Dear Parents and Carers,

Last night’s Parent Expo was a great celebration for our school community. This year’s model varied slightly on previous years and I am interested in your feedback regarding how you found the experience. I know our Community Council would also be interested in hearing from you regarding their attempts to raise awareness of the associated opportunities provided in our school. All feedback could be directed to gscouncil1@gmail.com

I would on your behalf like to thank the teachers for their efforts last night. I recall feeling quite daunted as a classroom teacher at the prospect of presenting in front of a large group of adults. I know for professionals who train to spend most days speaking to young children, this can be a confronting task.

Finally, thank you to those organisations which provided a service to our community by “manning” an information booth. Thank you also to our Community Council who provided the drinks for the Supper.

Community Council Meeting
The first meeting of the Community Council for this year will be held next Tuesday, 16 February at 7.00pm. This will be an excellent opportunity to hear first-hand the plans the Council has for Good Shepherd this year.

Each year the Council works hard to value add to the education of all children at our school. Their work includes facilitation of improvements to our grounds, coordination of social events, and guest speakers and policy development.

The Council is a vibrant, cohesive group of parents who welcome the input of all parents and carers at Good Shepherd. Please consider attending this meeting and lending your support.

Swimming Carnival
Last Monday’s carnival was an outstanding success. The lovely venue, perfect weather and excellent organisation made for a great day. Thank you in particular to Mrs Hayley Stadtmiller and her team for their efforts to make sure the day ran well. Thank you also to the team of parents who did a great job officiating during the carnival.

A squad of children will now be selected to represent the District at the ACT Carnival. The nominations will be based on times.

Welcome and Commissioning Breakfast
Tomorrow morning our staff, in conjunction with members of our Community Council, will host a Welcome Breakfast on our school grounds. During the morning Fr Mark will commission all staff as we begin another year of ministry within the Parish.

Please make every effort to attend and in so doing support the staff as they commence another year of bringing Jesus to all the students in our care.

May God bless you and your family.

Graham Pollard
Principal

Dates to Remember
Friday, 12 February
Welcome Breakfast: 8.00am

Friday, 26 February
School Focus: 9.15am & Swimming Ribbons Presentation

Monday, 29 February
Year 6 Excursion - Parliament House

School Fees will be sent home tomorrow, via your child’s note bag.
Payment is due Friday, 4 March.
Direct Debit payments have been updated until 31 January. If you pay by Direct Debit, please do not pay the account.