



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

30th November
St Andrew,
Apostle

Term 4

Week 7

Tuesday, 26th November, 2019



Year 6 Retreat Day

"On November 19, 2019, Year 6 and their teachers, travelled by bus to Winbourne in Mulgoa for their Reflection Day. During this time we worked in a hall named after Edmund Rice."

The whole purpose of the Year 6 Reflection Day was to reflect on our time here at Good Shepherd during our primary school years. We gathered together and participated in activities that enabled us to think, such as writing prayers for ourselves, our family and our friends, reflecting on our achievements and adventures and creating a one line advice to live by.

We had the chance to be in nature and to socialise with our peers since it is our last year here. We gathered as one and meditated with relaxing music to put us in God's presence. After that, we were given time to have a break and to explore and discover new things about the place.

It was very hot and dry, but at the end of the day we all had an amazing experience and we are all grateful to the Year 6 teachers and Mr Byrne for organising this special occasion. We will all remember this day." Renaise Alpuerto & Yareli Montarde

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Term 4 concludes
Wednesday,
18th December, 2019

Term 1 2020 commences
Wednesday,
29 January for Years 1-6

Thursday,
30th January for New
Kinder children

Friday,
31st January for
All children Kinder-Year 6

Welcome Mr Battikha !!

Dear Parents, we wish to advise that Mr Paul Battikha has been appointed Assistant Principal to our school starting in 2020. We warmly welcome Paul to our community.



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 27th November:	End of Year School Disco (Good Shepherd School, commencing 4.30 pm)
Tuesday, 3rd December:	Bethlehem Nativity Play at Layola (Year 4 attending)
Tuesday, 3rd December:	Year 1 Grade Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Thursday, 5th December:	Year 4 & Year 2 Grade Assemblies (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
Friday, 6th December:	3B & 3G attending Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre
Monday, 9th December:	Infants End of Term Awards (8.30 am Good Shepherd School)
Wednesday, 11th December:	Christmas Liturgy (11.00 am)
Thursday, 12th December:	Showcase of Talent (Good Shepherd School)
Friday, 13th December:	Primary students Swimming Carnival
Monday, 16th December:	Primary End of Term Awards (8.30 am Good Shepherd School)
Monday, 16th December:	Year 6 Graduation Mass (6.00 pm Good Shepherd Church)
Tuesday, 17th December:	End of Year School Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church). Following Mass there will be a morning tea in the School Staffroom.
Wednesday, 18th December:	Farewell to Mrs Cooke 9.00 am Liturgy in the Good Shepherd Church. Following the Liturgy, there will be a morning tea. All welcome.

Grade Assemblies

Dear Parents, please note that there will be a Year 1 assembly on Tuesday, 3rd December commencing at 2.00 pm at Good Shepherd School. All very welcome.

Also, on Thursday, 5th December, Year 2 and Year 4 will be holding their assemblies commencing at 2.00 pm at Good Shepherd School. All very 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	Megan Capili	KG	Harry Pender
KR	Shaniece Johan	KW	Liam Stone
1B	Aditya Sundar	1G	Xavier Santos
1R	Jordan Gutierrez	1W	Jason Aziz
2B	Mikaella DeGuzman	2G	Addison Stone
2R	Courtney Banares	2W	Pualani Penitani
3B	Sinit Teame	3G	Lily Russell
3R	Yug Pandya	3W	Anjani Patel
4B	Kaelyn Aquino	4G	Charvi Barnalli
4R	Jenaleigh Brayshaw	4W	Gabriel Manalo
5B	Josette Attard	5G	Ethan Nunag
5R	Andrei Jambalos	5W	Emily Pham
6B	Summer Catig	6G	Isaac Luke
6R	Aliyah Torres		

Farewell to Mrs Cooke Liturgy & Morning Tea— Wednesday, 18th December

Dear Parents, you are very welcome to join us in a Liturgy—9.00 am in the Good Shepherd Church—to farewell Mrs Cooke. Following the Liturgy, there will be a morning tea. For catering purposes, would you **please RSVP to the school office by Friday, 6th December**. All welcome.



2020 Diocesan School Fees

please see attached.

