Shepherd Shorts

Dear Community,

Term 1 Week 8

Thursday, 29 March 2017

Holy Week for Christians is a time of special intensity. It is a week during which we do things that we don't usually do and hear things we usually don't hear. Holy Week has been held in great reverence since the very early years of the Church and no other Christian observance has interested the world so much. The rituals of the Church are complex and laden with meaning and proclaim to the world the liberating Good News that Christ has died, Christ is risen and Christ will come again.

Palm Sunday (last Sunday) commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem where He WAS proclaimed King, as many people of His time were seeking a political Messiah. We, like those who greeted Jesus, use palms to show our willingness to accept Jesus as our leader and to follow Him.

In the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the Church gives us a dramatic, intense and richly symbolic expression of the very heart of Christian belief. By participating in the liturgy of these three days, we can deepen our understanding of what it means for us to be a Christian.

Today we remembered the last week of Jesus' life with a whole school re-enactment. Students and staff have been preparing for a long time for this and they were very special ceremonies.

It was pleasing to see so many parents at our liturgies. Think about what you will do this Easter with your families: our Parish has many occasions over the weekend to remember the last days of Jesus' life and ultimately his resurrection on Sunday morning.

Wishing God's blessing on you and your families,

David Austin Principal



Stars...

ΚE Eli ΚK Felix ΚM Emma ΚT Alexander 1C Eli 1H Jack 1 M Alice

2C Ananya

Oscar

2F Mia

1 R

2K Lucas 2M

Sebastian 3D Charlotte

3T Mark

3W Dario

3Wh Siara

4F Elizabeth Ethan

4P Izaak

4JC

4Z Caitlin

5DD Jessica

5H Lachlan

5R Jasmine

6A Adam

6B Jeffrey 6M Kristin

6T Alyssa Please come and join us in our final celebration of Holy Week, "Easter Sunday", on Tuesday, 3 April at 9.30 am in the Hall.



For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



2019 Enrolment Period is from Monday, 7 May until

Friday, 25 May 2018

Open Day Monday, 7 May or Thursday, 17 May 2018 9.30 am - 11.00 am or 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Do you need to stock up on uniforms? We currently have an oversupply of some sizes and items and will be having a special "2 for 1" sale.

Thursday 5th April 2:30-3:30 pm and Friday 6th April 8:30-9:30 am

in the assembly area near the hall Clothing available size 6 jumpers/jackets size 14,16 & 18 - various clothing shorts - various sizes plus more.....

Only \$5 for 2 items.





STUDENTS SHARING ACROSS THE GLOBE

SAVE THE DATES

GSP Annual Fund-Raising Dinner Saturday 8 September 2018

Hellenic Club Woden 7pm to 11pm

AGM 2018

Wednesday 8 August 2018

All are welcome to attend the AGM, though only members may stand for office. Membership is free and encouraged.

For more details email: simon@globalschoolpartners .orq.au



The water tanks are a blessing

In the recent drought, thanks to the Good Shepherd funded water tanks at School of Hope, the students had access to water.

Fortunately for the country, the drought has now broken.









School of Hope's library in constant use

School Director Moses says, "Since Good Shepherd enabled us to build and equip a library in School of Hope, the students have been very happy and the library is in constant use."

In fact, the library has become a focal point for the school and for students and teachers alike, as students embrace the opportunity to read which they have not had before.





Castro's operation and recovery

Castro Gesore a young boy at School of Hope had lived in discomfort and pain for years because of the large growth under his arm (above left). His parents could not afford to take him to a medical clinic. A kind GSP donor paid for Castro to have the growth analysed (it was fortunately not cancerous), then operated on and Castro cared for at home by a nurse after the successful operation. Castro has healed well and has a new lease on life without the constant discomfort.



