

# Shepherd Shorts

Term 3 Week 2

Thursday, 2 August 2018

Dear Community,

We are well into the swing of Term 3 here at school! Students busily preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, students getting ready for Wakakirri next week and students working hard on their STEM projects for the STEM Fair.

## Email Protocol

In the current and new Enterprise Agreement for teachers and staff in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, the following statement applies to email communication:

*It is acknowledged that as professionals, Teachers exercise discretion over the way in which they manage their workloads and work related communications. With the exception of extenuating circumstances or in an emergency, school employees should not generally be expected to respond to emails from other staff, parents and students outside normal working hours. Members of the school community will be advised of this.*

Please be aware that the immediate priorities for staff are class preparation, planning and teaching. Your email is important to all staff but they will generally not reply after hours and will get back to you within 48 hours. If you require an immediate response, please contact the Front Office 62557888.

Thanks so much for your understanding.

## 100 Days of Kinder!

Congratulations Kindergarten (and teachers!). You made it! Today they celebrated 100 days as students at Good Shepherd! We are proud of you and your achievements!

## School Bus Survey

Just a reminder for parents that the Transport Canberra Survey is available on the Transport Canberra website. The proposal will have significant consequences for current and future school students in the ACT and our school. The proposal as it stands states that Good Shepherd will not have designated school buses to and from school from 2019. I sent a letter yesterday on skoolbag and encourage all parents to have a say. It closes on August 12.

## Rostrum Final

Good luck to Year 6 student Ashleigh Nguyen who represents our school tomorrow night at the Semi-Final of the Rostrum Public Speaking competition. Great work Ashleigh.

## School Fees

Term 3 fee statements have been issued this week. Fees are due by Friday 24 August unless you have a payment plan in place.


Please take the time to check your balance, and taking into account Term 4 fees, check that your 2018 fees will be fully paid by November 30. Our fee schedules are available on the school website.

While Government grants provide part of the funding required to operate our school, the balance must be covered by school fees.

Our continued existence is dependent on parents paying the required fees. All fee enquiries should be forwarded to [finance.goodshepherd@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance.goodshepherd@cg.catholic.edu.au)

Should you be experiencing financial hardship and are unable to meet your fee commitments, please contact me to make a time to discuss confidentially.

Wishing God's blessing on you and your families,

  
David Austin  
Principal



KE	Amelia	2F	Baldeep	4P	Shriram
KK	Zania	2K	Kossia	4Z	Rebecca
KM	Sienna	2M	Tony	5DD	Nikolas
KT	Iain	3D	Haley	5H	Emma
1C	Arddun	3T	Ryleigh	5R	Sophia
1H	Audrey	3W	Erica	6A	Tomas
1M	Mackenzie	3Wh	George	6B	Siena
1R	Ajok	4F	Martin	6M	Maddison
2C	Thomas	4JC	Ronin	6T	Amelia

## Yes, August is Hats ON Again

The Community Council **Father's Day Stall** will be held on **Wednesday, 29 August**.

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

All gifts are \$5.00. Payment may be made on the day or through Qkr!