Showcase of Talent

Our annual Showcase of Talent is happening again this year on **Thursday, 12th December** during school time. The Showcase of Talent is a chance for students to perform an act or skill to their grade buddies. The best from each grade will perform in front of a larger audience on 12th December during school time. Students, start planning your act! Auditions will take place with your grade very shortly. I can't wait to see what you can do! If you have any questions, please see me. Thank you Mrs Cooke.

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

"Open the door for another person"

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.

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 3:15 pm 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.



School Fees

Dear Parents

Please note school fees are now to be finalised. If you are requiring financial help, please contact Kristy in our school office on 9836 7100.

The last day the office will take payments will be Tuesday 17th December. Thank you..



Library News

Dear Parents, please note the last week for borrowing will be this week (Week 7). All students will need to **return any books they have no later than Friday of Week 9** (13th December).



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.

Back to School 2020

Parents, if you intend travelling overseas or interstate during the Christmas holidays and your child/children will be **returning to school after school resumes**, would you please notify the office in writing that this will be happening and note the date your child will be returning for the 2020 school year. (NB, please remember you require an interview with the Principal for leave of 10 school days or more **prior to taking leave**. You will need to complete an Application for Extended Leave form which can be picked up from the school office). **This must be completed, travel documentation attached to it, and returned to the school office prior to going on leave.** An interview will then be arranged with the Principal in order for leave to be approved.



End of School Year Mass

Our End of School Year Mass will take place on Tuesday, 17th December, 2019 at the Good Shepherd Church commencing at 9.00 am. All very welcome! Following Mass, we will be hosting a morning tea in the School Staff Room.



Good Shepherd's Parent Group fundraising

Dear Parents, you would have received a note and order form last week for the Parent Group fundraising. Please note all payments along with order forms must be returned to the office **no later than Friday, 29th November by 12.00 pm**. Please support this yummy fundraiser.

Message from our Canteen

Dear Parents, please note Sushi is **now available** for order from our school canteen!!



Car Park Safety

Parents, please be aware that all children **MUST** be escorted into the School premises, not let out of the car and left to walk alone through the car park. Also, please show a little courtesy when entering and leaving the car park. Reverse parking is designed for everyone's safety, please comply. Thank you.



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.



Uniform Shop—Opening Days

Fridays Only

8.30—9.00 am

Please note only Cash is accepted. If you can assist with helping our Parent Group with the uniform shop, please leave your contact details with the school office.

Lost Property tub is overflowing !!

Dear Parents, please take the time to go through the lost property tub as there are many items of clothing that may be your child's! The lost property tub is located in the foyer section of the school office.



COSHC Notice

Dear Parents & Carers, please note there will be **no child care** available on the last two days of Term 4 which are the Staff Development Days (Pupil Free days) Thursday, 19th December and Friday, 20th December. Students finish Term 4 on Wednesday, 18th December, 2019.



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.

Uploading of Photos onto YouTube and Social Media

Parents, please note there is to be no uploading of pictures of students that are not your own child, onto YouTube and Social Media eg Facebook, Instagram etc. from events at school without prior permission from the School Principal. Such events include school functions, excursions, liturgies etc.



Contact Details

Parents, it is vital that all contact information including phone/mobile numbers, emergency contacts, home address, email address are kept up to date. **Please contact the School Office if any changes need to be made.** Also if you purchase a new mobile phone, don't forget to download the Skoolbag App as this is an important tool for communication purposes. Thank you.



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.**

National Art School 2020 School Holiday Programs

Our January School Holiday workshops are now open! **13–17 and 20–24 Jan**. Please email enquiries@nas.edu.au for all details.

National Art School
Forbes Street, Darlinghurst
Sydney NSW 2010
Australia



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 unable to offer spaces for care on these days.

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.

Stewardship of School Resources

Each year, the school allocates a fairly substantial budget to the Resource Centre so new and exciting books can be purchased for the children to borrow. All members of the school community are responsible for the care of these resources. Unfortunately, each month a number of books come back to school damaged—scribbled on, with drink bottles spills, pages cut out of them etc. It is disappointing that many children return these books without notifying the Resource Centre that they are damaged. It is important for the children to learn responsibility for these resources. Damaged books need to be replaced and families are responsible for the replacement costs if books are damaged whilst in their care. We understand that accidents sometimes happen but it is important that the children realise the importance of honesty. Please notify the Resource Centre when returning damaged books.



