Dear Parents,

We offer this special blessing for all Mothers this Sunday:

Mothers nurture and love their children from infancy,
Providing them with wisdom and guidance each and every day.
We acknowledge and celebrate the great gift that is motherhood
through all its stages of life.
We honour mothers during birth, difficult pregnancies, and the
struggles of day-to-day child rearing through to supporting their
children as adults.
We ask your blessing on all mothers and grandmothers this Sunday.

Mother’s Day
A group of very enthusiastic mothers have wrapped and then sold gifts to all
children as part of our Mothers’ Day stall this year. This has been a long standing
tradition at our school, made so by the generosity of many parents. I would like to
especially acknowledge Mrs Alison Smith who has coordinated this initiative over
many years. Alison will be leaving our school at the end of this year and as such
this was her final contribution to the Mothers’ Day stall. On behalf of our
community, thank you Alison for your work in coordinating this great initiative.

Cross Country
Despite the bleak weather last Friday’s Cross Country was most successful.
Congratulations to all the children who competed to the best of their ability. It
occurred to me on Friday that the levels of fitness amongst the children at Good
Shepherd are relatively good, certainly in comparison to other schools at which I
have taught. Most would agree that running several kilometres is a good test of
anyone’s fitness.

I think parents and teachers can take credit for this achievement. Clearly parents
at our school value physical fitness and all the benefits that accrue from a healthy,
active lifestyle. Parents deserve special praise for their efforts when you consider
that keeping children engaged in outdoor pursuits can be both time consuming
and expensive.

Similarly our school offers many opportunities for children to exercise and learn skills
which enable them to participate in sporting activities. We are blessed with wide
open spaces which allow daily opportunities for children to be active. All research
on the benefits of physical fitness to children indicates that children become
better students with higher energy levels. They learn skills of working in a team,
coping with success and loss, and meeting people from outside their normal circle
of friends.

Thank you Mr Mooney and his team for a well organised
carnival. Congratulations also to staff and parents for your
efforts to keep our children active.

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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Fiona Wilkinson)
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To be together ......

Community Council Meeting
The next meeting of the Community Council will be held next Tuesday evening, 13 May at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All members of our community are welcome to attend this meeting which will feature a presentation on the school’s award winning staff mentoring program. Please come along and lend your support to our Council.

NAPLAN
Children in Years Three and Five will sit the NAPLAN test next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We wish all children every success during this time. The school will receive the results later in the school year. The testing authority is now planning to make the test available online within the next few years which hopefully will enable a quicker turn-around time for the results, along with opportunities to differentiate the levels of the test.

May God bless you and your family

Graham Pollard
Principal

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As a result of our ongoing commitment to in school tennis clinics, Good Shepherd Primary School has been invited to become a ‘MLC Tennis Hot Shots’ school. The program provides schools with equipment and resources to help promote tennis and healthy lifestyle choices.

Good Shepherd has already received a tennis kit, including six mini portable nets, a class set of junior rackets, a set of low compression tennis balls as well as some temporary court lines. This kit is valued at $1500 and will be put to great use at Good Shepherd.

Additionally each child in the school will be given a card to receive a free ‘Hot Shots’ t-shirt. Simply go online and register name and details, ensuring to select ‘Good Shepherd Primary’ as the ‘Hot Shots’ Centre. For each student that registers the school will be given a further $2 that can be used to purchase more tennis equipment for the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
Our Whole School Focus for 2014, "To be together the Heart of God" is designed to help us explore and refresh the mission statement and vision of Good Shepherd.

We began our journey last year as we explored our focus for the year, "On the Road to the Heart of God".

Our Prayer Celebration will be held tomorrow, **Friday 9 May** commencing at 9.15am
5 Stadtmiller, 4 Aquilina and 2 Metcalfe will be leading our prayer based on “The Beatitudes”.
We warmly invite all parents, family and community members to join us.

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**Confirmation News**

Ministry Masses will be held this weekend

**Saturday, 10 May at 6.00pm and Sunday, 11 May at 9:30am and 5:30pm**

Have you "LIKED" our Parish Facebook page? For information on upcoming Parish events visit us at Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, Gungahlin.

Parish Mothers’ Day Morning Tea will be held after 9.30am Mass on Sunday, 11 May.
Everyone is welcome. Families are encouraged to bring a plate to share.

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**Mini Vinnies**

Every week, we are asking each family to bring just one item of non-perishable food to school to distribute to people in need. There is a collection box in your child’s classroom where you can send your gift of food.

We need more... **baby food, taco kits, flour, sugar, curry sauce, tomato and BBQ sauce, salad dressings, cooking oil, vinegar, tea and coffee.**

**Coming Soon ... Winter Woollies Appeal**
Start collecting adult size beanies, scarves, blankets, sleeping bags. New socks and gloves are also needed. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

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The Good Shepherd Cheerleaders are hosting this term’s

**School Disco**

The disco will be held on **Friday, 23 May**.
Music will be supplied by the “Footsteps” Program!
**Cost $5** (includes entry, drink, chips and glow stick). Extra glow sticks will be available on the night for $1.00.

**Kinder to Yr 2**: 6.15pm - 7.15pm
**Yr 3 to Yr 6**: 7.30pm - 8.45pm

No tickets will be issued. Entry will be at the door. Please be prompt in collecting your child.

The Arts Department would like to thank the families who have sent in their “odds and ends” from home this week. Your support is very much appreciated.

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**Happy Mother’s Day**
Dear Good Shepherd Families and Friends

Last year we ran this initiative as a service to our families and friends who wanted access to the Entertainment Book easily. We do receive money from each sale but this is not our primary reason for offering the service. We do not send books home with everyone and only provide them to those who order. This year the Entertainment Book has the additional feature of being available in digital form saving you time and negating the wait for your book as it is downloaded virtually immediately. For those who wish to receive the traditional book I will send it in your child’s note bag following receipt of payment (select the collection option). The link to the payment page is below and payment is only available online. If you have difficulty with this but want a book please contact me.

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