

# Shepherd Shorts

Term 1  
Week 2

Thursday,  
15 February 2018

Dear Parents

Over this past week there was much happening that involved many of you and your children. In reflecting on the Opening School Mass last week, Ash Wednesday Mass yesterday and the Parent Information Night on Tuesday evening, it is apparent that the spirit in which students, parents and staff participated and the organisation which underpinned each one's success indicate that our year has begun well. I would be interested to hear your comments.

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday which begins the forty day season of Lent that leads to Easter. Yesterday during the Mass we came together to remind ourselves that we don't always follow God's ways and need to ask God for His mercy and forgiveness. We wear ashes to show that we want to turn away from whatever keeps us from God, and to have a change of heart, so that we can live in right relationship with God and each other.

***Almost out of habit we think of Lent as a time to "give up something," to do "some penance" because self-denial is thought to be good for both body and soul. However, Lent can be time for very positive action and self-denial can be achieved by the way we express ourselves to other people and the attention we give to our own self development. Whatever we choose to do for Lent, we should ensure that it leads to a positive change in ourselves which in turn will have a positive effect on the people in our lives.***

Thank you to the many parents and parishioners who attended our Mass yesterday. Thanks to Father Jiss and Deacon Namora for leading our Mass and to Mr O'Connell for coordinating the celebration.

Wishing God's blessing on you and your families,



David Austin  
Principal



## Stars of the Week

KE	Bridget
KK	Zac
KM	Isabelle
KT	Ruby
1C	Grace
1H	Charlie
1M	Grace
1R	Jasmine
2C	Marley
2F	Carla
2K	Zander
2M	Mila
3D	Miles
3T	Keaton
3W	Lucas
3Wh	Sienna
4F	Shaun
4JC	Jarred
4P	Angel
4Z	Olivia
5DD	Bailey
5H	Alicia
5R	Charlie
6A	Isabel
6B	Sarah
6M	Laila
6T	Maks



Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival will be held  
**Sunday, 8 April.**

Registration forms are now available on the school website or Front Office. All registration forms and payment **MUST** be returned no later than Tuesday, 20 February  
**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**



CYBERBULLING  
A Special Report



If your child is interested in playing Hockey, University Junior Hockey Club are having a "Come & Try" Registration Day on Sunday 17 February from 9.00 am - 12.00pm at the Lyneham Hockey Centre. If you would like more information 0412618975

Term 1 School Fees will be sent home tomorrow.  
**Payment is due Friday, 9 March.**

If you have not returned your 2018 School Fee/ Sibling Discount form please do so immediately.



*Remember, that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

Please remember that a number of our students have serious allergies to nuts. Therefore, peanut butter, peanuts and peanut related products should not come to school as part of the children's lunches and snacks. This includes Nutella and all hazelnut-based spreads. Thank you for your support in this matter.



**NAPLAN will be online from 15-25 May 2018.**

**NAPLAN Online:**

- is more engaging and adjusts questions to meet your child's achievement level.
- delivers more precise literacy and numeracy achievement results to schools and parents more quickly.
- supports school improvement by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

Our school encourages all eligible students to participate in NAPLAN. Visit [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au) to see how the test works and for more information.

