



# Shepherd Spy

WEEK 9 TERM 2

29 JUNE 2018

Dear Community,

I am sorry I am still away from school. I had routine surgery last week that developed complications and was re-admitted to hospital this week. I am missing everyone!

## End of Semester Reports

Today, each student will bring home their Semester 1 report. This is a real celebration of the achievements your child has made over the past two terms. Please spend some time with your child discussing the report.

I offer some insights from an article written by parenting educator Michael Grose.

*Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people. Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind.*

*Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability? Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child's abilities.*

*Do you believe that children learn at different rates? There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady- as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.*

*Are you willing to safeguard your child's self-esteem rather than deflate it? Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.*

**Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child's report:**

- **Focus on strengths.**  
*Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.*
- **Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning.**  
*If your child is not trying hard enough or is easily distracted, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.*
- **Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting.** How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence their happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to their future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so **don't dismiss these as unimportant.**

**The reports distributed this week have been prepared in line with the school's Assessment and Reporting policy and also the Australian Government funding requirements and associated legislative regulations. The teachers have worked extremely hard throughout the year to ensure assessment strategies are implemented to develop clear and fair assessment tasks; to make consistent and reliable judgements about a student's work; to ensure effective, explicit teaching has occurred and that assessments are placed within those parameters; to ensure that the assessment process is known by the students prior to being conducted; and that assessment data is utilised to inform teaching and learning programs.**

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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## To be together .....

A reminder that you can meet with your child's teacher following the report. If you would like to have a meeting with the teacher, please email each teacher directly to organise a time next week.

### Community Council News

Mrs Rita Wood (Community Council Chair) has tendered her resignation. I wish to thank Rita for her years of service to the Good Shepherd Community in this role. Being the Chair of the Community Council is often a thankless job. Her tireless work with building community, organising the installation of the fans in the hall, the end of year volunteer assembly and the Mel Dunbar award (not to forget numerous BBQ's) have certainly been her legacy. I, personally, would like to thank Rita for her support and collegiality over the past 18 months. Best wishes Rita.

The role of Community Council Chair will be announced following our next meeting.

### Congratulations

A huge congratulation to our many Cheerleading teams who participated in their competition last weekend. From all reports, we should be very proud of our competitors!

Congratulations competitors, parents and teams!

Wishing God's blessing on you and your families,



David Austin  
Principal



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



Thank you to those parents who attended the parent information sessions last Tuesday for Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

This weekend the Enrolment Masses will be held Saturday, 30 June at 6:00 pm and Sunday, 1 July at 9:30am and 5:30pm. It is important that you attend one of these Masses and bring your enrolment form, copy of your baptism certificate and prayer card.

A reminder that the online form for booking the Reconciliation and Eucharist will close today Friday 29 June. If you miss out, you can still book a liturgy however, you will need to contact [anthony.o'connell1@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:anthony.o'connell1@cg.catholic.edu.au) or parish office.

Next Friday, 29 June Year 3Donnelly and Year 3Thewlis will be leading the school in prayer, focusing on the next part of our new belief statement, 'Inspire learning'. All families are warmly welcome to join us at 9:15am after morning assembly and awards.

Kinder and Year 6 will be celebrating Mass with the parish next Thursday, 5 July. All families are most welcome to come and pray together.

Thank you to our Year 3 students who are collecting food from classrooms to give to the Food Pantry. Our "Class Collector Award" for Week 9 was 6McMinn! Well done for collecting 12 items this fortnight.

Please donate any non-perishable food to the Food Pantry. You can send it to school in the kids' bags and it will be collected each fortnight by our wonderful Year 3 students.



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### Location:

Amaroo School Cnr Burdekin & Katherine Ave, Amaroo

### Starts

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August

3 and 4 year olds - 9.45am to 10.30am  
5 and 6 year olds - 10.30am to 11.15am  
7 and 8 year olds - 11.15am to 12.00pm

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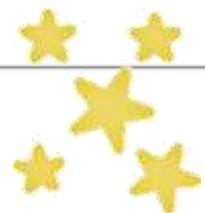
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# Stars of the week...



Manning (KE)	Fabian (1C)	Sophie (2CT)	William (3D)	Olivia (4F)	Jade (5DD)	Isabella (6A)
Grace (KK)	Mitchell (1H)	Millie (2F)	Sapphira (3T)	Zac (4JO)	Cameron (5H)	Will (6B)
Jessica (KMS)	Ebenazar (1M)	Nicholas (2K)	Olivia (3W)	Victoria (4P)	Riley (5R)	Charlie (6M)
Jayden (KT)	Sioeli (1R)	Gianni (2M)	Siena (3Wh)	Namageet (4Z)		Joel (6T)