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.

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.

Week 7 Mythical Words

Mythical words

Vigilant:



She was **vigilant** about locking the classroom at the end of the day.



Infants End of Term Awards

The following students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will receive Awards for Term 4 2019. These Awards will be presented at the Whole School Assembly at 8.30 am on Monday, 9th December (Week 9). Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Class	Religious Education	Learning Achievement	Learning Achievement	Consistent Effort
KB	Rowan Shakya	Gabriel Dela Cruz	Maria-Rose Abraham	Zoe Boyle
KG	Elias Alhamwi	Daven Jambalos	Pranavi Chintala	Shonalli Lal
KR	Taysia Paahi	Kendrick Oakes	Shaniece Johan	Leilani Leota
KW	Caitlin Casapao	Callia Joseph	Isaac Zeinati	Layla David
1B	Samuela Toa	Kamal Kamal	Bethany Stanton	Aditya Sundar
1G	Lucas Portugal	Tyler Talisayon	Harper Thomas	Shristi Kumar
1R	Oliver Toma	Moana Taeiloa	Chukwubikem Ugochukwu	Halle Tauaifaga
1W	Alliyson Grantham	Maxwell Siasaga	Robin Cruz	Nate Glover
2B	Siena Rhayem	Aaryav Acharya	Aaron Botham	Raphael Dominguez
2G	Leila Queras	Christopher Gervacio Jr	Addison Stone	Brooklyn Viray
2R	Jasmine Ismail	Courtney Banares	Saanvi Suresh	Kevin Wilbert J
2W	Charlotte Russell	Miguel Caballo	Chelsea Vere	Mayar El-Awar

Summer School Disco

It's heating up! Time to burn up the dance floor!
*Our summer disco is on tomorrow **Wednesday 27th November, 2019***

Kinder to Year 2: 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Years 3 to 6: 5:45 pm to 7:00 pm

Entry: \$5 per child payable at the door (cash only)

*For purchase on the night will be glowsticks and items,
Hot Dogs, Drinks, Chips and Poppas (**cash only**)*

See you there!

Parents and Carers - we need your help
*If you can help at the school disco for a few minutes or a few hours,
please leave your details at the front office.*
Thank you, the Parent Group



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 



HIGH SUPPORT LEARNING CENTRES

Inclusive education for secondary students with high support needs.



Kirinari and Wiyanga are purpose built centres for learning that provide an inclusive education for students with a moderate intellectual disability.

KIRINARI

Located on the grounds of Xavier College, 1170 Ninth Avenue Llandilo
kirinari.parra.catholic.edu.au

If you have a child or know someone who would benefit from an alternate platform for learning in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta please phone 9840 5689 for further information.

WIYANGA

Located on the grounds of St Patrick's Marist College, 171 Kirby Street Dundas
wiyanga.parra.catholic.edu.au

