



# Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

**The Most Holy  
Trinity  
16th June**



Trinity Sunday

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

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

**Term 2**

**Week 8**

**Tuesday, 18th June, 2019**



*Father Vincy checking out the exciting progress of our building*



*Patricia Carr*

**Tricia Carr  
Principal**

## 2019 Captivate Band Eisteddfod

*"I had a great time at Eisteddfod. It was an amazing experience. I had fun performing in front of many schools. We got 2nd place!!"* MaryBella Shamoka 4R





## Mini Vinnies Winter Food Appeal

Thank you to all our families who were so generous with their donations of food items for our winter food appeal. We were overwhelmed with the amount of food that the students were able to bring in to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society care for the needy of our community. Thank you also to all of our Mini-Vinnies team who helped collect all the food and take it to the Parish room.





## Year 1 Rouse Hill Farm Excursion

*"We went back in time and went into a really really old school. I was so excited and so happy!" - Erin Alcober 1G*



*As you can see by the pictures, the children had lots of fun on the excursion*



## Attendance at School

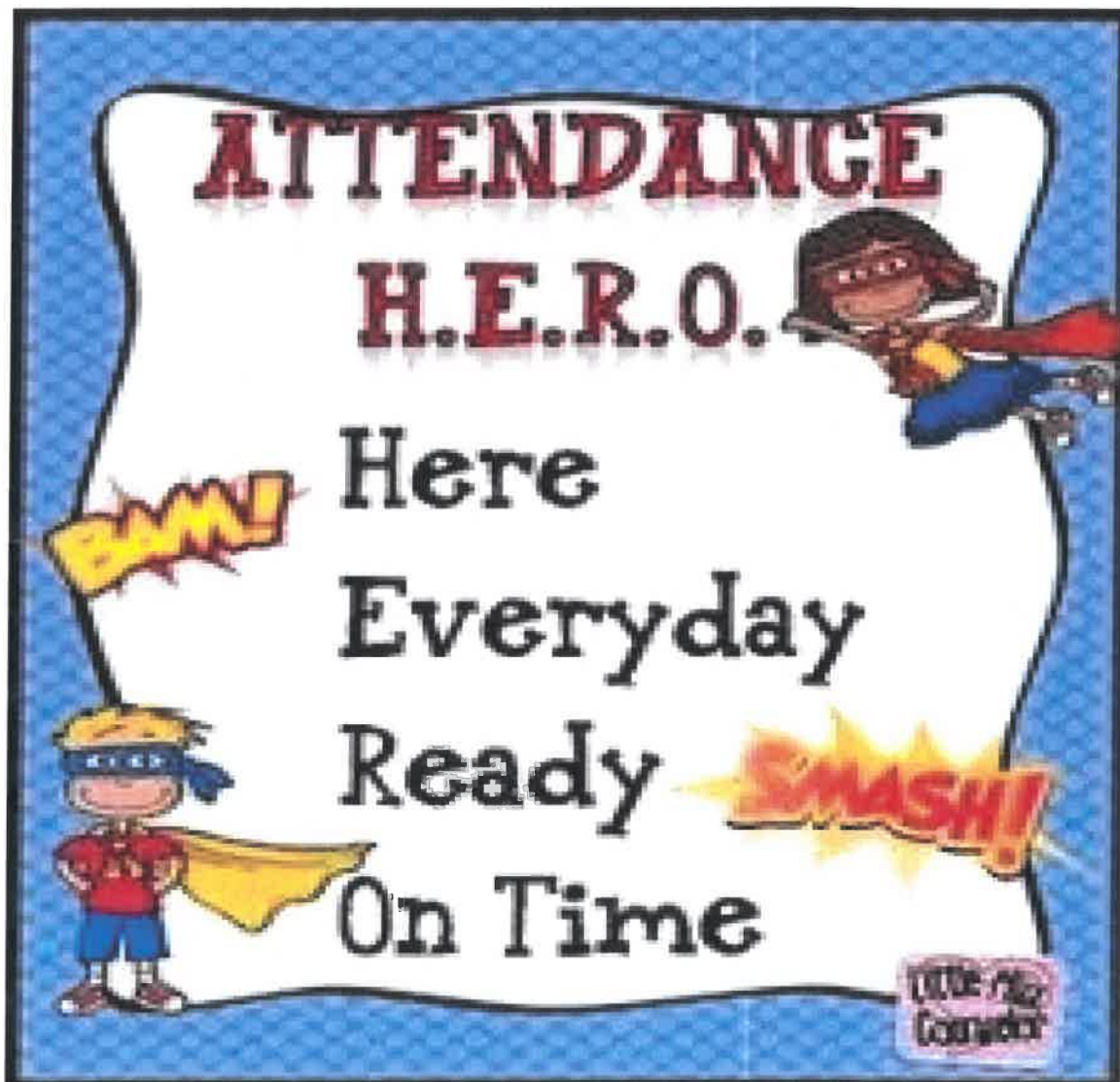
A major learning and pastoral focus of Good Shepherd each year is making sure that every student is at school every day possible.

