



**24th 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 9

Tuesday, 17th September, 2019

2019 Teen Ranch

Last week students from Year 5 attended an overnight camp at Teen Ranch, Cobbitty. The following are comments made from some of our Year 5 students

"Being at camp was the best experience ever! We loved all the activities we did, they all were really exciting. I'm sure all of us have our favourites. I think a lot of people loved the giant swing and horse-riding. The food there was so yummy! I think we were all tempted for seconds. We all had so much fun staying overnight with our friends and teachers. We thank you so much for inviting us to come and stay there." Louise Reyes

"Camp was really fun. My favourite activity was the giant swing. The food was magnificent. My favourite food was the brownie and ice-cream, yum! I wish I could go back!" Laurina Aziz

"Camp was very fun! I had a very fun experience trying all the activities, everyone had a great time. My favourite activities were the giant swing, horse riding and the climbing course. The food was nice and also the staff members. It was also fun being in the cabins with my friends. You should come to Teen Ranch to have the best time ever." Emanuel-Rian Arago

"I loved camp! It was so fun on the giant swing and the rock climbing. The food was soooooo good and I never got hungry. My favourite activity was the rock climbing and my second was the horse riding. I had so much fun." Reuben Frias





2019 Teen Ranch !!



Upcoming Events

Book Fair: (Opening times 8.10—8.20 am, 3.10—3.20 pm)	Good Shepherd School (Concludes Thursday 26.9.19)
Tuesday, 17th September:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Wednesday, 18th September:	Year 2 Grade Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Thursday, 19th September:	Public Speaking— Years 3 & 4 (11.00 am Resource Centre, Good Shepherd School)
Friday, 20th September:	Year 4 Grade Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Monday, 23rd September:	Primary End of Term Awards (8.30 am Good Shepherd School)
Tuesday, 24th September:	Year 1 Grade Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Tuesday, 24th September:	Voice of Youth Grand Final
Wednesday, 25th September:	School's 40th Birthday Celebration. (commencing with Whole School Liturgy 9.00 am in the Good Shepherd Church).

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 Drutt.** Please mark all school clothing with your child's name to avoid lost property!!

Congratulations Renaise !!

On Monday, September 16, 2019 the Voice of Youth Western Division Semi-Finals were held at Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills. Renaise Alpuerto represented Good Shepherd Primary School, having won the cluster finals earlier this term. There were seven schools represented in the semi-final. Renaise delivered a strong and passionate speech entitled, "Education is the Answer to Poverty". She was the winner of the Social Justice Award and will be progressing to the Finals next week. Congratulations, Renaise! We wish you all the best in the Finals.



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

"Cover your nose when you sneeze and then wash your

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 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 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.



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	Akata Pifeleti	KG	Aubrey Stoner
KR	Michael Ragheb	KW	Mikayla Shaw
1B	Cyan Santos	1G	Isaac-Diesel Frias
1R	Violet Nguyen	1W	Angela Montales
2B	Jasmine Hoang	2G	John-Paul Aloisio
2R	Tiana Vaifale	2W	Isabella Adams
3B	Averie-Rose Sumajit	3G	Elijah Lau
3R	Jay Casapao	3W	Izac Pepa
4B	Lucas Blazevec	4G	Francisco Lira
4R	Denise Nicolas	4W	Onkar Mehrok
5B	Emmanuella Soliman	5G	Jarred Hide
5R	Tristan Duncan	5W	Isabelle Deaves
6B	Christina Ketu	6G	Prit Patel
6R	Siola Haufano		

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.

No Student Banking next week

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.

School Fees 2019

Dear Parents, accounts for the third instalment of school fees are now overdue. Any family having difficulty with payments, please contact the School Office for an appointment with our Finance Manager. **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.**

Book Fair at Good Shepherd School

Dear Parents, please note our Book Fair is on 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.



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.

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!**



Visitors to our School

Any visitors to our school are required to enter via the Office to sign in electronically. **Upon your exit, please ensure you sign out. This requirement also stands for visits to the Uniform Shop, Canteen or to the Music Room inside the School premises.** This is a requirement for the continuing safety of all in our community, and complies with child safety and WHS requirements.

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.

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! Every Friday we will be collecting 5 cents or other coins. Your small change makes a **BIG** difference. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Primary End of Term Awards

The following students from Years 3 to 6 will receive Awards for Term 3 2019. These Awards will be presented at the Whole School Assembly at 8.30 am on Monday, 23rd September (Week 10). Parents are warmly invited to attend:

Class	Religious Education	Learning Achievement	Learning Achievement	Consistent Effort
3B	Kirsten Labial	Moses Musgun	Averie-Rose Sumajit	Dorria Alhamwi
3G	Elijah Lauulu	Skye Ocampo	Cheyenne Sinclair	Farah Kamal
3R	Jay Cedric Casapao	Charlie Armitage	Angelo Cabida	Fatima Grace Kamara
3W	Seraphina Vaasili	Nathaniel Soans	Bhavya Chand	Riena Manuel
4B	Zaeclan Orayenza	Hasini Tirumalasetti	Jacob Gigante	Shruthi Lal
4G	Soteria Gearman	Orlando Solis	Taylor Lees	Alexis Palu
4R	Mary Shamoka	Laiza Chicote	Chris Baluyot	Cassandra Cruz
4W	Roopam Thind	Gabriel Manalo	Cedric Roldan	Ava Stone
5B	Jackson Elvis	Gerard Alosio	Crystle Manalili	Joachima Toa
5G	Nhi Hong Nguyen	Lanna Cruz	Charlotte Pillay	Jarred Hide
5R	Anjlika Gopal	Nenita (Jasmin) Javed	Catharina Purwadi	Jay Setefano
5W	Alexander Zeya	Kingston Tauaifaga	Skye Monge Alfaro	Nahom Mesfin
6B	Christandrie Oquias	Saurav Prasad	Marsha Szulgit	Ana Vaka
6G	Isabella Lira-Loloa	Rianne Villanueva	Axzel Yuque	Aryan Sharma
6R	Emmanuel Baduria	Aliyah Torres	Leatuku Setefano	Mia Batac



BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES—VOLUNTEERS

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 CED, Parramatta website. Building Child Safe Communities can be found under OUR SCHOOLS, then PARENTSASPARTNERS. Once evidence has been received in the Good Shepherd Primary School Office of completion of both Steps in the process then, volunteers will be welcomed to assist when required. Access the following website to complete your training and undertaking:
<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>

VOLUNTEERS

STEP 1: COMPLETE 'BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES - UNDERTAKING FOR VOLUNTEERS' FORM

You will need to complete a Volunteers Form for **each location** that you volunteer before you can commence volunteer work. A notification of your successful completion of the form will be sent via e-mail to the volunteering location and also to your email address.

STEP 2: COMPLETE THE ONLINE TRAINING MODULE

It is a system requirement that the online training module be completed by all volunteers commencing at any of our locations and the training needs to be completed every second year.

- Open the module by clicking the **Start** link below.
- Read through the presentation.
- Complete and submit quiz questions (Approximately 10 minutes).



Flora
and
fauna

Amphibian: The creature was an amphibian.



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.



20 Minutes Reading a Night



Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
Reads 20 minutes per night.	Reads 5 minutes per night	Reads 1 minute per night.
3600 Minutes per year	900 Minutes per year	180 minutes per year
1800 000 000 WORDS PER YEAR	282 000 WORDS PER YEAR	8000 WORDS PER YEAR
90 th percentile	50 th Percentile	10 th percentile

By the end of Year 6, Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole days. Student "B" will have read only 12 whole days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

Nagy and Herman (1987)

