Dear Parents & Carers

IMPORTANT NOTICE

WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE

The Working with Vulnerable People Act 2011 commenced on 8 November 2012, with individuals working or volunteering in ‘Activities or Services for Children’ having until 7 November 2013 to become registered. All school staff and all people volunteering in our school must register to work with vulnerable people. By volunteering we mean anyone helping in our classrooms and in the school in any way; those assisting in the classroom, coming in to help with art or craft, helping in cleaning up classrooms, those parents who help out at our sports carnivals, yes anyone who volunteers in any way at the school must register.

Even though we all have until 7 November this year to be registered, the Catholic Education Office wishes all volunteers to be registered as soon as possible. There is no cost for volunteers and you register by accessing the Justice and Community website:


and complete the registration form. This site also contains all the information you will need including the explanation of what is at the heart of the Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011.

You can take your form to any ACT Government Shopfront or to our local registration ‘hub’

Holy Spirit, Nicholls
Tuesday 9th April (Tuesday Week 10)
2pm – 5pm

Once you have your card you will need to bring it along to school and Joan and Anne will make a copy and place this in our WWVP file. You will also need to have your card on you whenever you are volunteering at the school.

If you have any questions regarding WWVP please contact me.

2014 ENROLMENT

2014 Enrolment Period
6 May until 24 May
Open Day 17 May

Enrolment time will be on us again in a few weeks. If you have a little one ready for school in 2014 or you know of anyone interested in looking at our fantastic school for their children, the enrolment packs will be ready for the beginning of the new term. Our Open Day will be in Week 3 – 17 May.
To be together ......

ACTIONS OF SOME PARENTS
I want to clarify with the community that any discussion about behaviour with a child at the school must be left to either the parents or carer of that child and the staff members of the School to address. Any issues of concern regarding another child’s behaviour, even if your own child is also involved, should be addressed with School staff members and never with individual students who are not your own children. The normal process is to address the issue with the classroom teacher initially and then move to the Leadership Team for further support.

BEFORE SCHOOL
Despite my pleas I have continued to notice some parents are dropping their children off before 8.35am. Please be aware that the school staff do 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. Please be aware that if you do drop your child off before morning duty time and leave them by themselves you do so at your own risk. Our school does have Camp Australia before school care and it is available from 7.30am and I suggest that you use this service. I would prefer not to have to contact Children’s Services to report parents who are showing neglect.

WINTER UNIFORM
It is time to get the winter uniforms out and dust them off. We will be wearing it when we return for Term 2 on 29 April. We will have the usual few weeks of change over, but students are expected to wear correct winter uniform.

STAFF NEWS
- Please keep Steve Bent in your prayers. His brother passed away yesterday and he is also caring for other members of his family. Louise Hambleton is kindly taking Steve’s class for the time being.
- Congratulations to Craig Hart who has been appointed to Mother Teresa in Harrison as Acting Assistant Principal for the rest of the year commencing in Term 2. It is a wonderful professional opportunity for Craig and a testament to his knowledge, abilities and leadership skills. We will miss Craig at Good Shepherd, but I know you join me in congratulating him on this achievement.
- Joan Jones is taking 8 weeks long service leave next term. Anne McKenna and Peta Dennis will be holding the fort.

Have a good week.

Brad Gaynor
Principal

Departing Families
We are aware that some families will be moving out of the area at the end of this term.
If your child/ren will not be returning for Term 2 please fill out the slip and return it to school as soon as possible.
Please also indicate where your child/ren will be attending school. This information is needed for our census details.

My child/ren
_____________________________________
will not be returning to Good Shepherd School for Term 2 2013
The school my child/ren will be attending is
_____________________________________
Signed _____________________ Date _____________

Departing Families

Brad Gaynor
Principal
Mothers Day Stall
Week 2 – Term 2

The Mother’s Day Stall will be held at school on
Thursday 9 May 2013

So let’s get shopping … … …

Each child is asked to donate a gift valued at no
more than $5.
The gift should be delivered to the front office via
the class note bags by no later than Monday, 6 May 2013
so the wonderful parents who help put this event together for the
children can get organized for the day of the stall.

