



Shepherd Spy

WEEK 5 TERM 3

23 AUGUST 2018

Dear Community,

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, many of our children from Year 3 will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the First time. The children with their families will experience the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation. During this rite a communal gathering is held together with Fr Mark and Fr Jiss, we listen to the Word of God, reflect on the message of the readings and then meet briefly with a priest for individual confession. The emphasis in this celebration is just that: celebration.

It is a very special time for our students. Please keep our children and their families in your prayers.

BOOK WEEK

This week, schools and libraries across Australia celebrate Book Week with the theme, **"Find your treasure"**. Many primary, secondary and pre-schools hold various activities including readings, author visits, plays and parades. School teacher-librarians take an avid interest in the Book Week awards too. This is for good reason as books are the foundation of much that happens in the classroom – storytelling, research, information-gathering, setting the scene and supporting a unit of work. It is also because those teachers in the position have a passion for books. While the role of the school library has changed to include broader forms of literacy such as the information technology literacy skills, it is good literature that encourages lifelong reading habits and is at the heart of an active school library. And this is certainly the case at Good Shepherd where the children across all year levels keenly read, share and discuss their latest borrowing.

Here are a few facts about our school library.

- There are about 5000 books for student borrowing and 1800 teacher reference items.
- At any one time there may be three classes in the library hearing a story and Borrowing, or focusing on information literacy skills.
- The library is open at recess and lunchtime Monday to Friday as well as being available to children who wish to borrow straight after school.
- During various lunchtimes, lego activities are available for students.

This Monday, we hosted our annual Book Week dress up day which was a great success. I take this opportunity to thank our school teacher-librarian, Bernadette Aitken, and our library assistant, Sue Hall, for making our school library a place of excellence.

FATHER'S DAY AFTERTOON

To celebrate Fathers' Day we are inviting all Dads and significant male mentors to our **Fathers' Day afternoon at school next Friday 31 August from 3:30-5pm**. A sausage sizzle and drinks are on the menu! We are hoping for a great turn out of Dads and family members from 3:30pm with plenty of games and activities. We would love to see you there. All most welcome.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

This week we commenced some lunchtime clubs for students. These are proving very popular and were introduced to give some enrichment and excitement to playtime for students. Clubs include Chess, Environment, Tennis, Knitting, Craft, STEM and Coding, Drawing Club, Basketball, Gardening, loom bands, Defence and Running Club.

If you are able to assist in any area, please let me know.

A big thank you again to staff for volunteering more of their precious down-time to lead these clubs.

Good Shepherd Catholic School Amaroo is a companion school to Holy Spirit School Nicholls, and 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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YEAR 4 CAMP

On Thursday and Friday of next week all Year 4 students will attend camp in Mittagong. Students and staff are really looking forward to this educational experience. I am extremely grateful to the staff who are spending two days and one night away from their own families to spend 24/7 with these students. Updates next week!

Wishing God's blessing on you and your families,



David Austin
Principal



Term 3 fees are due Friday, 24 August unless a payment plan is in place.

There are 8 fortnights left for payment plans. Please check your fee statement to ensure that your account is fully paid by Friday 30 November.



Social Media Consent Form reminders were sent home earlier this week. All forms should be returned to school no later than Monday.

Please find attached a schedule of changes to QCity Transit school bus service route numbers 90 (Dingo) and 83 (Koala) for services which operate to and from Good Shepherd which will come into effect from Monday, 3 September 2018.

These changes are being implemented to improve the provision of consistent, accurate and easily identifiable bus services across regional New South Wales and improve customer access to current transport information.

The naming and numbering of school routes will be updated as detailed on the Schedule of School Route Service Changes attached.

In addition, a full listing of the new school route numbers will be available on the Qcity Transit website, www.qcitytransit.com.au prior to the changes coming into effect.

During a transition period of one month all school bus services will display the current/old bus number and the new bus number to ensure students and teacher can clearly identify them.

For further queries please check the Qcity Transit website, call Qcity Transit on (02) 6299 3722 or contact TfNSW directly on 131500.

