



# Shepherd Spy

WEEK 7 TERM 4

23 NOVEMBER 2017

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

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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Dear Community,

Suddenly we're heading towards the final week of November! I hope we don't find ourselves galloping towards the end of the school year without some time for thoughtful reflection. You would be aware that this time of year sees many things coming into place not only in bringing a settled conclusion to the year but also in preparing for the year ahead. I bring some of these to your attention.

### Staffing News

We are still finalising staffing for 2018. This Friday, applications close for a **Coordinator's position** and there will be a selection process and interviews following. We are hoping to announce teachers to classes by the end of next week.

### Thank you Assembly

This Friday, 24 November at 2pm is our annual Volunteers "Thank you" Assembly. We encourage all parents, carers, grandparents to come along so we can thank you for the significant support and assistance you have given to us this year. The Humble Achievers award will also be presented.

Afternoon tea for parents will be held in the staffroom following the assembly. We would love to see you there. You are most welcome.

### Canteen Survey

The Community Council are conducting a survey on our school canteen. The data collected will assist the Council in making decisions regarding the Canteen- particularly which days etc. Whether you use the Canteen or not, please complete the survey via the link below. It will only take 2 minutes- promise!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WP7TT2D>

### Cheerleading Concert

The Cheerleading concert during the week was a fantastic success. Congratulations to the Good Shepherd Cheerleaders, their parents, supporters and coaches. We are so pleased to be able to offer this extra-curricula activity for our students.

Thanks Belinda and team!

### Chief Minister's Reading Challenge

Congratulations Good Shepherd students on your work this year with the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. Yesterday, three students joined me and Mrs Aitken at the National Library to receive three awards for the reading challenge. We have a great school of readers here! Well done!

The three students who attended; Will, Isis and Esther were excellent ambassadors for our school. We were very proud of them.

Wishing God's blessing on you and your families,

  
David Austin  
Principal



To be together .....

# And the award goes to.....

Tess (KE)	James (1H)	Leila (2C)	Brooke (3D)	Nia(4B)	Jacob (5C)	Georgina (5M)
Liam (KH)	Eshaan (1M)	Sebastian (2K)	Darcie (3W)	Jasmine (4J)	Benjamin (5C)	Amber (6Ab)
Liliana (KT)	Lachlan (1DH)	Leslie( 2P)	Millar (3T)	Nelly (4Z)	Joshua (5D)	Cole (6Aq)
Marko (KW)	Bethany (1R)	Sophia (2S)	Shriram (3W)	AJ (5C)	Morgan (5H/D)	Nicholas (6T)

## Leaving Students:

If your child/ren will not be returning to Good Shepherd in 2018, please notify the school as soon as possible. Please also indicate where your child/ren will be attending school next year. This information is needed for census information.



## School Banking:

Next week will be the last week your children will be able to claim their prizes and Thursday, 7 December will be the final banking day for 2017.



## Sports Stocktake:

We are in the process of our sport equipment stocktake. We have many items of sports equipment and sport representative uniforms not accounted for. If you have any items at home could you please send them to the Front Office ASAP (no questions asked).

## 2018 School Fees

Thank you to those families who have returned their 2018 School Fee Schedule (yellow form). If you have not completed your form, please do so no later than next Thursday, 30 November.

# Invitation

Tomorrow, 24 November at 2pm in the Hall we will be holding a ceremony of blessing and thanksgiving for all our parents/carers who have volunteered at our school in 2017.

During this time the volunteers "Humble Achievers" Award will be presented.

In appreciation of your generosity we welcome you to afternoon tea in the staffroom following the ceremony.

If you have blessed our school community through volunteering or participation in our school life in any way we would like to thank you.

Thank  
you!

## 2018 Term Calendar

- Term 1: February 5 - April 13
- Term 2: April 30 - July 6
- Term 3: July 23 - September 28
- Term 4: October 18 - December 21



## Volunteers



*They don't necessarily have the time;  
They just have the heart.  
Thank you!*  
Anonymous

...the heart of God.

