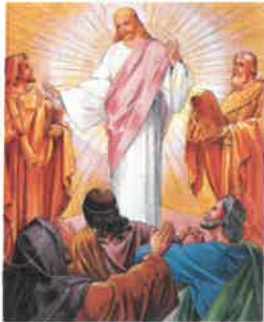




# Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

The Transfiguration  
of the Lord



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

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

**Term 3**

**Week 3**

**Tuesday, 6th August, 2019**

## 2019 Infants Athletics Carnival

What a wonderful day we had at our Infants Athletics Carnival last Friday! A big thank you to the teachers who organised the activities and to the many family members who came along and supported the students throughout the day.



## Upcoming Events

<b>Wednesday, 7th August:</b>	<b>Year 2 Excursion</b>
<b>Thursday, 8th August:</b>	<b>St Mary of the Cross</b>
<b>Tuesday, 13th August:</b>	<b>Blacktown Zone Athletics</b>
<b>Wednesday, 14th August:</b>	<b>Voice of Youth Glendenning Cluster Finals</b>
<b>Thursday, 15th August:</b>	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Whole School Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)</b>
<b>Thursday, 22nd August:</b>	<b>Whole School Book Parade &amp; Book Week Activities—please see attachment</b>
<b>Wednesday, 28th August:</b>	<b>Netball Gala Day</b>
<b>Wednesday, 28th August:</b>	<b>Father's Day Breakfast BBQ (7.00 am—8.00 am Good Shepherd School. Following breakfast there will be a Liturgy in the Good Shepherd Church commencing at 9.00 am)</b>
<b>Thursday, 29th August:</b>	<b>Father's Day Stall</b>
<b>Friday, 30th August:</b>	<b>Kindergarten Teddy Bear's Picnic—(12.00 pm onwards. Note with details will be sent home shortly.)</b>
<b>Friday, 30th August:</b>	<b>Father's Day Raffle Draw</b>

### ACARA Collection Student Background Data Notice:

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.

**Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by 30 August 2019**

Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.

### Fruity Friday

So, how many pieces of Fruit or Veggies have you been eating? How is your class tally going?

We all know how important a good diet is and eating fruit and veggies each day helps us to stay happy and healthy. You should be eating 5 serves of veggies and 2 serves of fruit each day! Fruit and veggies are 'superfoods'!

Why not design your own plate of super foods using the page attached? Send it in to Mrs Cooke and it could be hung up around the school!

Here are a couple of 'fruity' jokes to keep you giggling. If you have a fruit or veggie joke, send it in to Mrs Cooke and it could be included in future editions of the LINK!

Why aren't grapes ever lonely?

Because they come in bunches!

How do you fix a broken tomato?  
Tomato paste!



### 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 on **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.

## Change in PE lessons in Week 3 for Kinder and Year 2

All of Kinder are to wear their sports uniform today and Wednesday this week (Week 3).

**All of Year 2 are to wear their PE uniform on Friday only.** This change is due to Year 2 going on their excursion this week. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.





## 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

## Religious Education News

### Catholic Value 5: Sacramentality or God's Presence in the World.

This Catholic Value embodies the fact that Creation gives glory to God. It reminds us that the Sacraments are a real way that God gives us his life and love. We are Called to worship God and look after God's creation.

*'I am called to do this by my confirmation. I was given the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live and act like Jesus in all that I say and do. I need to treat God's creation respectfully, look after each other, share my knowledge and wisdom about God to others and to be an understanding person.'*  
(Shiloh Sumilang 5G)



## Social Skill of the Week

***"Wash your hands after using the bathroom"***

## 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.**

## 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.

## 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.

## 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	Emmanuel Sanak	KG	Joanna Halatokoua
KR	Wayne Jasper De Lara	KW	Matthew Ragheb
1B	Abigail Milag	1G	Aahna Patel
1R	Layla Cobban-Hmura	1W	Tript Mutti
2B	Giovanna Thomas	2G	Brooklyn Viray
2R	Chauncey Tecson	2W	Ava McKeough
3B	Kirsten Labial	3G	Thomas Planer
3R	Gabrielle Almazan	3W	Mikayla Villabona
4B	Ezekiel Aguila	4G	Patricia Mateo
4R	Chris Baluyot	4W	Joshua Gavilan-Calderon
5B	Shantel Santana	5G	Macsimos Agpoon
5R	Marley Tamani	5W	Cruz Raza
6B	Gilsan Gilbertsagayathan	6G	Bailey Lees
6R	Jasleen Sehgal		

