



Shepherd Spy

WEEK 5 TERM 3 17 AUGUST 2017

Dear Community,

On Tuesday, we celebrated the Assumption of Mary into heaven. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and we enjoyed a whole school Mass, celebrated with Fr Mark. This feast day is important in the life of the Church: we see in Mary a woman of faith. She put her whole life on the line for God who asked her to be the mother of his Son. She is also a woman who made a very strong choice for God in her life, whose vocation, like ours, was to bring Christ to the world. She is the one who now lives with God as we hope to one day, fully alive in the love and in the life of eternity. Thank you to the many parents who joined us.

Year 4 Camp

This morning we farewelled Year 4 on their overnight camp. They were very excited and looking forward to the couple of days ahead. Our students return tomorrow afternoon. There will be some updates and photos on our facebook page.

Science Fair

The Science Fair this week was an enormous success. We have so many future inventors and scientists!

Parental Satisfaction Survey

Satisfaction surveys of parents, students and staff will be conducted on behalf of all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese this term. The surveys are designed to gather feedback from parents, staff and students about their school and will be used to inform school improvement. Responses are confidential and individuals can not be identified.

The surveys will be launched via email on August 21 and close on September 1, 2017 using the email addresses supplied to the school. If you do not receive an email with a link to the survey on August 21, you can access and complete the survey at the following link: <https://www.research.net/r/goodshepherdparent2017>

Hours of Supervision

Please be aware that the hours of supervision are between 8:30am and 3:30pm. Our morning assembly commences at 8:55am each day and is a great way to gather together as a school community and welcome each other in prayer, celebrate birthdays and give important messages for the day. Lessons commence each morning at 9:00am and conclude at 3:10pm on Mondays to Fridays. When children arrive at school in the morning they should make their way directly to the hardtop area where they will be supervised from 8:30am by a teacher on duty. Children should not be inside the building or in their classrooms before school.

We have noticed that some children are arriving at school prior to 8.30am. The school provides before school care (Camp Australia) for families needing care for their children before school. If you need to have your child at school before 8.30am please contact Camp Australia on 1300 105 343.

We also ask that you assist the school in the interests of our pupils' safety by ensuring that your child does not remain at school after 3:30pm. Children who remain at pick-up from 3.30pm will be asked to make their way to Camp Australia.

Thanks for your support with this.

Good Shepherd Catholic School Amaroo is a companion school to Holy Spirit School Nicholls, and 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.

School website
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Phone
6255 7888

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Parish Home
(Fr Mark Croker)
6242 9622

To be together

Fathers' Day Afternoon

Information was distributed during the week regarding a fun-filled afternoon for dads, uncles, grandads, special friends and kids! We have the ovals booked and are looking forward to some competitive and fun games, as well as drinks and a sausage sizzle. Activities and games include tennis, touch football, ball games, 'longest kick' competition', 'nearest the pin' golf competition, fastest tennis serve (measured by Tennis Australia 'Tennis Serve Tracker' and other activities. Should be a heap of fun!

The date and time is Friday, 1 September from 3:30-5pm. Tell the boss you are leaving early! All family members most welcome!

May Jesus, the Good Shepherd, journey with us,



David Austin
Principal



Term 3
Fees
are due
tomorrow!



Seasons for Growth participants are looking at the seasons of winter and spring over the next two weeks.

As we use the metaphor that these two seasons give us, we 'value our stories' and 'name our feelings'.

"Winter speaks to us of cold, sleep, of hibernation. In some parts of the world, winter can be a time when we 'draw in', gathering about us whatever we have that will increase our warmth and security. Nature calls for a slowing down during this time. Winter can be tough, it can be challenging, but it holds the potential for new life and growth.

Anne P Graham.



School Banking Competition

School Bankers are being given the chance to win High Tech Prizes in our Future Games competition.

Students who make three or more School Banking deposits during the competition period automatically get a chance to win.

