

Shepherd Shorts

Term 2
Week 6

Thursday,
7 June 2018

Dear Community,

It is enrolment time and I am currently interviewing over 100 children and their parents hoping to join our school community next year. I must say, this is a great part of the job!

After speaking with families new to our school, I have been reflecting on the question "What exactly do we expect of our school"? We have 500 families here at Good Shepherd and no doubt every one of those families would have different expectations at different times. But there is something special about parents sending their children to a Catholic School: a choice has been made. As a family you have actually chosen this school for your child. For many in the Government education system choice of school is based mostly on the local offering, the school that is most convenient. But why have you chosen Good Shepherd for your child's education?

Over the past 2 weeks I have interviewed many parents and children preparing to commence Good Shepherd in 2019 and so have had the privilege of listening to many reasons why this school has been chosen. For some the reasons are purely practical; "It's on the way to work", "My carer can collect easily from here", "It's a feeder school to various Catholic High Schools". For others the reasons are philosophical; "We want "values based" education", "We like the style of education here", "We want structure or discipline for our child". Sometimes the reasons are bizarre; we like the uniform or the new playground!

Mostly, however, people speak deeply from their own spirituality and psyche. They want their child to belong, we want him / her to feel safe, to be loved and valued for themselves. They want children to hear and know the stories of Jesus, to feel that they are part of a wider community – the Church. They want them to know right from wrong, to be treated with dignity and to be in an environment where they learn to treat others with respect and dignity. Parents want their children to be known and loved, to be part of the daily life and the special celebrations of the community.

We believe we have a lot to offer here at our school.

Many new families mentioned some association with Good Shepherd, or that current families have

recommended them to attend our school. Thank you!

Have a great long weekend.

Wishing God's blessing on you and your families.



David Austin
Principal



Star of the Week.....

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| KE | Auinau |
| KK | Eadith |
| KM | Niamh |
| KT | Odette |

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| 1C | Brock |
| 1H | Oliver |
| 1M | Liliana |
| 1R | Curtis |

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| 2C | Neev |
| 2F | Saanvi |
| 2K | Lachlan |
| 2M | Caelan |

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| 3D | Leia |
| 3T | Sophia |
| 3W | Alex |
| 3Wh | Billy |

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| 4F | Aswath |
| 4JC | Vinnie |
| 4P | Darcie |
| 4Z | Riley |

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| 5DD | Rani |
| 5H | Shreyansh |
| 5R | Chelsea |

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| 6A | Hollie |
| 6B | Mary |
| 6M | Alexis |
| 6T | Joshua |

Rok (6T) will travel to Bateau Bay this long weekend to compete in the inaugural City vs Country Oztag championships. Rok was selected in the Country team after representing the ACT team in the NSW State Cup. Good luck Rok!



Cancer Council ACT Sunsmart Schools Program

This week begins the "Hats Off" period for ACT primary school as daily UV levels drop off to levels that are considered low (ie under 3) all day, for the months of June and July. So, in keeping with the **End of May is Hats Off Day** spirit, Canberra primary school students (and teachers) can safely leave their hats off during outdoor activities including lunch time.

