



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

**The Ascension of
the Lord**

Term 2

Week 6

Tuesday, 4th June, 2019

ASCENSION



Dear Parents & Guardians,

A teacher asked her students to draw a picture of the Ascension, not unsurprisingly most of them did a fairly conventional portrait of Jesus rising up on a cloud. One of her students, who is a particularly gifted artist, had Jesus blasting off into the sky. Down the side of Jesus' pure white garment was the word NASA and the student provided all the sound effects for how he imagined the scene of the first Ascension. I am sure lots of adults would think the same way!

The Ascension stories are not interested in how or when Jesus got back to heaven. John and Paul never mention it at all. Mark and Matthew have it happening on the same day as the Resurrection and Luke has it occurring 40 days after Easter on the same day as Pentecost. The one thing, on which all the New Testament writers agree, is where in heaven Jesus went and where he is presently – at God's right hand.

Even to this day, being on someone's right is a place of honour. In the Old Testament being on the right hand of David, Samuel or Elijah was to be the anointed and favoured one, the true son or daughter. In telling us, then, that Jesus is now at God's right hand, the Gospel's use a formal phrase to announce that God affirms everything Jesus said and did on earth and that he is the way for us to follow.

That can be all well and good, but Jesus goes one step further and that's why this feast is so important. Jesus taught us that where he is, so shall we be, that he was going to prepare a place for us and that, in and through him, we will have life and have it to the full.

The feast of the Ascension is where we remember and we celebrate that, just as Jesus was welcomed to God's right hand, so, too, shall we be welcomed to the right hand of Jesus. This is his promise, this is our faith and this is the hope we are called to proclaim to the world. There is nothing we have ever done, are doing, or will do, that will get our name removed from the invitation list to the feast of Christ's kingdom. The challenge is that our lives are worthy of God's love. (Based on the Homily of Richard Leonard)

God bless and keep you.

Mrs Bianca Cooke

(Mrs Carr is currently on leave and will return to Good Shepherd next week)



CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to the students and their families who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday. Over 30 students from Good Shepherd were confirmed. Thank you to the students, their families and the Catechists who helped to prepare the students to become full members of the Catholic Church.

Term 2 concludes:
Friday, 5th July

Term 3 commences:
Monday, 22nd July

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Infants Fun Run

Last Friday our Infants students participated in a Fun Run at our school. A great afternoon was enjoyed by all!



Stage 3 Soccer Girls Gala Day

Last Wednesday a team of Year 6 Girls attended a Soccer Gala Day at Jamison Park, Penrith. The girls did their very best winning two games, losing two games and drew three games! Thank you to Mrs Del Duca and Lana Wedgwood for accompanying the girls to the Park, and Mr Willard for driving the bus.



Building Update—we are getting closer to completion



Upcoming Events

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
Monday, 17th June:	Captivate Band Eisteddfod (selected students only)
Tuesday, 18th June:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Wednesday, 19th June:	Year 6 Boys Soccer Gala Day
Friday, 21st June:	Our Bush Bash Fundraiser Day
Wednesday, 26th June:	Years 4 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day (details to follow shortly)
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	Eden ChongNee	KG	Theo Hatziandreou
KR	Valentina Milag	KW	Angus Maguire
1B	Matthew Assey	1G	Yaremo Montarde
1R	Moana Taeloa	1W	Ireanna Tanaki
2B	Aaryav Acharya	2G	Isabella Sugpatan
2R	Aleer Acuoith	2W	Christian Elters
3B	Roza-Eloise Frias	3G	Rowana Ma'asi
3R	Faustina Vaifale	3W	Seraphina Vaasili
4B	Sofia Nazar	4G	Taylor Lees
4R	Joseph Nucum	4W	Mason Parica
5B	Marcus Sewiha	5G	Akuol Acuoith
5R	Mikayla Uili-Lilo	5W	Nahom Mesfin
6B	Jaymee Felizardo	6G	Paolo Reyes
6R	Valerie Gunawan		

Dear Parents, the Tell Them From Me Survey is still open. We are 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 14th June.

