

Shepherd Shorts

Term 1 Week 8

Thursday, 23 March 2017

Dear Community,

Research shows that parents have a significant impact on their children's educational achievements.

In fact, **parental engagement overrides all other factors** that have been shown to influence a child's achievement. It is therefore critical that teachers and parents develop effective relationships to bridge student learning between home and school.

Two events happening in the next couple of days that I encourage you to support:

1. Parent Engagement Forum

Parents and staff are warmly invited to attend the Parent Engagement Forum and launch of the Archdiocesan Parent Charter for Catholic Schools. This will be held this Saturday 25 March from 9am to 3:30pm at Merici College Braddon.

The theme of the forum is: "The critical role of parental engagement in supporting your child's wellbeing and learning."

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, adolescent and child psychologist (regular on 'Sunrise') will be the keynote speaker. You can register by clicking on the Catholic Education website: www.cg.catholic.edu.au

2. Parent Teacher Interviews

Next week are our Parent Teacher Interviews. Reflecting on this from a teacher's perspective, I believe parent teacher interviews symbolise the three-way partnership that exists in a child's journey through school. When parents and teachers come together, a positive relationship is created that results in everyone working together with the child's best interests as the priority.

If you're a parent of a child in primary school, it won't surprise you to know that children don't always 'share' what happens in their school routine. Parent teacher interviews are one way of maintaining contact with school and staying 'in the loop'.

Please book in to meet with your child's teacher-via

the school website. These are important meetings structured to inform you of progress and how future learning will be supported.

Wishing all our soccer players the best for the upcoming Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival, this Sunday at University of Canberra. Hoping you play well, represent our school positively and enjoy the sunshine (hopefully!).

May Jesus, the Good Shepherd, journey with us so we can be the 'heart of God.'



Thank you to all the families who supported Crazy Hair day last Friday .

We raised \$738.60 for the Leukaemia Foundation.
Well done everyone!

St Vincent de Paul Doorknock

Good Shepherd School is a wonderful example of community spirit and outreach to the community. You raised almost **\$1,260**. Thank you!

The Doorknock Team would especially like to thank Anthony O'Connell and others who coordinated your school's response to the call for assistance..

Together as a parish we raised just over \$28,300.

Your contributions make a real difference to the work of St Vincent de Paul in our region.

2018 Enrolments

Will be held from Monday, 1 May
until Friday, 19 May 2017

Open Day
Monday, 1 May

9.30 am - 11.00 am

or

4.00 pm - 6.00 pm





What does ANZAC Day mean to you?

All students are invited to write, draw or create a piece that tells us what ANZAC Day means to you. These items will be displayed in the Hall toward the end of this Term, and winning entries will be announced and displayed during our Anzac Day service on the first day of Term 2.

There are 3 x \$5 canteen vouchers up for grabs!!

Written entries should be less than 100 words.

You can give your entries to Miss Mandy/Mrs Woodall on a Tuesday or Thursday before 7th April. Small pieces may also be left at the office with Mrs Jones.