# Religious Education News

## Mini Vinnies Food Collection

Please remember to make a Mini Vinnies non-perishable food donation each week. The Vinnies Gungahlin conference currently need food to feed 72 families in Gungahlin each month! The food pantry is looking bare so please donate each week. Collections are made by our Year 3 students every second Tuesday.

## Christmas Hamper appeal

Every year Good Shepherd donates Christmas hampers to families in the Gungahlin area who struggle at Christmas time. Beginning next Monday 27 November, each class will be putting a Christmas hamper together. Each child will come home with a tag with a specific item that will contribute to the hamper. We will present these hampers to the parish at our Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday 14 December (Week 10). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## 2018 Vinnies Door knock appeal

Holy Spirit parish are looking for parent volunteers to be part of a committee that will organise the Vinnies Doorknock appeal for 2018. If you are interested or would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office via email ([office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:office@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au)) or phone (02) 6242 9622.

We are also looking for volunteers for the Doorknock appeal in February. The Gungahlin conference services 18 suburbs and over 300 areas! We need volunteers to help collect during the month of February. If you are happy to volunteer, please email Anthony O'Connell at [anthony.oconnell1@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:anthony.oconnell1@cg.catholic.edu.au). Your time and generosity is appreciated.

## Class Mass

Years 1 and 5 classes will be celebrating Mass with the parish on Thursday 23 November at 9:15am. Families are warmly invited to come.



## Stoles for Confirmation in 2018

If you are handy with a needle and thread and are happy to hem some stoles for the Year 6 students receiving Confirmation in 2018, could you please contact Anthony O'Connell at [anthony.oconnell1@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:anthony.oconnell1@cg.catholic.edu.au)

## Nativities Expo will be held at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre

- **Friday, 8 December: 2pm - 7pm**
- **Saturday, 9 December: 10am - 5pm**
- **Sunday, 10 December: 9am - 7pm**



This exhibition of 350 Nativities is an entrée to family discussion on the true meaning of Christmas. From some 80 countries, they present the diverse cultures that embrace the Christian story, from the Palestinian Territories to Vietnam and China. Hands-on craft activities for children, as well as nativity jigsaws, puppets and books.

You can smell real frankincense and myrrh and see:

- a signet ring from about 700AD featuring the Annunciation;
  - a coin from the time of the birth of Christ;
  - a nativity carved from AK47 bullet casings from the Sierra Leone civil war;
  - Nativities reflecting cultural diversity from Australia, Africa, Asia, North & South America, Europe & Middle-East.
- Invite your friends and neighbours, especially those from other Christian churches.

