



**25th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**



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**Term 3 concludes:  
Thursday, 26th September**

**Term 4 commences:  
Monday, 14th October**

# Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

**Term 3**

**Week 10**

**Tuesday, 24th September, 2019**

## Year 1 Space Incursion

Last week students from Year 1 participated in a Space Incursion at school....

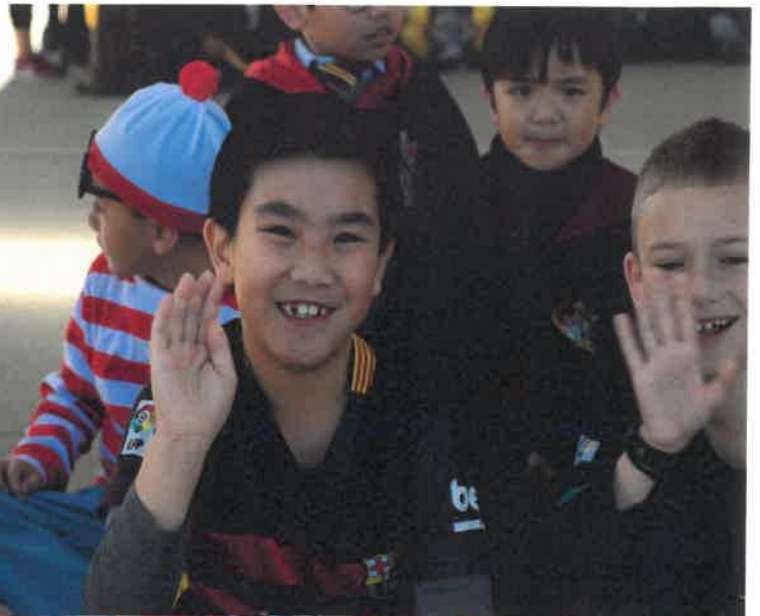
*"Space day was my favourite day ever! The planetarium was so cool. We got to see lots of different constellations we can see in the sky when the clouds aren't out." Aiden Alano*

*"I loved making my alien 'Little Giggler' out of playdough and then writing a narrative about her." Bethany Stanton*





## Bookweek Parade





## Upcoming Events

<b>Wednesday, 25th September:</b>	<b>School's 40th Birthday Celebration. (commencing with Whole School Liturgy 9.00 am in the Good Shepherd Church). Celebrations conclude at 11.00 am.</b>
<b>Friday, 27th September:</b>	<b>Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)</b>
<b>Monday, 30th September - 11th October</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
<b>Monday, 14th October:</b>	<b>Term 4 commences</b>
<b>Tuesday, 22nd October:</b>	<b>Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)</b>
<b>Friday, 25th October:</b>	<b>5c coin collection for Father Luan's East Timor fundraiser</b>

## Summer Uniform

Parents, please note that the official changeover date for summer uniform is **Monday, 28th October, 2019 (Term 4 Week 3)**. Due to the changing weather temperatures students may commence wearing the summer school uniform. The correct school uniform should be worn at all times, in order to maintain expectations. If, for any reason, a child is unable to wear any part of the correct uniform, a note should be sent to your child's class teacher. Parents who have difficulty securing uniforms for their children please make an appointment with Mrs Carr, Principal, to discuss options. **THE SCHOOL HAT IS AN ESSENTIAL ITEM OF SCHOOL UNIFORM. THE WEARING OF THE SCHOOL HAT IS COMPULSORY.** For a full list of the School Uniform requirements, please refer to the following:

### GIRLS

**Uniform:** Regulation School Uniform, Green Hair Ribbons, White turn-down School Socks, Black School Shoes.

**Sports:** Unisex Sports Shorts with School Crest OR Green School Track Pants, Short sleeved White Polo Shirt with School Crest, Green Sports Jumper, White turn-down School Socks and Joggers predominantly white.

### BOYS

**Uniform:** School white short-sleeved shirt with lay-back collar, Black Shorts, Black turn-down socks and Black School Shoes.

**Sports:** Unisex Sports Shorts with School Crest OR Green School Track Pants, Short sleeved White Polo Shirt with School Crest, Green Sports Jumper, White turn-down School Socks and Joggers predominantly white. The School Jumper with crest may be worn at any time throughout the year.

The School Hat with crest is a compulsory school item to be worn every day. **The School's Uniform Supplier is Lowes, Mt Druitt.** Please mark all school clothing with your child's name to avoid lost property!!

## Term 3's Principal's Morning Tea

Dear Parents, yesterday 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. The Infants Principal's Morning Tea will be held this Thursday.

Congratulations to the parents and teachers of these children who consistently make good choices about their learning: The primary students were: Samantha Zacharia, Malakai Setefano, Jack Jamil, Alexandra Barbor, Jenna Felizardo, Nino Santos, Emmanuel Ibanez, Emmanuella Momoh, Riane Salantes, Lincoln Magro, Onel Markahe, Jessica Odemwengie, Breanna Borg and Declan Pitkin.



