



# Shepherd Spy

WEEK 3 TERM 4

1 NOVEMBER 2018

Good Shepherd Catholic School Amaroo is a companion school to Holy Spirit School Nicholls, Mother Teresa School Harrison and St John Paul College. 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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6255 7888

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(Fr Mark Croker)  
6242 9622

Dear Community,

Last night I had kids knocking on my door! Halloween has typically been associated with children doorknocking for lollies or playing practical jokes on unsuspecting neighbours, but we shouldn't forget the more authentic link to all the saints. The term 'Halloween' is shortened from All-hallow-even - the evening before 'All Hallows' Day' or 'All Saints' Day. Halloween is celebrated on October 31, which was initially a day of pagan sacrifice to mark the end of the Celtic harvest season. Fires were lit and costumes were worn to ward off evil spirits who were allowed to visit earth that evening. In the 8th century, the Church designated 1 November as the Feast of All Saints, thus Christianising the pagan festival.

Today we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, a solemnity in the life of the Church and a special day for all of us in the Church. Today it is linked tightly with tomorrow's commemoration of All Souls' Day and both days point clearly to our belief in the "Communion of Saints."

May we all give thanks for the lives of saints and all others who have, through their lives, made the world a better place. During November it is our duty to pray for those who have died, to remember them, to celebrate their love and to do all we can through our prayers to ensure that they have reached the fulfillment of heaven.

#### AFTER HOURS CARE

Over the past few months, the Community Council have reviewed our After School Hours Care arrangements. A survey was sent to all current parents using the service. As the current contract with 'Camp Australia' ends at the end of this year, the Community Council agreed to re-tender for this important service.

Following an extensive tender application process, presentations and interviews, the Community Council made a decision to appoint a new Before, After School and Vacation Care provider at Good Shepherd Primary School as we continue to refine and enhance the programs and opportunities we provide for our students.

We are excited to announce that 'TeamKids' will now operate our Before, After School and Vacation Care Program commencing from the start of next year.

We are confident that the partnership that we now have with 'TeamKids' will benefit all students and families and their focus on supporting our community will be great for our school.

We are very conscious, and aware that with change can come some uncertainty, but we are confident that the communication and information from 'TeamKids' will help make the transition to this new Program a smooth and successful one. Please look out for further updates in the coming days and weeks as together, we look to support the establishment of a strong partnership with 'TeamKids' and great experiences for our students.

All families will need to register with 'TeamKids', as your enrolment and bookings with Camp Australia cannot be transferred across.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to publically thank and acknowledge the work and partnership that Camp Australia has had with the school for many years.

Please feel free to check out 'TeamKids' website: <https://teamkids.com.au/>.

More information to follow

# To be together .....

## Boorowa Touch Football/Netball Carnival

Congratulations to the many students who represented our school at the annual Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival. Students were fantastic and the parent support and assistance was valued and much appreciated. It was a fantastic day last Friday: great weather, great sportsmanship and great fun. The focus for this event is participation and enjoyment and I appreciated the many messages and emails from parents who told me their children had a great time. Thanks to our staff for coordinating (Mr Holland and Mr Welsh) and those who attended to supervise.

## Year 5 Camp

Our Year 5 campers are having a fabulous time and have hit the jackpot with the weather. At time of writing, they are boarding the bus heading up to Mt Kosciusko! They all slept well last night and, as Mrs Ross just told me, are 'magnificently behaved'. More updates on Facebook today.

## Class Allocations for 2019

During this term, we will be finalising our staffing arrangements for 2019. Below is a copy of the 'Class Allocation Policy' which aims to ensure there is a fair and just process in allocating students to classes for the upcoming school year. (Available on website).

My firm belief is that teachers are in the best position to decide a child's placement because they know all the children in their classes and have a view of the 'big picture'. However, I invite parents to inform me of anything that you feel needs to be considered, for your own child's well-being or development.

