



**All Saints Day
1st November**



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Term 4 concludes:

**Wednesday,
18th December, 2019**

Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 4

Week 3

Tuesday, 29th October, 2019

World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day was celebrated last Friday and a big thank you to our many parents who brought in gifts of flowers, chocolates and delicious treats.

Also a big thank you to our Parent Group for the beautiful pizza lunch that they supplied for the staff. We are very blessed to have such appreciative and generous families in our community.



Upcoming Events

Friday, 1st November:	All Saints Day
Friday, 1st November:	Diocesan Athletics
Saturday, 2nd November:	All Souls Day
Tuesday, 5th November:	Mass at Good Shepherd Church (9.00 am Year 6 attending)
Wednesday, 6th November:	3R & 3W attending Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre
Thursday, 7th November:	3B & 3G attending Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre
Tuesday, 12th November:	Diocesan Basketball
Friday, 15th November:	Kinder Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School. Parents welcome)



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	Seth Obrador	KG	Elias Alhamwi
KR	Not Published	KW	Sophia DeLaCruz
1B	Mark Tooma	1G	Ethan Aducayen
1R	Jacob Luke	1W	Enrique Vieira
2B	Giovanna Thomas	2G	Brooklyn Viray
2R	Kevin Wilbert J	2W	Chelsea Vere
3B	Tevita Langi	3G	Not Published
3R	Prab Manan	3W	Zaijan Caygill
4B	Shruthi Lal	4G	Patricia Mateo
4R	Hope MacMillan-Savea	4W	Alexander Newell
5B	Gerard Aloisio	5G	Shiloh Sumilang
5R	Catharina Purwadi	5W	Matthew Zacharia
6B	Isabella Cobban	6G	Isabella Lira-Loloa
6R	Emmanuel Baduria		

Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2020 are still 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.

JUST A LITTLE
Reminder

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.



Dental Checks

Dental checks were recently held for K, 2, 4, 6 students. Thank you to Blacktown-Mt Druitt Dental Service, Western Sydney District Health Department for coming along and checking the children's teeth. All children examined brought home a letter with results of their check. The children were very well behaved and enjoyed the checks and presentation on how to have good oral health.



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

"Wash your hands after using the bathroom"

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.

School Fees

Dear families,
Final statements have now been sent, please make payment by Wednesday 20th November, 2019. If any help is required, please contact Kristy, our Senior Finance Manager, on Ph. 9836 7100 as soon as possible. Thank you.



School Bags are in !!

Dear Parents, please note we now have in supply new School Bags which sell for \$40.00 each (cash only). You can purchase these from the school office or from our volunteer run Uniform Shop (on our school premises) which is open on Friday mornings, from 8.30 am—9.00 am. Please note—cash only will be accepted. Thank you.



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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE

In the past we have had children requesting to leave school early for Halloween. This is not acceptable and will not be approved. Thank you Mrs Carr.



Child Safety—Protocol regarding discipline

Dear Parents & Carers—just a reminder regarding child safety, please do not approach children who are not yours. If you have a problem or concern, please speak to your child's class teacher or teacher on duty. Also please do not approach the parents of other students if you have an issue at school, rather let the school know and we will deal with any issues that may arise.

The following is an insert from the Department of Child Protection: "The NSW Child Protection legislation prohibits any adult from disciplining a child other than their own. This is particularly so when children are at school. Issues should always be brought to the attention of the class teacher, assistant principal or principal." Thank you.

Building Child Safe Communities - Forms for all Volunteers and Contractors

Dear Parents & Carers, 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 CEO, Parramatta website. Once evidence has been received in the Good Shepherd School Office of completion of both steps in the process then volunteers will be welcomed to assist at events at school. Access the following website to complete your training and undertaking:

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>

Excursion/Incursion Notes

Please keep these notes in a safe place when your child/ren bring them home. The office Staff are frequently being asked for another note and this uses extra paper and resources that should be utilised elsewhere in our school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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! Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Anaphylaxis

As you are aware Good Shepherd Primary School has adopted a nut free policy to protect its students. Due to the presence of children who have anaphylactic reactions, nuts represent a considerable threat to the well-being of some of the school community. An anaphylactic reaction can be fatal. Could parents please further assist us by making sure that their children do not bring any nut products to school eg peanut butter, Nutella and other nut spreads, chocolate bars with nuts in them like Snickers, some muesli products, some cake or biscuit products—the list is extensive. If parents could check the labels carefully before buying products for school lunches, it would be greatly appreciated. If your child has an allergy and he/she does not wear a wrist band at school, please contact Mrs Doran in the School Office. (Wrist Bands are also available for asthma and diabetes).

Bicycle 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 in the office.

After School Supervision

Just a reminder that school finishes at 2:50 pm. Please ensure that your children have been collected **before 3:15 pm each afternoon.**

There are many children who have not been collected before 3:15pm which creates issues with supervision & safety for the children. If you are late collecting your children from school it impacts on the children, the staff and the running of the school. Please ensure that you have made suitable arrangements to have your children collected by 3:15 pm.