A list of the school services that effect Good Shepherd is in the table below for information.

Current Bus No.	New Bus No.	AM/PM	Coming From (AM)/Going To (PM):
89 (Dingo)	S184	AM	Murrumbateman via Hall Interchange
83 (Koala)	S203	PM	Murrumbateman via Hall Interchange

Stars of the Week

Analise (KE)	Emmeline (1C)	Isabella (2CT)	Clare (3D)	Isla (4F)	Olivia H (5DD)	Charlotte (6A)
Phoebe (KK)	Lilly-Anne (1H)	Alexander (2F)	Avery (3T)	Fred 4JO)	Yaroslav (5H)	Lance (6B)
Rhys (KMS)	Owen (1M)	Chloe (2K)	Leila (3W)	Zahra (4P)	Isabella (5R)	Ella (6M)
Tyler-Anthony (KT)	Georgia (1R)	Jaxon (2M)	Mikayla (3Wh)	Seth (4Z)		Jarred (6T)

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



Sacrament of Reconciliation liturgies will be held next Tuesday, 28 August and Wednesday, 29 August at 1pm and 6pm. Parents whose children are making their Reconciliation at 1 pm must collect their children from their classroom before going to the Church. The liturgy will take approximately an hour.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH BINGO AND TRIVIA NIGHT

The famous Holy Spirit Trivia and Bingo Night is on again!

Party time is 7.00 pm on Saturday, 1 September in the Hall.

An early celebration of Our Lady, Mary's birthday, this is a night for FAMILIES!!



There will be special prizes for younger players with **most of the trivia targeted at The 'Young at Heart'** (do you remember your super-heroes?)

Yummy finger food and drinks will be available but please bring your own as well.

The evening is a fundraiser – so please bring your cash!

We need: a brave or enthusiastic bingo caller – give it a go!

We also need donations for prizes and a big raffle.

Tickets are \$10 for everyone over 10 years and \$100 a table.

Pre-purchase: pradeepan.pillai@gmail.com.

Enquires: alisonmweeks@bigpond.com.

Ordination to the priesthood -

Deacons Namora Anderson & Adrian Chan

On Friday, 7 September, two deacons who have been of service to Holy Spirit Parish will be ordained to the priesthood at St

Christopher's Cathedral.

Mass will be celebrated beginning at 7pm followed by refreshments.

Please rsvp by Monday, 27 August to the Parish Office 6242 9622.

Understanding Faith - Resource for Religious Education

Parents are the first educators of their children. This is also true for education in the Catholic faith. If you feel you would like to more about the Catholic faith or would like to teach your child more about it, visit this website:

www.understandingfaith.edu.au



The login details are:
Username - ceo.cg.amaroo
Password - 32cubeGLAD

This is a great resource that is used across the school to teach about the Catholic faith in a real and tangible way. It can be particularly good for preparation in the Sacraments.

Leaving School Early



If your child needs to leave school during school hours, for an appointment or any other reason, your child's teacher must be notified in writing or email before the commencement of the day. This allows the teacher to make arrangements for your child to be at the front office when you come to sign him/her out. This will save you time and reduce interruption to the class.

Mini Vinnies Sleepout

If your child is currently in Years 4, 5 or 6 and would like to participate in a "Sleep-Out" in the school hall on Friday, 14 September to Saturday, 15 September to raise awareness and money for the Vinnies Street to Home Program, please complete the permission note included in the week's newsletter.

Information was sent home yesterday via the skoolbag app. Information and permission notes are also available at the Front Office.

*Three things in human life are important;
The first is to be kind.
The second is to be kind.
The third is to be kind.*

Mother Teresa

DEFENCE FAMILY NEWS AND INFORMATION

ADF Cadets and Defence Scouts

The ADF Cadets is a community-based youth development organisation, which runs leadership, team-building and survival skills programs. The enrolment age is between 13 and 18 years of age. Cadets have Navy, Army, Air Force and tri-Service units, and can be a great opportunity for young people to meet others from Defence families. There are hundreds of units across Australia, so belonging to Cadets can also give youth familiar routine and a continuity of experience in new locations.

