



# Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

**Term 4**

**Week 8**

**Tuesday, 3rd December, 2019**



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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**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Season of Advent, is upon us. Traditionally we have known it as a time of waiting for Jesus to be born but it is a season of preparation for that birth. What are we preparing? Ourselves and our lives.

As John Piper writes in A Hunger for God, "Our soul is stuffed with small things and there is no room for the great." Advent can be an opportunity to clean up the past and find new energy and commitment to our life as a Christian.

Advent is preparation time for the coming of Christ at Christmas, when we are invited to accept Christ, not only into the world, but into our personal lives. Journeying with Christ is a life-long journey that leads to joy and peace; and, we might have to make changes to our lives.

Sometimes change can be difficult for it can be hindered by past hurts and failures. To be an agent for change, we have to learn to let go of the past, for our life is to be lead now and "the future" quickly becomes "the now".

It seems that humanity is forever saddled with change and the quality of our life, particularly our spiritual life, depends on how well we can prepare ourselves so that change can be possible and of benefit to our lives. It's possible that complacency can allow us to move through life comfortable with our quality of life and the fact that "we don't hurt anyone". We appear to be doing the right thing. But, when we look at Jesus whom we are preparing to welcome, are we as good as we think we are? "Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another preaching and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom." Luke 8:1

His companions were his quarrelsome apostles as well as some women who were friends or had been healed or had been "sinners". Advent offers an opportunity for us to have a good look at how we are journeying? In what direction are we headed? Is it simply stretching off into the distance or is there true purpose in our life.

***"Lord, thank You for Advent and its insights into Your way of loving and for helping me to examine my own patterns. Help me to support Your work, Your way with those with whom You invite me to journey. Amen."***

*Patricia Carr*

Tricia Carr  
Principal

*Advent*

## Upcoming Events

- 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)
- Tuesday, 10th December:** Year 3 Grade Assembly (2.00 pm Good Shepherd School)
- Wednesday, 11th December:** Christmas Liturgy (11.00 am Good Shepherd School)
- 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. All welcome
- 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.
- Wednesday, 18th December:** Last Day for Students

### Year 3 Grade Assembly

Dear Parents, please note that there will be a Year 3 assembly on Tuesday, 10th December 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	Grace Gearman	KG	San Trinh
KR	Mabior Acuoeth	KW	Abigail Little
1B	Vanessa Bradley	1G	Allsi Kusitafu
1R	Xavier Batallones	1W	Ronawyn Decena
2B	Aleksandra Zeinati	2G	Isabella Sugpatan
2R	Seerat Mehrok	2W	Euan Gozon
3B	Dorria Alhamwi	3G	Joanne Soliman
3R	Angelo Cabida	3W	Saschnaa Prabhakaran
4B	Sofia Nazar	4G	Natalia Falemaka
4R	Opeti Vatikani	4W	Sabina La
5B	Precious Johnson	5G	Charlotte Pillay
5R	Paul Sewiha	5W	Mariam Tungul
6B	Saurav Prasad	6G	Michael Labeeb
6R	Avani Narayan		

### 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 this 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.

## 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 *"Chew with your mouth closed"*

### 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.

### 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.



## Children's Summer Reading Program Reading Rocks!

Are you a reading rock star? Join our Children's Summer Reading Program 2020: Reading Rocks! Read 10 books to receive an invitation to the presentation night where you can come dressed up like a rock star. To participate in this program, you must be a member of our library. If you are not a member, it is free to join and you can do this online or in person at any of our libraries. Open to ages 0 – 12 years. Ask one of our friendly librarians for your reading record. Program closes 31 January 2020



## 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.

*"Thank you to all the parents and friends who volunteered at the Summer Disco! You are amazing!!"*

(From the Parent Committee, Good Shepherd Primary School)



Also a big thank you to our Parent Group for organising such a successful Disco!!



**Thank You!**

### 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.



### 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.

### 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. Summer Vacation timetable attached. Please note bookings for the Summer Vacation close this Friday, 6th December at 6.00 pm. For all inquiries please phone 0409 121 980.

### Well done Zaebriel

Recently, one of our students, Zaebriel Orayenza, appeared on Channel 9 in the Today Show together with her fellow cast of School of Rock. Well done Zaebriel!