## 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

### Social Skill of the Week

*"Maintain eye contact when speaking to someone"*

### New School Bags—just arrived ...

Dear Parents, please note we have received a delivery of new School Bags! They can be purchased from the school office for \$40.00 (cash only). (We would appreciate the exact amount if possible—thank you)



### All students to wear their Sports Uniform Tomorrow Wednesday, 25th September

Dear Parents, please note all students are to wear their Sports Uniform on **Wednesday, 25th September (Week 10)** for our school's birthday party. 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.



### 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	Romeo Cayetano	KG	Bruce Pelesa
KR	Alyce Rose Ma'asi	KW	Krystelle Caalim
1B	Chelsea Baxter	1G	Erin Alcober
1R	Serenity Thomas	1W	Talia Toleafoa
2B	Joshua Caruana	2G	Leah Angeles
2R	Seerat Mehrok	2W	Jeremiah Setefano
3B	Fabiano Jameel	3G	Sahara-Rose Akbarzadeh
3R	Corey Reyes	3W	Alexandra Barbor
4B	Emmanuel Momoh	4G	Leisilivi (Betty) Tanaki
4R	Mary Shamoka	4W	Camille Ebuenga
5B	Lucas Lobos	5G	Satya Patel
5R	Ilyana Toma	5W	Cleo Tuaimau
6B	Marquise Cuthbertson-Iakopo	6G	John Casapao
6R	EJ Lauulu		

### 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 Banking

Dear Parents, please note Student Banking will resume **Week 2 of Term 4, 2019**. Thank you

**PLEASE NOTE**

### 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.**



### Changing Schools in 2020?

Are you thinking of or needing to change schools in 2020? Whatever the reason, we would appreciate you letting us know as soon as you can. CEDP require us to estimate our enrolment numbers for 2020 in order to predict and prepare for appropriate staffing and budgeting. It would be appreciated if you could notify the school in writing if your child/ren may be leaving Good Shepherd at the end of the year, from Year groups other than Year 6.

### Student Absences

Dear Parents,  
Just a quick reminder that **ALL student absences need to be explained. This is a legal requirement.**

### 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.**

### Children Absent from School due to illness

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.** We need to receive this note within seven days of the last day of absence. Prolonged absences from school due to illness should be supported by a medical certificate.



### 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.

### Other person collecting your child before dismissal time

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 regardless of whether they are an emergency contact or not.** This policy is **effective immediately.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### NO CASH TRANSACTIONS THIS THURSDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER

Dear Parents, please note that there will be **NO CASH** transactions available this Thursday due to both end of term and end of month procedures. However, EFTPOS will still be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Book Fair at Good Shepherd School

Dear Parents, please note our Book Fair continues this week and will conclude Thursday, 26th September. Purchases can be made from 8.10 am—8.30 am, and from 3.10 pm—3.20 pm each day. Students can also purchase at second half of lunch. Please note EFTPOS and cash will be accepted. Thank you for your support and cooperation.



### Pastoral Care & Student Management Policy 2016 and the Countering Discrimination, Harassment & Bullying—Policy

Dear Parents & Carers, for information on the above policies, please refer to our School Website—Our School—Policy & Procedures—Good Shepherd Primary Policies and the Catholic School Community section.

### Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments

**PLEASE!!  
NOTE**

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2020 are available from the School Office. We are filling up so please call in and pick up an enrolment pack.

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.

### Term 3 2019 Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

Each year Staff participate in professional development to support them in their roles as educators. The focus of these days is aligned to Good Shepherd School's goals. Staff will use information they have gathered about the children to design learning programs for the children that will best meet their needs. Term 3's Staff Development Day is a Pupil Free Day and will take place this **Friday, 27th September (Week 10).** Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children on this day. COSHC will be able to offer spaces for care on this day. Please phone COSHC on Ph. 0409 121 980 for all inquiries and bookings.

### 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!**

### Blacktown City Council—Holiday Guide

Dear Parents please refer to the Blacktown City Council's website for fun school holiday activities. The website is ...  
[Blacktown.nsw.gov.au](http://Blacktown.nsw.gov.au)



Flora  
and  
fauna

# Gregarious: Gregarious animals roamed the jungle.



## Schedule for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion 2019—2020

5th November, 2019—Tuesday at 7.30 pm. Meeting with the Parents only. Completed registration forms and copies of Baptismal Certificate must be submitted on this night.

10th/11th November (Saturday/Sunday) - Enrolment of students in all Masses.

Reconciliation Classes—All on Sundays from 10.30 am to 11.30 am at Good Shepherd school premises. **Attendance is a MUST.**

17th November—First lesson

24th November—Second lesson

1st December—Third lesson

8th December—Fourth lesson

10th December—Tuesday—Reconciliation night at 7.30 pm in the Church.

Holy Eucharist classes in 2020—Classes start from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. **Attendance is a MUST.**

9th February—First lesson

16th February—Second lesson

23rd February—Third lesson

1st March—Fourth lesson—will be held in the Church.

Holy Communion—chosen Mass times, 6.00 pm Saturday, 7.00 am, 9.00 am & 6.00 pm Sunday

Communion Dates—Saturdays—7th, 14, 21st, 28th March. Sundays—8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th March.



