



**First Week of
Term 4**



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Term 4 concludes:

**Wednesday,
18th December, 2019**

Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 4

Week 1

Tuesday, 15th October, 2019

Good Shepherd's 40th Birthday Celebration

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to everyone for the start of term 4. We say term 4 is a busy term but these days in schools every term is busy and full of exciting events and learning. Next Tuesday evening is the information night for 2020 Kindergarten Parents and Guardians. If you have a child starting school next year you are most welcome to come along, even if you have attended this event many times as some of you have. Your child will love the fact that it is about them!

Thank you to all the Parents, Grandparents and Friends who came along to our 40th birthday celebration on the last week of term. It was a great day and the students and staff enjoyed it. It was lovely to see so many ex students here to celebrate with us. Thank you all.

During last week's Gospel (Luke 17:11-19) I was thinking about what that scripture meant for us – when Jesus healed the ten lepers but only one returned to thank him and praise God.

We are very blessed in our lives and at times our prayer life is about asking for help but do we offer prayers of thanks when the crisis in our lives are over or resolved? We may not get the result we want but we are in God's care and we don't know God's plan for us.

God bless and know that God loves us all and is there for us.

Peace & Best Wishes

Patricia Carr

Tricia Carr
Principal



Birthday celebrations continued



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 22nd October:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Tuesday, 22nd October:	2020 Kinder Parent Information Session (7.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Thursday, 24th October:	Dental Checks (Kinder, Years 2, 4 & 6) Good Shepherd School
Friday, 25th October:	5c coin collection for Father Luan's East Timor fundraiser
Monday, 28th October:	Parent Group Meeting (7.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Thursday, 29th October:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)

Summer Uniform

Parents, please note that the official changeover date for summer uniform is **Monday, 28th October, 2019 (Week 3 of Term 4)**. 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, last term we held our Infants 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: The infant students were: Gabriel Dela Cruz, Bruce Pelesa, Kezia Amofo, Caitlin Casapao, Abigail Milag, Xavier Santos, Nadriel Mathew Gonzales, Ireanna Johan, Kevin Cole, Addison Stone, Chauncey Tecson and Carter Horne.



2019 Dates

Term 4

Commences: Monday, 14th October (Week 1)

Concludes: Wednesday, 18th December

2019 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

Term 4: Thursday, 19th December and Friday
20th December

Social Skill of the Week

"Look at the person, smile and say hello"

Library Borrowing & Sports Days for Term 4, 2019

Library Borrowing:

Mondays: Kinder and Year 6

Tuesdays: Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesdays: Year 4 and Year 5

Thursdays: Year 3

Sports Days:

Wednesdays: Year 3 and Year 6

Thursdays: 1B, 1G, Year 2 and Year 4

Fridays: Kinder, 1R, 1W and Year 5

Please note that Kindergarten will be required to wear their Sports Uniform on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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.

Reconciliation/First Holy Communion 2020

Enrolment forms for the Sacraments of Reconciliation/First Holy Communion are now available from the Parish and from the front desk of the school office. The first meeting for parents is Tuesday, 5th November, 2019 at 7.30 pm at Good Shepherd Church. Please refer to Page 6 of this newsletter for further details.



Parent Group Meeting— Monday, 28th October

Dear Parents, just a reminder that there will be a meeting held at Good Shepherd Primary School on Monday, 28th October commencing at 7.00 pm. Please come along to hear the latest news. All parents welcome!

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.

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 next week **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.



School Commencement and Finishing Times

School commences at 8.30 am and concludes at 2.50 pm. Any child who arrives after this time or leaves school earlier for an appointment etc will need to report to the School Office. It is very important that your child arrive to school on time. Children arriving late to school miss out on valuable learning time and their late entry to the classroom disrupts their fellow students. **If your children are late to school, they are to be escorted to the School Office by a Parent/Carer.**

Student Opal Cards

Dear Parents & Carers, just a reminder that there are inspectors on all school buses who check that students have their student Opal Card. If your child has misplaced their card or require a new one, please inquire at the Department of Transport, their link as follows: <https://www.opal.com.au/>. Also students are reminded that they must tap on and tap off when entering and leaving the bus.



Term 4 2019 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

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 4's Staff Development Days are Pupil Free Days and will take place on Thursday 19th December and Friday 20th December.** Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children on this day. COSHC will be able to offer spaces for care on these days. Please phone COSHC on Ph. 0409 121 980 for all inquiries and bookings.

Medications/Lotions/Creams

In order for staff to administer any kind of medication or lotion, whether prescribed by a doctor or not, parents/carers are required to complete a Medical form which is available from the school office. A note is also to be addressed to the class teacher stating when the medicine should be taken. Thank you.



Student 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.

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.

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.

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.

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!**

Term 4 Mythical Words

Mythical words



Labyrinth: The
labyrinth was an
elaborate structure
designed and built for
the King.



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.



