



# Shepherd Spy

WEEK 7 TERM 3

6 SEPTEMBER 2018

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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Dear Community,

Many of us grow up with an avid dedication to a particular sport. For me it was Rugby Union though, over the years, I have expanded the horizons and taken a more than passing interest in the other major codes. (This interest and deep knowledge of the codes may not be so apparent when others spot my place in the Good Shepherd Staff Tipping Competition. Still, there's always next year!)

In the meantime, I continue to enjoy watching sport and hearing the words of coaches and the insight they bring to life. I read an article in a recent sports column related to the Melbourne Storm Rugby League team and what was seen as a possible explanation for the success they have been experiencing under their coach, Craig Bellamy. With some necessary adjustment it is repeated here.

*The Storm adopted the most unusual approach to the pre-season; ordering recruits, plus any player who had come straight from school, to work as labourers. Eleven players worked as landscapers - carrying bricks, concreting, digging trenches and laying asphalt. The purpose of the exercise was to show them how good life as a footballer is .... One employer spoke in single word sentences: 'Bricks.' 'Concrete'. When one young second-rower asked the time for morning tea, he used two words: 'Ten minutes.'*

*The players weren't paid. Their wages went to charity.*

*As Bellamy says: 'They learnt what it's like to work yourself to exhaustion for \$500 a week.'*

Craig Bellamy's approach to making his players realise how lucky they are, and in realising that they have a unique opportunity in life, is good psychology. It is also right.

Our children have opportunities not available to much of the world. The same, of course, may well be said about our own adult-life situations. We don't always accept how fortunate we are. Our schools have classrooms which are well resourced, trained teachers guiding students, everyone in the class has what they need. They are places safe from war and terror. This is not the case for most children around the world.

Yesterday, I took a group of students to the War Memorial for a commemorative ceremony for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 'The Battle of Australia'. This ceremony remembered the final crucial fighting that took place in 1943 which drove the Japanese from Papua and ended the Japanese advance in New Guinea and prevented invasion in Australia.

We were reminded, countless times in the ceremony about how lucky we are to live in Australia. Students were reminded how lucky they are to be in Australian schools. We were reminded about the sacrifices by many over many years which have paved the way for us to live in a country that is 'young and free.'

We are fortunate to live in Australia. Our children are fortunate to attend good schools. Reflecting and remembering the work generations did before us to ensure we live in a safe, prosperous country is so important and great life lessons for students today.

# To be together .....

Our student representatives at the commemoration were a credit to our school. A big thank you to Mrs Taryn Ahearn (Defence School Transition Aide) for coordinating the day and attending with me.

## Year 4 Camp

Last week, Year 4 participated in their Year 4 Camp to Mittagong. The great facilities were well utilised by our students and staff who enjoyed 'The Big Swing', vertical challenge, orienteering, shelter building and other challenging activities. I received an email this week from the camp stating how very pleased they were about the positive and resourceful way the Good Shepherd Year 4 students contributed to the activities. Thank you to our staff and students!

## Fathers' Day

Unfortunately, the weather was not very kind to us last Friday. We are hosting a Community Council meeting next week and will discuss options for another similar event. More information to follow.

## Deacon Namora's ordination

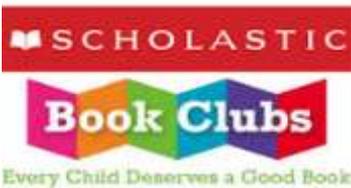
We wish Deacon Namora all the best for his ordination to the priesthood tomorrow night at St Christopher's Cathedral. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Jesus the Good Shepherd,  
Give Namora a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love  
which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life.  
Amen*



Wishing God's blessing on you and your families,

David Austin  
Principal



Issue 6 of the Scholastic Book Club went home during the week.

All orders are done via the Scholastic LOOP ordering system.

Orders must be submitted no later than tomorrow  
**Friday 7th September.**

### GOOD SHEPHERD DANCECORE PERFORMANCE

Friday, 21 September 2pm in the Hall.

Students will already be in non-uniform for the Farmers Fundraising Day. Students do not need to bring a costume to change into.

Week 9 Dancecore will be a combination of all of the classes together on the Friday. This will give them all a chance to practice their dances together before the show after lunch. Monday and Wednesday Dancecore classes for that week will all be rescheduled to Friday. This performance will be a great opportunity for the kids to show off what they have been learning in their Dancecore classes.

We are aware that some families will be moving out of the area at the end of this year. To help us with staffing and class structure for 2019, we would really appreciate knowing which children (apart from Year 6!) will not be returning to Good Shepherd next year.

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# Stars of the week...