## 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.

## 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!

### Sports Update

Last Tuesday Year 4 Boys & Girls attended a Soccer Gala Day. Congratulations to Year 4 Boys team who were placed 2nd in their division. Well done to the girls for their efforts on the day. Thank you to the parents who attended for their support.

Yesterday, Grace Tautua 6R attended the Girls 7's Rugby trials and was successful in being chosen into the Mackillop team. She will now play in the PSSA 7's Rugby Championships. Congratulations and Good Luck!!



### Bike & Skateboard Awareness - Keeping the children safe

Dear families, If your child rides a bicycle to school, (with or without supervision), please ensure that you have signed the Bicycle Policy and returned it to school. Please also ensure that the child enters the school using the walkers' gate and not through the carpark entrances or drop off circle. A copy of the Road Safety Policy & Bicycle Safety Policy 2019 is available at the office or on the school's website.

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](mailto: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 have been posted out. **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, Please 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.

### A special invitation to: Dads, Grandads, carers!

In celebration of Father's Day we are holding a special morning for you!

Wednesday 28th August 6.30 am to 8.00 am

Lets start with a nice hot BBQ Brekky at 6.30 am followed by a Liturgy at 9.00 am. Dad, Grandad—if you are bringing the children to school—they can join you for breakfast too!

We will celebrate your special day with a Liturgy in Church at 9.00 am! Everyone welcome.

Gabrielle Almazan in 3R gained 2 medals at last weekend's NSW Taekwondo Championships at Homebush. She won a bronze and silver medal. Congratulations Gabrielle!



### 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!**

#### Is my child too ill to attend school?

What signs should I watch for to see if my child should stay home from school? Sick children who are lethargic or whiny are often giving clues that they require rest at home to recuperate. Other possible signs of illness are fever, uncontrolled coughing, difficulty breathing, wheezing or persistent crying. Did the doctor diagnose a contagious illness that should keep your child at home? In this case, your child should remain at home until the risk of passing on the illness has passed. When can my child return to school?

As long as there is no fever or discomfort, a child with a cold may go to school, as long as they are not too uncomfortable to function in school. Instruct the child on the proper use of tissues for coughing, sneezing, and nose blowing. They should also be taught good hand-washing techniques, since research has shown that more colds are spread via contaminated hands than by infected droplets in the air.





## eSafety Commissioner

As a way of continuing to support our community in helping our children to be 'Cyber Safe', we are sharing this website for the eSafety Commissioner:

[www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

This website provides parents and teachers with tips and advice on helping children have safe and enjoyable experiences online. There are helpsheets, safety guides and tours all aimed at empowering parents to understand the challenges children face online and how they can be supported.



Cyberbullying

### 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.

### Road Safety Reminders

With the start of the school term it is a good time to remind everyone to take care on the road. Here are a few pointers:

- Remind your children STOP, Look and Listen and Think before they step out on the road. This includes on pedestrian crossings and at traffic lights.
- Anyone riding a bike or a scooter needs to wear a helmet and make sure that it is fastened firmly. This will reduce the injuries to their head if they fall off.
- Make sure that everyone is buckled up in the car. Our local highway patrol report that many children are not buckled into in the correct car seats or the seats are not strapped into the car correctly. For more information or to find out about car seat checking events contact the Road Safety Officer at Blacktown Council.
- Please obey parking restrictions around the school. No Stopping signs or continuous yellow lines mean you cannot stop in that area. This is to make sure that traffic can keep moving in narrow areas or to keep pedestrian crossings and intersections free so that vehicles and pedestrians can see each other.



With your help we can keep everyone safe on the way to and from school.