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



#schooleveryday



MOUNT SCHOENSTATT SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

Annual Pilgrims' Retreat for Men and Women 2019, 1st to 3rd November

Theme: "They have no more Wine!" (John 2:3)

At: Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa

Cost: \$170 includes registration fee, all meals, twin share accommodation,

\$200 for single room accommodation, \$60 for day participants includes meals from Morning tea to dinner

For more information please contact: Sr Luisa Maria 0439 537 976

Bookings: info@schoenstatt.org.au or phone 02 4773 8338. Please RSVP by 20th October, 2019

Reflection day for Women - Preparing our Hearts for Advent, 23rd November

At: Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa, Family Hall

\$25 Includes morning and afternoon tea - BYO lunch

RSVP by 20th November to info@schoenstatt.org.au or phone 02 4773 8338



News from the Catholic Education Office

\$100 Creative Kids Vouchers Go Live

As parents begin planning for the year ahead, they can now access Creative Kids vouchers, providing them with \$100 for every school-age child to help cover the cost of enrolment for creative and cultural learning activities. Parents can use one voucher for every school-age child per year to help meet the cost of structured creative and cultural activities, such as music lessons, languages, coding, drama and theatre, photography and graphic design. Minister for Finance, Services and Property Victor Dominello said the NSW Government's Creative Kids program builds on the success of the Active Kids program, which is back this year, helping to reduce the cost of registration for sport and organised physical activity. (Please note the vouchers cannot be used at school)

News from the Bishop's Office

Positions Vacant:

Volunteers - CatholicCare Mamre Creche

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Retired Priests Care Coordinator (Part-time) - Broken Bay Diocese

Clergy Development Officer (Part-time) - Broken Bay Diocese

For more details, please contact Kelly Paget on 02 8379 1612 or kelly.paget@bbcatholic.org.au

Plenary Council 2020

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the National Themes for Discernment. Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide, "Let's Listen and Discern", at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Diocesan Forum Resources

You are invited to view the resources from the recent Diocesan Forum at www.parracatholic.org/forum2019. Read the address from Bishop Vincent Long, materials prepared for the forum, data collated from the forum and images from the day. There will be further opportunities to engage in deanery and diocesan initiatives following the Forum as we continue to go out into the deep to become the community Christ calls us to be.

CatholicCare Blacktown Neighbourhood Aid Volunteers Needed

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you feel you would like to make a positive difference to other's lives in this way, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Perth: 7 – 11 December 2019

Time is running out to register to join Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta at ACYF19 in Perth. ACYF19 is a biennial national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Bishops of Australia. If you are a school student that missed out on being selected, you can register to join a diocesan small group with a guardian. Free twin-share hotel accommodation is still available, but for a limited time. For more information and to register visit www.catholicyouthparramatta.org

Nigerian Mass in Igbo

The Nigerian Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every second and fourth Sundays of the month at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. For more information, please contact Nigerian chaplain Fr Chinonye Akamadu via the parish office on 02 9631 8135 or Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 27 October

All married couples and their families are warmly invited to the Diocese of Parramatta's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on 27 October at 11am. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Mass and will join couples and their families for a light lunch in the Cathedral Hall afterwards. Please register your names and numbers of years married, and the numbers attending the lunch by contacting the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 02 8838 3460 or email lmf@parracatholic.org.

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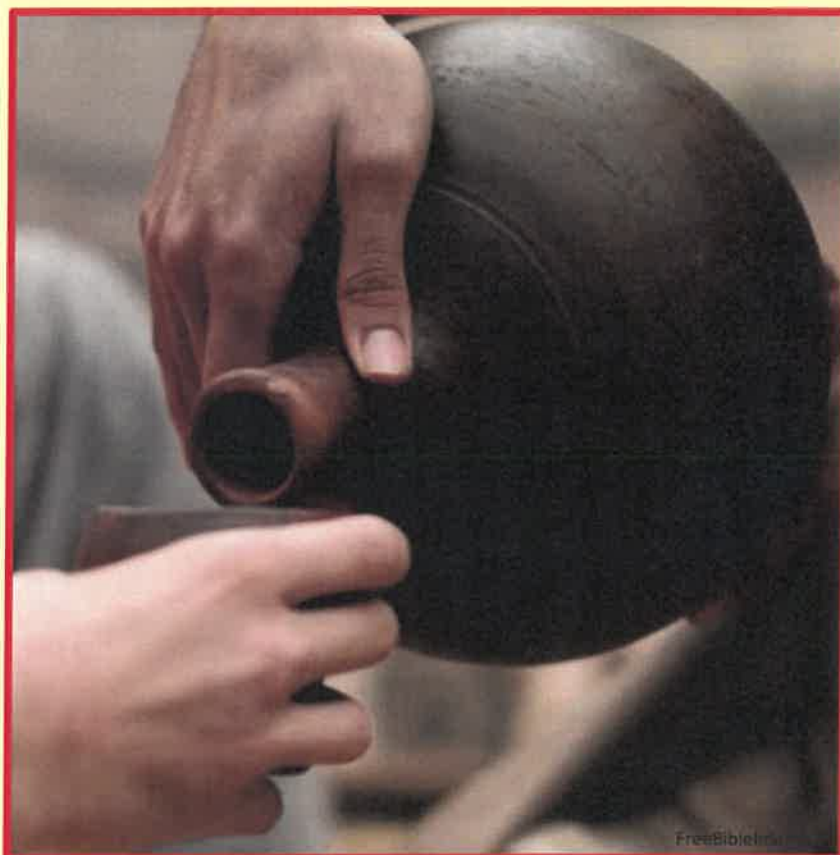
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Annual Pilgrims' Retreat for Men and Women 2019

***Friday 1st at 7pm to Sunday 3rd November at 3pm
Mt Schoenstatt, Joseph Kentenich House
230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa NSW 2745***

Theme: "They have no more wine!" (John 2:3)



**Presenters: Father Pawel Barszczewski OP
Sr Luisa Maria Fabre ISSM**

Cost: \$170 includes registration fee, all meals, twin share accommodation; \$200 for single room accommodation; \$60 for day participants

**For more information please contact:
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**Full payment must be finalised at time of booking.
RSVP by 20 October 2019**





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