



# Shepherd Spy

WEEK 1 TERM 2

3 MAY 2018

Good Shepherd Catholic School Amaroo is a companion school to Holy Spirit School Nicholls, Mother Teresa School Harrison and St John Paul College Nicholls.

Together we serve and are served by Holy Spirit Parish

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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Dear Community,

Welcome back for Term 2. The weather was great over the break and I hope you all had a good opportunity to spend quality time together as a family. Staff were busy here at school-from planning and preparing for the term, to painting in the Kindergarten area!

A special welcome to Mrs Prisca Chimiti, our new Student Welfare Officer (Chaplain). See page 4 for a letter of introduction from Prisca..

During the break we also commemorate ANZAC Day. Following ANZAC Day we remember all of the Australian and New Zealand service men and women who have served their country and continue to serve so that we can live in peace and security today. Many have suffered severe injuries or trauma from war. Some have **paid the ultimate sacrifice and given their life for their country.** As today's generation we remember them. Lest we forget.

This morning we hosted our ANZAC Day service in the hall. It was a special ceremony. We are a Defence School and have a great number of parents who are members of the defence force; some who are currently deployed. We prayed for them this morning. Thanks to our Defence Transition Aide, Mandy Woodall for coordinating this moving ceremony.

### Good Shepherd Day tomorrow

Tomorrow we are celebrating Good Shepherd Day; our feast day. Will will start our day with Mass in the Church at 9:30am. We encourage you to join us! Following Mass we will have a shared morning tea with parents. We support our 'School of Hope' in Kenya and there will be a presentation from School of Hope about the support we will give them this year.

You are most welcome to join us tomorrow morning where we celebrate Jesus as our Good Shepherd and live out our mission to serve as he did through our work with the School of Hope. Happy feast day everyone!

### Enrolment Time

Our Good Shepherd Open Days will be Monday, 7 May and Thursday, 17 May from 9:30am-11am and 3.30pm to 6.00pm. We have advertised these days and really hope for a great turn-out. Please let interested people know about our day on Monday. Enrolment packs are available from the Front Office. If you have a pre-schooler you will need to collect a pack from the Front Office and please return them no later than 25 May to secure a place.

Enrolment time for all Catholic schools occurs from Monday 7 May until Friday 25 May. This includes John Paul College, Merici College and St Francis Xavier College for our Year Six families.

### Building Update

This is progressing quickly! It is planned that Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Kenna and 2 Thompson/Callaghan will be in the new building late next week. Furniture has arrived and final cleaning and touch-ups are taking place inside. Moving 10 classrooms will take place next week with minimal disruption to student learning.

## To be together .....

Demolition of H and G Buildings will take place in the next few weeks too. I will disseminate more information next week and inform you when you can come in and have a look!

### Mother's Day Breakfast

This year, we will be hosting a Mothers' Day breakfast from 7:30am. Dads, we will need your help! More information will be distributed tomorrow via facebook and the skoolbag app.

Wishing God's blessing on you and your families,

David Austin  
Principal



### Cross Country Carnival

The Cross Country Carnival at Good Shepherd will be held next Friday, 11 May. The carnival will begin after our morning assembly at 9.30am and should conclude by recess. We will start the races with the 12 year olds and finish with the Kinder and Year 1 children. You are warmly invited to join us for the morning and cheer your children on.

Children are to wear either their house colours or their school sports uniform including their joggers. Please ensure your child has a school hat, sunscreen and a drink bottle with plenty of water. We are expecting fine weather, however if this does not eventuate a decision will be made in the morning to postpone. Please send your child ready to run as indicated above, regardless of the conditions.

### School Absences

If your child is away from school due to illness or family reasons the school must be notified by email or the school app, on the day the absence occurs. Alternatively, upon returning to class, a brief written note of explanation from the parent/guardian can also be presented to the class teacher. This notification is a legal requirement as is teachers being required to complete their class roll twice a day.

If your family is taking a family holiday (between 10 –100 days) an "Application for Extended Leave" form must be submitted to Mr Austin for approval. These forms are available from Front Office.

### Good Shepherd School App

All school communication is sent home via the App eg. Newsletter. To install the App, just look for our school name "Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School Amaroo" in the Apple or Android App Store and install it on your phone.

A couple of tips:

- Make sure you have allowed for push notifications in your iPhone settings.
- You can subscribe to various push categories (eg Year Levels) by clicking "more" then "setup" in the App.



The Community Council will be holding a **Mother's Day Stall** next  
Friday, 11 May.

All the gifts have been purchased and we are looking forward to sharing the children's excitement as they choose something special for their Mothers or special people in their lives.

Gifts are \$5 each.

The children will be brought through the stall once they have completed their Cross-Country run.  
Payment may be made via Qkr no later than Thursday, 10 May.



