



# Shepherd Spy

WEEK 7 TERM 4

29 NOVEMBER 2018

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

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,

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent: the time we prepare for Christmas. The season of Advent marks the beginning of the Church's Liturgical Year and the main characteristics of the season are waiting, hope and renewal: waiting for the coming of Jesus, hope in a faith-filled future and renewing our commitment to God, family and friends. Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas and however we choose to do this, no doubt it will be done in a spirit of thoughtfulness, love and care with the certainty that God's blessings will be given to us in abundance.

## Staffing 2019

We are currently in the process of finalising staffing for 2019. Mr Jason McMinn will leave Good Shepherd at the end of the year as he has secured a permanent position at Marist Junior school. Congratulations Jason!

Miss Hayley Oldfield has tendered her resignation and will spend another year teaching in England. Mrs Charlotte Fitzpatrick will finish at the end of this year and spend much of 2019 travelling. I am happy to announce class teachers for next year with all other staff announced in the next week or so.

**Kinder**  
Mrs Amy Kouparitsis  
Mrs Lisa MacMahon  
Mrs Erika Tokich  
Mrs Karen Eglington

**Year 1**  
Miss Jessica Coghlan  
Mrs Kate Whackett  
Mrs Kirsty Price & Mrs Sarah Corkhill  
Miss Ana Mananica

**Year 2**  
Mrs Brooke Thompson & Mrs Angela Callaghan  
Mrs Andrea Abbott  
Mr Declan Welsh  
Miss Sonya Huleatt

**Year 3**  
Mrs Shannon Thewlis  
Miss Madison Ings  
Mrs Christine Donnelly  
Miss Yolanda Kolek

**Year 4**  
Miss Elizabeth Zaja  
Miss Jessica Dittmar  
Mrs Nicole Rous  
Mrs Kate Freeman

**Year 5**  
Mr Morgan Holland  
Mrs Vanessa Dunstan & Mrs Rachel De Boni  
Ms Tracey Kenna  
Mr Ben Kelly

**Year 6**  
Mrs Philippa Brotchie & Mr Anthony O'Connell  
Mrs Vanessa Thornton  
Mrs Naomi Scott & Mrs Michelle Norris  
Mr Dillon Payne



## School Fees

Last day for payment is tomorrow!

**All accounts should be paid in full by tomorrow, Friday 29 November.**

Please arrange payment if you have not already done so.

Contact [finance.goodshepherd@catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance.goodshepherd@catholic.edu.au) if you are not sure of your balance owing.

# To be together .....

## Cheerleading Success

Huge congratulations to our Phoenix Cheerleading squad who represented our school at the Nationals Competition on the Gold Coast last weekend. We are officially the

- Best Primary School Pom Team in Australia!
- Best Primary School Cheer Team in Australia!

What a fantastic effort! We are so proud of the children, parents and coaches.

## Carols Night -12 December

Come celebrate 2018 with the Good Shepherd community at Carols Night on Wednesday 12 December at 5:30pm. Bring a picnic dinner, rug and chairs to enjoy an evening of Christmas Carols where every child will be singing with their class. Drinks, chips and zipper doopers icy poles will be for sale.

Bring your Santa hats...there will even be a special visitor! Hope to see you there!

## Volunteers Thank You

Hoping to see many of you tomorrow afternoon at the Thank You Volunteers Assembly, commencing at 2pm. We really appreciate the support of our parents in the many way you help. The Assembly is our way to say 'thanks'! See you there.

This Saturday 1 December, from 4-8pm is our Holy Spirit Parish Fete. It is a family friendly community event with jumping castles, food stalls and games. Please consider coming along and supporting our parish who do a fantastic job in supporting us.

## Working Bee

The Working Bee last Saturday was a great success. We had over 40 parents assisted by their children. Thank you....the grounds look great.

Wishing God's blessing on you and your families,



David Austin  
Principal

Dance core end of term concert will be on Friday 14th December at 2pm in the Hall.



Year 6 will be hosting their Market Day tomorrow, Friday 30 November between recess and lunch.

There will be home made items to buy, games to play and prizes to be won. All items will be priced 50c, \$1 or \$2 with the exception of the Christmas Candles \$3. All proceeds will be going to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Year 6 students are very excited for this event and have been working very hard.



## Defence family News

A group for Defence Families has been created on the Skoolbag App.

This Group will be for quick alerts and messages. Click on the SkoolBag App on your device, click on "groups" at the bottom, pick "edit subscription groups" and then choose "Defence Families".

**There is now a new name for DSTA's and DTM's.**

We are now referred to as a Defence School Mentors. Moving and Posting to a new location can be quite stressful for many families, but it can also be seen as a celebration and a new adventure. If you are looking for ways to help your child through this transition process please click on the link below.

<http://www.defence.gov.au/DCO/Family/Kids/Moving.asp>

I will be checking in on the students in the coming weeks to see how they are going.

If you are posting out at the end of the year, please contact [taryn.ahern@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:taryn.ahern@cg.catholic.edu.au)

...the heart of God.

# Religious Education News

## Advent & Christmas

The season of Advent, where the Catholic community prepares to welcome Jesus into our hearts and lives at Christmas, begins this Sunday.

During each week of Advent, a prayer liturgy will be sent home via the Skoolbag app and Facebook. Each week you are welcome to take time to pray with your family to prepare yourselves for Christmas. Keep a close eye out!

There is also an advent calendar, on the next page of today's newsletter, you can print and put on the fridge to remind you each day how to give of yourself this Advent season.