Lonneke (KE)	Ansh (1C)	Ananya (2CT)	Grace (3D)	Nyakiir (4F)	Nelly (5DD)	Claire (6A)
Steve (KK)	Angus(1H)	Marcus (2F)	Ray (3T)	Zac (4JO)	Mario (5H)	Brodie (6B)
Lewis (KMS)	Liliana (1M)	James (2K)	Addiysn (3W)	Addison (4P)	Brodie (5R)	Kristin (6M)
Iain (KT)	Brae (1R)	Luca (2M)	Matilda (3Wh)	Sebastian (4Z)		Roko (6T)

## ...the heart of God.



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



### Plenary Council – Student Voice

On Wednesday, 5 September four students from Year 5 and 6 were chosen to provide their voice to the question, *What do you believe God is asking of the Catholic Church in Australia today?* Together with 60 students from different primary and high schools in the Archdiocese, our Good Shepherd students were able to speak to the Archbishop and answer this question. Below Ruby in 5H shared her experience of the day.

*Some students in Year 5 and 6 went to the Plenary Council meeting on Wednesday, 4 September with Mr O’Connell. It helped me to find my inner religious figure. His Grace Archbishop Christopher Prowse had a lot to say and knew what he was talking about (but so did the kids!). We began with an opening prayer, which I volunteered to do with a senior from St Mary Mackillop College. What the primary school students did to express their opinions to the Archbishop was very creative. We could make a sculpture out of clay, make up a dance, a song, an advertisement or draw with oil pastels. I was the only person to sing my made-up song. I sang it by myself in front of 60 people and the Archbishop! We had to make all these things to express our opinions and afterwards we discussed them and gave feedback. Meeting other children with the same thoughts was great! After lunch we left.*

*I’m glad I was chosen to represent our school, it was fun! The Archbishop was a good, nice person and I had fun with my fellow students! Making artworks to represent our thoughts was ingenious and the seniors (high school students) had a lot to say. My day out helped me to learn!*

To learn more about the Plenary Council and to make a formal submission to the question, *What do you believe God is asking of the Catholic Church in Australia today?*, visit the following link  
<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>



**Identity**

### Kinder Prayer Celebration

Next Friday, 14 September, Kinder MacMahon and Kinder Eglington will be **leading the school in prayer with the focus on ‘Identity’, taken from our school’s belief statement.** All are warmly invited to come and pray as a Good Shepherd community.



**Identity**

### Ordination to the priesthood - Deacons Namora Anderson & Adrian Chan

On Friday, 7 September, two deacons who have been of service at Holy Spirit Parish will be ordained to the priesthood. Both deacons have formally invited the school community. The Mass will be celebrated beginning at 7pm with refreshments after.



### Mini Vinnies Sleep-Out

Thank you to the Year 4, 5 and 6 students who volunteered to participate in the Mini Vinnies Sleep-Out on Friday, 14 September.

We have 75 students participating which is great! Unfortunately, we are not able to have any more students participate as there is limited space in the hall.

Students are now looking for sponsors to raise money for the *Street to Home* program. Please support our students and the homeless in Canberra through this great initiative.



### 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](http://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.

**He has made everything beautiful in it’s time.**  
*Ecclesiastes 3:11*

To be together .....



# Join us for a Fantastic Friday



& support our  
farmers



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September



Bring a gold coin  
donation for school support  
for the drought appeal



Wear **fantastic** clothes on Friday



You could dress as...  
a farmer  
your favourite footy team  
a fabulous person  
your favourite colour  
Anything **fantastic!**



## Defence News and Information



This week some of our Defence children from Good Shepherd attended the Battle for Australia Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial.

This ceremony was to commemorate the courage and sacrifice of Australians and our Allies who fought in the Pacific during the Second World War.

The children were also taken on a 45 minute tour of The War Memorial and enthusiastically asked lots of questions.

These beautifully behaved students proudly represented our school and their families.



Defence Kids Club is held on Monday and Tuesday lunch times.

The children are asked to meet Mrs Ahern at the flag poles. Next week we will be learning some great basketball skills and tricks from Mr Welsh on Monday and we will be playing board games in Mrs

**Taurasi's room on Tuesday.**

The children are encouraged to bring one guest and the club is for all ages.

**Legacy Week is Australia's iconic fundraising campaign which began in 1942.** It is also known for its Badge Day and the iconic badges offered as a token of appreciation for the donation made by the public.

Legacy Week is the annual national appeal to raise awareness and funds for the families of our incapacitated and deceased Veterans.

It is held in towns and cities big and small across Australia and supported by young and old.

The funds raised from Legacy Week help Legacy continue to assist approximately 60,000 beneficiaries, with 96% of them being elderly widows throughout Australia, with essential services such as, counselling, special housing, medical, advocacy and social support.

<http://www.legacy.com.au/>

