



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Pentecost Sunday
9th June

Term 2

Week 7

Tuesday, 11th June, 2019



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Primary Athletics Carnival

Last Friday Primary students participated in an Athletics Carnival held at the Charli Barli Reserve. It was a great day with students enjoying the various sports. A big thank you to Mrs Latham and Mrs Del Duca for organising the day.



Last Sunday was Pentecost Sunday. This is a very significant event in our Liturgical year.

The first Pentecost refers to the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as described in the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-31. According to Luke 22:12-13, the descent of the Holy Spirit occurred while the Apostles were celebrating the Jewish day of Shavuot.

It gave them the power to practise their faith and to preach Christ throughout the known world. The Holy Spirit is embedded within us as it was in Jesus. This occurs as a Sacrament at our Confirmation. That is why the symbol of the tongues of flames is used.

Some of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are—wisdom, understanding, fortitude, counsel and assist us in our life's challenges.

"God of all nations,
May the Spirit who inspired the Apostles to
know how to live and teach the message of
your Son's Gospel, be our source of inspiration.
May the gifts of the Spirit be alive in all aspects
of our daily living. Amen."

Patricia Carr

Tricia Carr
Principal

Term 2 concludes:
Friday, 5th July

Term 3 commences:
Monday, 22nd July

Upcoming Events

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
Thursday, 27th June:	Kinder Animal Day
Thursday, 27th June:	Year 2 Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Friday, 28th June:	Kinder & Year 3 Assemblies (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)



Peace & Joy Awards

The Good Shepherd School Community would like to congratulate the following students for their hard work and dedication throughout the past week. These awards are presented for cooperation, respectfulness, responsibility, care, compassion, fair go and integrity.

KB	Lithi Kamma	KG	Smaran Panguanti
KR	Joseph Suliveta Tusilima Fesolai	KW	Amel Akot
1B	Jayden Aberca	1G	Shristi Kumar
1R	Aahana De Silva	1W	Natasha Modi
2B	Janaya Habito	2G	Leah Angeles
2R	Fatima Mancao	2W	Ankit Maharaj
3B	Moses Musgun	3G	Emily Porter
3R	Miguel Reyes	3W	Vlad Anaastasiei
4B	Kaiden Blair	4G	Cameron Rintoul
4R	Miguel Diamse	4W	Sabina Ia
5B	Jackson Elvis	5G	Ethan Nunag
5R	Kevianne Dela Cruz	5W	Joshua Wasef
6R	Adriana Cayetano	6G	Yareli Montarde
6R	Leatuku Setefano		

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



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

FORTNITE (online game)

Fortnite (sic) is currently one of the most popular video games in the world and Australia. It is highly addictive, very violent and rated M in Australia yet many of our primary school students play it unsupervised. The game is described as a mix of Minecraft and other survival shooting games where people die. The link below is for a Youtube clip describing the game and the implications for parents whose children play. A Youtube clip describing Fortnite:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4GGFfbCwda8>



Athletics Age Champions

Boys

8yrs 1. Oliver Gutierrez
2. Fabiano Jameel

9yrs 1. Joint Champions
Hanok Woldegabre
Henry Sene
Zaeclan Orayenza
2. Orlando Solis

10yrs 1. Mat Alampayan
2. Lucas Blazevic

11yrs 1. Jude Aloisio
2. Emanuel Rian Arago

12yrs 1. Liam Bell
2. Aryan Sharma

Girls

1. Seraphina Vaasili
2. Ite Tonga

1. Abby Irmisch
2. Faith MacMillanSavea

1. Betty Tanaki
2. Cleo Tuaimau

1. Abuk MajokAno
2. Gennina Espino

1. Christina Ket
2. Renaise Alpuerto



Social Skill of the Week

"Open the door for another person"

School Disco—Wednesday, 26th June

Dear Parents, our Parent Group at Good Shepherd Primary School are organising a school disco to be held in the Parish Bingo Hall on Wednesday, 26th June.

There will be two sessions—Infants and Primary. A Flyer will be sent home shortly with further details.



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 Beaulah 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.

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 \$1,500.20 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.



Car Park Safety

Please remember that the carparks, both the church carparks and the turning circle (kiss and drop zone) are shared spaces. That means that the people and cars share the spaces. Please be mindful of the people around your car when you are moving forward or reversing your car. There have been many "near misses" of late. Please do not park across the pedestrian crossings and please slow down and take extra care when using the carparks and the turning circle. Thank you for your considerate use of our community carparks.

Parents picking up

Parents, unfortunately we have noticed recently that many parents are not coming to collect their children until well after 3.15 pm. **Children need to be picked up before 3.15.** There is only teacher's supervision until 3.15 pm. If you are unable to collect your child before this time, please make inquiries about COSHC (Ph. 0409 191 980). Thank you for your attention.



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.

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. Don't forget to label lunch boxes and drink bottles. Thank you.



Colourful
words



Radiant:
The sun shone
with a radiant
glow.

