Dear Parents and Carers

YEARS 1-6 MEET & GREET - TONIGHT! Thursday, 21 February 6.30pm

Our Year 1-6 Meet & Greet for the beginning of the year is tonight, Thursday, 21 February. Between 6.30-7.30pm teachers will be available in their classrooms for informal chats. This will be followed by drinks and nibbles in the Hall.

Please Note:
- Kinder teachers will not be available, so kinder parents do not need to attend as you have had your KISS sessions.
- Meet & Greet is for parents only. NO CHILDREN
- Meet & Greet is NOT an opportunity for parents to have an in depth one on one interview with their child’s teacher. Please make another appointment with your class teacher for this purpose

STUDENT WELFARE AND EXPECTATIONS

The staff have continued to refine the process for dealing with students who are behaving inappropriately. The school wide steps are:

Step 1 Warning
Verbal or non-verbal warning given.

Step 2 Time Out in Class
Student is not part of the class and may or may not be provided with work to complete. Usually 5 minutes.

Step 3 Time Out of Class
Student is sent to a member of the Leadership Team at the Front Office.
Student completes the Time Out Sheet. The Sheet is signed by the student, class teacher and Principal, sent home and returned signed by the parent.
When the student wishes to re-enter the classroom, a Corridor Conference is held to discuss expectations.
Information is documented in the Behaviour Journal.

Step 4 Thinking Time
Student meets with the Principal or Assistant Principal to discuss the issue/s.
The student completes the Thinking Time Sheet, followed by Restorative Justice practices if necessary. Parents are contacted and other agencies involved if required.
Thinking Time Session is at Lunch.
Information is documented in the Behaviour Journal.

BUILDING FUND

Last week I outlined the importance of the Building Fund that the school collects on behalf of the Catholic Education Office (CEO). To further clarify for families, the building fund is tax deductible. However, if families do not wish to contribute to the Building Fund, you are asked to notify me in writing outlining your reasons for your decision. This information is then processed for the purposes of CEO and school accounting procedures.
MAKING AN APPOINTMENT WITH A TEACHER
Parents who wish to make a more formal appointment with a teacher are asked to email the teacher directly. Teacher emails are

firstname.surname@cg.catholic.edu.au

Some things to consider:
- Please do not approach a teacher at morning assembly or straight after school for a formal chat. Teachers are often on duty, have meetings or appointments scheduled;
- Teachers may take a few days to respond to your email;
- Appointments will usually be before school or straight after school. Like any specialist appointment, parents may need to rearrange their work schedule to make the appointment;
- Formal interviews are scheduled for all year levels in early Term 2. Parents also have the option of a formal interview at the end of Term 2 and Term 4 following written reports.

THANK YOUS!
- K.I.S.S. - thank you to all the Kinder parents who attended the Kinder Introduction to School Sessions (KISS) last week. We hope you found the more detailed information informative. As this was a new initiative, I would appreciate any feedback. Thanks to Penny Vanzwol, Sonya Huleatt and Ana Manenica for all their work in presenting the sessions.
- Swimming Carnival - We all had a great day and the sun shone brightly, just enough to keep us warm. So many students swam their hearts out for themselves and their team. Thanks to Craig Hart for all the planning, and to the army of parents who filled many roles during the day.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM - Tuesday, 26 February
Next Tuesday, 26 February at 7.00 - 8.30pm, is our first Community Council meeting for 2013. All parents are members of the Community Council and are more than welcome to attend any meeting. As it is our AGM, elections will be held for the Community Council Executive.

The Community Council is important as it has a decision-making role in certain policy areas and an advisory role in others. The Community Council provides the School Leadership Team, especially me as Principal, with a great deal of support and it is the main avenue for parents to appropriately raise issues or concerns. It is also a great way to meet people, to get involved in your child’s school and to know what is going on in the school. So please consider becoming more involved with the Community Council. We need more people to attend these meetings and help contribute to decisions the school and the community need to make! All welcome.

EARLY MORNING DROP OFF
It has been noticed that some parents are continuing to drop their children off before 8.35am. Please be aware that the school does not have ‘duty of care’ before 8.35am, which is the time when a teacher comes on duty. If you do drop your children off before this time you need to remain with them. Camp Australia is available from 7.30am and it suggested that parents use this facility.

Have a good week.

