Dear Parents & Carers,

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

- **School Uniform Survey** – results from the recent survey were discussed. There was overwhelming support for changes to the sports polo shirt. Suggestions included a blue/green one similar to the Year 6 Leadership Shirt. Other possible changes were the blue polo shirt to the light weight wick material as per the sports shirt and improving the quality of chair bags. The Council is currently discussing options with suppliers and hopes to have a few samples to display in coming weeks. Stay tuned.

- **Winter Girls Uniform** – girls can wear either a sky blue long sleeved skivvy or a sky blue peter pan collar shirt under the tunic.

- **Super Sale** of second hand uniforms went well – please contact Leanne Watt if you would like to know more about sales of second hand uniforms.

- **Parent Network** – all classes have a Parent Network Contact, so thank you to all the volunteers. A parent network meeting will be held soon to finalise the role and commence planning.

- **Disco** – there will be two discos this year, in Term 2 and Term 4. More details to follow.

- **Entertainment Book** – for those of you who regularly buy this book, we are looking to have it available through the school. More details soon.

- **Canteen** – a reminder that normal lunch orders do not include recess (special lunch orders do) so bear that in mind for your children – you will have to pack a separate recess for them.

- **Green Team Survey** – following the success of the Community Council Survey last year and the recent School Uniform survey, the Green Team will survey the community on aspects of the school grounds.

Various other projects currently being undertaken by the Community Council include a new Community Council Noticeboard, investigation of our eligibility for any community grants and a range of activities planned by the Green Team (we will have two landscape designers visit early next term to give their view on possibilities for our school grounds).

If you wish to contact any of the members you can use the email address communitycouncil.goodshepherd@cg.catholic.edu.au or leave a message at the Front Office.

Minutes of our meeting will be available on the school website shortly. Dates of the meeting can be found on the website, on the school calendar, and all are welcome. If you have an issues you would like addressed please contact either the Community Council or Brad Gaynor.

Mike Dunbar
Chair
Good Shepherd Community Council
HOLY WEEK

This week marks the beginning of Holy Week, with the celebration last weekend of Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday observes the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem that was marked by the crowds waving palm branches and proclaiming Jesus as the King. The next major event during Holy Week was today with Holy Thursday. On Holy Thursday Jesus shared the last meal together with his disciples (Jewish Passover) which was the first Eucharist. At this meal Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane while the disciples fell asleep. On Good Friday, the church commemorates Jesus’ arrest, his trial and crucifixion. Easter Sunday sees us celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Last year I was fortunate to travel to the Holy Land and visited many of the sites where they believe these events took place.

The road to Calvary.
Following the Stations of the Cross along the actual Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem.

Garden of Gethsemane

They believe Jesus was lowered into this cell on the night before he died. (Had not heard of this part of the story)

The rock they believe Jesus was laid on in the tomb.

The crown of thorns was believed to look like this.

Church of the Holy Sepulchre built on Calvary. The location where they believe the crucifix was placed.
ENROLMENTS
Just a reminder if you have a child in pre-school this year, Enrolment Packs will be available from Monday, 6th May until 24th May. All Enrolment Forms must be completed and returned to school no later than Friday 24th May. Our Open day is Friday 17 May, so please spread the word to your family and friends.

SOCCER CARNIVAL
On Sunday we had 5 teams playing in the Catholic Schools’ Soccer Carnival at the University of Canberra. The teams performed well and had lots of fun as well. Well done to everyone involved. There were lots of tired players and officials by the end of the day! Thank you to Steve Bent, parents and volunteers for supporting the students who played in the carnival. Well done to Holy Trinity for organising a great carnival!

Have a great Easter break.

Brad Gaynor
Principal
brad.gaynor@cg.catholic.edu.au

Sports Shorts
The Gungahlin Bulls Minor Rugby League Football Club are currently seeking children interested in playing Rugby League in 2013. Training for most teams has commenced this week with the season to begin in late April/early May. Specifically, the Under 12’s require additional players in order to field two teams this year, and at present are a few players short. If your child is interested in playing, please contact the club at gungahlinbulljuniors@hotmail.com (U7, U9 and U11 registrations closed due to full capacity).
Religious Education Term 1

To be together ......

