

# Shepherd Shorts

Term 3 Week 2

Thursday, 27 July 2017

Dear Community,

Many of our students are currently participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The first of these weekends commenced last week and will continue for the coming weeks. On behalf of all I express our appreciation for the work and preparation Father Mark, the Parish Team, Anthony O'Connell (Religious Education Coordinator) and the teachers provide for our children and families.

Reconciliation is one of the many significant occasions when we feel honoured to work in partnership with our parents and parish. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers during this special time.

## Building Update

As you would be aware, building has commenced as part of the \$2.5 million extension and refurbishment project. Six new classrooms are being constructed where the old playground once stood and current Kindergarten classrooms will be refurbished. When this project is complete, renovation of the current F and G buildings will take place. The project should be completed around this time next year. (A reminder: Plans are available on our website).

I understand that any form of renovation and construction causes inconvenience for us. Please be patient during this phase and speak with me if you have any concerns so I can address them with the architect and builder. The carpark facing Burdekin Avenue near the construction zone is reserved for construction workers and for machinery to enter and leave the site. These are blocked off and clearly defined by bollards. Please do not park in this area during the construction time.

We are currently meeting and planning for the construction of a new playground. We are hoping to do this as quickly as we can so our students can enjoy the benefits. Further information next week.

## NAIDOC Mass

Last Friday I accompanied four of our students to the annual NAIDOC National Aboriginal and Islander Day of Commemoration) Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral. NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia at this time of year to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It was a privilege to join the other Catholic schools in our Archdiocese for this special day. Congratulations to our students who represented our school respectfully and proudly. They were fantastic and are a credit to our school.

## Hats back on next week!

Just a reminder that ACT Sunsmart guidelines state that all ACT school students must wear hats from August to the end of May. It is time to dig out that hat which has been at the bottom of the bag or under the bed at home. (It must mean the weather is warming up!)

Thanks for your support with this.

## Condolences

Please keep former Principal, Graham Pollard and his family in your prayers. Graham's father passed away on Tuesday. The funeral for Mr Eris Pollard will be held tomorrow at Holy Trinity Curtin at 11 am.

May perpetual light shine upon him and may he rest in Peace.

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

  
David Austin  
Principal



## Farewell Mr Luke Mooney!

Mr Luke Mooney, IT Coordinator and Year 6 teacher will have his last day of the year with us tomorrow.

Luke has been seconded to the Catholic Education Office in the role of 'Leader of Learning Officer: Learning Technology' for the remainder of this year. He has every intention of returning to Good Shepherd in 2018!

Best wishes Luke! Enjoy your new role!  
You will be missed!



## Love your neighbour as yourself

Mark 12:31



The Seasons for Growth Grief Education Program Participants complete their Autumn sessions this week.

"Seasons for Growth" is an Australian education program aimed at supporting children who have experienced change in their family due to death, separation or divorce.

The groups began by getting to know each other and looked at the season of Autumn and the metaphor this provides for exploring change in our lives.



## TERM 4 SCHOOL FEES

Term 4 school fees were emailed yesterday and paper copies will be sent home today. Payment is due **Friday, 18 August.**

If you have not received your statement please check your child's bag or update email address.

If you pay your fees by direct debit please check your statement to make sure your account will be paid in full by the Friday 15 December.

Reminder for Year 6 families please ensure your account is paid in full no later than Friday, 17 November.

# And the award goes to.....

Poppy (KE)	Isabella (1H)	Oliver (2C)	Aidan (3D)	Jade (4B)	Patrick (5D)	Angelica (6Aq)
Angelique (KH)	Lucas (1M)	Grace (2K)	Jeremy (3O)	Alesha (4J)	Amelia (5HD)	Izaak (6M)
Laura (KT)	Brody (1PD)	Mackenzie (2P)	Rohahn (3T)	Bridie (4Z)	Jackson (5M)	
Bryson (KW)	Ethan (1R)	Samuel (2S)	Olivia (3W)	Alexis (5C)	Mac (6Ab)	

## Departing Families

We are aware that some families will be moving out of the area at the end of this year.

To help us with staffing and class structure for 2018, we would really appreciate knowing which children (apart from Year 6!) will not be returning to Good Shepherd next year.

If your child/ren will not be returning, please fill out the slip and return it to school as soon as possible.



## Departing Families

My child/ren



will not be returning to Good Shepherd School in 2018.

The school my child/ren will be attending is



## Yes, August is Hats ON Again for ACT

