



Shepherd Spy

WEEK 5 TERM 1

8 MARCH 2018

Dear Community,

Good Shepherd Catholic School Amaroo is a companion school to Holy Spirit School Nicholls, Mother Teresa School Harrison and St John Paul II College Nicholls. Together we serve and are served by Holy Spirit Parish Gungahlin.

Parish Mass is held every
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 8am;
9.30am and 5.30pm
All are welcome to join us.

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We are well into the Lenten Season and it may be around this time that we may be asking ourselves how all our efforts at bringing change into our lives are going. In years gone by we made a series of Lenten Promises along the lines of giving up chocolate, ice-cream and the like. The focus was on clearing out the unnecessary, the indulgent, the 'wicked' things from our lives. In many ways there's nothing too wrong with that. It was, we thought, making space for God in the day-to-day and by focusing on the food and drink intake the space just came. And maybe it did.

We are, of course, much more than what we eat or drink. What we say and do, what we watch and read and with whom we spend our time contribute more to what we are as a person than the odd chocolate indulgence. Lent gives us the impetus to look at what is really in our lives, beyond what we put in our mouths.

Lent is a time of renewal and recommitment; about bringing things that are good into our lives. In our homes we can begin by bringing a critical eye to what is watched on television, available to be read or played on the computer. If we have used some time during Lent looking to make considered choices that will bring quality time and quality experiences into the lives of our children and ourselves, I expect it will be a Lenten Season well spent.

Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival on Tuesday was another exceptional day. It was a great community success and our grateful thanks go to the many parents who supported and worked towards making the carnival such a great experience for the children. Thank you! our days cannot run successfully without you. Congratulations to Mrs Di Jones and her staff 'swimming team' who did an enormous amount of work. They spent many hours planning and preparing for this day

Unfortunately, we ran out of time and could not complete the 25 metre races. I know some students were disappointed. The change of venue at the last minute, bus pick-up and drop-off, and larger student numbers all were factors. As a staff we are currently completing an evaluation of the day to assess what can be improved upon. We were also very proud of the children's team spirit and participation on Tuesday too. Well done.

Year 6 Leadership Ceremony

Our Year 6 Leadership Assembly will be held next Friday, commencing at 9:30am. This is an important ceremony for our student leaders. Invitations have been distributed to Year 6 parents. You are all most welcome, as always.

Grandparent's Day/Great People's Day

We are really looking forward to Grandparents' Day/Great People's Day on Tuesday, 13 March. Our day commences at 9am with a Special Blessing. There will be an opportunity for 'Great People' to visit classrooms and then at 9:30, we will have a number of activities planned (skipping, chalk drawing, board games, 'Old Time' music in the hall, photo booth etc). At 10:30am there will be a shared morning tea where students can bring their recess and visitors will have the opportunity to grab a scone and tea/coffee from the canteen or outside the staff room. Students can find a place in the courtyard to share morning tea and then recess will be as normal. We are expecting a lot of 'oldies!' Should be a wonderful day! Everyone is most welcome!

To be together

Community Council Nominations

Going home tomorrow are some voting slips for the Community Council. Good Shepherd has received 4 nominations for the vacant positions (2) on the Community Council for a two year term. Details of the candidates will appear with the voting slips.

Please return the ballot papers sealed in an envelope, to school with the family name and 'Community Council Elections' printed on the outside. These will then be marked off against the school roll and the returning officers (myself and Father Mark) will then open them and count the votes at the close of the voting period.

Ballot papers must be returned to school by 4pm on Friday 16 March 2018.

ICAS Academic Competitions

For over thirty years the University of New South Wales has been conducting the ICAS (International Competitions in Schools Competitions). It is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2–12; Assessments are available in Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

Going home this week via the Skoolbag App and available on our website is information and an enrolment form. To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form and return it, with your entry fees, to your school by Friday 23 March 2018.

Please direct any questions to me.

Have an enjoyable Canberra Day Long Weekend.

Wishing God's blessing on you and your families,



David Austin
Principal



Stars of the week are.....



Rachel (KE)	Ethan (1C)	Ayden (2C/T)	Lincoln (3D)	Ayden (4F)	Joel (5D/D)	Laura (6B)
Krishna (KK)	Bryson (1H)	Harry (2F)	Luke (3T)	Olivia (4J)	Alina (5H)	Ishani (6M)
Billy (KM/S)	Winter (1M)	Jarraah (2K)	Mackenzie (3Wsh)	Jacob (4P)	Noah (5R/T)	Marcus (6T)
Vinnie (KT)	Jackson (1R)	Brigitte (2M)	Georgina (3Wh)	Dev (4Z)	Won (6A)	

Great People's Day

Next Tuesday, March 13, Good Shepherd will be hosting Great People's Day. On this day we encourage the children to invite any of the 'great' people in their lives to share a morning at school with them. We will have a special blessing at morning assembly, followed by various activities around the school grounds. The morning will conclude with a shared morning tea at 10.30am. The children's day will return to normal from 11am.

Our 'great' people will be given a Visitor sticker once they have signed in, in the classroom that they are visiting. Since our great people are invited visitors to our school and will be under the guidance of class teachers, a WWVP card is not required on this occasion. If they do happen to have a current WWVP card, please tell them to bring it. We look forward to seeing many of our great people!

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Our school community is warmly invited to join Year 4Payne and 4Freeman for our Prayer Celebration, tomorrow, Friday 9 March.

What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Confirmation, a sacrament of initiation, establishes young adults as full-fledged members of the faith. This sacrament is called Confirmation because the faith given in Baptism is now confirmed and made strong. During your Baptism, your parents and godparents make promises to renounce Satan and believe in God and the Church on your behalf. At Confirmation, you renew those same promises, this time speaking for yourself.

Confirmation Information

Keep an eye out for Ministry Masses and your roles for each weekend. Make sure you get to Mass at 9:15am and speak to a Mass Coordinator who will give you details about your ministry.

Vinnies Doorknock Appeal

Reminder that collection bags should be returned as soon as possible. We still waiting for three bags that have not come back to school. Please return these to the Front Office as soon as possible.



Class Masses

Participating in Mass each term is an important way we can speak to God and learn about Jesus. Each year level celebrates a Mass each term and we would love to see parents and families come to pray with us at Mass.

- [Week 6 - Year 1 & Year 5 Mass \(Thursday, 15 March @ 9:15am\)](#)
- [Week 7 - Year 2 & Year 4 Mass \(Thursday, 22 March @ 9:15am\)](#)
- [Week 9 - Kinder & Year 6 Mass \(Thursday, 5 April @ 9:15am\)](#)
- [Week 10 - Year 3 Mass \(Thursday, 12 April @ 9:15am\)](#)



Holy Spirit Multicultural festival - Saturday 24 March

Holy Spirit Parish are hosting a Multicultural festival after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 24 March. There will be lots of food from different cultures as well entertainment including singing, dancing and even some cheerleading from our very own Good Shepherd Cheer squad. Save the date: Saturday 24 March. Come along and enjoy this wonderful community event!

Term 1 School Fees are due tomorrow, 9 March.

Swimming Carnival Sports Ribbons will be handed out during Week 6 at 9.00am Morning Assembly.



Wednesday, 14 March: 7, 8 and 9 year olds.
Thursday, 15 March: 10 year olds.
Friday, 16 March: 11 and 12 year olds



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