On the Road to the Heart of God

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.

An Easter Reflection.....

What the resurrection of Jesus promises is that things can always be new again.
It’s never too late to start over.
Nothing is irrevocable.
No betrayal is final. No sin is unforgivable. Every form of death can be overcome. There isn’t any loss that can’t be redeemed. Every day is now.
“The resurrection assures us that God never gives up on us even if we give up on ourselves”

Mini Vinnies

Every week, we are asking each family to bring just one item of non-perishable food to school to distribute to the needy people in our Gungahlin Community. For example
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce:
- Noodles:
- Soup:
- Tinned Food:
- Rice:
- Crackers:
- Tuna:
- Long Life Milk:
- Cereal:
- Pet Food:
- Beans:
- Sugar:
- Flour:
- Dried Fruit:
- Dried Biscuits:
- Muesli Bars (In a box and not from their lunch box).

Holy Week Prayer

On Easter Tuesday we will be holding a prayer celebration for Easter Sunday.
We will join together in prayer joyfully proclaiming the resurrection.
We are inviting all parents, family and community members to join us on Tuesday,

Holy Week

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Happy Easter

Shepherd Spy
We had an extremely successful start to our first season of netball last Saturday. This is what the coaches had to say!

Yr 5/6 SNOW did great on Saturday they won their first game 4-3 and drew the 2nd 4-4. So proud of them.

Yr 4 CYCLONES had a great first game of the year playing for the first time as a team in the Junior division. All the girls played so well and there were plenty of smiles after finishing their two grading games.
   Well done Cyclones!

Yr 3 TSUNAMIS Congratulations to the girls for winning their first 3 grading games! You worked so well as a team and a big thank you to Mahlia (Aka Kiara!) for helping us field 6 players. A big congrats to Nina and Megan for umpiring your first games! You worked awesome together! Keep it up!

Yr 2 LIGHTNING had a fantastic result for their first games this year. They won the first game, lost the second and drew the third. Thank you to all the parents who were there to support the girls, cheer them on and assist me with getting the girls to their positions!!

Yr 1 HURRICANES played like little professionals. They even scored their first goal mere seconds into the game. Look out Netball Australia, here come the GSNC Hurricanes!

Yr 4 STORMS played really well and had lots of fun. Coaches Georgia and Jessica were very happy with the girls and the way they played! Well done Storms!

The Green Team have compiled some questions to gain feedback from teachers, parents, carers and students about improving our gardens. Please follow the link to our survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VHPCJN8.

School Fees

Term 1 Fees are now overdue.
If you have not finalised your account could you please do so as soon as possible.

Great People’s Day

Great People’s Day for Kindergarten will be held Wednesday, 3rd April from 10-11pm. Please mark this date in your diary.

Laurie Daley Shield

Congratulations to our 7-A-Side Rugby League Team who were Runners Up in the Year 5/6 Laurie Daley Shield this week. The boys played very well and displayed great sportsmanship. Well done boys. We are proud of you!

Please parents if your child is feeling unwell in the morning before school please keep them at home as we have been inundated in Sick Bay.

If you have not been receiving the newsletter and extra correspondence by email could you please email joan.jones@cg.catholic.edu.au so we can update your details and keep you up to date with what is happening in our school community.

Last day Term 1, Friday, 12th April
Term 2 commences Monday, 29th April
Dear diary,
I have been thinking since Sunday. I know you think that this is a strange thing for me to do, but give me some credit for feeling very deeply about this. Giving has been on my mind since Sunday school.

After Mass we have Sunday school for about an hour. We learn about our faith with Mrs Donaldson. She is very old and no longer has a husband, so I think Sunday school might be the high point in her life (I actually heard a couple of the ladies say that). She is always doing something for us to make the lesson fun, unlike our last teacher. For Easter lessons we washed each other's hands (feet were too hard), had a mini Passover meal, re-enacted the trial and crucifixion of Jesus and made crosses to take home for our families. We also talked about giving.

