



Shepherd Spy

WEEK 10 TERM 4

21 DECEMBER 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 is our final newsletter for the year and as the 2019 school year draws to a close, I would like to thank you for all you do for the children at school. At Good Shepherd we enjoy wonderful support from parents, volunteers, tutors and grandparents who assist in the classrooms, at working bees, carnivals, excursions, student banking, book club, school discos, Cheerleading, netball and the list goes on. Your involvement adds to the community dimension of the school and provides valued services for the students. Your work for the school is greatly appreciated and I hope our parents are very proud of their involvement and achievements. In particular, I thank the Community Council who have worked tirelessly for the school during the year.

A huge thanks to our staff for the great work they have done with our children throughout the year. How blessed we are in having a group of dedicated professionals who contribute so much to Good Shepherd. Thank you also to Fathers Mark and Jiss (and the Parish Team) for their work in supporting our families, students and staff.

This week we farewell many staff members who go on to other adventures. Best wishes to the following:

- Mrs Toni Pfeiffer- who has taken up a role in Catholic Education from 2019;
- Mrs Charlotte Fitzpatrick- who has not re-applied for positions in 2019 to travel with family;
- Ms Jane Moore- who after 12 months on an exchange from Canada, returns tomorrow to her home country;
- Mr Jason McMinn- who has been appointed permanent teacher at Marist Junior School, Pearce for 2019;
- Mr Morgan Holland- who has been appointed temporary teacher at a local government school.

Yesterday we appointed a Year 5 teacher: Mr Keith Roberts. Keith comes to Good Shepherd with enormous experience (34 years) as a primary educator: Teacher, Deputy Principal and Principal in NSW, ACT and Tasmania. His most recent appointments have been Year 5/6 teacher at Canberra Christian School and Sessional Lecturer at Australian Catholic University(ACU) working with second year students. We welcome Keith to Good Shepherd.

The role of Classroom Support Teacher has not been filled. Mrs Charlotte Fitzpatrick has agreed to take on this role for Term 1 and will be re-advertised in early 2019.

2019 School Year

The school will be open in 2019 from Tuesday 29 January at 9am. The first day of school for all students will be Monday 4 February. If you have any queries during the school holidays please email me: david.austin@cg.catholic.edu.au.

Holy Spirit Parish Christmas

You are obviously most welcome to join any of the Christmas celebrations early next week. Next Tuesday, 24 December, will be the Children's Christmas Eve Nativity at the commencing at 7pm. Children who would like to be involved in the 7pm Christmas Eve Nativity on Monday 24 December are asked to email theivani@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au by this afternoon. Practice times as follows:

To be together



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

School Security

School grounds are particularly vulnerable during the summer holiday break so police will be increasing patrols around schools during this time.

Please drive past or walk through the school during the holidays, if you get a chance. If you see anything suspicious, please do not hesitate to contact the Police on 131 444. Thank you.

Year 6 Graduation

Congratulations Year Six on graduating from Good Shepherd. We are very proud of you.

A huge thank you to the Graduating committee of Year 5 volunteer parents. They planned and prepared a fantastic graduation, disco and slideshow. An enormous amount of work went into this and, on behalf of all Year 6 students and parents- thank you!

I have received overwhelming positive feedback from so many happy Year 6 parents and students. Thank you!

Canteen

The Community Council have decided to give our current Canteen supplier, 'Empire Catering', a twelve-month contract for 2019. We have heard concerns from parents and I have met with Empire Catering to address these. We are hoping the changes to the menu will be welcomed. Please let me know early next year if you have any concerns.

May the blessing of the birth of Jesus carry each of us through the Christmas season. I hope all our families have the opportunity for rest and renewal over the holiday break.

David Austin
Principal

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13

Thank you to all the Defence Families who have contributed to the Good Shepherd School community this year, especially the ANZAC day service and the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

I would like to wish all the families posting out this year a safe and stress free journey. I hope you are all looking forward to your next big adventure and that your next posting is full of new friendships, exciting places and the making of beautiful memories.

A big welcome to all the families posting into Canberra and to our Good Shepherd School community. We will be having a welcome BBQ breakfast on the 8th of February for all New and existing Defence Families from 7.15AM until 8:30AM. Please come along and enjoy a yummy breakfast to start the school year.

Please keep all of our deployed Defence personal in your prayers over the Christmas period. We have over 3600 of these brave men and women away from their families this Christmas.

I look forward to meeting all of you next year and getting to know you and your families better.
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

Taryn DSM

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STAFF 2019



Principal - David Austin
Assistant Principal - Melinda Hall-O'Brien
RE Education Coordinator - Anthony O'Connell
Coordinators - Philippa Brotchie, Vanessa Ross and Diana Jones
Front Office - Joan Jones, Sue Hall (9-11am each day)
Finance Manager - Helen Wilks
Parish Priest: Fr Mark Croker

Kindergarten

Lisa MacMahon
Karen Eglington
Amy Kouparitsis
Erika Tokich

Year 5

Vanessa Dunstan (Mon-Tues) &
Rachel De Boni (Wed-Fri)
Tracey Kenna
Keith Roberts
Ben Kelly

Teacher Librarian
Bernadette Aitken

Library Assistant
Sue Hall

Year 1

Jessica Coghlan
Kirsty Price (Mon-Tues) &
Sarah Corkhill (Wed-Fri)
Ana Manenica
Kate Whackett

Year 6

Anthony O'Connell (Mon-Tue) &
Philippa Brotchie (Wed-Fri)
Michelle Norris (Mon-Wed) &
Naomi Scott (Wed-Fri)
Dillon Payne
Vanessa Thornton

Defence School Mentor (DSM)
Taryn Ahern

Languages Teacher (Italian)
Sally Taurasi

Science/STEM
Michelle Weier
Vanessa Ross

Year 2

Andrea Abbott
Brooke Thompson (Mon-Tue) &
Angela Callaghan (Wed-Fri)
Sonya Huleatt
Declan Welsh

Learning Support Team
Charlotte Fitzpatrick (Term 1)
TBA (Terms 2-4)
Diana Jones
Victoria Buckley

School Chaplain
Prisca Chimiti (Mon-Wed)

School Counsellor
Musumi Sakaguchi
(Every Thursday and 2nd Friday)

Year 3

Christine Donnelly
Madison Ings
Yolanda Kolek
Shannon Thewlis

Classroom Support Assistants

Anne Smart
Maria Goleby
Tania Fleming
Libby Willemsen
Taryn Ahern
Alannah Fromholtz
Kylie Horrigan

Grounds and Maintenance
Brett King

Year 4

Jessica Dittmar
Kate Freeman
Nicole Rous
Elizabeth Zaja