As you are probably aware, attendance at school has a huge impact on a student's academic success, starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day - they understand why attendance is so important for success in school and life.

We realise some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school — regardless of the reason — it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is absent. Absences can add up quickly and if a student is absent one day a fortnight over the course of a school year they will miss 20 days of education, which is almost half a school term.

Missing school will negatively impact on your child's learning and results.

We want your child to be successful at school and we know that you do too. If you are having a problem with your child attending school regularly, please let us know. There may be ways we can support you in making sure your child attends school on time every day. Thank you, Mrs Carr and Mrs Cooke.





## Upcoming Events

**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: Uniform Shop open today only (3.00 pm)**

**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)**

**Monday, 1st July - Friday, 5th July: Parent Teacher Interviews this week**

**Friday, 3rd July: Last Day of Term 2**



## 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	Sikander Singh	KG	Krishani Patel
KR	Aaron Dela Paz	KW	Isaac Zeinati
1B	Taylor Gale	1G	Adonay Teame
1R	Halle Tauaifaga	1W	Alliyson Grantham
2B	Kevin Cole	2G	Samreet Nijjar
2R	Alexandr Gonzalez	2W	Charlotte Russell
3B	Joelle Soliman	3G	Noah Pepa
3R	Tomas Mallari	3W	Veronica Ballesteros
4B	Jarred Mercado	4G	Betty (Leisiliva) Tanaki
4R	Shayna Tatafu	4W	Chloe Vere
5B	Brianna Azucena	5G	Nguyen Nhi Hong
5R	Sean Scanlan	5W	Cruz Raza
6R	Martin Stanton	6G	Tautangiketatau Sailosi
6R	Bailey Coulson		

## Winter School Disco

Cold outside? Heat up the dance floor at the Winter School Disco.

**Date: Wednesday, 26th June, 2019**

**Kinder to Year 2: 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm**

**Year 3 to Year 6: 5.45 pm to 7.00 pm**

**Entry: \$4.00 per child (pay at the door) Cash only please**

Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to help at the disco. If you can spare for a few minutes or a few hours, please inform the school office. Thank you!



## 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>



## 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.

## 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.

## Mobile Phone—Settings on your phone

Parents, would you please check your Settings for "Incoming Call restrictions" and "Do Not Disturb" notifications on your mobile phones so as in a case of an emergency, we need to be able to contact you. Would you please ensure that you can be contacted quickly and easily. Thank you.

## 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.

## Social Skill of the Week "Chew with your mouth closed"

## 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.

## Parent Teacher Interviews (Week 10)

Dear Parents, please see the flyer attached to this newsletter on how to book a Parent Teacher Interview online. Please note the bookings will close Sunday 30th June at 5.00 pm.

The Event Code for Good Shepherd is:

**zmyyg** and press **Go**



## 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 to date we have made \$1,507.75 for Fr Luan. This term we hope to be able to further our donation of 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 pm.** 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 121 980). Thank you for your attention.



## Excursion/Incursion Notes

Please keep these notes in a safe place when your child/ren bring them home. The office Staff are frequently being asked for another note and this uses extra paper and resources that should be utilised elsewhere in our school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## Building Child Safe Communities - Forms for all Volunteers and Contractors

Dear Parents & Carers, Good Shepherd Primary School is committed to keeping children safe at our school. A range of checks and undertakings are required for people who volunteer at schools within the Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP). Volunteers **MUST** complete STEP 1 and STEP 2 of the online process, accessed via the CEO, Parramatta website. Once evidence has been received in the Good Shepherd School Office of completion of both steps in the process then volunteers will be welcomed to assist at events at school. Access the following website to complete your training and undertaking:

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>

## 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.



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words



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crystals.