Thank you once again for your support of road safety in our community.



Flora  
and  
fauna

Germinate:

Without sunlight  
the seeds will  
not germinate.

*Attendance  
matters !!*



## MISSING SCHOOL = MISSING OUT

Early primary children learn new sounds and words every day. These are important building blocks upon which all future learning is built.

Help your children achieve their best by getting them to school on time every day.

every learner  
every day ✓



# CATHWEST

INNOVATION COLLEGE

ENROLLING NOW FOR  
YEARS 10 AND 11 2020

## Are you looking for school done differently?

OPEN DAYS  
20 August &  
4 September  
4:00pm - 8:00pm  
Presentations at  
6:00pm & 7:30pm  
LOYOLA CAMPUS  
91 North Parade Mount Druitt

CAMPUSES ARE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE  
TO TRAIN STATIONS AND BUS STOPS

Contact us to learn more  
T: 8886 9500  
W: [cathwest.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://cathwest.parra.catholic.edu.au)



## News from the Catholic Education Office (Cont'd)



LEARN MORE AT OUR  
INFORMATION EVENINGS

# Looking for a career in IT?

Get a head start with an IT traineeship!



**GET A HEAD START IN YOUR CAREER IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BY JOINING OUR TRAINEESHIP PROGRAM IN 2020.**

You'll receive on the job training and gain valuable hands on experience using the latest technologies while solving real world problems. With over 95% of our graduates obtaining a job in the IT industry afterwards, this is an opportunity not to be missed!

Register your interest today to attend an information evening  
<https://forms.gle/pjtYF3AJ1mcN9b2U8>

**AENGUS KAVANAGH CENTRE 59 Railway Street Mount Druitt**  
**Tuesday 6 & Wednesday 7 August from 4pm - 6pm**



## **News from the Bishop's Office**

### **Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses**

The Office for Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. The course will be at the Institute for Mission (Downstairs Hall). NOTE: Introduction Session on 12 August is compulsory. Enrolments close on 5 August 2019. Please see your Parish Office for a form or for more information, contact 02 8838 3456 or [ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org](mailto:ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org)

### **National Vocations Awareness Week: 4 – 11 August**

Today is the feast of St John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. Pray for your priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in your community. Next Thursday is the feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australia saint. Pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that these saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from your community. For more information about Vocations in the Diocese of Parramatta, please visit [www.parracatholic.org/vocations/](http://www.parracatholic.org/vocations/)

### **CatholicCare Bereavement Support Program: 8 August – 19 September**

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is starting a bereavement support program for those whose spouse has died. The programme will be held weekly on Thursdays from 10am to 12midday from 8 August to 19 September at Mackillop Hall, Granville. An Information session will be held on Thursday 1 August at 10am. For more information, call Rita at Solo Parent Services on 02 8843 2575.

### **St Philomena Mass and Devotions: 10 August**

Mass and Devotions for St Philomena will be held on Saturday 10 August at St John Vianney Parish, Doonside. Mass will be held at 12Midday. Please bring a snack to share. For further information, contact Libby Peoples – 0423 154 463 or [epeoples9@gmail.com](mailto:epeoples9@gmail.com)

### **Fr Ray Sanchez CP: 10 – 11 August**

The Diocese of Parramatta presents Fr Ray Sanchez CP as he explores the relevance of Passionist Family Groups in the changing era of our Church today. Fr Ray will speak at the 6pm Mass at Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens on 10 August, and at the 8am and 10am Mass at St Michael's and St Patrick's Church, Blacktown on 11 August. For more information, please contact Elizabeth and Dennis Farrar on 0425 209 840.

### **Feast of the Assumption Pilgrim Walk: 15 August**

The Annual Pilgrim Walk from the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta will be held on the Feast of the Assumption Thursday 15 August. Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate Mass at 12Noon before the pilgrimage begins. Anyone is welcome to begin walking from any point of the 14km walk. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9629 2595.