News from the Catholic Education Office

SEPTEMBER OCTOBER

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

NORTH PARRAMATTA
St. Monica's
11:30am

SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER

BLACKTOWN
Mary Queen of the Family (Allawah St)
5:30pm

KELLYVILLE
Our Lady of the Rosary
6:00pm

WINSTON HILLS
St Paul the Apostle
6:00pm

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER

GRANVILLE
Holy Trinity Parish
10:00am

HARRIS PARK
St Oliver Plunkett
10:00am

RONNE HILL
Our Lady of the Angels
10:00am

MARATONG
St Andrew the Apostle
10:30am

MOUNT SQUITT/EMERTON
Holy Family
10:30am

WINDSOR
St Matthew's
5:00pm

BAULKHAM HILLS
St Michael's
6:00pm

CASTLE HILL
St. Bernadette's
6:00pm

EMU PLAINS
Our Lady of the Way
6:00pm

GREYSTANES
Our Lady Queen of Peace
6:00pm

PARRAMATTA
St Patrick's Cathedral
6:00pm

ST CLAIR
Holy Spirit
6:00pm

PENRITH
St Nicholas of Myra
6:00pm

PLUMPTON
The Good Shepherd
6:00pm

QUAKERS HILL
Mary Immaculate
6:00pm

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER

RYDALMERE
Holy Name of Mary
5:30pm

TOONGABBIE
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

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER

GLENBROOK
St Finbar's
6:00pm

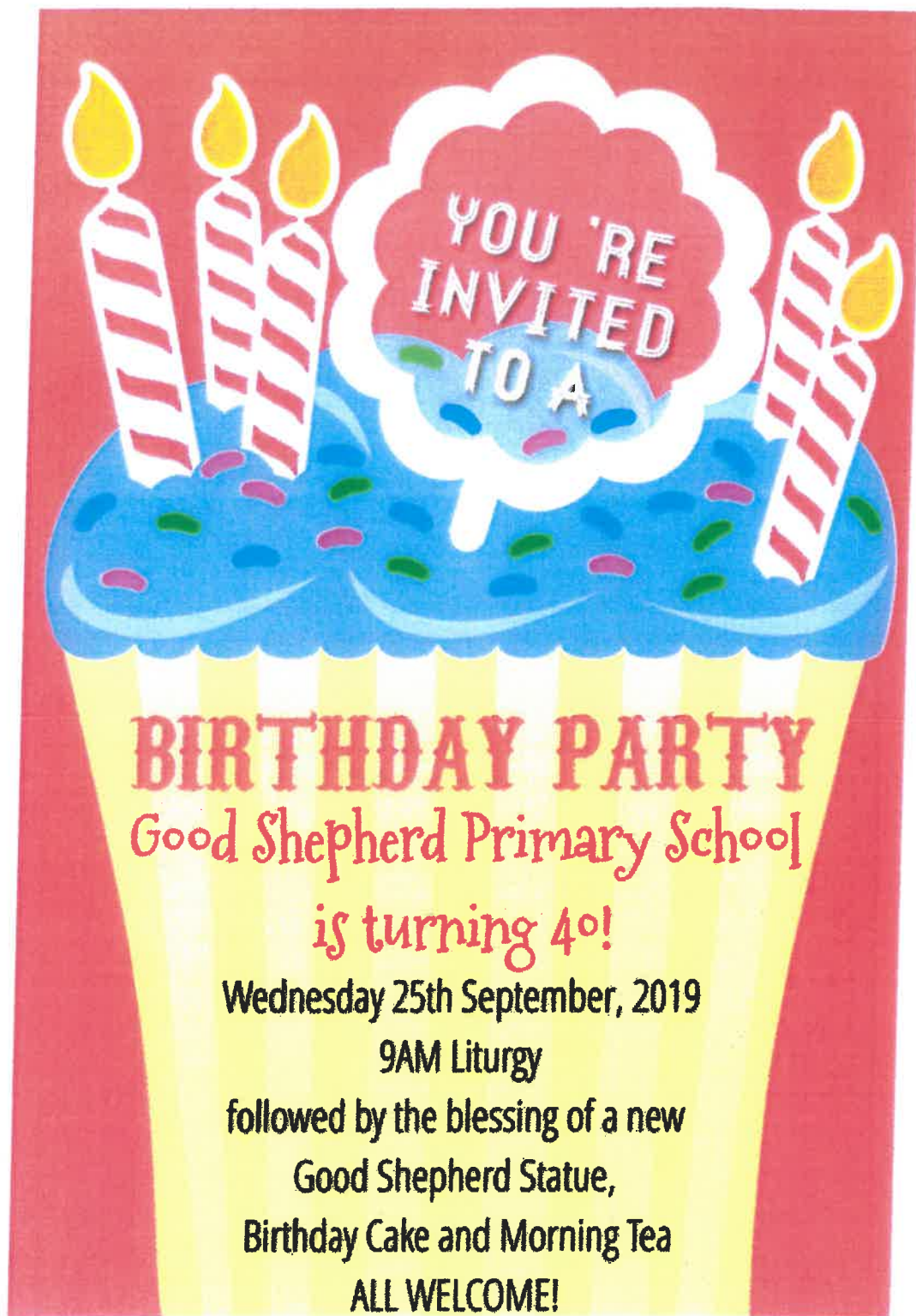
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RSVP DUE BY FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

Yes, I am coming to Good Shepherd's 40th Birthday celebration.

Number of adults _____ Number of pre-schoolers _____

Your name: _____



catholic out of school hours care

Friday 6th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good Shepherd – Plumpton Catholic Primary School: Pupil Free Day

As families are aware, Friday 27th September 2019 is a Pupil Free Day at **Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School**. Catholic Out of School Hours Care at COSHC Good Shepherd – Plumpton is able to offer limited places for care on this day. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, priority given to families already enrolled at the service.

Opening Times: 7:00am to 6:00pm

Flat Fee: \$50.00 per child for the day, prior to Child Care Benefit deductions.

Families that already attend COSHC on Mondays will have their regular fee deducted from the \$50.00 fee.

How to secure a position for Friday 27th September 2019.

Simply complete the tear off slip below and return to the school office or COSHC to secure your position. Families new to COSHC will be required to complete an enrolment form

No further applications will be accepted after 1:00pm on Friday 20th September 2019.

Please note: If your child would normally attend Before &/or After School Care on Monday and do not attend on this Monday, they will be marked as absent and normal fee charged.

Further enquires are to be directed to the COSHC Supervisor on 0409 121 980 or coshcgoodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au

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PUPIL FREE DAY REQUEST FORM – Friday 27th September 2019.

I will require all day care on the Pupil Free Day, **Friday 27th September 2019**, at COSHC Good Shepherd Plumpton. I accept that if I book care for my child/ren and they do not attend on the day, my child/ren will be marked absent and the daily fee will still apply.

Child's Name: _____ School Class: _____

Parent / Carer Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

☐ I am new to Catholic Out of School Hours Care. Please send me an enrolment form.