Please click on the following link to view the clip:

<https://www.9now.com.au/today/2019/clip-ck39chx7000130ho99xlrvcvkq?sfns=mo>



### Learning Environments Australasia NSW Chapter Winner !!

DTA Architects were honoured to be acknowledged by Learning Environments Australasia NSW Chapter, receiving the Winning entry for the new Innovative Learning Inquiry Hub at Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School, Plumpton. DTA Architects were awarded all the following at the recent LEA awards presentation:

Winner – Good Shepherd Plumpton – New Construction / New Individual Facility under \$8million.

Commendation – Nagle College – Blacktown - New Construction / New Individual Facility under \$8million.

Commendation – St Agnes Rothy Hill – Renovation / Modernisation under \$5 million



### 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.

### 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.



### 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.



### 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



### Christmas Mass Times

#### Tuesday, 24th December

6:00 PM Children's Mass  
8:00 PM Youth Mass  
11:30 PM Carols in the Church  
12:00 AM Midnight Mass

#### Wednesday, 25th December (Christmas Day)

7:00 AM Christmas Day Mass  
9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass  
12:00 PM Christmas Day Mass (Vietnamese)



### 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.

### 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 8 Mythical Words

# Mythical words



Zealous:

He is a zealous supporter of his soccer team.

## Primary End of Term Awards

The following students from Year 3 to Year 6 will receive Awards for Term 4 2019. These Awards will be presented at the Whole School Assembly at 8.30 am on Monday, 16th December (Week 10). Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Class	Religious Education	Learning Achievement	Learning Achievement	Consistent Effort
3B	Roza-Elloise Frias	Sinit Teame	Maheen Sehgal	Cassandra Pascual
3G	Brianna Saxelby	Ishanyaa Suman	Amity Thomas	Bianca Galea
3R	Mia Smith	Izaak Knoester	Sophia Rahme	Miguel Reyes
3W	Vlad Anastasiei	Amber Catig	Joanne Shibu	Sandeep Nijjar
4B	Maya Portugal	Mahalea Miles	Kylie Pham	Kaiden Blair
4G	Tevita Ma'asi	Alena Terepo	Pravish Latchman	Patricia Mateo
4R	Opeti Vatikini	Emmanuel Ibanez	Hope MacMillan Savea	Al Jur Cabalong
4W	Alexander Newell	Raphael Santos	Sabina La	Carolina Barkho
5B	Jayden Gearman	Ronan Cruz	Shantel Santana	Precious Johnson
5G	Ethan Nunag	Macsimos Agpoon	Eunice Gutierrez	Bianca Cailao
5R	Heina Kiteau	Marley Tamani	Janina Imlay	Mariah Attard
5W	Abuol Mawien	Melody Cuasay	Onel Markahe	Hagop Ajoyan
6B	Liana Banares	Isabella Limjap	Megan Ferreira	Martin Stanton
6G	Divine Vaifale	Christina Kilberd	Ian Stevens	Rosemary Shamoka
6R	Analiese Haufano	Preet Singh	Ella Romero	Nikita Moeono-Paahi

# 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 



## News from the Catholic Education Office

### Lettuce crunch together in 2020!

Vegetable Week & The Big Vegie Crunch is on again in 2020.

The event is a FREE school-based health promotion initiative that is funded by NSW Health. It's a fun, quick and easy way to encourage your students to eat more vegetables.

The event will run over Week 6 of Term 1 – from Monday 2 March to Friday 6 March 2020 – with The Big Vegie Crunch being held at 10 am on Thursday 5 March.

In 2019, 41,538 primary school students across NSW munched on veg simultaneously. Help us to 'beet' this in 2020!

For more details on the event, and to register, take a look at the Vegetable Week & The Big Vegie Crunch [webpage](#).



