

Shepherd Shorts

Term 3 Week 4

Thursday, 10 August 2017

Dear Community,

Science Fair

We are really looking forward to next Wednesday's Science Fair. The children have been telling me all about the exciting investigations they have been preparing at home for this wonderful event. If you have some time on Wednesday morning, 16 August, between 9:30am and 10:30am the children would love to share their findings with you. Over 120 children have been wondering, questioning, testing, experimenting and igniting their imagination to make this year's Fair a great experience for all.

Fathers' Day Celebrations!

We will celebrate Fathers' Day on Friday 1 September. We ask all Dads/Uncles/Special friends to keep Friday afternoon 3:30-5pm free! We have a fun afternoon planned with your kids- tug of war, three-legged races, competitions, games followed by a sausage sizzle and drinks. More information to follow, but be sure to tell the boss now you are having the afternoon off! Should be a lot of fun!

Book Week

This week we are hosting a Book Fair in the library. This is a part of our Book Week celebrations. The aim is to promote reading and to showcase some titles you may not have seen. The children are excited by the books on display this year and it is generating some great 'book' discussions. Come in and take a look. The Fair is open this afternoon until 6pm and again tomorrow 3.15 until 6pm.

May Jesus, the Good Shepherd, journey with us,



David Austin
Principal

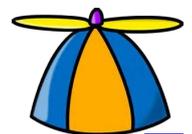


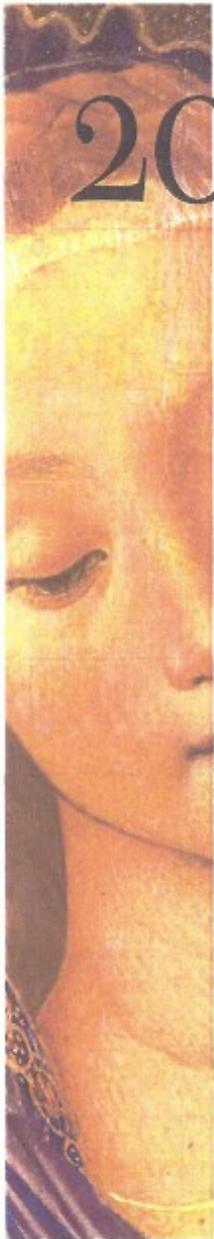
And the award goes to.....

Angus (KE)	Mia (1H)	Olivia (2C)	Aidan (3D)	John (4B)	Liana (5D)	Rose (6Aq)
Owen (KH)	Mary (1M)	Gabriel (2K)	Luka (3O)	Kobi (4J)	Ethan (5HD)	Madeline (6T)
Eli (KT)	Hailey (1PD)	Hayden (2P)	Reign (3T)	Dario (4Z)	Caleb (5M)	
Aurora (KW)	Christian (1R)	Eli (2S)	Victoria (3W)	Thomas (5C)	Tayla (6Ab)	



Yes, August is Hats **ON** Again for ACT





2017 Marian Procession and YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Over many decades the Archdiocesan Marian Procession at St Clement's Monastery, Galong has gathered tens of thousands of Catholics from across Australia. As we have journeyed with Mary to the heart of Jesus many lives have been changed for the good through this event. You are welcome!

Marian Procession

DATE: Sunday October 8, 2017
PLACE: St Clement's Monastery, Galong
CONFESSION: 10.30am
MASS: 11.30am Mass with main celebrant, Archbishop Christopher Prowse
LUNCH: 12.30pm BYO lunch



Marian sharing: Sr Mary Rachel

Youth Pilgrimage

(with cross & icon of The Holy Family)

DATE: Sunday October 8, 2017
PLACE: Cnr Railway & McMahon St., Galong
DETAILS: Leave at 9am

For more information contact: 02 6201 9800



Prayer celebration

Please come and join us tomorrow,
Friday 11 August.

Kindergarten will be leading us in a prayer to celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, our first Australian saint.

The prayer celebration will begin at 9:15am in the school hall.

Year 5 Mass.

Sunday, 13 August at 9.30am

Year 5 students will be leading the Parish in the reflection hymn and there will be an opportunity to grab a sausage sizzle after Mass for \$2. We look forward to seeing you.



Reconciliation and Eucharist

Reminder to the children receiving the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation to come along to Mass and participate in prayer for our community, our nation and our world. Remember to pick up your puzzle piece to fill your placemat!

MERICI COLLEGE TALK AND TOUR

Come and experience the unique Merici College vibe centred on our community and Gospel values of faith, hope and love. Visit our small, supportive environment that fosters a joy for learning and challenges your daughter her to achieve her personal best.

ENROL NOW FOR 2018 AND BEYOND!

For all families interested in learning more about Merici College. The Talk and Tour will consist of a brief introduction to the College by the Principal and a student-led tour while classes are in progress. There will be opportunities for parents, and their daughters, to ask questions both during, and after, the Talk and Tour has finished.

Two sessions will be held on Wednesday 30 August: **Session 1:** 9.30am-11.00am;
Session 2: 12.30pm – 2.00pm.

Go to www.merici.college to register online.

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.

Please email office.goodshepherd@cg.catholic.edu.au

Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday 15 August

All are warmly invited to a Good Shepherd School Mass next Tuesday as we celebrate the Assumption of Mary into heaven. Mass begins at 9:30am in the school hall.



*Hail Mary
full of Grace,
The Lord is
with you,
Blessed are you
amongst
women.*

Book Week Dress Up Day

On Monday Week 6 (21st August) we will be having a dress up day as part of Book Week celebrations.

The theme for this year is "Escape to Everywhere."

We are asking the children to dress up as their favourite book character, or someone from the location of their favourite book.

Each child will be asked to bring a copy of the book to show when they join in the parade. If the book is not in your collection, then a photocopy of the cover attached to cardboard will be fine.

This theme allows a great range of ideas, from traditional stories from many cultures to contemporary characters. Fantasy, adventure, mystery and historic genres may help with your selection.

The children will be doing a character, or setting, profile during the week in their literacy lessons, so the more they know about their character/setting the greater their involvement.

Please make sure that the costume and footwear are appropriate for school.

Please feel free to join us after morning assembly to see the creativity of our school community.

I look forward to seeing the choices the children make.

Bernadette Aitken, Teacher Librarian.