News from the Catholic Education Office

Executive Director Summer Reading Challenge

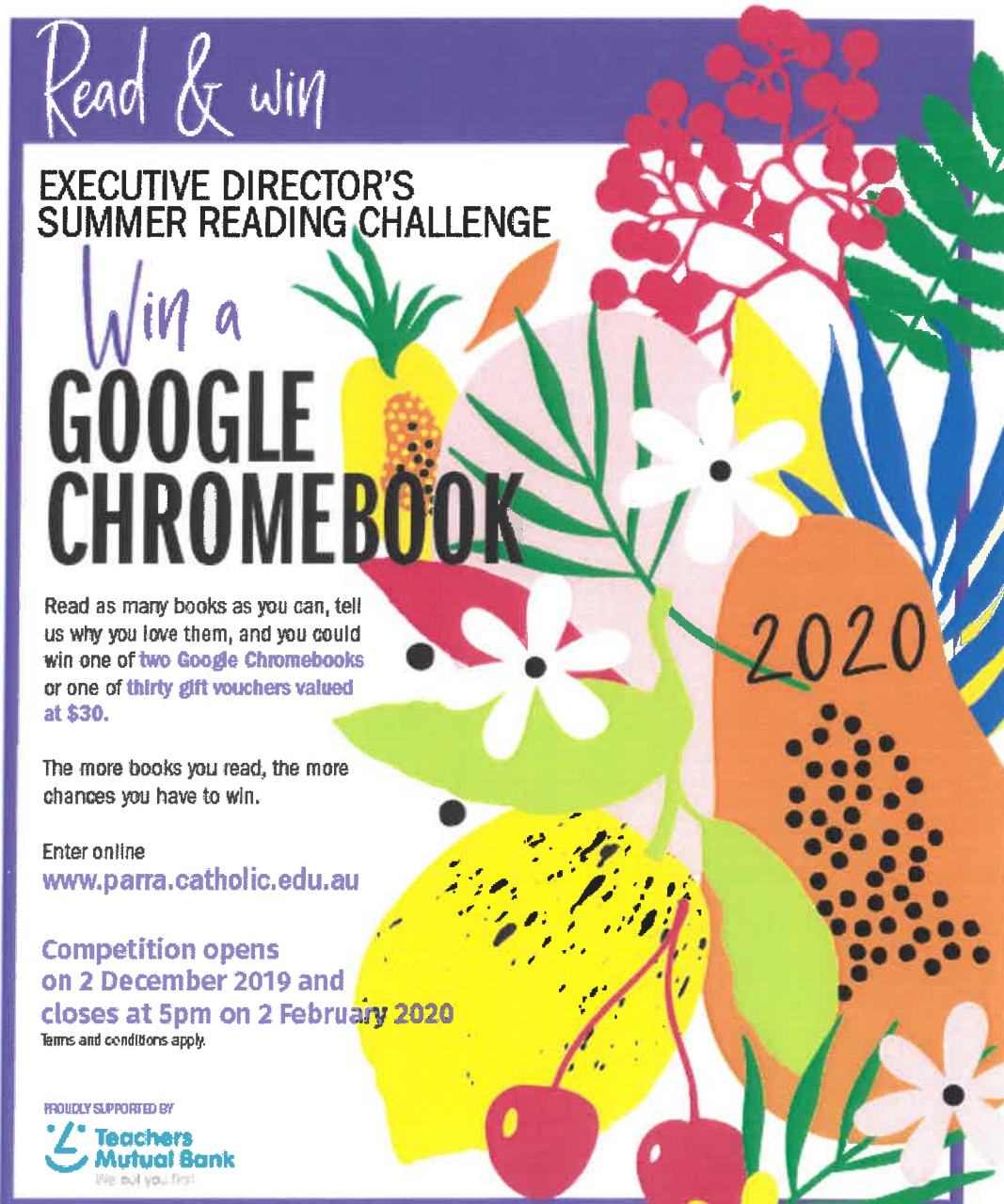
These summer holidays, CEDP are again launching the Executive Director Summer Reading Challenge and encouraging all students to read, read, read!

Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, a piece of poetry, book, e-book or animated novel.

Taking part in the Executive Directors Summer Reading Challenge is easy! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. The more a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of two Chromebooks or one of thirty runner-up gift vouchers to the value of \$30. Students can enter online by visiting the CEDP website.

Entries open on 2 December 2019 and close at 5pm on 2 February 2020. Terms and Conditions can be found here.

This year we are introducing Student Ambassadors for the challenge. The role of the Student Ambassador is to creatively encourage their peers to participate and enter the competition. Schools are then invited to nominate one outstanding Student Reading Ambassador for one of 10 prizes (each prize is a \$30 gift voucher). Nominate your Student Ambassador via this form <https://forms.gle/yXAq3Svz93HPKES99> by 2 February 2020.



Read & win

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

Win a
**GOOGLE
CHROMEBOOK**


Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of **two Google Chromebooks** or one of **thirty gift vouchers valued at \$30**.




The more books you read, the more chances you have to win.

Enter online
www.parra.catholic.edu.au

**Competition opens
on 2 December 2019 and
closes at 5pm on 2 February 2020**

Terms and conditions apply.

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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.