Many thanks,
Mrs Cooke



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

Premier's Reading Challenge

The following students have now completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.... Ruby LuzardoGotts, Harry Pender, Robin Altun, Krystelle Caalim, Aryan Kumar, Noah Scali, Cziana Sulapat, Aarav Ahwan, Robin Cruz, Abigail Kamara, Jason Aziz, Vansh Prasad, Fransisca Purwadi, Owen Pender, Mikaela DeGuzman, Tia Scali, Mary Ghilagaber, Rachael Thrikawala, Ahaan Arora, Sherene Zaballa, Denis LuzardoGotts, Jacob Heffernan, Florian Barbor, Christopher Gervacio Jr, Jasmine Ismail, Saanvi Suresh, Fatima Mancao, Chauncey Tecson, Errol Cantorna, Harrison Coote, Dominic Assey, Moses Musgun, Maheen Sehgal, Kirsten Labial, Averie Rose Sumajit, Audrina Shiber, Fatima Kamara, Ruby Cornish, Juliana Wilbert J, Milan Mahajan, Jacob Cayetano, Izaak Knoester, Yvette Pineda, Seraphina Vaasili, Alexandra Barbor, Shruthi Lal, Simriti Kumar, Ezekiel Aguila, Orlando Solis, Chris Baluyot, Ella Rhayem, Abbey Irmisch, Dominic Sultana, Camille Ebuenga, Emmanuella Soliman, Lanna Cruz, Laurina Aziz, Angelo Cruz, Josephine Telea, Nathan Guillermo, Ethan Escandor, Christina Ket, Saurav Prasad, Kaelan Torralba, Ian Stevens and Jasleen Sehgal.

Congratulations to 4B for being the first class to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge.

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.

Changes to Sports Days—this week only!

Dear Parents, due to the Primary Athletics Carnival this Friday, 7th June, there are a few changes to Sport for this week. Please note the following days that your child will need to wear their sports uniform ...

Wednesday: KB, KG, 4B, 4G and Year 6

Thursday: Year 3, 4R, 4W and Year 5

Friday: ALL PRIMARY STUDENTS as well as
KR, KW, Year 1 and Year 2.

Thank you for your
cooperation in this
matter.

PLEASE NOTE

Social Skill of the Week

"Speak in a friendly tone of voice"

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 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.



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.**

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 \$\$ 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.



Sports Update

Year 6 Boys will play at a Soccer Gala Day on **Wednesday, 19th June**, and Year 4 boys and girls teams will play on the **26th June**. Good luck to all.

Soccer Clinic

Year 1 and Year 2 students will participate in a soccer clinic hosted by the Wanderers representatives this Friday, 7th June whilst Years 3—6 attend the Primary Athletics Carnival at Charlie Bali Reserve.



A final reminder All KR, KW and Years 1 through to Year 6 are to wear their sports uniform this Friday, 7th June. Thank you Mrs Latham.

Baby News!

A very big congratulations to the Vakai family (Tavalliah 1B) on the birth of a new baby boy Javae. We wish you every happiness for the future.



Lost Property & Change of Underwear

As the weather is cooler, please check that your child's clothing has their name on it as there are many items that end up in the Lost Property Bin. Please re-check any items that you pick up in the Lost Property Bin as they may have another child's name on it. If you accidentally pick up another child's clothing, please return it to the Lost Property Bin. Also it would be a good idea to put an extra pair of underwear, socks/stockings in your child's backpack, as with the weather being cooler, little accidents can happen. Thank you.

Medication

If your child is taking regular medication including Asthma or is Anaphylactic or allergic, and there are changes to any procedures etc, please provide the school office with an up-to-date action plan and/or directions 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.



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.

Please note cash sales only—No Eftpos!

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back!

Please keep on bringing in the Woolies Stickers. Thank you to those who have been able to bring them in already. The promotion closes on 25th June. 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.**

Colourful
words



Flamboyant:
Her dress was
adorned with
flamboyant
sequins.