The children will attend the stall with their class
during the day. Each child will be able to
purchase a gift for their mother or special
person in their life for just $2.

So, let’s get shopping for all the wonderful
Good Shepherd Mums

Thank you.
Without your support, our children would not be
able to experience the joy of selecting a gift for
their special person.

If you are new to our school and are interested in finding out how
you can help with this very rewarding event,
please email Alison smith at a.smith@bigpond.net.au.

2014 Enrolments

Just a reminder if you have a child in
pre-school this year, Enrolment Packs will be
available from
Monday, 6th May until Friday, 24th May.
All Enrolment Forms must be completed and re-
turned to school no later than Friday, 24th May.
If your enrolment is received after the due date
it will be classed a “late enrolment!” and other
applications will be considered first.
The enrolment process must be followed for all
new students intending to attend Good
Shepherd next year, even those with siblings.

Found

A watch has been handed into
the front office. If this watch
belongs to you please
contact Joan.

Green Team

The Green Team have compiled some questions to
gain feedback from teachers, parents, carers and
students about improving our school gardens.
Your feedback and ideas are much
appreciated. The more ideas we receive the more
functional and attractive our outdoor spaces will
be for our children.
Could you please click on the following link
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VHPCJMX

Last day Term 1, Friday, 12th April
Term 2 commences Monday, 29th April

School Fees

Term 1 reminder letters were sent home early this
week. If you have not yet paid your Term 2 Fees
please do so as soon as possible. Follow up letters
will be sent home next week to those families who
have not paid their fees or contacted the school.

High School  | Date        | Time   | Location                                      | Other                                      |
-------------|-------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
John Paul College  | Thursday 9 May | 6.30 - 7.30pm  | At Mother Teresa School Harrison in the Hall | For more information email Office,jpc@cg.catholic.edu.au |
Merici College       | Tuesday 15 May | 6pm - 7.15 pm | At the school, Wise street Braddon ACT.       | 6pm - Information displays & tours 7.15pm - Formal Presentation |
St Francis Xavier College | Monday 13 May | 5:30pm - 7pm  | At the school, Flory ACT.                     | 5:30pm - Tours 7:00pm - Information sessions |
Daramalan College    | Thursday 4 April | 5.00 pm - 8pm | At the school, in the Daramalan College Hall | 5pm - 6:30pm - Guided tours 7pm - 8pm Information Session |

Year 7 Information Sessions
To be together ......

Canberra Region

1909
March Charles Scrivener establishes a camp on the slopes of Kurrajong Hill (Capital Hill) to begin his preliminary survey of the Canberra site. Scrivener presented his report on Canberra as the site for the national capital in May 1909.

October - December Prime Minister Alfred Deakin and New South Wales Premier Charles Wade sign agreements which allow the NSW Government to formally hand over the land on which the Federal Capital Territory will be sited. The Governor-General Lord Dudley signed the papers to finalise the Acceptance Act which formalised the transfer of land.

1910
June Percy Sheaffe begins the survey of the Territory’s border at Mt. Coree, moving in a straight line to One Tree Hill near Hall.

November The Commonwealth leases Dunroon homestead and 370 acres from Colonel John Campbell for the Military College of Australia. Dunroon is not acquired by the Commonwealth until July 1912.

Gungahlin Area

The Ginninderra Blacksmith’s shop dates from 1859 and was the first substantial establishment in the village. This was and is the only village blacksmith in the ACT, (not associated with a homestead) and it played an important role in the development of the village community.

Some of the blacksmiths were; James Thompson Hatch (3yrs), Florence McAuliffe (10 years), George Curran (17 years), Alexander Warwick (2 years), Harry Curran (until 1949, finally retiring in his eighties).