Chime in for the Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral

The Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral Appeal offers a rare opportunity to create history and donate a bell that commemorates a loved one, or honours your family name, organisation or community group. As a Benefactor, you'll also have the privilege of naming your bell in honour of a revered Catholic Saint and helping make the dream of a peal of bells for St Patrick's Cathedral become a reality. For further information, visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bellsappeal

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

Help vulnerable people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare to connect people with support and services to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

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Good Shepherd Parent Group Summer School Disco

Wednesday, 27th November, 2019

Dear Parents,

Our School's Parent Group are running a Summer Disco for students. Details as follows:

Kinder to Year 2:	4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Years 3 to 6:	5:45 pm to 7:00 pm
Entry Fee:	\$5.00 per child (payable at the door—cash only)

Available for purchase on the night (cash only)
Hot Dogs, Drinks, Glowsticks and glow items,
Chips & Poppas.

Parents, please ensure you collect your children at the conclusion of the allocated time. Thank you.



Good Shepherd School

Invites you to attend a
Farewell Liturgy and Morning Tea
In honour of

Bianca Cooke

On **Wednesday 18th December**

Liturgy will commence at 9am followed by
morning tea

Please RSVP Kristy by **Friday 6th December**

Khaywood@parra.catholic.edu.au



2020 Diocesan School Fees

22 November 2019

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the Annual Diocesan fees schedule for 2020. The new schedule includes a very modest 1.5% increase on the fees from 2019, a reflection of Bishop Vincent Long's aim of making our Catholic schools as affordable as possible for families.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 1.5% increase. School-based fees cover the costs of things such as technology and school administration.

School fees are generally billed in instalments during Terms 1, 2 and 3. The fee is made up of three main parts:

1. Diocesan tuition fee

These are set by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and are the *same for every school*. There are **significant sibling discounts** for families with more than one child at a Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta school (it does not have to be the same school).

Those discounts and a list of the annual Diocesan tuition fees for 2020 are outlined below:

2020 Diocesan tuition fee schedule (per year)

	1 st child (100%)	2 nd child (75%)	3 rd child (50%)	4 th Child (0%)
Kindergarten	\$1,224	\$918	\$612	No fee
Years 1 – 6	\$1,581	\$1,185	\$792	No fee
Years 7 – 8	\$2,190	\$1,644	\$1,095	No fee
Years 9 – 10	\$2,430	\$1,824	\$1,215	No fee
Years 11 – 12	\$3,102	\$2,328	\$1,551	No fee

2. Diocesan Building Levy

This fee is set by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and is the same for every school. The annual Diocesan building levy for 2020 is \$822. This is an increase of 2% from 2019. This increase is slightly higher than the tuition fee increase of 1.5% as governments do not provide sufficient capital funding for our school provisioning program.

There is only one Diocesan building levy per family with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood and it is billed in instalments over the first 3 terms of the year. A sibling discount for the building levy of 50% applies to families with children within the bordering Archdiocese of Sydney and Dioceses of Wollongong and Broken Bay.

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3. School-based fees

These are determined by the school according to the needs of that school and billable for each child. School-based fees are often called 'resource fees' or 'activity fees'. These fees help schools cover the costs of things like teaching resources, technology, excursions etc.

This fee varies between schools. Please contact the school to find out more about their school-based fees.

Although it varies from school to school, as a guide, the Diocesan tuition fee represents roughly half the overall fee per year.

Here's how we can help

We appreciate that from time to time, some families experience financial challenges. As well as sibling discounts, confidential fee support is available through the following means:

- **Flexible payment options**

Families enrolled in CEDP schools are offered flexible payment options at the start of each year. These options provide opportunities to select a payment plan that best suits you. Payments can be made by direct debit on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis at no additional charge.

- **Fee assistance**

We understand financial circumstances can change and that these changes can impact on families. Please speak with your school principal confidentially if your family experiences financial difficulty or hardship so an appropriate arrangement can be made.

- **Bishop Manning Support Fund**

In addition to fee assistance programs, the Bishop Manning Support Fund is available to families who experience challenges meeting the cost of school fees due to financial hardship. Further information is available at the [Bishop Manning Support Fund](#) page of the CEDP website.

- **Byallawa Co-contribution Scheme**

The Byallawa co-contribution scheme provides assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to ensure a quality Catholic education is affordable and accessible. Further information is available on our [Byallawa Co-contribution Scheme](#) page of the CEDP website.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Catholic schools.

Yours sincerely



Gregory B Whitby AM KSG
Executive Director
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Diocese of Parramatta

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