# Attendance matters !!

## 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.



## Sports Update

### Mackillop Athletics

Last Monday six Good Shepherd students represented Parramatta Diocese of the Mackillop Athletics trials at Homebush. The students should be very proud at reaching this level of competition. They all did their very best with an outstanding result achieved by Divine Vaifale 6G being placed 2nd in the Senior Girls Shot Put and Mat Alampayan 5R who was placed 3rd in the Junior Boys Long Jump. Divine and Mat will now proceed to the PSSA State Athletics Carnival in November. Congratulations Divine and Mat, and good luck at the State Athletics!

### Rugby 7's

Grace Tautua, 6R competed at the PSSA Girls Rugby 7's State Carnival last week. After competing at the Mackillop Athletics, she travelled to the Central Coast to participate as a member of the Mackillop Rugby 7's team. The team was placed 3rd at the carnival. Congratulations Grace on your selection in the team and reaching such a prestigious level!!





# News from the Catholic Education Office

**SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
NORTH PARRAMATTA  
St Monica's  
11:30am

**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
GRANVILLE  
Holy Trinity Parish  
10:00am

**SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
BLACKTOWN  
Mary Queen of the Family (Allawah St)  
9:30pm

**SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
RYDALMERE  
Holy Name of Mary  
5:30pm

**SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
GLENBROOK  
St Finbar's  
8:00pm

**HARRIS PARK**  
St Oliver Plunkett  
10:00am

**BAULKHAM HILLS**  
St Michael's  
6:00pm

**ROUSE HILL**  
Our Lady of the Angels  
10:00am

**CASTLE HILL**  
St Bernadette's  
6:00pm

**PEENING**  
St Nicholas of Myra  
8:00pm

**MARAYONG**  
St Andrew the Apostle  
10:30am

**ENIN PLAINS**  
Our Lady of the Way  
6:00pm

**PLUMPTON**  
The Good Shepherd  
8:00pm

**KELLYVILLE**  
Our Lady of the Rosary  
6:00pm

**MOUNT DRUITT/ EMENTON**  
Holy Family  
10:30am

**GREYSTONES**  
Our Lady Queen of Peace  
6:00pm

**QUAKERS HILL**  
Mary Immaculate  
6:00pm

**WINSTON HILLS**  
St Paul the Apostle  
6:00pm

**WINDSOR**  
St Matthew's  
5:00pm

**PARRAMATTA**  
St Patrick's Cathedral  
6:00pm

**ST CLAIR**  
Holy Spirit  
6:00pm

**YOUNGABIE**  
St Anthony of Padua  
5:30pm

**LALOR PARK**  
St Bernadette's  
6:00pm

**KELLYVILLE**  
Our Lady of the Rosary  
6:00pm

**SEVEN HILLS**  
Our Lady of Lourdes  
6:00pm

**HSC 2019 MASSES**  
CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA

## 2019 NSW Children's Week

This year, Children's Week runs from 19 to 27 October. For Children's Week, the Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People (ACYP) is inviting entries for the NSW Children's Week 2019 Creative Story Competition. ACYP and the NSW Children's Week Committee is also encouraging nominations for the NSW Children's Week 2019 Awards.

### NSW Children's Week 2019 Creative Story Competition:

The competition is an opportunity for children and young people to write a creative story (200 to 500 words) about an issue that is important to them and to other children and young people in 2019. The winning stories will be decided by famous author and Children's Laureate Morris Gleitzman, together with the NSW Advocate for Children and Young People, the NSW Youth Advisory Council and the NSW Children's Week Committee. The competition is open to all children and young people under the age of 18 living in NSW. Entries close Sunday 6 October 2019.

### NSW Children's Week 2019 Awards:

Children, young people and adults can nominate an individual, group, service or project that falls within the award categories. There are seven awards for children and young people and three awards for adults. Entries close Sunday 6 October 2019.

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# Schedule for the Sacraments of Reconciliation 2019

Nov 5, 2019 (Tues) @ 7:30pm Parents Meeting  
(*parents only!*)

Completed registration form & copy of  
*Baptismal Certificate* **must** be submitted on  
*REGISTRATION FORMS will be available early OCTOBER 2019*  
this night.

Nov 10/11 – Saturday/Sunday

Enrolment of students at all English masses

## Reconciliation classes:-

All on Sundays from 10:30am to 11:30am at  
*Good Shepherd School* rooms.

Attendance is a **MUST**.

Nov 17 - First lesson

Nov 24 - Second lesson

Dec 01 - Third lesson

Dec 08 - Fourth lesson

*Reconciliation Night at 7:30pm in the church*

Dec 10, 2019 (Tuesday)

VIP EVENT - THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER  
**ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS**



**20%\***  
**OFF**  
**SCHOOLWEAR**

AND  
EVERYTHING ELSE



**INSTORE & ONLINE THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER.**

\* Excludes gift cards, all suit packages & Schoolwear layby's. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only.  
Styles and colours may vary from store to store.

No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount.  
**Offer ends midnight (AEST) 10/10/19. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.**