# News from the Catholic Education Office Cont'd

## Executive Director Summer Reading Challenge

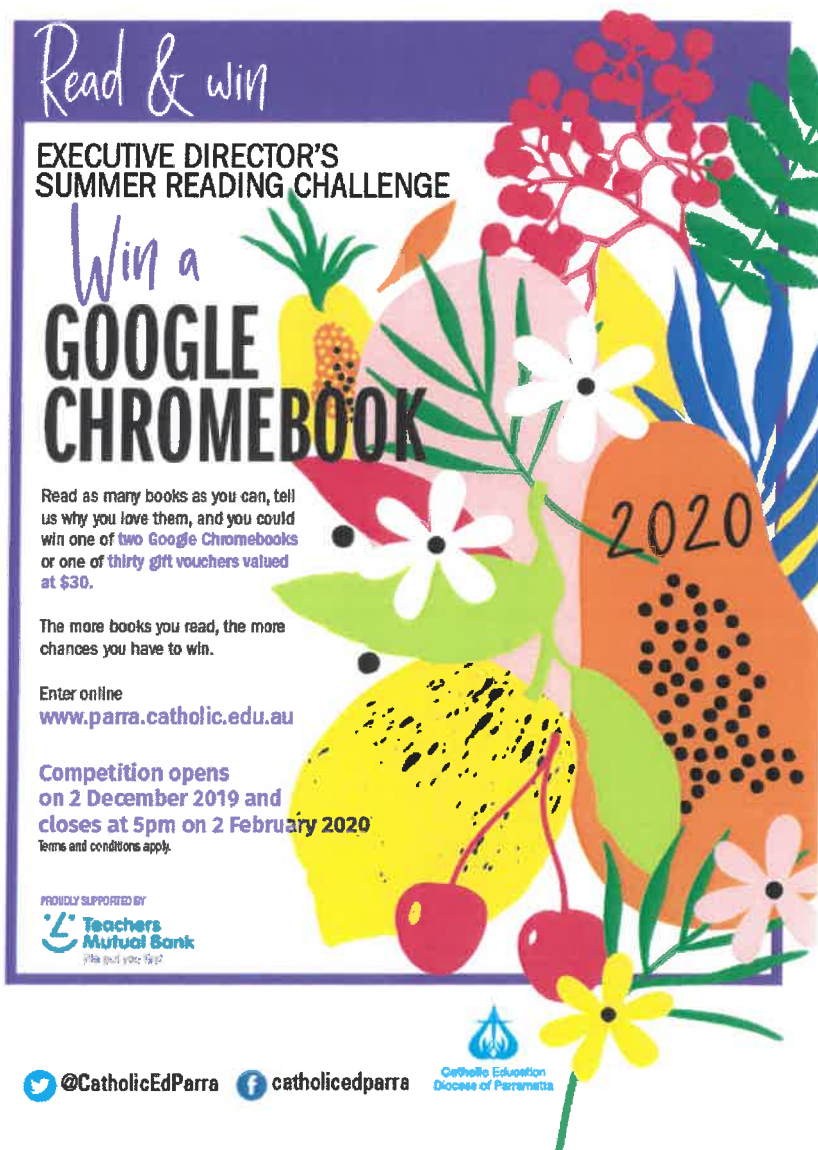
These summer holidays, CEDP are again launching the Executive Director Summer Reading Challenge and encouraging all students to read, read, read!

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.

A vibrant, colorful poster for the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge 2020. The poster features a purple header with the text 'Read & win' in white cursive. Below this, the title 'EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE' is in bold black capital letters. The main prize, 'Win a GOOGLE CHROMEBOOK', is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. The poster is decorated with various tropical and floral illustrations, including a pineapple, a bunch of red berries, a white daisy, a yellow flower, and a large orange rock with the year '2020' written on it. Text on the poster includes: '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', and 'Terms and conditions apply.' At the bottom left, it says 'PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY Teachers Mutual Bank' with their logo. At the bottom right, there is a logo for 'Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta' and social media handles for '@CatholicEdParra' and 'catholicedparra'.

## NSW Police Legacy Digital Child Safety Handbook

A new edition of this valuable safety resource is now available online. The current edition has been updated with digital/online safety, light rail safety, metro train safety, dental health, diabetes, etc. It is recommended that school principals bring this important information source to the attention of their school community.

The Child Safety Handbook App has also been produced by NSW Police Legacy and includes everything we need as a community to protect our most valuable and vulnerable resource – our children. From preventative measures at home to safety outdoors, from cybersafety to dealing with peer pressures, this App is a resource for every family and school community. The app can be downloaded via the Apple store, Google Play or Amazon Kindle.

Link to the digital handbook - NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook

Here is also a link to the [childsafetyhub.com.au](http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/downloads/) website with assets that can be used - <http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/downloads/>

# News from the Bishop's Office

## Positions Vacant:

Volunteers - CatholicCare Mamre Creche

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

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# Good Shepherd School

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

**Bianca Cooke**

On **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Liturgy will commence at 9am followed by  
morning tea

Please RSVP Kristy by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

[Khaywood@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Khaywood@parra.catholic.edu.au)



**The Capuchin Franciscan Friars  
extend an invitation to**

***Good Shepherd School Community***

**to join them  
in the celebration of the Silver Jubilee  
of Ordination to the Priesthood  
of Br. Gerard O'Dempsey OFM Cap.**

**To be held at Good Shepherd Church,  
130-136 Hyatts Road,  
Plumpton NSW  
on Friday 31st January 2020: 7.30pm Mass.**

Mass will be followed by a BBQ.