On the First Sunday in Advent we light one a candle on our Advent wreath. This first candle is called the 'Prophet's Candle'. It reminds us of the prophets, those chosen people who spoke God's Word during the hundreds of years before Jesus was born.

The prophets told the people what God was going to do, and they instructed the people on how to get ready for the coming of the Messiah, the Anointed One, Jesus Christ. Over and over, the prophets warned the people to repent and to listen to God.

*"Rejoice, rejoice, people of Zion!  
Shout for joy, you people of Jerusalem!  
Look your king is coming to you!  
The Lord says:" Your king will make peace among the nations;  
He will rule from sea to sea".*

(The Book of Zachariah 9:9-10)



Friday 14th December - Kinder nativity at 9:15am

Wednesday 19th December - Year 5 & 6 Candle ceremony at 9:30am

Thursday 20th December - Whole School Thanksgiving Mass at 12pm

Everyone is warmly welcomed to these events to pray with our school.

## 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 know 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.



# Stars of the week



KE	Analise	2F	Saanvi	4P	Zander
KK	Luca	2K	Raiden	4Z	Caitlin
KM	Caitlyn	2M	Daniel	5DD	Jade
KT	Iain & Yuriy	3D	Sebastian	5H	Alicia
1C	Kirrily	3T	Taneeka	5R/T	Chelsea
1H	Jackson	3W	Sybilla	6A	Noah
1M	Alice	3Wh	Jayden	6B	Kirillos
1R	Lachlan Ha	4F	Shadelle	6M	Ella
2C/T	Koby	4JC	Olivia	6T	Joshua

To be together .....

# Good Works Advent Calendar



*Christmas is the season of giving. God gave the world his Son, Jesus.*

*During this season of Advent, where we await the birth of Jesus at Christmas, spend some time thinking of others. Each day through serving, helping and being grateful, you can prepare your minds and hearts for Christmas.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>EACH DAY, TAKE TIME TO DO SOMETHING FOR SOMEONE ELSE. TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR CHRISTMAS, GIVE OF YOURSELF WITHOUT EXPECTING ANYTHING IN RETURN. IN THIS WAY, YOU CAN BE THE HANDS, EYES, VOICE AND FEET OF JESUS.</b></p>					<p>30 Visit a beautiful spot in or near your home. Breathe and listen. How is God preparing you for Christ's birth?</p> 	<p>1 Do a chore for a parent or sibling without being asked</p> 
<p>2 <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Take time to rest in God's presence</p> 	<p>3 Share an encouraging word with a friend in need</p>	<p>4 Give a loved one a big hug and kiss</p> 	<p>5 Give thanks for one thing that happened today</p>	<p>6 Share a special memory with a special person</p>	<p>7 Take a break from all phones and screens this evening</p> 	<p>8 Read a story aloud to a sibling or parent</p> 
<p>9 <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Rest in God's presence</p> 	<p>10 Write a gratitude note to a family member or friend, hide it in their pocket or lunch</p> 	<p>11 Give a stranger a compliment today</p> 	<p>12 Take time to be in awe of God's creation around you</p>	<p>13 Smile and say hello to another person today</p> 	<p>14 Watch a movie as a family this evening</p>	<p>15 Listen to or share music that makes you smile</p> 
<p>16 <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Take time to rest in God's presence</p> 	<p>17 Say a prayer for those who struggle at Christmas</p> 	<p>18 Spend some time in silent prayer and listen to what God wants to say to you</p>	<p>19 List things you are grateful for; tell God and tell others</p> 	<p>20 Sing your favourite Christmas carols as a family</p>	<p>21 Read the Christmas story. Remember that God became a person for you!</p> 	<p>22 Take a walk and enjoy the Christmas lights</p> 
<p>23, 24 <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Take time to rest in God's presence</p> 	<p>24 Think of a gift you can give to someone this Christmas.</p>	<p>25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY JESUS IS BORN!</b></p> 	<p>26</p> 	<p>27</p> 	<p>28 <i>Journey with the wise men</i></p>	<p>29 <i>Feast of the Epiphany January 6<sup>th</sup> 2018</i></p> 

## The Holy Spirit Parish Christmas Nativity



### Nativity roles for children in Years 3 – 7

Arrive 6:30pm for 7pm start

(Younger children may come dressed as a shepherd or angel and join the procession to Bethlehem – no practice required. Please meet in the hall foyer at 6:55pm)

Dear Parents,

All children are invited to participate in the Parish Christmas Nativity at Mass on Christmas Eve, Monday 24 December 2017. If your child would like to be involved they must **attend two practice sessions at Holy Spirit Church Burdekin Avenue, Amaroo** on:

- **Sunday 23 December, 11am – 1pm** (byo lunch)
- **Monday 24 December, 1pm – 3pm** (byo snacks)



If this is acceptable to you, please sign the permission slip below and return via the **RED mailbox** in the church foyer **OR go online using this QR code.**

**\*\*\*Please return permission slip by Thursday 13 December 2018\*\*\***

Thank you,  
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Theivani Evers [theivani@holyspiritqunqahlin.org.au](mailto:theivani@holyspiritqunqahlin.org.au) or 0472 921 518

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I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ who

attends \_\_\_\_\_ School in Year \_\_\_\_\_

to participate in the Christmas Nativity on Christmas Eve 24 December at 7pm.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### I am willing to assist with the following:

- Sunday 23 December 10:45am – 1pm – Supervision of children during practice
- Monday 24 December 12:45pm - 3pm – Supervision of children during practice
- Monday 24 December 6:45pm – Marshalling, bringing in and supervising younger children
- Prepare costumes and props – at a time convenient to volunteers
- Prepare costumes and props Monday 24 December at 6:15pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_