Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday’s Winter Woolies was a great success. Erin, Jamie, Denise and Gary from St Vincent de Paul were overwhelmed with the huge amounts of clothing items we collected and the funds we were able to gather. Overall they were extremely grateful for all that Good Shepherd and our Mini Vinnies do. As has been the case for a few years now, we are one of the leading Mini Vinnie schools, in fact, we are the largest. We have much to be proud of. Special thanks to Natalie Zarb and Anthony O’Connell for all their coordination of the event.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

As you are aware, Reports will be sent home next week. In determining the overall achievements of students, teachers have assessed students using a variety of assessment tools, based on essential content set out in the Curriculum we follow. The results from these assessments allow teachers to make a balanced, professional judgement. Tasks include formal assessment activities such as tests, projects, presentations, etc and informal assessment opportunities that include observations, checklists, discussions, etc. Teachers make consistent and reliable judgements about the student’s work. They discuss consistency across the year level with their colleagues and may also seek assistance and information from Learning Support staff. Teachers take into account the student’s knowledge, skills and understandings up to the point the judgement is made. The allocation of A-E depends on the level of achievement as set out in the common grade scale.

School Reports can be an anxious time for some parents and students. The students take their cues from your reaction when you receive their report and this will affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people. Here are some questions to consider:

- Have you read all the information provided about the new A-E common grade scale?
- Do you feel comfortable with the A-E grading scale and understand that it is very different from the ‘old’ style you had at school?
- Are your expectations for your child in line with their abilities?
- Do you expect too much from your child?
- Are your expectations realistic?
- Do you hold the belief that children learn at different rates?
- Are you willing to safeguard your child’s self-esteem rather than deflate it?
- How much of the A-E grades are you going to reveal to your child?

Formal parent teacher interviews have already been held this Semester. However, if you wish to meet with your child’s teacher, please contact them to arrange a mutually convenient time.

First Eucharist and Penance

The preparation period for these two sacraments has commenced this week with two Parent Information sessions conducted on Tuesday. Please keep these children and their parents in your prayers as they begin this important journey.

We are in for some very cold days in the week ahead. Rug up, stay warm and enjoy the beauty the season of winter has to offer.

God bless

Ursula Jamieson
Assistant Principal
Lost Property: Yesterday nine items (approx. $300 worth) of unnamed clothing were sent to our Used Uniform Shop. Parents, please label your children’s clothing if you want them returned to your child.

Handy Helpers: Is cancelled for Monday because of the Athletics Carnival.

Important Notice: ACTION bus services will be disrupted on Tuesday 28 June 2016 to allow for a meeting to be held of all drivers. From 10am to 2pm on Tuesday 28 June 2016 there will be no ACTION bus services in operation. During this time drivers will attend a meeting with the Transport Workers Union (TWU) to be briefed on and vote on new shift arrangements.

To allow our drivers to come off the road for the meeting in the morning and for services to start back up in the afternoon, there will also be limited bus services available from 9:30am to 10am and 2pm to 2:30pm.

The meeting with drivers has been scheduled outside peak travel times to minimise inconvenience to our customers. School and special needs services, including the Flexible Bus Service, WILL NOT be affected.

For more information please visit www.action.act.gov.au or call 13 17 10

ACT 12&U Cross Country Championships: After two date changes due to wet weather, the ACT Cross Country Championships were held on Tuesday, 14 June at Stromolo Forest Park. Good Shepherd had the following participants: Aidan W, Sebastian C, Ryley P, Miller W, Stephanie Q, Ethan R, Finn S, Jaime B, Thomas H.

All students competed to the best of their ability, with many achieving a personal best time. A huge congratulations to Jaime B who placed 6th in the 11yrs Girls. She will now compete in the ACT team later in the year.

ACT 12 & U Swimming Championships: The ACT swimming championships will be held on Friday 24 June, at the AIS Stadium in Canberra. Good Shepherd has a number of participants competing in multiple events. The students are: Brady B, Zara E, Izaac R, William S, Bailey S. We wish them all the best of Friday!

