



Shepherd Spy

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22 JUNE 2017

Dear Community,

Tuesday and Wednesday this week saw a panel of six attend our school to undertake our School Registration. This was a very thorough and rigorous process that involved the panel reviewing all policies and procedures, curriculum documentation, teaching programmes, compliance checks and ensuring we are meeting the ACT Education Act.

The panel was comprised of representatives from the Catholic Education Office, ACT Department of Education and included two current Principals in the ACT.

The staff received preliminary feedback yesterday afternoon from the panel. The feedback we have received was extremely positive and affirming. We have also received recommendations that will be helpful in devising our Strategic Plan from 2018 and beyond.

I would like to say a big thank you to the many parents who attended our 'community gathering' last Tuesday afternoon. The panel made mention of the positive, warm and happy parent community and they appreciated spending time chatting with parents.

School registration occurs every five years. In saying this, work has been undertaken for many years to ensure it was a successful couple of days. We should be very proud that our school has been affirmed as one that is truly an authentic Catholic School with current teaching practices embedded and with happy and hard-working students and staff.

A big thank you to our hard-working, dedicated and passionate staff. They have not only done an enormous amount of work to prepare for School Registration, but for their professionalism and commitment to every child and family at our school.

2018 Enrolments

Offers of place for our new Kindergarten students were sent out today. We have already received close to 90 enrolments for Kindergarten for 2018.

I have just finished interviewing all new kinders and they are all excited to start – most want to start now!

Just a reminder that if you are planning to leave the school at the end of the year (besides Year 6), please contact the Office as we are starting to plan class groups for 2018.

Building Project

Construction will commence in the holidays! The builder has been announced as 'R & F Management'. As previously communicated, construction will include adding classrooms to the end of the Kindergarten block to cater for our increasing enrolments. Also the three Kindergarten rooms will be refurbished. Kinders will remain in their current classrooms until construction is completed.

We have our 'start up meeting' on Friday with the architects and builders and more details about construction and timeline will be provided then.

If you would like to view the plans, there is a link available on the front page of our website.

Good Shepherd Catholic School Amaroo is a companion school to Holy Spirit School Nicholls, Mother Teresa School Harrison and St John Paul II College Nicholls. Together we serve and are served by Holy Spirit Parish Gungahlin.

Parish Mass is held every
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 8am;
9.30am and 5.30pm
All are welcome to join us.

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To be together

School Fees

Thank you to the many families who have finalised their fees for this term. School fees were due a few weeks ago and reminders have been sent home to families who have not finalised fees. Could you please attend to this as a matter of urgency? Should you be experiencing difficulty with the fees please come and see me.

May Jesus, the Good Shepherd, journey with us so we are 'the heart of God' to others.



David Austin
Principal



2017 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Dear Parents and Carers,

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. This 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.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au/>

Yours sincerely

Patrick Kelly
Senior Officer Wellbeing & Diversity

And the award goes to.....

Valentino (KE)	Lawson (1H)	Hayden (2C)	Catrina (3D)	Kaleigh (4B)	Noah (5D)	Crystal (6Aq)
Mitchell (KH)	Isaac (1M)	Sienna (2K)	Amelia (3L)	Jessica (4J)	Elizabeth (5HD)	Krish (6M)
Sioli (KT)	Andreas (1PD)	Isabel (2P)	Dracie (3O)	Vincent (4Z)	Kayla (5M)	
Winter (KW)	Jaxon (1R)	Siena (2S)	Simeon (3W)	Kirollos (5C)	Maddison (6Ab)	



Children are not things to be moulded
but people to be unfolded

Jess Lair



...the heart of God.

Religious Education News

“Who Do You Say I am”

Tomorrow, Friday 23 June, 3 Lyons and 6 Abbott will lead the school in prayer to continue answering the question: Who do you say I am?

These classes will be exploring and praying with the focus of **‘Jesus as our Friend’**. All families are welcome to come and pray with us tomorrow at 9:15am in the hall.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist Commitment Mass

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended yesterday's Information Sessions for Eucharist and Reconciliation.



Just a reminder: Parents wishing to enrol their children in the Sacramental Program for Reconciliation and Eucharist please make sure you attend one of the Commitment Masses this weekend, [Saturday 24 June](#) at 6.00 pm or [Sunday 25 June](#) either 9.30 am or 5.30 pm. Please bring your enrolment form, copy of the baptismal certificate and prayer card.

Year 5/6 Mass

On Thursday, 29 June the Years 5 and 6 classes will be celebrating Mass with the parish community. All families are invited to join the students and teachers for this Mass at 9:15am.



Winter Woollies - Uniform Free Day

Our annual Winter Woollies Appeal will be held next Friday, 30 June. This weekend would be a great opportunity to go through your wardrobe to find any adult winter clothes you would like to donate to the homeless in Canberra. We are also asking for donations of new adult gloves and socks. In exchange for children wearing their winter woollies we are asking for a gold coin donation. Thank you for your continued support.

Mini Vinnies

At Good Shepherd, every student seeks to 'See, Think & Do' by:

Kindergarten: Visiting the elderly.

Year 1: Putting together packs for the Night Patrol van to take to Canberra's poorest.

Year 2: Learning about the St Vincent de Paul Society and its members.

Year 3: Collecting and storing items donated to the Mini Vinnies Food Pantry.

Year 4: Taking care of the garden to donate produce to 'The Blue Door'.

Year 5: Learning about refugees and migrants, including visits from special guests.

Year 6: Organising newsletter communication/organising events and school visitors.



Thank you to Year 3 who continue to collect the food for the Vinnies Food Pantry

A big congratulations to 2 Payne who collected 94 items!
What a huge effort!

The Vinnies volunteers have been truly overwhelmed with the amount of food donated. Thank you to all!



Altar Servers

If your child is in Year 4 to 6 and has received First Eucharist and would like to become an Altar Server, there will be a training session at the Church this Saturday, 24 June from 3 pm to 4 pm. Please email Naomi Johnson officesupport@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

HELPERS WANTED - Please support our Youth Groups Seeking helpers from the Holy Spirit community to support Jazz and our Youth Groups by preparing some meals and snacks for the Friday afternoon and [Sunday evening](#) Youth Groups. Anyone from the community is welcome to help, you don't necessarily have to be a parent. If you can help this weekend please contact [Jazz](#) at youth@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au