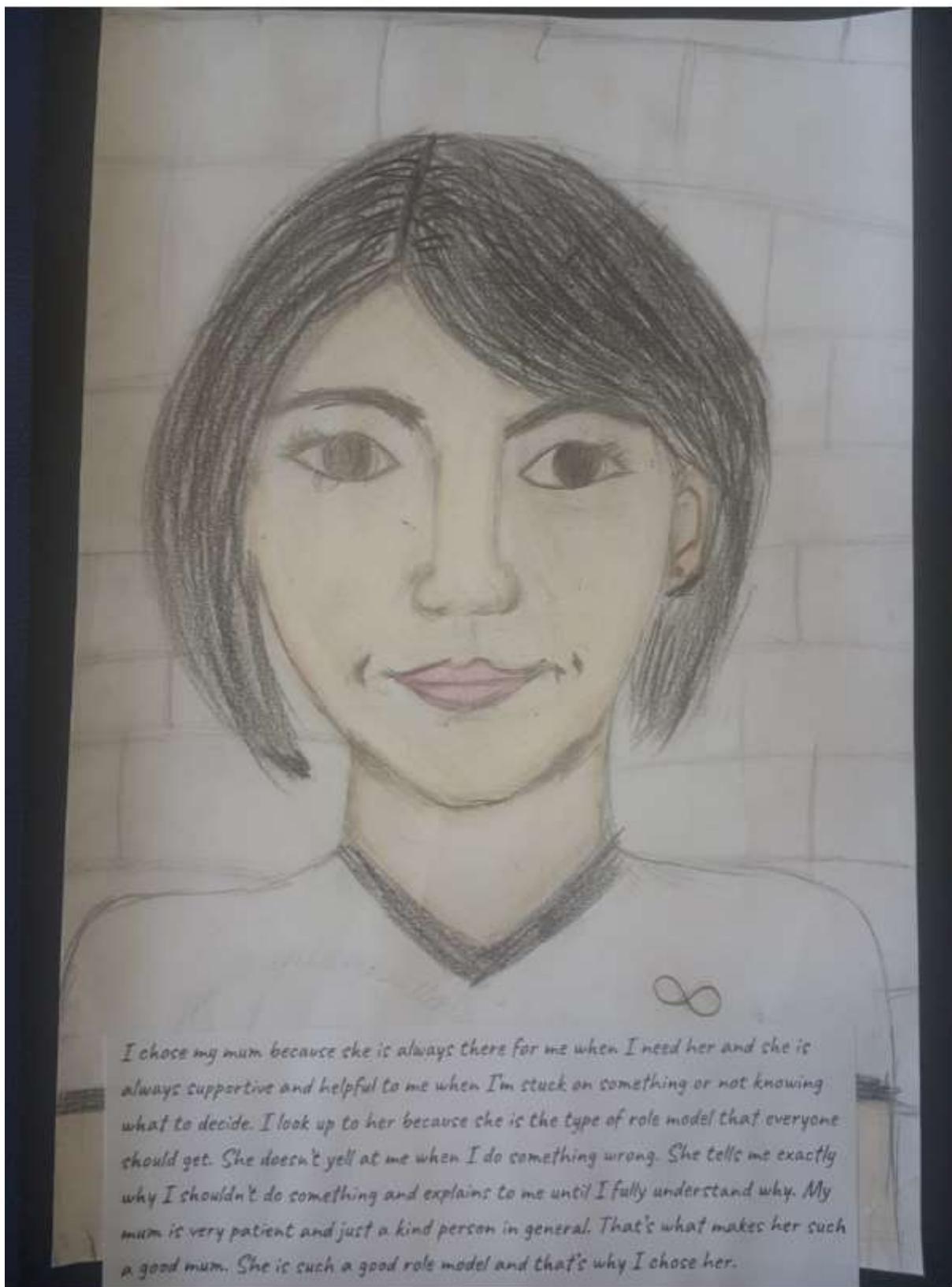
Entry is a gold coin donation. Everyone welcome.

For more details Ph. 0412 376 317

## To be together .....

### YEAR 5 YOUNG ARCHIE PRIZE WINNER!

Year 5 have been working very hard on drawing portraits of someone they admire for the 'Year 5 Young Archie Prize'. Congratulations to Jiwoo Lim from 5 Dittmar who was chosen as our winner.



...the heart of God.

Our squad is all inclusive. Catering for both boys and girls. It doesn't matter if you are experienced or new to cheer our program is open to all students at Good Shepherd. We have squads from kinder all the way through to Year 6.

**STUNT**



**COME & TRY**  
Cheerleading

Learn to tumble, stunt, jump and dance in a safe, nurturing and most importantly fun environment!!

**TUMBLE**



Good Shepherd  
Cheerleading

**DANCE**

Did you know that Good Shepherd is home to Australia's most successful school based cheer squad with multiple National Titles to their name.

**TEAM WORK**

If your child would like to experience this amazing sport for themselves we will be holding several open classes for those interested in coming and giving it a try!!

These "come and try" sessions are free and open to all students at Good Shepherd.

Please email [goodshepherdcheerleading@gmail.com](mailto:goodshepherdcheerleading@gmail.com) to register your interest.

**JUMP**

**MINI STARS**  
Tuesday 28th November  
6pm-7.30pm  
School Hall  
For children enrolled in  
Yrs 1 & 2 in 2018

**SUPERNOVAS**  
Wednesday 29th  
November  
6pm-8pm  
School Hall  
For children enrolled  
in Yrs 3 & 4 in 2018

**PHOENIX**  
Thursday 30th  
November  
6pm-8pm  
School Hall  
For children enrolled  
in Yrs 5 & 6 in 2018