Brad Gaynor
Principal
brad.gaynor@cg.catholic.edu.au
In 2013 our theme for the year is “On the Road to the Heart of God”.
In every aspect of our lives at Good Shepherd we aim
‘to be together the Heart of God’.
Our Prayer Celebrations will focus on Scripture under the headings of Identity, Relationships and Connections. These being the core principles of Good Shepherd. Through Scripture we will reflect on our mission, as disciples of Jesus, to bring God’s love to others in the world.

Term 1 Prayer Celebrations
Our first Prayer Focus Assembly will be held tomorrow, **Friday 22 February**. 4Hart and 3van Meurs will be leading our prayer. Their prayer is based on the Scripture of ‘The Good Shepherd’. Our Prayer Focus will begin at 9:15am after morning assembly. We warmly invite all parents, family and community members to join us tomorrow.

Mini-Vinnies Commissioning Ceremony
The Mini-Vinnies Commissioning Ceremony will be held on Monday 25 February. At this ceremony the Mini-Vinnie students will take their pledge and the leaders will be presented. We warmly welcome all parents and friends to join us in the hall for the ceremony at 9:15am.

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish
Sacramental Program Dates for 2013

**Confirmation (children in Year 6 or older):**
- Parent AND Child Information Session:
  - **Tuesday 5 March** at 1:00pm OR 7:00pm
- Commitment Mass followed by Enrolment:
  - **Saturday 9 March** at 6pm OR
  - **Sunday 10 March** at 9:30am OR 5:30pm
- Celebration of the Sacrament:
  - At Masses on **Tuesday 28 May, Wednesday 29 May and Thursday 30 May** (times to be advised).

**First Eucharist & First Reconciliation (children in Year 3 or older)**
Please note the change in timing of the Sacrament of Reconciliation – now part of the preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

- Parent Information Session:
  - **Tuesday 18 June** at 1:00pm OR 7:00pm
- Commitment Mass followed by Enrolment:
  - **Saturday 22 June** at 6pm OR
  - **Sunday 23 June** at 9:30am OR 5:30pm
- Celebration of First Reconciliation:
  - At Liturgies on **6 and 7 August** (times to be advised)

Celebration of the First Eucharist Sacrament:
On the weekends of **7/8 and 14/15 September**.

Please stay in touch via our parish website www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au
To be together the heart of...

Community Council Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, 26th February at 7 pm in the School Staff Room. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to come together as a School Community to discuss how we can improve the school.

Emergency Contact List

Thank you to the families who have returned their Student Information Form.

It is very frustrating for Joan, Anne and Sue when children are either sick or injured and parents cannot be contacted because they have the wrong contact details.

To allow us to keep updated records, please let us know if your details are correct or incorrect. If you have not received the Information form please contact Joan as soon as possible.

We have had a case of head lice reported to the school this week. Could you please check your child’s hair and if are not sure what to look for contact your local chemist.

Thank you to those families who have already paid Term 1 School Fees. Payment is due Friday, 8th March. Fees may be paid by cash, Cheque, BPay or EFTPOS.

In November last year several families paid their school fees by Eftpos or Credit Card. If you did pay your fees during this time and it has not appeared on your statement could you please contact the front office as soon as possible.

Parent Network

We are currently seeking a Parent Network Contact for each class. The Parent Network Contact’s role is to provide support to the class teacher, hospitality to other families, coordinate class/year level social events and to build community spirit.

If you are interested in the Parent Network Contact role for your child/ren’s class, please complete the form below and return it as soon as possible. We hope to have a Parent Network Contact/s for each class.

If you would like further information please see Brad Gaynor or Tara Kemble.

Parent Network Contact Nomination Form

Name: _______________________________________________________

Child’s class: __________________________________________________

Contact details:-
Home Phone: ___________________________________________________

Mobile Phone: ___________________________________________________

Email (Please print clearly): _______________________________________

Preferred Meeting Day: _______________________________________

Please return your nomination to the Front Office ASAP
20th February 1913

Dear Diary,

I know what it feels like to be a pig in mud! A storm built up earlier today. Just as lunchtime finished there was an almighty crack of thunder from over near Percival Hill. I jumped and some girls squealed. A lightning flash took us by surprise, followed by a rolling thunder clap. It sounded as if it was right on top of us!

We all raced inside and then the heavens opened. The heavy pounding rain made so much noise on the tin roof that we couldn't hear Mr. Davis even though he seemed to be shouting. In the end he had to write everything he wanted to say on the blackboard. We older students had to shout into the ears of the younger ones because they couldn't read what was written.