If there is an emergency and you are running late to collect the children, please telephone the school office on (02) 9836 7100. Thank you.

Evacuation & Lockdown Practices

Each term our school practices either a Lockdown or an Evacuation. This is part of our keeping the children and our whole community safe. There is no need for alarm if your child comes home with stories of "an emergency". We do use the sirens to make the drill realistic. Be assured if ever there is a reason for a Lockdown or Evacuation, all staff are trained and ready.

Please make sure you regularly update your telephone and emergency contact details. If your mobile phone settings are "incoming call restricted" please change these settings so that we can reach you, in the event of an emergency. Thank you.

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.

School Shoes & Joggers

At this time of the year we often find that children need their school shoes & joggers replaced. Please remember if you are buying new school shoes, they are to be black. **If you need to replace joggers, they should be predominantly white. No fluoro or bright colours.** For information on uniform and hairstyle requirements, please see website.

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.**

School Hats

Please remember our "No Hat, No Play" policy and ensure that your child has their school hat each day. All clothing and hats should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Thank you.



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, and other policies, 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.

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!**

Week 3 Mythical Words

Mythical words



Abominable:
Is the
abominable
snowman a myth
or fact?

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.



Busways' western Sydney buses are going cashless from 28th October !!



From Monday, October 28, Busways' western Sydney buses will no longer accept cash payments.

Busways is promoting this change far and wide across our bus network, so passengers are well prepared. We're installing bus stop signs, in-bus advertisements and handing out flyers to public transport users at key interchanges and bus stops.

- Cash payments will not be accepted on Busways buses in western Sydney from 28 October 2019.
- Students can use their School Opal card to get to and from their destination during the week. On the weekend, they will need to use their Child/Youth Opal card to pay for their journey.
- Parents of the students and friends of the school can pay using their Opal card, credit card, debit card or linked device. Travel benefits apply to all when using the same card consistently.
- Opal cards are available online and over the counter from retailers including most newsagents, post offices, convenience stores and supermarkets.
- Remember to separate your cards so your preferred card is charged when tapping on and tapping off.

For further information, please contact Busways on: Ph. 9497 1800.



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.



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. 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.

Attendance matters !!

Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day
just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just
missing,

That equals ..

Which is ...

and over 13 years
of schooling that's ...

10 minutes per day

50 minutes per week

Nearly 1.5 weeks per year

Nearly half a year

20 minutes per day

1 hour 40mins per week

Over 2.5 weeks per year

Nearly 1 year

Half an hour per day

Half a day per week

4 weeks per year

Nearly 1 and a half years

1 hour per day

1 day per week

8 weeks per year

Over 2 and a half years

every learner
every day 



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

McCarthy Catholic College, Emu Plains

From the beginning of the new school year, McCarthy Catholic College will be known as Penola Catholic College Emu Plains. As you may know, McCarthy Catholic Trade Training Centre will become the McCarthy campus of CathWest Innovation College from 2020. Penola Catholic College will continue to serve students from Year 7 to Year 12.

The Penola Catholic College name recognises the strength that this proud learning community draws from values and example of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Penola is the place where St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Father Julian Tenison-Woods started a school, beginning their work of extending the opportunities of education to thousands of Australian children and young people.

This decision follows a process of reflection at a school level. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is so proud of the reputation the College is developing for learning and teaching in the Penrith and Lower Mountains areas. The history of the College and the McCarthy name will continue to be recognised and acknowledged at Penola Catholic College, as well as at the McCarthy campus of CathWest Innovation College. The dedicated College staff are committed to supporting the school community in this period of renewal.

Further information will be provided to the community in the weeks ahead. If you require information about enrolments, please contact the College on (02) 4728 8100.

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.

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2020 Team Sport Trials

Parramatta Diocese 2020 Information For Parents of **current Year 4 and Year 5 students**

Registration window open

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2020 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2019 and in 2020. It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in years 5 & 6 in 2020 be invited to attend**. To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Nominations Open	Registration closing date
AFL	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Basketball	Open boys & girls	19th November 2019	Open 28 Oct 2019	Monday 11th November 2019
Cricket	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Diving	10/11 yrs & 12/13 yrs girls & boys	Term One 2020	Nominations Open in 2020	Registration via CSSS in 2020
Football (Soccer)	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Golf	Open boys & girls	Term Three 2020	Nominations Open in 2020	Registration via CSSS in 2020
Hockey	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Netball	Open girls	Feb – Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Rugby League	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Rugby League	11 yrs boys & girls NB. No State team selected for 11 yrs	Feb – Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Rugby Union	Open boys	May 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Softball	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Tennis	Open boys & girls	22nd November 2019	Open 28 Oct 2019	Monday 11th November 2019
Touch	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the **SPORT** you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form". **Each sport has a different registration criteria.**

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2020 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport and when completed, click SUBMIT.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by your child's school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience"**.