Visit www.cadetnet.gov.au for more information.



Scouts Australia provides young Australians aged 6 to 25 with fun and challenging opportunities to grow through adventure. Scouts Australia provides special support to Defence students in new posting locations to help them engage with and settle into their new community. Scouts in your local area are always looking for parent volunteers to help with Scouts groups.

Visit www.scouts.com.au for more information.

Defence Kids Club currently runs on Mondays and Tuesday at recess and lunch time.

Every Defence child can bring one friend to Kids Club.

We will be making some changes to how this is run, in coming weeks.

Please contact Taryn.ahern@cg.catholic.edu.au at any time with any questions.

Have a great week.

Taryn Ahern
DSTA Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School.



What are special needs?

The term "Special Needs" covers a full range of disability, medical, therapy and educational needs in both children and adults.

These include;

- Chronic Illness
- Intellectual Disability
- Sensory Disability
- Speech and Language Disorders
- Epilepsy
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- ADHD/ADD
- Developmental Delay
- Gifted and Talented
- Learning disability/difficulty
- Medical conditions such as Asthma, Diabetes and Arthritis
- Mental Health

This list is not exclusive.



Georgia is painting shells for her room

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PERMISSION SLIP FOR MINI VINNIES SLEEP-OUT

Return to class teacher by Friday 24th August 2018.

I give permission for my child _____ in class
_____ to attend the Mini Vinnies Sleep-Out at Good Shepherd Primary School.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Contact number: _____

CONSENT TO WATCH PG RATED MOVIES

I do/do not (please circle) give permission for my child to watch a movie with a PG rating during the evening of the Mini Vinnies Sleep-Out.

CONSENT TO MEDICAL ATTENTION

In the case of an emergency, I authorise the teacher in charge, where it is impractical to communicate with me, to arrange for my child to receive such medical attention as may be deemed necessary. I also undertake to pay costs which may be incurred for medical attention, ambulance transport and medication while the child is on the excursion.

I have informed the school of any up-to-date medical information for my child. - Yes No
(please circle)

Medical details:

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Students will be eating a light supper in the evening and breakfast the following morning. Please advise if there are any dietary requirements the school should be aware of.

Does your child have any specific dietary requirements? (Please circle) Yes No

If Yes, please include details:

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CELEBRATING OUR FATHERS
FATHER'S
DAY EVENT

Friday August 31st 3:30-5pm

Come and join us for sporting activities, fun and games to celebrate the wonderful dads, grandads, uncles and other important men in our lives!

Where - Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

BBQ sausage and drinks available

Jumping castle, special guest appearance, prizes and more....

RSVP - via the Skoolbag app by 29/8

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**GUNGAHLIN
FLAMES**

GUNGAHLIN FLAMES **BASKETBALL CLUB**

**2018-19 Summer Season
Junior Trials**



**GUNGAHLIN
FLAMES**

U12 Girls (Born 2008/09)
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Monday 27 August 4.45pm @ JPC
Thursday 30 August 5pm @ HAR

U14 Girls (Born 2006/07)
U14 Boys (Born 2006/07)

Tuesday 28 August 4.45pm @ JPC
Thursday 30 August 6pm @ HAR

U16 Girls (Born 2004/05)
U16 Boys (Born 2004/05)

Wednesday 29 August 7pm @ JPC
Thursday 30 August 7pm @ HAR

U19 Girls (Born 2001/02/03)
U19 Boys (Born 2001/02/03)

Wednesday 29 August 7pm @ JPC
Thursday 30 August 7pm @ HAR

U10 Girls and Boys (Born 2010/11)
Come & Try Day - Saturday 1 September 11am @ JPC

John Paul College - 1021 Gungahlin Drive, Nicholls
Harrison School - 20 Wimmera Street, Harrison

Trials are open for all skill levels (Division 1-6).
Please bring a basketball (if you have one) and drink bottle.

Further information about the 2018-19 Junior Summer season can be
found on our website www.gungahlinflamesbasketball.net.au

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