2019 Good Shepherd's Bush Bash!!

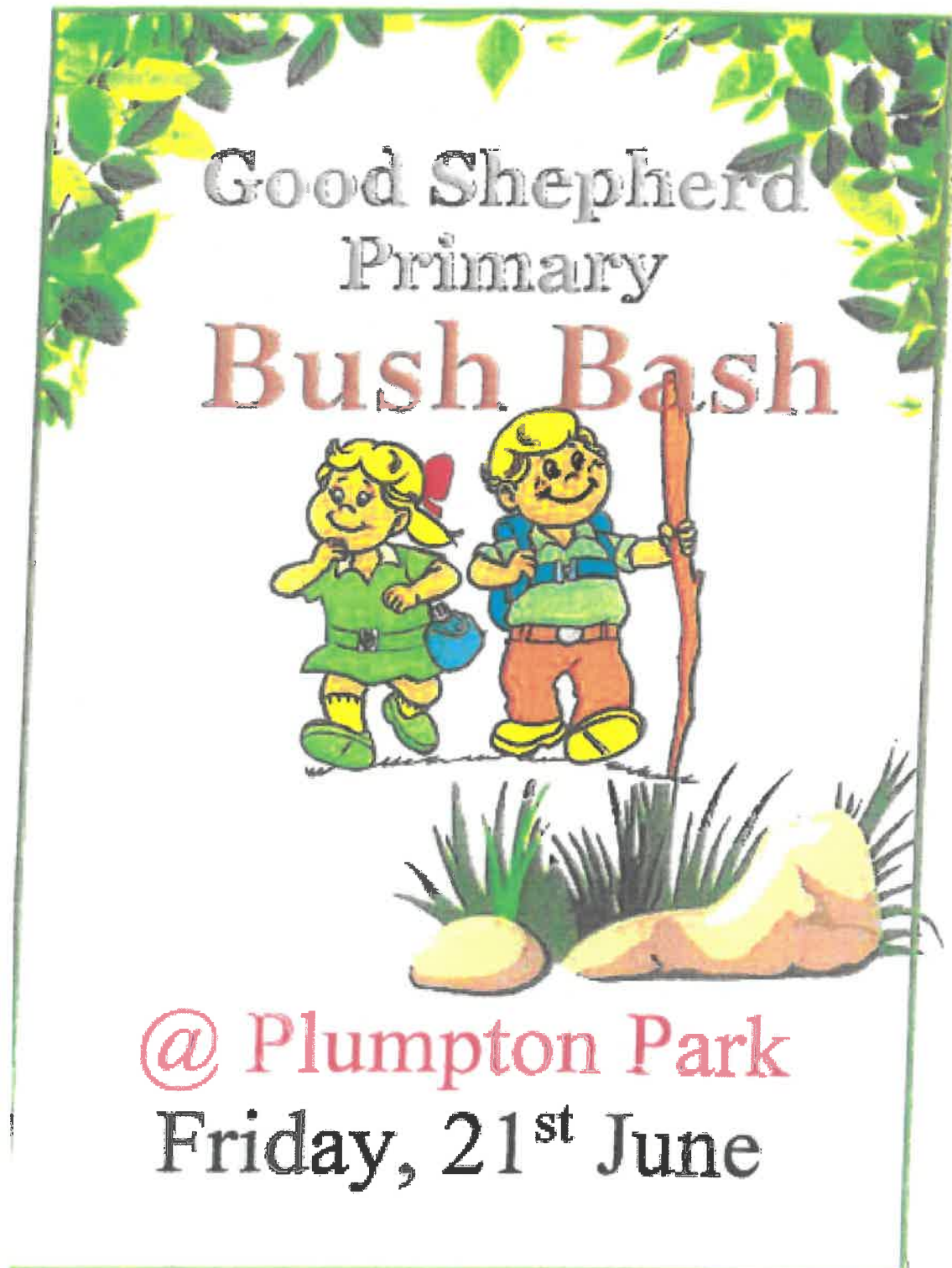
Good Shepherd Primary School Plumpton is holding a Bush Bash Day on Friday, 21st June, 2019 to raise money for resources within our school. Your generosity in sponsoring the children will provide much needed funds for our school.