There was no-one to take over the business after this time. The building was heritage listed in the 1990s and conservation work was organised by the National Trust.

The smith made tools, machinery parts, nails, gates and their fixings and door furnishings. The smithy was also a social centre where the residents tended to congregate for company, especially in winter, when the forge made it one of the warmest places in the village.

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

What’s on in town?

Deep Oceans – Until 10/11/2013. Enter the dark and dangerous world of giant sea creatures and bizarre fish when you visit Questacon’s newest exhibition.

Open day at the Australian War Memorial - 06/04/2013. The Australian War Memorial marks Canberra’s centenary with an action-packed Open Day. On Saturday 6 April, the Memorial will put on an unforgettable show. Expect an exciting fly-over by the Roulettes, a display of rare military vehicles and equipment, and a packed program of activities.

Auto Italia - 07/04/2013. Lawns of Old Parliament House. An exhibition of fine Italian motoring from owners in the ACT and NSW. 10am – 2pm.
1st April 1913 April Fool’s Day

Dear diary,
I haven’t laughed so much for a very long time, but I have every time I think of all of the things we did to each other today. Normally we just play silly little pranks on each other, but this year we got together to plan something truly great.

The first thing we did was all dress back-to-front. We all looked so silly. Our parents had to be in on that prank so that we could get out of the house dressed so strangely.

Next we decided that it would be Opposite Day. Everything we said and did had to be the opposite. Mr Davis must have caught on to that one very quickly because he started to ask for the opposite of what he wanted so that we would do exactly what we should have been doing. He said really silly things like, "Go out the window, up the stairs and run around in a circle." It took us a lot of thought to keep up with him. It was almost as if he had done this before, but that couldn’t be true because we made it up!

Some of the boys made signs and attached them to the backs of some of the other children. They said silly things like blow raspberries in my face. That one was awful because you usually ended up with bits of spit flying onto your face.

At morning break we all ate our lunches, instead of morning tea, then swapped games. The girls played footy and marbles and the boys skipped and played knuckle bones. It was so funny to watch them! We stopped playing just to see Ben and Joe get tangled up in the skipping rope as it was turned by Frank and Henry. In the end it all disintegrated into pirates and they tied each other up with the rope instead. I kicked a goal and was very pleased with myself. I felt about ten feet tall.

The best thing about the day was the trick that we had spent weeks (well maybe one week) planning. We collected eight alarm clocks. We had wanted four, but got eight which made this prank even better. We set each alarm to go off at half hour intervals from nine o’clock until twelve o’clock and then we hid them all around the school. We hid one in a desk, another couple in different cupboards, one in Mr Davis’s desk drawer, one in the chimney (it’s not cold enough for the fire yet), two under the school house and the last one we put at the back of the woodpile next to the stove.

Mr Davis has to do his morning check of the yard so we were able to sneak in one at a time to set everything in place. We were all seated by five to nine, waiting with secret smiles, for our prank to begin. At nine the first clock went off. Mr Davis stopped and looked around quite bemused by the noise. You could see when he finally worked out what the noise was by the change in his face. He walked towards the cupboard, opened it and pulled out the clock just as it wound down. He said it was very amusing and put it on his desk.

When the next one went off he knew what he was hearing and it didn’t take him to long to locate it in Amelia’s desk. She tried to look surprised; it didn’t work. Mr Davis took the clock and added it to the first on his desk. By the time number four went off Mr Davis wanted to know if there were any more. He seemed a bit miffed! We didn’t give in though, it was too much fun.

When the last one went off we all jumped up and shouted, "April Fool!!" Mr Davis had to admit that it was the most creative prank he had come across, then he said as we were so good at planning and executing the prank we could all write up a page about it tonight for homework. We all laughed and said that that was a great joke. Mr Davis just smiled and reminded us that pranks finished at twelve o’clock. Then he wished us a happy April Fool’s day.

He got us in the end!
Mary