### **Holy Spirit Seminary Open Day: 18 August**

"Come and See Day" at Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park on 18 August is a whole-day event, inspired by Our Lord's invitation to the two disciples of John the Baptist to "Come and see", found in the Gospel of John. Open Day provides single men open to a priestly vocation with the opportunity to experience seminary life, beginning with Holy Mass at St Oliver's Parish Church at 10am, followed by talks, a tour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and dinner with Bishop Vincent. RSVP essential. Please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan via [johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org](mailto:johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org) or 0420 310 771

### **IFM Reflective Ministry Program: 20 August**

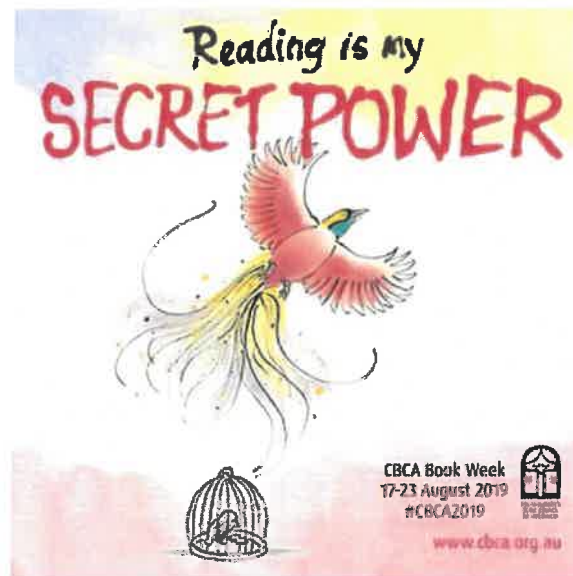
The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program – Component 2 starts on August 20. This is a great opportunity to enrich and enthuse those involved in the ministries of the Catholic communities. Go to [ifm.org.au](http://ifm.org.au) for more information and registration, or contact the IFM team on 02 9296 6369.

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# 2019 Book Week!



Book Week was established by the Children's Book Council of Australia in 1946 to recognise and celebrate Australia's most creative authors and illustrators, and promote quality literature for young Australians. The Book Week theme for this year is ***Reading is my Secret Power.***

We will be celebrating in Week 5 at Good Shepherd Primary School with a book study in each grade during literacy throughout the week. To conclude Book Week, on ***Thursday, August 22*** we will have a ***Book Week Parade*** followed by grade activities throughout the day.

Everyone is invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. Remember, it doesn't have to be anything too expensive. You can easily make your costumes from items you have at home.

So start thinking, everyone...

Who will you be dressing up as for our Book Week Celebration Extravaganza??!!



## **Good Shepherd Primary Bicycle/ Scooter Policy 2018/2019**

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1. The Catholic Education Office and the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority recommends that children under 10 years of age DO NOT ride bicycles/scooters to or from school unless accompanied by an adult.
2. Children must always correctly wear a Standards Australia approved bicycle helmet when in control of a bicycle or scooter.
3. All RMS road rules concerning bicycle and scooters are to be followed. This includes the pedestrian right of way on footpaths. The bell should be used as a warning when approaching pedestrians, or a verbal announcement as to the approach of the bicycle /scooter.
4. Bicycles and scooters ridden to school must be in good, safe working order and bicycles must be fitted with a bell. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that the bicycle/scooter is in good and safe working order and that all protective equipment as required by law is provided.
5. Bicycle/scooter riders are expected to use the available pedestrian entry points.
6. Children are to dismount before entering the school grounds and walk their wheeled devices whilst on site.
7. Bicycles are to be stored in the bike rack provided. Bicycles must be locked with a chain and padlock supplied by the bicycle owner.
8. Bicycles scooters and helmets are brought to school and stored on school grounds at the owner's risk.
9. Parents will be notified if children do not adhere to the School's Bicycle/ Safety Policy.
10. No riding of bicycles, scooters, roller blades or skateboards are permitted in school grounds during school hours or after hours.

For further information regarding the road safety rules around wheeled devices please go to:

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/pedestrians/skateboardsfootscootersandrollerblades/index.html>

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/bicycle-riders/laws.html>

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_