

Shepherd Shorts

Term 4 Week 8

Thursday, 30 November 2017

Dear Good Shepherd Families,

Welcome to Advent, season of preparation, of waiting and of frenzy. This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, the first candle on the Advent wreath is lit signifying the beginning of the journey towards the birth of the Christ child at Christmas. It is about now that most of us feel that faint sense of panic realising that we haven't yet made any purchases for the Christmas tree or even begun to finalise plans for the holidays.

It seems that at this time of the year most people are saying...."Where did the year go? It is December already!" This time leading up to Christmas is usually the busiest time of the year, so much to do, so much money to spend and the expectation that Christmas be perfect for all families. It is no wonder that tempers can become a little frayed and patience wears thin. All the more reason for taking some time out to reflect and deepen the spirit during this special time.

STOP-WORK ACTION

On Monday 4 December (next Monday) some staff in Archdiocesan Catholic schools will hold Stop Work meetings for 4 hours. A significant number of staff, including a majority of teachers, from Good Shepherd will participate in this Stop Work meeting.

Some teachers and support staff will be at school and provide appropriate supervision for all children. However, classes will not be held as usual, and whole year groups may be supervised as one group rather than separate classes.

Year Six teachers will not be participating in Stop-Work and the excursion to see 'Wonder' at the movies will go ahead.

If you would prefer to keep your child at home (other than Year 6) next Monday morning, you are welcome to do so. Please just let your child's teacher know (via email is fine) that they will be absent for this period.

Classes will resume as normal on Monday at 12.30pm.

I apologise for the inconvenience. Should you wish to discuss this in person, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Wishing God's blessing on you and your families,



David Austin
Principal

If you have any sports equipment or sport representative uniforms at home could you please send them to the Front Office ASAP (no questions asked).



"The spirit of Christmas is to give rather than to receive."

To prepare ourselves for Christmas a "Good Works Advent Calendar" will be sent home to each family on Monday, 4 December.'

Families are encouraged to participate in the activities suggested on the Calendar.
Happy Advent.

And the award goes to.....

Angus (KE)	Vaihola (1H)	Tahneeka (2C)	Cody (3D)	Marcus (4B)	Eliana (5C)	Grace (6Ab)
Emmett (KH)	Lillian (1M)	Erica (2K)	Caitlin (3W)	Sebastian (4J)	Isabella (5D)	Angelica (6Aq)
Matilda (KT)	Maira(1DH)	Madeline (2P)	Seraph (3T)	Joshua (4Z)	Youssef (5H/D)	Yamilla (6T)
Solomon (KW)	Saanvi (1R)	Alicia (2S)	Kayla (3WO)	Nicole (5C)	Lachlan (5M)	