## Infants End of Term Awards

The following students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will receive Awards for Term 2 2019. These awards will be presented at the Whole School Assembly at 8.30 am next Monday, 24th June (Week 9). Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Class	Religious Education	Learning Achievement	Learning Achievement	Consistent Effort
KB	Grace Gearman	Joshray Ventura	Fernando Jameel	Ethan Elisapeci
KG	Krishani Patel	Billy Allen	Sandy Trinh	Harry Pender
KR	Michael Ragheb	Kezia Amofo	Aaron Dela Paz	Kendrick Oakes
KW	Cataleya Caygill	Caleb Bay	Castiel Del Rosario	Abigail Little
1B	Zaevar Orayenza	Loleta-Elisapeta	Scarlet Nguyen	Novaoe Lealamanu'a
1G	Giselle Abdallah	Xavier Santos	Alex La	Erin Alcober
1R	Levi Findlay	Nadriel Gonzales	Ayesha Kumar	Aarav Ahwan
1W	Fransisca Purwadi	Kritish Chand	Fransisca Purwadi	Shaliyah Johan
2B	Aiden Dela Paz	Tia Scali	Kevin Cole	Isabelle Diamse
2G	Rachel Thrikawala Badalge	Jesse Taylor	Isabella Sugpatan	John-Paul Aloisio
2R	Kassandra Nuval	Andrei Bichescu	Fatima Mancao	Chauncey Tecson
2W	Mackenzie Jones	Aryan Shah	Christian Elters	Errol Cantorna



### Anaphylaxis

As you are aware Good Shepherd Primary School has adopted a nut free policy to protect its students. Due to the presence of children who have anaphylactic reactions, nuts represent a considerable threat to the well-being of some of the school community. An anaphylactic reaction can be fatal. Could parents please further assist us by making sure that their children do not bring any nut products to school eg peanut butter, Nutella and other nut spreads, chocolate bars with nuts in them like Snickers, some muesli products, some cake or biscuit products—the list is extensive. If parents could check the labels carefully before buying products for school lunches, it would be greatly appreciated. If your child has an allergy and he/she does not wear a wrist band at school, please contact Mrs Doran in the School Office. (Wrist Bands are also available for asthma and diabetes).



### Mobile Phones

Parents, please note students are not allowed to have mobiles on their person or in the backpack during school hours. If you need to contact them, please ring the School Office. Students can leave their mobile phones with the office in the morning and collect them at dismissal time. Thank you.

### Hairstyling, Grooming and Earrings

Students are expected to keep their hair clean, neat and tidy at all times. Students are to keep hair off their face and out of their eyes. Student haircuts are to be in a sensible and conventional style. There are to be no extremes of fashion in hairstyle cut or colour. Shaving of any part of the head or undercuts, and haircuts with a number 1 or 2 blade are not permitted. Rat's tails are not permitted. For girls, long hair below the shoulder should be tied back by a ribbon, 'scrunchy', hair band or clip in school colours. Only one pair of sleepers or studs are to be worn in the lower ear lobe. No dangling earrings.



## **2019 Good Shepherd's Bush Bash this Friday, 21st June!!**

Good Shepherd Primary School Plumpton is holding a Bush Bash Day this 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—\$3,370 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.**

**Also if your child is leaving early from the Bush Bash with someone other than their parent, a note must be provided to your child's teacher prior to this Friday, 21st June.**

Your support of our school fundraiser is greatly appreciated.  
Bianca Cooke, Assistant Principal



# 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

### 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](http://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](mailto:cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au) for more information. For more events please go to: [parracatholic.org/events](http://parracatholic.org/events)

### 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](http://www.ROM.org.au) For more events please go to: [parracatholic.org/events](http://parracatholic.org/events)

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Monday 17th June, 2019

Dear Parents,

To continue our working partnership, we would like to invite you to attend a Parent Teacher Interview. These interviews are a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss your child's mid year report and future learning goals. We strongly encourage all families to attend.

We are using an online booking system to coordinate the interview time allocations. It is a very simple process and it gives you the opportunity to independently choose a time most convenient to you. If you do not have internet access at home, please contact the office for assistance.

All you need to do is log on to the website and follow the simple on screen steps. This 'event' is now **open for bookings**. **Bookings will close Sunday 30th June at 5pm.**

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IT IS A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE SYSTEM.**

Below are some simple steps to get you started.

See you at the interviews!

Tricia Carr and Bianca Cooke

## ONLINE BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)
2. You will see this at the top of the screen



3. Click the **MAKE A BOOKING** tab
4. Enter the event code- **zmyyg** and press **GO**

To make a booking, please enter the event code:



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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