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.**

Just a reminder, when returning notes, sponsorship card etc would you please ensure that your child's full name (first and last name) and class is written on the documentation.

Your support of our school fundraiser is greatly appreciated.

Bianca Cooke, Assistant Principal





MEAL DEALS

TERM 2 - 2019

#1

CHICKEN & LETTUCE SANDWICH,
JUICE POP TOP,
QUELCH STICK ICE BLOCK

\$5.50

#2

CHEESE SANDWICH,
JUICE POPPER,
FROZEN YOGHURT CUP

\$5.50

#3

SAUSAGES & GRAVY,
MASH POTATO,
FLAVOURED MILK (300ML)

\$5.50

#4

SINGAPORE NOODLES,
JUICE BOMB CAN

\$5.50

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.



every learner every day

ABSENCES ADD UP!



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MISSING MORE THAN

=

1

YEAR OF LEARNING IN

12

YEARS

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 Catholic Education Office

Catholic Trade Training Centres are enrolling now for 2020

Fast track your trade while you finish your HSC!

Catholic Trade Training Centres offer a flexible schooling experience for Year 11 and Year 12 students wanting to pursue a career in a vocational field. We also offer the opportunity to accelerate your qualifications and be paid as a School-Based Apprentice or Trainee as you complete your HSC.

Get a head start in:

- Aged Care Nursing
- Automotive (Light Vehicle Servicing)
- Business/Financial Services
- Bricklaying
- Carpentry
- Civil Construction
- Early Childhood Education and Care
- Electrotechnology (Electrician)
- Engineering (Metal Fabrication)
- Hairdressing
- Hospitality (Commercial Cookery)
- Landscaping
- Plumbing
- Shopfitting

Interested in another trade or vocational course? Then talk to us to see what opportunities are available.

Attend one of our Information Evenings to choose the right trade for you.

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

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@parishofbaulkhamills.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

Women in Leadership: 4 - 7 July

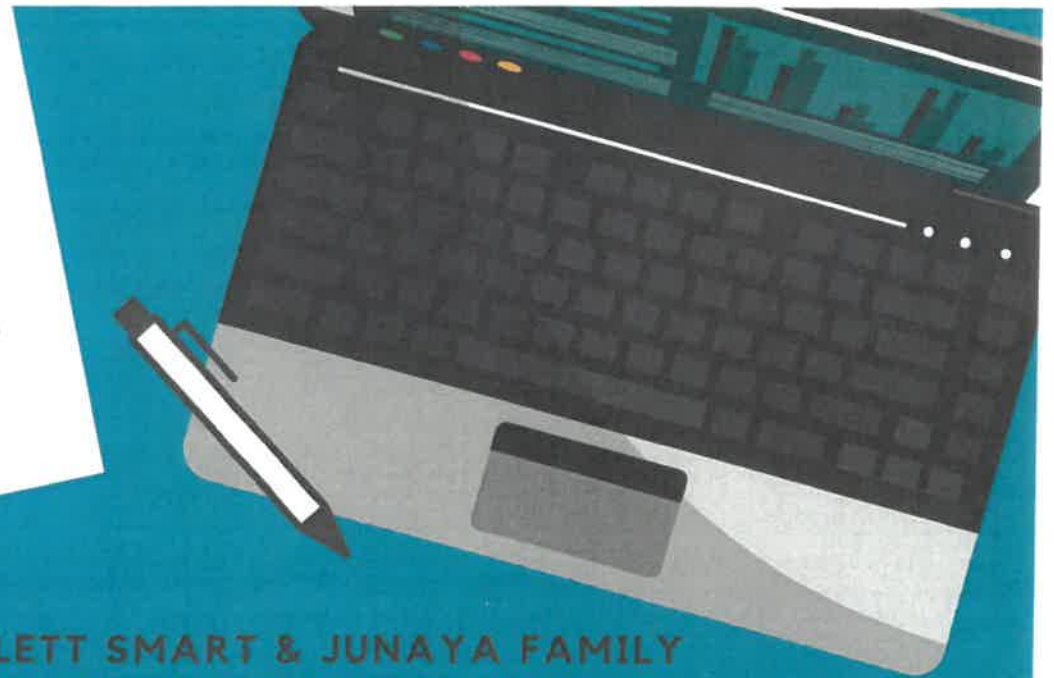
The Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo invites women of any age and any experience in formal leadership positions, and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes, anywhere to the Women in Leadership workshop. The aim is to support women to explore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

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

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COLLETT SMART & JUNAYA FAMILY
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PRESENT

RAISING RESILIENT KIDS & TEENS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Topics included: 5 keys to
developing resilience, teaching
empathy and healthy
relationships.

FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENT
AND CARERS.



THURSDAY 13TH OF JUNE
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
BLACKTOWN LIBRARY - MAX WEBBER
FUNCTION ROOM

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9621 3922. No childcare available. Free 3hr
parking in Library basement. Light
refreshments provided.