Home Readers: All home readers must be returned no later than Friday, 24 June. Families will be invoiced for any lost readers. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Athletics Carnival: The Year 2–6 Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 27 June on the athletics track adjacent to Good Shepherd School.

Below are some details for the day:

- The children may wear house-coloured t-shirts with school shorts, tracksuit pants or the full Good Shepherd sport uniform.
- Events will start at 9:30 am for Years 2-6 and finish at approximately 2:50pm.
- The children will be rotating in age groups.
- Events include the 70m, 100m, 200m, long jump, shot put, discus plus novelty events.
- Students in Kindergarten and Year 1 will be running their own athletics carnival on the Good Shepherd ovals.
- Children will need to bring their own packed recess and lunch. There will be NO lunch orders that day.
- Children will be outside all day so please provide hat, sunscreen and drink bottles.
- Volunteers on the day, please plan to arrive at 9am.
- In case of bad weather, we will inform you of a cancellation via the app.

There will be no Canteen next Monday, 27 June.

Last day for Term 2
Friday, 1 July.
Term 3 resumes
Monday, 18 July.
Religious Education News

“To be together The Heart of God”

This motto is also in our school prayer and has been at the centre of our school’s mission since its foundation year in 2002. The Good Shepherd teachers are always encouraging students to be the ‘Heart of God’ and when they show this they are acknowledged in front of the whole school with a ‘Heart of God’ certificate.

As we are currently in the Year of Mercy, the students are being encouraged to be the ‘Merciful Heart of God’ and are acknowledged and presented with a certificate when they have shown mercy, forgiveness or compassion to other students. In this way we are encouraging students to be the Heart of God at Good Shepherd School.

Reconciliation and First Eucharist Reminder

- 25 June: Enrolment Mass 6.00 pm
- 26 June: Enrolment Mass 9.30 am or 5.30 pm

Parents wishing to enrol their children in the Sacramental program for Reconciliation and Eucharist please make sure you attend one of the Enrolment Masses this weekend and bring along your enrolment form and prayer card.

Food Pantry

Congratulations to 5 Van Tassel for being the class to collect the most food for the St Vincent de Paul food pantry. They collected a whopping 51 items in the last two weeks! Who wants to be the next collector?

Mini Vinnies would like to thank the families who donated clothes and a gold coin to the Winter Woolies Appeal last week. Many homeless people are going to be warm this winter because of your wonderful generosity.

Pope Francis: Quote of the Week

“A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.”

How can you show a little mercy this week to make our world less cold and more just?
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<td>Opening Ceremony&lt;br&gt;Make an Amazing Torch - Let the AMAZING Games Begin! Today we’re getting creative and making our own Olympic Games torch!</td>
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<td>Tuesday, 05 July</td>
<td>Let the Games Begin&lt;br&gt;Sports &amp; Relays Extravaganza - Ready, Set and Go! The ultimate sports and racing activity day is here. From fun relays to activity challenges.</td>
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<td>Wednesday, 06 July</td>
<td>Reach for the Stars&lt;br&gt;Today we will be reaching for the stars to grab piece of stardom. Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</td>
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<td>World of Sports - ACT&lt;br&gt;Australian Institute of Sport - See how sporting heroes are created. Please arrive by 8.45am</td>
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<td>Games Quest&lt;br&gt;Today we're off on a quest to find the best games! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</td>
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<td>Body Movin’ and Groovin’&lt;br&gt;Make a Dance Mat- Are you ready to get moving and grooving on your own light up dance mat?</td>
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<td>Fun with Flags&lt;br&gt;Today we’ll celebrate amazing flags from around the world. Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</td>
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<td>Silver and Gold&lt;br&gt;Make a Talking Coin Bank - What better way is there to store gold and silver?</td>
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<td>Where's Dory? - Hoyts&lt;br&gt;Finding Dory - It's time for us to help our friends Nemo and Marlin find the friendly-but-forgetful Dory! Please arrive by 8:45am</td>
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<td>World Records&lt;br&gt;Can you make it into the record books? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</td>
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