## ...the heart of God.

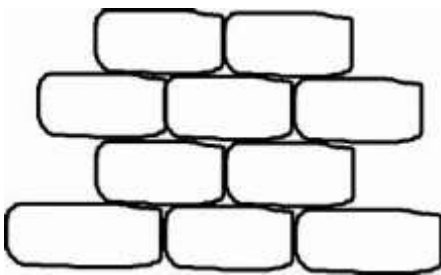


‘To be the Heart of God through connected hearts, inspired minds, flourishing students.’



Tomorrow, Friday 4 May, Good Shepherd will be celebrating our feast of Jesus the Good Shepherd. We will also be celebrating our mission work with the School of Hope and launch our fundraising for the coming weeks. We are hoping to raise enough money to build permanent classrooms for their school.

All families are warmly invited to celebrate Mass commencing at 9.30am and share in the day's activities tomorrow.



School of Hope update

Thank you to the families who have donated a brick to the School of Hope. If you would like to donate to the School of Hope by buying a brick, please send your donation (any amount) to the Front Office in a sealed envelope marked "School of Hope Donation" and your child/ren's name and class and we will then add your bricks to the display in the Front Office.

A reminder that there are ministries for Confirmation candidates at the Masses this weekend. Please check your ministries and dates and ask the Mass Coordinator to give you details about your ministry for the Mass.



All parents are invited to join us in our [Prayer Celebration](#) on Friday, 18 May at 9:15am, Year 1Rous and 1Huleatt will be leading us in prayer focusing on how Good Shepherd 'Welcomes diversity' as a school.

At Good Shepherd, every student seeks to 'See, Think & Do' by:

**Kindergarten** – Visiting to the elderly

**Year 1** – Putting together packs for the Night Patrol van to take to Canberra's poorest

**Year 2** – Learning about the St Vincent de Paul Society and its members

**Year 3** – Collecting and storing items donated to the Mini Vinnies Food Pantry

**Year 4** – Taking care of the garden to donate produce to 'The Blue Door'

**Year 5** – Learning about refugees and migrants

**Year 6** – Mini Vinnies



On Sunday 20 May, after 9:30am Mass, Holy Spirit parish are hosting a fete to raise money for the parish. There will be more information to come regarding the different stalls. So save the date and come support our parish.

## The Stars for this week are:



Mackenzie (KE)	Ryan (1C)	Isabella (2CT)	Alanna (3D)	Tomasz (4F)	Mitchell (5DD)	Jackson (6B)
Benjamin (KK)	Amelia (1H)	Ellyza (2F)	Tomi (3T)	Mitchell (4JO)	Natasha (5H)	Danya (6M)
Harley (KMS)	Laura (1M)	Elsie (2K)	Tiana (3W)	Abbey (4P)	Achol (5R)	Charlotte (6T)
Yuriy (KT)	Emilia (1R)	Chloe (2M)	Sebastian (3Wh)	Ashley (4Z)	Caelan (6A)	

## To be together .....

Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Students,

I am writing this very short letter to introduce myself.

My name is Mrs Prisca Chimiti, and I have recently joined Good Shepherd Primary Catholic School as the new Student Welfare Officer (Chaplain). I am excited to join the Good Shepherd learning community in promoting and supporting the values and the beliefs of the school. I hope to meet many of you in person as I settle in and learn more about the school.

My role will involve but not be limited to, giving support and strategies that focus on the emotional, social, and spiritual wellbeing of student's, families, and the broader school community. I work every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9am to 2pm. Should you need to reach me please feel free to contact me on the following;

Email address-

[Prisca.chimiti@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Prisca.chimiti@cg.catholic.edu.au)

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I look forward to working with you all.

Kind Regards  
Mrs Chimiti

## 2019 Enrolments will be open from next Monday, 7 May until Friday, 25 May 2018



### Open Day

**Monday, 7 May or  
Thursday, 17 May 2018**

**9.30 am - 11.00 am  
or 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm**

**LOST**

If your child has found a black Fit Bit watch could you please return the watch to the Front Office.



## 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.**

Winter Map Mates registrations is now open. After the success of the Summer series this fantastic team based competition, for children 7-13 years old, is on again! A free Map Mates Welcome event will be held on 19 May and is open to any child interested in orienteering. Map Mates is perfect for beginners with our Map Mates coaches teaching new orienteering skills each week. Map Mates is a team competition designed to teach map reading, build teamwork, **enhance fitness, showcase Canberra's** beautiful parks and reserves, all while focusing on having fun! The Map Mates competition starts on 26 May and runs for four weeks, in conjunction with the ACT Saturday Series, and concludes with a presentation BBQ on 30 Jun. For more information and to register go to the Map Mates page on Orienteering ACT's website:  
<http://act.orienteering.asn.au/juniors/blue-sparks/map-mates/>