The wind picked up and rattled the windows and doors so much I thought they might break. There was an eerie whistling coming from the chimney. A couple of minutes later the hail started. At first it sounded like someone was throwing gravel on the roof and then it sounded like stones. I looked out the window. The hail was about the size of a halfpenny piece! Mr. Davis pulled us away from the window in case it broke. The noise inside was deafening! Even when I put my fingers in my ears I could still hear it loudly.

More lightning, thunder, hail and rain! The worst of it was over in about fifteen minutes, but it kept raining all afternoon. When it came time to go home we all stood and looked at the rain and the water pouring over the ground in mini rivers. I suggested we take off our boots and stockings and walk home barefoot. Joe and Henry agreed. We soon had our boot laces tied together and our boots hanging around our necks. They might get wet, but at least they would be clean!

The mud squelched between our toes as we started home. It was so slippery that we both held onto one of Henry’s hands each to keep him from falling. My dress kept getting in the way so I picked up the hem at the back, pulled it through my legs and tucked it into the sash at my waist. It looked a little like a nappy, but it was out of the way.

When we got to our usual creek crossing we knew there was a problem. The water was running swiftly and was much deeper than usual. The rocks we used as stepping stones were well under water. Joe knew another crossing, so he took Henry and I to the fallen log. I’d never crossed here before because it wobbled and frightened me. I didn’t want to cross, but Joe said we had no choice. He said he would take Henry over first and then come back for me.

I watched Joe and Henry shuffle sideways over the log. The log moved, I sucked in a deep breath and Henry cried out. The water in the creek was splashing over the side of the log and up onto their feet. They made it to the end and jumped off, slipped over in the mud and came up covered in it. I couldn’t help but laugh.

Joe came back over, balancing carefully. Then he took my hand and helped me across. I was so scared I could hardly move. Joe encouraged me and Henry called out from the bank. Very slowly we made it over the log. The water had made everything very slippery. I also fell in the mud when I landed on the other side. This time it was Joe and Henry’s turn to laugh at me.

Ma was standing on the verandah watching for us. A smile broke over her face and then she began to laugh at the sight of us. She made us wait outside until she got towels for us. We got out of our wet, muddy clothes and wrapped the towels around us. We were soon washing up in warm water and putting on clean, dry clothes.

It felt good to be warm, clean and dry.

Mary.
## Canberra Region

The 1828 census showed 21 white inhabitants living in Canberra and 15 in Ginninderra. It was estimated to be between 400 and 500 Aboriginal people living in the area at this time.

In 1832 Garrett Cotter was sent to live in the Cotter River valley (named after him) when he became involved in a dispute between neighbours. He lived there for 5 years with the help of some local Aboriginals.

By 1835 stations had been established at Dunroyn, Palmerville (Ginninderra), Springbank, Yarralumla, Tuggeranong and Lanyon.

On 12 March 1845 St. John the Baptist, Church of England, was consecrated by Bishop Broughton. A school house opened nearby the same year.

By 1851, there were about 2,500 people living in the area.

The Canberra Post Office was opened in 1863. School teacher Andrew Wotherspoon became the first postmaster. There were already post offices at Ginninderra (1859) and at Lanvyn (1860).

## Gungahlin Area

Ginninderra Village grew up as people travelled into the region from Sydney via Gundaroo. The roads to Yass and Queanbeyan also passed through Ginninderra. The main road ran close to the current location of the Barton Highway.

Crinigan Park was established in about 1842 by John Crinigan (ex-convict) and his wife. The remains of the stone cottage they built are off Wanderer Court, Amaroo. They lived there in the three room cottage and had ten children. Unfortunately only one of their children survived. They had an orchard from which their descendants picked fruit up until the 1920’s.

After John Crinigan’s death the house and land passed into his second wife’s family – the Cavanagh’s.


A Short History of Gungahlin Canberra Archaeological Society Inc. Helen Cooke March 2010

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### What’s on in town?

[www.canberra100.com.au](http://www.canberra100.com.au) for event information and to vote for “What I like about


The Battle of the sites St Johns, Reid, 21 Feb, 2013 — 3 Mar, 2013 (Drawn from original speeches made by those who had the responsibility of choosing the site for the national capital, a melodrama emerges from the research and dramaturgy of Ian Warden.)

Royal Canberra Show, EPIC, Mitchell 22nd – 24th Feb