



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Saints Joachim & Anne (Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)



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Term 3

Week 1

Tuesday, 23rd July, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 3!

I hope everyone who was able to have a break really enjoyed some rest and fun times with family.

This Friday we will be celebrating Grandparents' Day here at Good Shepherd. We hope all our Grandparents and those who are like Grandparents to our students will come along for the Liturgy and Morning tea. We love having you as part of our community here at Good Shepherd. We know what a great support you are to the families and especially when parents need help and support during school holiday times if they have to work then.

So come along and let us spoil you for a change!!

As you can see our building is nearly finished and the area behind the Kindergarten and year three building has been covered in artificial turf. This area was very dry and hard to maintain – so we decided to cover it and it looks beautiful!



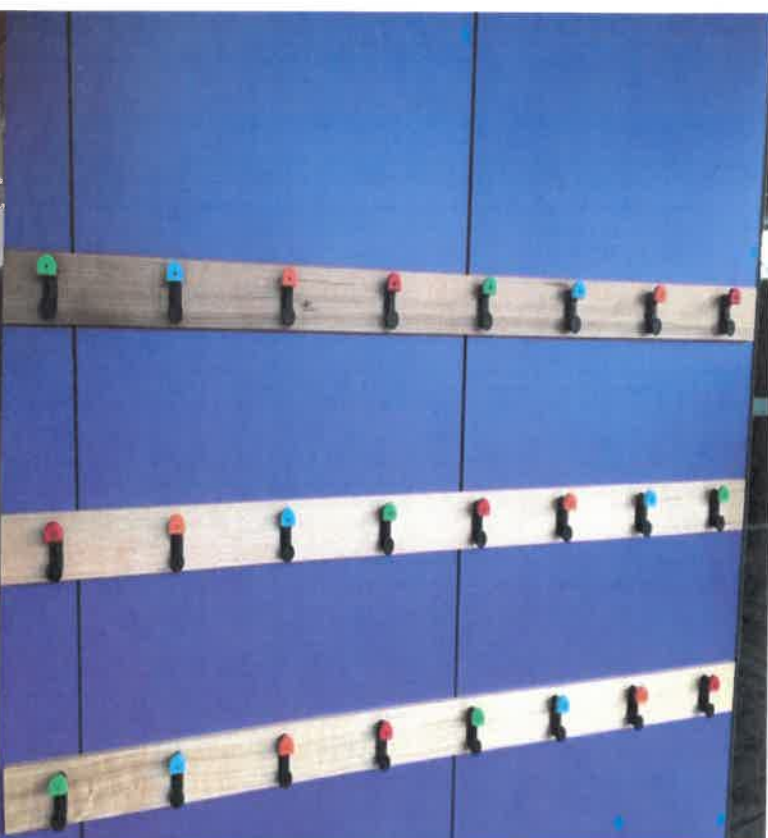
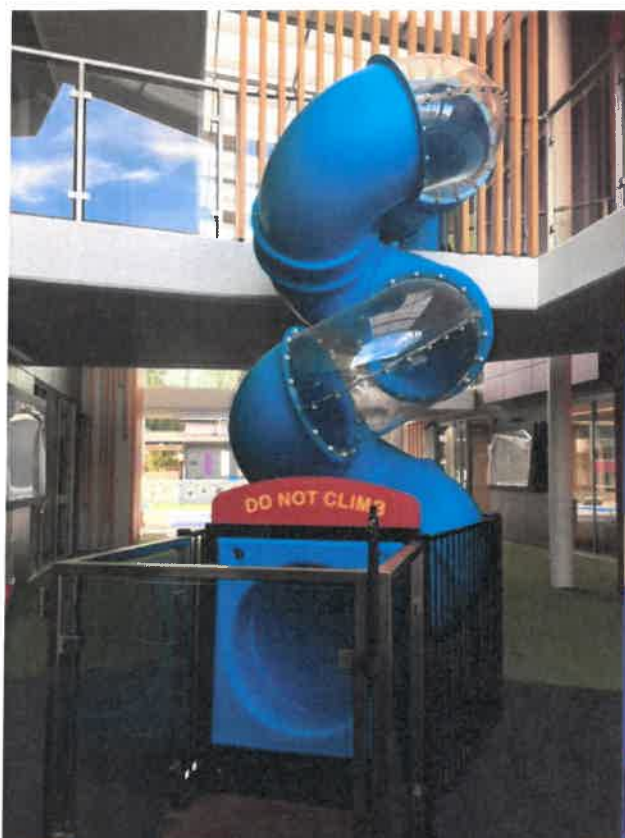
We are nearly finished the building process and when our statue of Jesus the Good Shepherd is in place we will have a birthday celebration for our school. It is our 40th birthday this year, so watch the newsletter and we will keep you updated. Thank you all for your interest and patience.

