Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have an opportunity to recharge your batteries by having a break away from school life for the next two weeks.

This week we farewell Susan Metcalfe whose family is relocating to Broken Hill. Susan has been a member of our staff since 2009 having taught several grade levels with distinction. Susan’s gentle nature coupled with her thoroughly professional attitude will be sorely missed at our school. On behalf of our community I would like to wish Susan every success in this new chapter of her life.

Listed below are some updates from our children. Have a good break!

Graham Pollard
Principal

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Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal
On a Friday, 17 June our school held its annual Winter Woollies Appeal, just in time for Winter!
In the week leading up to it we brought in warm winter clothes such as beanies, gloves, blankets, etc.
On the day we got to wear what we wanted, as long as we brought in a gold coin donation.
On the same day the Mini Vinnies Van visited our school! Now you might be thinking, Why did we do this?
It was because even though your home may be a warm place during winter some people are sleeping on benches and streets in the freezing cold. So we were trying to help them to be as warm as us at night.
Now some of you are wondering how much money did we make.
Well you’ll be proud to hear that we received $1,236, now that is a lot of money!
We are grateful to all of the caring families of Good Shepherd, it was an amazing day, so thanks once again for all the help!
Jaime 6M

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Master Chef Challenge
We started the Challenge by getting in to groups of three.
After that we were allocated an entrée, main or dessert to prepare.
We went on to taste.com.au and searched for a recipe.
Once each team found a recipe we filled out a sheet with the list of ingredients. We had to calculate how much it would cost and how many serves we could get out of it.
The maximum price was $20.00.
Once we had finalised our recipes we decided as a class on one entrée, main and dessert.
The Year Six teachers are deciding on the best entrée, main and dessert out of our four classes.
This Friday is the cooking day!
Everybody takes turns on cooking the dishes.
After the dishes have been cooked they are going into the CAPS fridge and the food is given to people in need.
Year 6P

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School resumes on Monday, 18 July

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Once again the good Shepherd Community spirit was on show at our first competition of the year last Sunday.
The cheerleaders did an amazing job and all or our routines came in first place. We had some fantastic, well rehearsed and energetic routines and all our children represented their school with pride. 90 Good Shepherd Cheerleaders competed in their first competition of the season on Sunday will fantastic results.
Tiny’s – first place
Mini Stars – first place
Scholastic youth squad – first place
Junior Kryptonite – first place
A special thanks to the wonderful coaches and parent helpers who made the day such a success and to the supportive parents who cheered them on.

On Thursday, 9 June the Year 5 went to John Paul College for a Year 5 challenge day. When we go there we got split into 8 groups with Yr 5’s from other schools.
Before we started the activities we watched a whole school assembly. The activities we got to do were Wood Tech, Cooking, PE, Dance, English, Chinese and Sustainability.
We also go food like a salad wrap, furt salad and muffin.
It was super fun. We cannot wait until High School.
Ashlee and Amber 5 Dittmar
23 June 2016

TO: PARENTS AND CARERS

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: 2016 NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Catholic schools along with government and independent schools across Australia will again be participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). Our involvement in this process is crucial as it will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students in our schools. The NCCD will enable National and State governments to better target support and resources in schools, thus in turn will help Catholic Schools access the support for all students with additional needs.

The NCCD is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which includes a range of health issues and learning difficulties where schools implement strategies to support students in participating effectively in their learning.

The Data Collection will take place in August. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the NCCD, you are asked to contact your child’s principal to discuss your concerns. If you are still concerned you should request and complete an opt-out form and return to the principal.

More information about the NCCD is available at: http://www.schooldisabilitydatalink.edu.au/

Yours sincerely

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