As there are four streams of classes each year at Good Shepherd Primary School, there are different combinations of children in classes. When forming the class lists the following factors are taken into consideration:

- Gender;
- Diverse Learners;
- Work habits;
- Cognitive ability;
- Friendships;
- Behaviour;
- Health considerations;
- Religion (to assist in achieving balance between classes, especially in Sacramental years) and
- Common names.



Ideally we aim for an equal spread of both positive and challenging characteristics. Where practical, parental requests based on educational concerns may be considered. At Good Shepherd, the staff and parents will follow these principles and guidelines when considering placement of students each year:

- Every care will be taken to ensure that each child is placed in the best situation to enhance learning and social development;
- Parents who wish to raise particular concerns regarding the placement of their children in particular classes should put the concern in writing and address it to me by Friday of Week 4 (Next Friday 9 November);
- Parent concerns will be considered during the process. It must be clearly understood, however, that no definite guarantees can be given regarding parental concerns;
- Where appropriate, advice will be sought from the Classroom Support Teacher, School Counsellor, Chaplain and current class teacher during this process;
- Taking into account all of the factors listed on previously, the current class teachers compile class lists from mid-term, Term 4. These are then handed to me to confirm;
- Children will be informed of their class placement for the following school year in December (usually the last week of school) and the opportunity will be provided where possible for them to spend some time with their new class teacher. New students to the school for the following year are invited to attend;
- A class list will be distributed to the child at this time; and
- Throughout this process, after appropriate consultation, I reserve the right to make final professional decisions regarding the placement of children.

# ...the heart of God.

ICAS MATHS Certificates - Will be presented at Morning Assembly on Wednesday 7 November at 8:50am.

Wishing God's blessing on you and your families.

David Austin  
Principal



**Hayfever:** Since we have returned to school this term we have been inundated with children suffering with hayfever. If your child suffers with hayfever please send in their eye drops or medication. An 'Authorisation to Dispense Medicine' form must be completed. This form is also available at the Front Office.



## Leaving Families

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.

Please email: [office.goodshepherd@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office.goodshepherd@cg.catholic.edu.au)



## Stars of the week .....

Oliver (KE)	Amelia (2CT)	Michael (4F)
Kaedon (KK)	Mia (2F)	Kayla B (4JO)
Mackenzie (KMS)	Lachlan H (2K)	Shara (4P)
Rocco (KT)	Sebastian (2M)	Seth (4Z)
Lucas (1C)	Grace H(3D)	Dona (6A)
Audrey (1H)	Angelina (3T)	Dominic (6B)
Shiv (1M)	Ryan ((3W)	Tanatswa (6M)
Aleisha (1R)	Siena R(3Wh)	Amber (6T)



[Newsletter and notices available on school website](#)

For your convenience a copy of notes for excursions, performances, sporting events, camp etc for year groups are available on the school website.

[Student attendance](#)

It is a legal requirement that the school is provided with reasons for any student absence.

Teachers will at times send home reminder notes for any unexplained absence they are yet to have received notice of.

We ask for your assistance by providing a note for absences when your child returns to school.

You can use the absentee form through the app, send an email or a handwritten note.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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**FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER**  
K - Year 2 • 6.15pm - 7.15pm  
Year 3 - 6 • 7.30pm - 8.45pm  
**\$5** entry at door includes:  
popper, chips and a glow stick.  
**DINNER**  
There will also be a sausage sizzle operating  
from 5.30pm.  
(Gluten free available)  
Sausages: \$2.50 Drinks: \$1.50  
Extra Glow Sticks available for 50cents

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# Religious Education News



What a great day we had on Monday for Crazy Sock Day. There were socks on feet, socks on arms and even some socks in students' hair!

Thank you to everyone for your generosity! Together Good Shepherd was able to raise \$738.20 for schools in Myanmar.



Friday 9th November - Year 2 Moore & 2 Callaghan/Thompson Prayer Celebration

Friday 16th November - Year 2 Fitzpatrick & 2 Kenna Prayer Celebration

Everyone is welcome!