Patricia Carr

Tricia Carr
Principal

Term 3 concludes:
Thursday, 26th September

Term 4 commences:
Monday, 14th October



Upcoming Events

Friday, 26th July:	Grandparents Day (9.00 am Liturgy of the Word in the Good Shepherd Church. Following the Liturgy, there will be open classrooms and then morning tea.)
Friday, 26th July:	Fruity Friday
Tuesday, 30th July:	Year 4 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day
Friday, 2nd August:	Infants Athletics Carnival
Friday, 2nd August:	5 cent Friday coin collection for Fr Luan
Friday, 2nd August:	Fruity Friday
Monday, 5th August:	Parent Group Meeting (6.30 pm Good Shepherd School. All parents welcome)
Wednesday, 7th August:	Year 2 Excursion to Chatswood
Thursday, 8th August:	St Mary of the Cross Feast Day

Term 2 'Primary' Principal's Morning Tea

Dear Parents, last term we held our Primary Principal's Morning Tea at school. Teachers were asked to nominate one child from each class to attend morning tea with the Principal and the Assistant Principal. These nominated children have shown a positive attitude to all aspects of schooling for the term. Congratulations to the parents and teachers of these children who consistently make good choices about their learning: Harmony Nomani, Bronte-Rose Marks, Alivia Cobban, Franky Dangerfield, Hasini Tirumalasetti, Leisiliva (Betty) Tanaki, Shayna Tatafu, Onkar Mehrok, Ashleigh Galletes, Jarred Hide, Emanuel-Rian Arago, Onel Markahe and Joanne Imlay.



Term 3 Library Borrowing & Sports Days

Library Borrowing:

Mondays:	Kinder & Year 6
Tuesdays:	Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesdays:	Year 3 and Year 4
Thursdays:	Year 5

Sports Days:

Wednesdays:	KB, KG, 2B, 2G, Year 4, 5B and 5G
Thursdays:	1B, 1G, Year 3, 5R, 5W, 6B & 6G
Fridays:	KR, KW, 1R, 1W, 2R, 2W and 6R

Please note **ALL KINDER STUDENTS** need to wear their Sports uniform **on Tuesdays** as well.

Bush Bash Prize Winners!!

Congratulations to the following winners of the Bush Bash prize draw.

Family Prize: Isabella & Oliver Gutierrez
Taiuli-Rose Bennell

Grade Prize:

Kinder:	Harlow Pinto
Year 1	Abigail Milag
Year 2	Aryan Shah
Year 3	Darianne Afinidad
Year 4	Dominic Sultana
Year 5	Jordan Lumbre
Year 6	Avani Narayan

Fruity Friday returns

To encourage all children to have healthy eating habits, 'Fruity Friday' is back! Everyone is encouraged to bring along fruit or veggies to eat for recess each Friday (and every other day). Classes will be able to set themselves some 'fruity challenges' and participate in 'fruity activities' that will be shared via the Parent Newsletter. So get involved and start eating those delicious fruits and veggies. Don't forget that the canteen sells delicious salads and pieces of fruit. Here are a couple of 'fruity jokes' to get you going... What's the fastest vegetable? A runner bean! Why did the grape stop in the middle of the road? He ran out of juice!