**R.S.V.P.    [parishof@tpg.com.au](mailto:parishof@tpg.com.au) (by Friday 24th January)**

## 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 <sup>st</sup> child (100%)	2 <sup>nd</sup> child (75%)	3 <sup>rd</sup> child (50%)	4 <sup>th</sup> 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.

LEARNING FOR TODAY'S WORLD



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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



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## Summer Vacation Care 2020 Program WEEK 1 — Good Shepherd

<p>Monday 6th January</p> <p>Incentre</p> <p>Movie character Monday</p>		<p>Come dressed as your favourite movie character Princess, Marvel hero's or Justice League for a big day of fun.</p>
<p>Tuesday 7th January</p> <p>Excursion</p> <p>Ninja playground—Mt Druitt</p>		<p>Who will be the COSHC Ninja Champion, join us for a day of jumping, climbing and sneaking through the ninja training course at Mt Druitt--</p> <p><b>Additional Authority form</b></p>
<p>Wednesday 8th January</p> <p>Incentre</p> <p>Workshop—Tie Dye</p>		<p>Get crafty and get groovy with a day full of tie dye fun. We will be dying our own hats and doing lots of other fun bright and colourful crafts</p>
<p>Thursday 9th January</p> <p>Excursion</p> <p>Event Cinemas—Castle Hill</p>		<p>Get Cosy and COSHC and join us got for a cinematic experience. The Children will travel by bus to the movies.</p> <p><b>Additional Authority form required</b></p>
<p>Friday 10th January</p> <p>Incentre</p> <p>Water play Fun Day</p>		<p>Time to cool off ,lets have a day to cool down and have some water play fun, water game relays and water balloon wars and so much more</p>
<p><b>Bring:</b> Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, sunscreen, hat and sneakers. <b>Cost:</b> \$55</p>		



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## Summer Vacation Care 2020 Program WEEK 2 — Good Shepherd

<p><b>Monday 13th January</b> Incentre Pokémon day</p>  <p>Pokémon have landed and are on the go at Good Shepherd, we will be on the look out for Pikachu and his friends</p> <p><b>Bring:</b> Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, sunscreen, hat and enclosed shoes. <b>Cost:</b> \$55</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 14th January</b> Excursion Event Cinemas—Castle Hill</p>  <p>Get Cosy and COSHC and join us got for a cinematic experience. The Children will travel by bus to the movies.</p> <p><b>Additional Authority form required</b></p> <p><b>Bring:</b> Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, sunscreen, hat and enclosed shoes. <b>Cost:</b> \$75</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 15th January</b> Incentre COSHC Amazing Race Day</p>  <p>We are holding our very own amazing race COSHC Style, join a team and get through all the challenges to be the champion</p> <p><b>Bring:</b> Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, sunscreen, hat and enclosed shoes. <b>Cost:</b> \$55</p>	<p><b>Thursday 16th January</b> Excursion Sky Zone Alexandria</p>  <p>Skyzone will have you on your feet all day, jumping on trampolines, endure obstacle courses, and climbing up walls</p> <p><b>Additional Authority form required</b></p> <p><b>Bring:</b> Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, sunscreen, hat and enclosed shoes. <b>Cost:</b> \$75</p>	<p><b>Friday 17th January</b> Incentre Workshop Colour run Day</p>  <p>Join us for a colourful fun run! Get ready to be a rainbow warrior, throw colour everywhere, and be the champion.</p> <p><b>Bring:</b> Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, sunscreen, hat and enclosed shoes. <b>Cost:</b> \$60</p>
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## Summer Vacation Care 2020 Program WEEK 3 — Good Shepherd

