library books are returned to the Resource Centre. The most common cause is leaking drink bottles. Some books have also made their way into the hands of younger siblings and have been scribbled all over. Please encourage your children to take care with school resources. If an accident does occur, please ask your children to inform us. The book needs to be replaced. Plastic or vinyl Library bags help protect books from leaking drink bottles or drink bottle bags keep drink bottles away from books. Each week we get at least one or two damaged books. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

### Visa Status

Could you please ensure the school has the most up-to-date paperwork on your child's Visa Status i.e. if his/her status has changed or if your child is now an Australian Citizen or the passport has expired and a new one has been reissued, please contact the school office immediately.

### 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.

### Copy of NAPLAN and School Reports

Dear Parents, please be advised that an administration fee of \$5.00 will be charged per report for any extra copies of school reports and NAPLAN reports you require. Thank you.



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.**



### Bicycle Awareness - Keeping the children safe

Dear families, If your child rides a bicycle to school, (with or without supervision), please ensure that you have signed the Bicycle Policy and returned it to school. Please also ensure that the child enters the school using the walkers' gate and not through the carpark entrances or drop off circle. A copy of the Road Safety Policy & Bicycle Safety Policy 2016 is available at the office.

### 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. Prior to then no child should be dropped off at school.**

**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.

### 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

### 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.



### 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.

### 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.**



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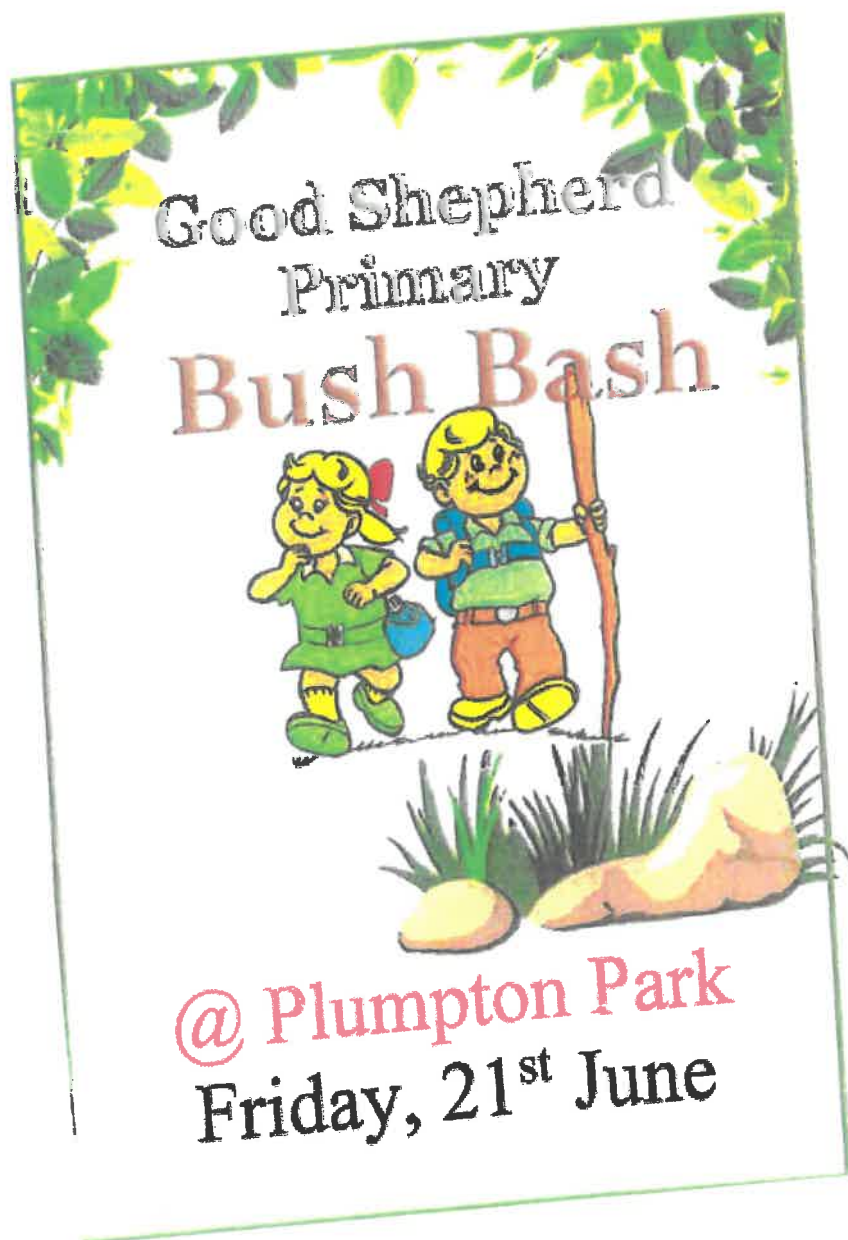
## 2019 Good Shepherd's Bush Bash!!

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*



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# 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.

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every learner every day 

## ABSENCES ADD UP!



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YEAR OF  
LEARNING IN

**12**

YEARS

## DID YOU KNOW



**1 IN 4**

SECONDARY 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



## IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE

- Going to school more often can make a difference.
- Attendance habits will follow your child into work and life



## SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP

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

every learner  
every day 



# News from the Catholic Education Office



Parents Representative Council  
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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](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au)



**Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

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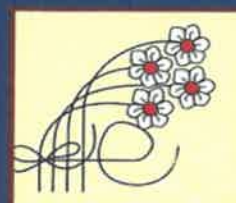


THANK YOU TO OUR 2019 SPONSOR

**Floral Expressions**

For details on the School fundraising program

Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116



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