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

\$10.00 trialling fee is payable **to your school if your child has been approved and confirmed to attend the Parramatta Diocesan Trials.**



Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

2020 Team Sport Trials

Parramatta Diocese 2020 Information For Parents of **current Year 4 and Year 5 students**

Please note that the full day trials will be for boys cricket, boys soccer, boys rugby league & boys rugby union. Due to the popularity of boys cricket, boys soccer and girls netball a maximum of 2 children only are eligible to trial from each school. Selection of the 2 boys and girls will be made jointly by the school sport coordinator and principal. Discretion can be sought.

Half day trial for tennis and netball... all other trials will be held after school beginning at 4pm.

MACKILLOP TRIAL

It should be noted that the main purpose of the Mackillop trial is to select a team to compete at the NSWPSA Championships. The Inter-Diocesan MacKillop Trial is not a competition although a round robin format is often used to facilitate the selection procedure.

NSW PSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Children who are successful at being selected in the Mackillop team will compete at the NSWPSA Championships. These championships involve three or four days of competition at various locations in NSW. Children selected in these teams may also be required to attend training sessions. At the NSW PSSA Championships a State team will be selected to participate at the School Sport Australia Inter State Exchange for some sports.

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

To be considered for selection in the NSWPSA state team for participation at all School Sport Australia 12 Years & Under championships: Students must be turning between the ages of 10 and 12 in the year of competition i.e. Students turning the ages of 8, 9 and 13 in the year of competition are not eligible for NSWPSA State selection.

Please note the following information:

- Parents are responsible for all transport and supervision arrangements and **must remain to supervise their child at the trial at all times.**
- Children need to generally be of representative standard.
- Attendance at training days, where applicable is compulsory.
- The selector's decisions are final.
- **Parents will need to make their own travel arrangements for children representing Parramatta at Inter-Diocesan MacKillop trials. This may mean travel to Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra, Wagga or Forbes.**
- Please be aware that the teacher conducting the trial and accompanying the team to the venue is a "Team Manager" ~ not a coach.

If you would like your child to participate in one of the Parramatta Diocesan trials **please complete the Team Online Registration Form** that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form".

SUMMER SPORTS NOMINATIONS for the sports of Basketball & Tennis **close Monday 11th November 2019.**

ALL OTHER SPORTS NOMINATIONS **close Thursday 6th February 2020.**

Information regarding the team sport trials can be found on the Primary Sport website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au and the [Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese Facebook](#).

Good luck to all athletes as they progress through the School Sports Pathway.

Kind Regards,

Margaret Thornton

Teaching Educator Primary Sport ~ CEO Parramatta

WEBSITE: www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

FACEBOOK: [Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese](#)

Celebrating our teachers' efforts

Greg Whitby



DO you remember when Tourism Queensland put out an advertisement for 'the best job in the world'?

They were looking for a caretaker for the islands in the Great Barrier Reef.

Granted, that would have been a very cool gig, but I think they got it wrong — they should have been recruiting teachers.

A lot of people will tell you teaching is a tough job, and they're not wrong.

What they're missing is the extraordinary opportunity that teachers have to make a difference in the lives of children and young people. This is the challenge that makes our work so rewarding. You only have to meet a former student in later life to understand the impact that teachers can have.

It's one of the joys of working in education, seeing the change that learning brings to the lives of students and their families. For teachers who are just starting out, this is really something to look forward to.

It's always such an honour to be approached by a former student saying thanks or sharing the story of their life since school. There's no more magical phrase than: "Remember me, Mr Whitby?" There's really nothing better than recognising the young person you once taught in the man or woman, and knowing that you did your absolute most for them.

Like many of the best jobs in the world, teaching comes with a huge amount of responsibility. Perhaps it really is a bit like being the caretaker of the Great Barrier Reef — how well we do the job has very serious consequences for the future. Teaching is caring work, and the outcomes of our efforts have real significance for future generations to come.

Teachers change lives. World Teachers' Day will be celebrated at Australian schools this Friday.

Thank you to everyone who has taken on what I still believe is the best job in the world, as well as the students who make it that way.

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Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolments for Year 7 2021

Catherine McAuley Westmead is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2021.
The closing date for Year 7 2021 applications 1st round offers is
Friday, 27th March 2020.

Parents and their daughters have the opportunity to tour the school campus
at one of our upcoming school tours specifically for Year 7 2021 applicants,
but open to any year group.

Tuesday 12th November and Thursday 5th December 2019
9.15 – 11am

These mornings will provide parents and students with the opportunity to
tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school
grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers.
Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

Contact our School Reception on 9849 9100 to book a place on a school tour.

*Please note that following these tours there will be no other school tours held
until our Open Afternoon in early March 2020 (date still to be confirmed).*