What's more, an exciting new Future Savers game is coming soon, students can experience the magic of augmented reality and meet the Dollarmites in 3D for a chance to win a Game Master Prize. Look out for a competition flyer coming your way or for more information go to www.commbank.com.au/futuregames

If your child is interested in playing softball, please contact Rae McKinnon 0403563810 or Boomerangs_softball club @Hotmail.com



Leaving School Early


If your child needs to leave school during school hours, for an appointment or any other reason, your child's teacher must be notified in writing or email before the commencement of class. This allows the teacher to make arrangements for your child to be at the front office when you come to sign him/her out this will save you time and reduce interruption to the class.

All correspondence between school and home is sent home via the Skoolbag App (suitable for Apple products and android).

The App is also available on the school website.

Instructions can be found on page 4 of today's newsletter

And the award goes to.....

Levi (KE)	Lachlan (1H)	Justin (2C)	Peter (3D)	On Camp (4B)	Charlotte (5D)	Demi (6Aq)
Joshua (KH)	William (1M)	Daniel (2K)	Michael (3O)	On Camp (4J)	Layla(5HD)	Angelina (6T)
Leila (KT)	Tony (1PD)	Ebony (2P)	Navya (3T)	On Camp (4Z)	Alyssa (5M)	
Cohen (KW)	Mia (1R)	Diego (2S)	Kayla (3W)	Benjamin (5C)	Edina (6Ab)	

Religious Education News

Mini Vinnies Sleep Out

Thank you to all the students who will be participating in this year's Sleep Out to help the Vinnies Street to Home program. Fundraising forms will be sent home next week. Good luck to those Year 4, 5 and 6 students with their fundraising efforts.



Assumption Mass

Thank you to all the students, parents, teachers and parishioners who made our whole school Assumption Mass a really special event! We were very blessed to have Fr Mark celebrate with us to pray to our mother Mary.



Kinder Prayer Celebration for Mary Mackillop

Thank you to the Kindergarten classes who led the school in prayer for Mary Mackillop last Friday. It was a beautiful prayer that celebrated the life of Mary Mackillop, our first Australian saint.

Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Remember to bring your coloured-in hearts to Mass this weekend to present to the parish community. This is a special time where we remember the change of heart we receive when we receive God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Next week the parish community will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for those students in the parish who have been preparing to receive God's forgiveness for the first time sacramentally. Please pray for these students and their families in this special time in their faith journey.



Year 5 Parish Mass

Thank you to those students who attended the Year 5 parish Mass and led the parish community in the reflection hymn, 'If I Was Jesus'. It was a great community gathering with a sausage sizzle afterwards, and many stayed for some food and a chat.

Year 2 will be singing the reflection hymn at the Sunday Mass on Sunday, 3 September. Come and celebrate Father's Day by celebrating Mass with the parish and thanking God for all fathers. There will be a sausage sizzle after Mass.



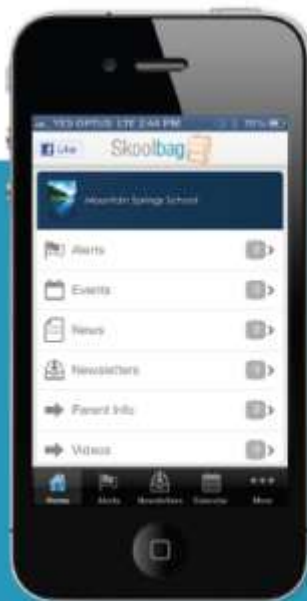
“Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times’

(Matt 18:21-22).

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Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication



Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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Ginninderra Athletics

For all ages & abilities



Saturday Mornings starting October
Under 4 to Under 8s - 8:30am
Under 9 to Masters - 9:30am

Offering something for everybody, enjoy a one hour session of non stop family fun and fitness. Specially developed programs for Under 4 Tiny Tots, our Under 6 Tiger Cubs and our Under 7 to Under 8s. Dedicated Junior Coaches are assigned to each age group for the whole session to keep everyone motivated.

Under 9s to Masters have the run of Charmwood from 09:30am. With a busy 60 minute session comprising 5 events that keeps everyone active. There's plenty of opportunities to just have fun!

Register Online @ www.ginninderra.com