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.

Volunteers are urgently needed. Can you spare a few hours? Free sausage sizzle lunch provided! So far—\$880 raised. Our goal is \$25,000 (this equals to approx. \$35 per student). **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



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.

MON TUE WED THU FRI

every learner every day 

ABSENCES ADD UP!



DID YOU KNOW



1 IN 6

PRIMARY 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



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.

every learner
every day 



News from the Bishop's Office

New Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards Website:

The Diocese of Parramatta's Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards (OSPS) has launched a new website, strengthening their ability to deliver advice and support to parishes, agencies and ministries to ensure the Diocese is safe for all people. Visit the website at www.safeguarding.org.au

Rest and Inspiration for the Journey Retreat Day: June 8

Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection present a Pentecost Retreat Day on Saturday 8 June from 9am to 4pm at Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Join Bishop Vincent as we reflect and share. Registrations are essential by 4 June with indicated dietary needs. Register at <https://register.eventarc.net/e/42849>, call Sr Louise McKeogh 8838 3460 or lmckeogh@parracatholic.org

Emmaus Prayer Community Pentecost Celebration: June 9

The Emmaus Prayer Community invites you to the yearly Pentecost Sunday celebration at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Joyful praise will begin at 11.30, with Fr Tony Alex MGL concelebrating Mass at 12 midday. A BBQ lunch will be provided, and Fr Tony will give a talk in the afternoon. For enquiries, contact Barbara Stenning on 0413 055 511 or mandbstenning@optusnet.com.au

Feast of St Anthony Triduum: June 11 – 13

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is hosting a Triduum in honour of St Anthony of Padua between June 11 and 13. There will be Mass, Novena and Fellowship from 7pm on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, there will be Mass and all-day veneration from 9.30am and Mass, Novena and a procession with the Relic of St Anthony from 7pm. For enquiries, contact the parish office on 9631 3316.

The Jewish Jesus in the Eucharist: June 12

The Northern Deanery Pastoral Council is hosting a presentation from the Institute for Mission on The Jewish Jesus in the Eucharist on Wednesday June 12, at St Michael's School Hall, Baulkham Hills from 7pm to 9pm. A light supper will be provided. To RSVP for catering purposes, contact Wendy on 0427 863 149 or deanerypc@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au

CYP LIFTED Retreat 2019: July 5 – 7

CYP invites young adults aged 18 – 35 to attend the annual LIFTED Retreat from July 5-7 at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. You can expect great guest speakers, stimulating discussions, adoration, daily Mass, Reconciliation, soul-stirring music and delicious food. The theme is inspired by Pope Francis – 'Dare to be Different' Register now @ <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat/>

Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Perth: 7 – 11 December 2019

ACYF19 is a biennial national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Bishops of Australia. The event involves three days of exciting, large scale Plenary's, tens of workshops, concerts, prayer experiences, fun, expos and concludes with an outdoor mass with the City of Perth. Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta will be leading an expected 200 participants. Free twin-share hotel accommodation is being offered now. For more information and to register visit www.catholicyouthparramatta.org

Holy Hour for Vocations: 6 June

Youth aged 18 to 35 are invited to join The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for the Holy Hour for Vocations at the St Joseph Convent, Quakers Hill, on Thursday 6 June at 7pm. Dinner will be served afterwards. RSVP to Sr Paula – vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

Women in Leadership: 4 - 7 July

The Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo invites women of any age and any experience in formal leadership positions, and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes, anywhere to the Women in Leadership workshop. The aim is to support women to explore their unique gifts – as people, as women and as leaders. 4-7 July. 02 4236 0533 or cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au for more information.

Renaissance of Marriage 2019: 26 – 27 July

Renaissance of Marriage 2019 – Building a Catholic Marriage Culture – will be held on 26 and 27 July at the University of Notre Dame Sydney. Keynote Speakers include Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and Kevin Donnelly. Registrations open at www.ROM.org.au

For more events please go to: parracatholic.org/events

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