## YOUTH MINISTRY - CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN GUNGAHLIN

The Spirit Junior Youth Group, for young people at school in Years 5-6 meet at Holy Spirit Parish, Amaroo on weeks 1,3,5,7 and 9 of the school term at 5pm. This group is a way for young people to come together and learn a bit more about their faith. If you would like more information please contact Hannah.McMahon@cg.org.au or 0403425239 for more information.

### Young Adults Mass and Gathering

Are you 18-35+ years old and is interested in growing your faith and forming friendships with other like-minded people? Our Mass and Gathering is every six weeks! If you would like more information please contact Theivani or Frances [yamholyspirit1835@gmail.com](mailto:yamholyspirit1835@gmail.com)

### 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.

It can be particularly good for preparation in the Sacraments.

**BOOK NOW**  
[AUSTRALIANSPORTSCAMPS.COM.AU](http://AUSTRALIANSPORTSCAMPS.COM.AU)

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS**  
SUMMER 2018/2019

**LEARN NEW SKILLS AND IMPROVE YOUR GAME! 3 DAY SPORTS CAMPS FOR 6 - 16 YEAR OLD'S**

- Experienced coaching staff and guest stars attending.
- Have fun playing and learning across with your friends.
- Our structured skill development programs run from 9am - 5pm daily.
- Meet your sporting idols, learn and be inspired by the best.
- Individual written/verbal report reinforces learning.
- Video analysis and result feedback sessions for best performance.
- Coach to participant ratio of 1 : 10 ensures individual attention.
- Careful group selection to maximize enjoyment and results.
- Awarded group photos and certificate of achievement.
- See website for ASC CAMPS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

**ASC PARTNER PROGRAMS**

- Get active with a new range of partner programs.
- New sports, new programs, new areas.
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**ASC**  
AUSTRALIAN SPORTS CAMPS  
1300 814 388

**CANBERRA**  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Meet sports idols at our camps. Past stars included: Kaine Sneddy, Justin Langier, Arno Pascha, Kevin Baxendale and Gailin Baxendale. See the website for more details.

**ASC 3-DAY CAMPS**

Weekend	Location
19, 20 & 21 December	ACT School Camp, The Hill PT
21, 22 & 23 January	ACT School Camp, Red Hill PT
24, 25 & 26 January	ACT School Camp, Red Hill PT
27, 28 & 29 December	ACT School Camp, The Hill PT
29, 30 & 31 January	ACT School Camp, Red Hill PT

**ASC PARTNER PROGRAMS**

ASC have teamed up with some amazing and talented partner organisations to offer a wider variety of camps to suit your location and pricing. In total programs offer something for everyone, please visit our website for the details and details!

**Locations:**

- 21, 22 & 23 January
- ACT School Camp, The Hill PT
- 29 & 30 January & 1 February
- ACT School Camp, Red Hill PT

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Honour their Spirit

## Remembrance Day

On Monday, 12 November at 9.15 am in the Hall, Good Shepherd will commemorate the centenary of the Armistice that ended the First World War.



*Lest we  
forget*

Flags at half-mast in the morning - **Will / Claudia**

Welcoming the Community and Country - **David / Anthony**

Introduction - **Taryn**

Sign of the Cross, Prayer for Peace - **Anthony**

Presentation of the Flag to David from **Craig Page** - explanation of gift.

Squadron Leader **Craig Page**

Why do we commemorate Remembrance Day Service Personnel

G.S students make the wreath together Song/ slide show—**Anthony**

Parents and community asked to lay any wreaths - Song

The Ode - **Tyler/Belinda**

Last Post Music - **Anthony**

1 Minute Silence

Reveille - Raising of the flag Music - **Anthony**

Prayer for Deployed Serving Members - **Phoebe**

Song- Advance Australia Fair - Good Shepherd School Choir

Thank you and you are invited to morning tea in the staff room -**Taryn**

<https://anzacbears.com.au/>



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The Defence Children are making cards to send to any deployed service personnel. We will be making Remembrance and Christmas Cards to send.