Bianca Cooke
Assistant Principal



2019 Dates

Term 3

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

No access to Bingo Hall Car Park

Dear Parents, please note due to major works the Bingo Hall Car Park will be closed from **Wednesday, 31st July through to Friday, 2nd August**. There will be no access to this car park permitted. Alternative parking is available in the Church car park or the car park beside the Plumpton shopping centre. Thank you.

Parent Group Meeting— Monday, 5th August

Dear Parents, just a reminder that there will be a meeting held at Good Shepherd Primary School on Monday, 7th August commencing at 6.30 pm, concluding at 7.30 pm. Please come along to hear the latest news and enjoy the opportunity of meeting new people. All parents welcome!

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!

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.

Parent Group News

Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop is open on Fridays from 8:30 am to 9:00 am during the 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!**

Grandparent's Day—this Friday, 26th July

This Friday we are celebrating Grandparents Day and invite all Grandparents and special adults to come along and celebrate with us. Liturgy begins at 9.00 am in the Church. After the Liturgy, we will have open classrooms till 10.30 am. This is followed by morning tea till 11.00 am. If you haven't submitted your RSVP for catering purposes, please notify the office by Wednesday afternoon. We look forward to sharing this special day with you.



Social Skill of the Week

"Look at the person, smile and say hello"

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.

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.**



2019 Census Day

Dear Parents & Carers, Friday, 2nd August (Week 2) is the annual Census Day. Please phone the school office on Ph. 9836 7100 from 8:00 am onwards on that Friday if your child is going to be absent from school on this day for any reason. **A signed letter of explanation from you must also be sent to the school on the day your child returns, for our records.** This procedure is vital for our funding and audit purposes. Thank you for your assistance.



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.

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 third instalment of school fees will be posted out shortly. Payment will be due 28th August. 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!

Dear Families of Good Shepherd,
This Friday 26th July we will continue to keep the goodwill rolling for Fr Luan. If you have any noisy, rattling coins in your car, wallet or purse we can help you! Please donate spare 5 cent or other coins. So far we have reached half way to one generator. Your small change makes a **BIG** difference. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

**Thank
You!**

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.

Free "Alerts" and more to your mobile phone

Did you know that you can receive "Alerts" to your mobile phone for free? This is very handy to have and will keep you updated on "last minute" changes or reminders to School events. The App is called "Skoolbag" and to install this **free** App on your iPhone or Android phone, this is what you do: Simply search for Good Shepherd School Plumpton in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac and install. **After the App is installed on your phone, make sure that you select "OK" to allow Alert notifications. Also click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive Alerts for.**

For those that have Android phones, simply search our school "Good Shepherd School Plumpton" and install. **After the app is installed click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive Alerts for.**

Skoolbag 
Smartphone school to parent communication

Canteen Meal Deals

Dear Parents, please see attached Term 3 Meal Deals. Please note the following discontinued stock available for purchase until sold... Pizza Slab Chicken, Pizza Slab Margarita and Italian Meatballs. Also, from this term onwards, it will be a "straw free" canteen. Thank you.



Woolies Earn & Learn

Thank you to all of the families who supported the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion last term. We gathered 49,758 stickers! We will trade them in for much needed sporting equipment. Once we receive the goodies, I'll let you know. Thank you again for your continued support.
Bianca 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.

Slow down to 40 when bus lights flash!!

Dear Parents, please click on the following link regarding bus awareness.

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/bus-flashing-lights.html>



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Fauna:

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has led to the
destruction of
fauna.

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.

School Matters!



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When: Wednesday 31/07/19 – 04/09/19

Duration: 6 x 2hr Sessions - Once a week

Time: 11am-1pm

Where: Blacktown TBA on Registration

Who: Parents and Carers of Kids 2-12 years

Childcare: Not available

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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BLACKTOWN NSW 2148



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