<p><b>Monday 20th January</b></p> <p><b>Incentre</b></p> <p><b>Works shop—Cupcakes</b></p> <p><b>Mad Hatters Tea Party</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday 21st January</b></p> <p><b>Excursion</b></p> <p><b>Ultimate Northmead</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 22nd January</b></p> <p><b>Incentre</b></p> <p><b>Wild West day</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 23rd January</b></p> <p><b>Excursion</b></p> <p><b>Event Cinemas –Castle Hill</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 24th January</b></p> <p><b>Incentre</b></p> <p><b>Australian Outback Adventures</b></p>
<p>Mad hatter's tea party theme , dress as a Mad Hatter and we'll make cupcakes for our Mad Hatter's tea party</p>	<p>Play on the climbing frame, jump on the trampolines, play trampoline dodge ball or play in the foam pit.</p> <p><b>Additional Authority form required</b></p>	<p>Join us for a day of wild west fun, come dressed in your wild west clothes !!!</p>	<p>Get Cosy and COSHC and join us got for a cinematic experience. The Children will travel by bus to the movies.</p> <p><b>Additional Authority form required</b></p>	<p>Today we will have an Aussie outback adventure, we will make damper, butter and , a solar oven , make sand cave drawings.</p>
<p><b>Bring:</b> Morning tea, lunch, refill- able water bottle, sunscreen, hat and enclosed shoes.</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> \$60</p>	<p><b>Bring:</b> Morning tea, lunch, refill- able water bottle, sunscreen, hat and enclosed shoes.</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> \$75</p>	<p><b>Bring:</b> Morning tea, lunch, refill- able water bottle, sunscreen, hat and enclosed shoes.</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> \$55</p>	<p><b>Bring:</b> Morning tea, lunch, refill- able water bottle, sunscreen, hat and enclosed shoes.</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> \$75</p>	<p><b>Bring:</b> Morning tea, lunch, refill- able water bottle, sunscreen, hat and enclosed shoes.</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> \$55</p>

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**Child Information** (As listed on your enrolment form)

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are children currently enrolled in COSHC for Before/After School Care? YES / NO

**If this is the first time booking for Good Shepherd VAC you will need to also complete an enrolment form**

If YES, which COSHC Service do they attend? \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby give my permission for my child/ren to participate in the excursions and incursions on the dates I have indicated on this booking form:**

Preferred Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please initial the box for each child, for each day of care that you require**

Child's Name	Mon 6th \$55	Tue 7th \$75	Wed 8th \$60	Thur 9th \$75	Fri 10th \$55	Total \$
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Child's Name	Mon 13th \$55	Tue 14th \$75	Wed 15th \$55	Thur 16th \$75	Fri 17th \$60	Total \$
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<b>CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS FRI 6TH DECEMBER 2019</b>					<b>TOTAL: \$</b>	
<b>CLOSING DATE FOR PAYMENTS Fri 13th December 2019</b>						

## Parent / Guardian Permission

(Please read and initial every statement)

<b>I understand that failure to make the full Vacation Care fee payment by Friday 13th December 2019 will result in my child/ren's position at Vacation Care being cancelled without notice.</b>	
<b>I understand that no further bookings OR changes to bookings will be accepted After Friday 6th December 2019</b>	
I agree to abide by all policies and procedures of Catholic Out of School Hours Care.	
I accept that children will be supervised at all times, and that all travel between the Centre and excursion venue will be in privately booked buses with seatbelts.	
I understand that excursions are compulsory for all children booked in on that day to attend and that the number of participants will not exceed the licensed number.	
I understand that "Excursion and Incursion Risk Assessments" have been completed prior to the event and are available to me upon request.	
I understand that the ratio's that COSHC adheres to is 1:15 for onsite days and 1:8 for all excursions (water based excursions are 1:5). Additional educators will be rostered where it is deemed to be necessary, based on the activity risk assessment.	
<b>I accept that it is my responsibility to ensure we are at the Centre by 8:00am on excursion days (unless another time is specified). I understand that the bus will not wait, and I will need to make alternative care arrangements for my child/ren if we arrive late.</b>	
I understand that I am required to sign my child in and out of the program each day. Written notification is required to allow another person to collect my child if they are not listed as an authorized contact.	
I understand that my children may be required to participate in activities that may be physically and emotionally demanding. My children's participation in any activity is not compulsory. COSHC staff will duly exercise their Duty of Care.	
I agree to support the centre in implementing the Sun Protection Policy by my child/ren wearing Sun-safe clothing with sleeves & collar, sun-safe hat and sports shoes & socks.	
I understand that all programs will continue in the event of inclement weather unless notified. I understand that should the scheduled venue need to change due to inclement weather, the backup venues COSHC will use are the Movies, Bowling and Sydney Aquarium/Wildlife World.	
I understand that COSHC will take no responsibility for lost property. This includes all electronic devices.	
I give permission for my child/ren to have their face painted and hair sprayed as part of the centre program throughout the holidays.	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Parent 1 Signature: _____</div> <div>Date: _____</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Parent 2 Signature: _____</div> <div>Date: _____</div> </div>	