You know the saying, 'It is better to give than to receive'? Well I always thought it was just something grown-ups made up to make us feel bad when we complained about things being 'not fair'. But when we began to talk about it in class I started to see things differently. We had to think about all of the people we knew who gave to our community. At first all we could come up with was people who gave money at church. Mrs Donaldson said it was not only about giving things or money; time, gifts and talents were just as important.

That made us think harder:
Dr Reynolds - he treats us whether we are rich or poor and at any hour.
Fr O'Brien - he is always organising for help when families are in need.
Mrs Fenner - she looks after new mothers and babies.
The members of the choir - they make our services enjoyable.
The men's group and the ladies auxiliary - they organise and setup community lunch after Mass when Fr O'Brien has his Sunday with us.
Mr Davis - when he does extra things for us and really wants us to be our best.
We also put Mrs Donaldson on our list. She said it was not necessary, but she appreciated it. She said teaching Sunday school made her feel happy and useful.

I had never really thought about getting something out of giving! Did all of the people on our list feel the same? That got me to thinking and I haven't been able to stop!

I looked at myself and what made me feel happy and useful - just as Mrs Donaldson said. I like the feeling I get when I help one of the younger students at school work out a problem they have. I know that I am good at some things and I like to share that.

At home Ma and Pa give everything for us. They go without things, like new clothes, because they want us to have new ones as we grow. Pa will spend time with us explaining how things work or what a particular animal or insect is. He will sit with me on bath nights and dry my hair then brush it, just like he does for Ma. Ma cooks and cleans for us. She helps us with our homework and is always making thing she knows we will like. They never get enough thanks from us.

I mean to change that. I am going to say thank-you more often. Do little things that make a big difference, like pick up things without being asked. I also think I will ask Ma if I can cook baked apples for pudding on Saturday (the apples are ripening nicely on the trees). Being pleasant, smiling saying good morning can give someone else a smile. It cost nothing but thought and thinking has been what I've been doing a lot of this week.

I wanted to grow up and work in a shop. Now I think I'd like to think about becoming a nurse.

Mary,
...the heart of God.

**Canberra Region**

In July 1907 Former Prime Ministers Reid and Watson speak strongly in favour of Canberra in Parliament. John Gale’s paper, Dalgety or Canberra: Which?, is read at a public meeting and later published as a pamphlet for distribution to parliamentarians.

In October 1908 Yass-Canberra won a House of Representatives ballot on preferred sites for the national capital. In November the Senate then held another ballot, with Tumut and Yass–Canberra tied for first place. One of the Senators switched his vote and the Yass-Canberra area became the preferred site of both houses of Parliament.

In December 1908 the Government of Andrew Fisher enacted legislation approving a Yass–Canberra site for the national capital. NSW Government Surveyor Charles Scrivener was appointed to identify and survey the site for the city. Scrivener surveyed the site with an outlook towards the north and north-east and noted the Molonglo River floodplain could form a central ornamental lake.

**Gungahlin Area**

William Davis acquired more land in Gungahlin in the early 1860s, building the original Gungahlin Homestead in 1862.

William and Addie Davis did not have any children of their and adopted a niece and nephew as their own. Henry, the nephew, was killed in a riding accident. His uncle and aunt were so devastated that William sold his horses and properties and moved away from the area.

In 1877 Edward Kendall Crace purchased the properties from Davis. In 1883 he added Crace wing to Gungahlin Homestead. The homestead is still standing and is currently occupied by CSIRO. The house is an example of an English manor house of the late nineteenth century. Crace also bought other land in the area making him the largest land owner.

Edward race drowned in the Ginninderra Creek in 1892. His wife Kate owned the property until 1915 when it was resumed by the Commonwealth. Their son leased part of the land until his death in 1928.


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 for event information and to vote for “What I like about

**National Folk Festival, Exhibition Park in Canberra, Lyneham. 28 Mar. 2013 - 1 Apr. 2013.** Australia’s flagship folk event - celebrates its twenty-first birthday in Canberra during Centenary year... Get Down!