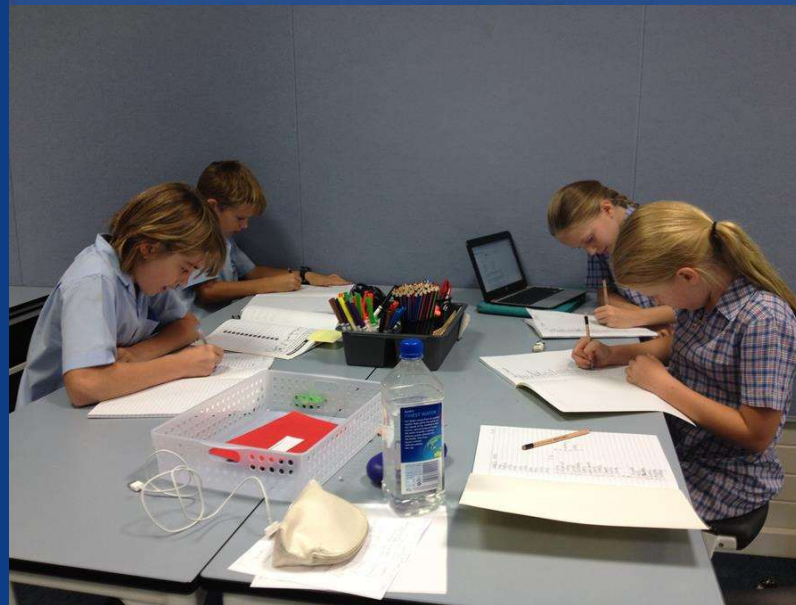


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**Good Shepherd**  
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**PRE-KINDERGARTEN**  
**TO YEAR 6**

*Learning through Faith, Love and Laughter*



## e-Newsletter Term 1 Week 4

22 February, 2017

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

**Commissioning Mass**

Thanks to all families who took up the opportunity to participate in the Family Mass on Sunday. During the celebration of Mass, members of staff, board, P&F and catechist teachers were blessed and commissioned in their work for our community. It was great to see so many people there and a vibrant parish community.

### **Ash Wednesday**

We begin our liturgical season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, 1 March. A school mass will be celebrated at 9:30am in the parish church. All welcome to attend.

### **Student Free Day**

One of the school's focus areas this year is to explore ways to increase student outcomes in the area of reading. On *Friday, 3 March* the school will be closed for a Pupil Free Day for teachers to attend a development day. I hope your family will be able to take advantage of this extra-long weekend.

God bless

Andrew Colley

Principal



## Code of Conduct

At this year's Parent Information Evening I outlined the School's Code of Conduct - in effect 1 January, 2017.

The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to describe minimum standards of conduct in all behaviour and decision making to ensure the safety and well-being of students. The Code applies to staff, students, volunteers, parents and guardians. All breaches of the code are to be reported to the school Principal.

The code is expressed in the following twelve statements:

### **Conduct Statements**

1. You act safely and competently.
2. You give priority to students' safety and well-being in all your behaviour and decision making.
3. You act in accordance with the values of the Gospel as defined in the Code of Ethical Conduct.

4. You conduct yourself in accordance with laws, agreements, policies and standards relevant to your relationship with the school community.
5. You respect the dignity, culture, values and beliefs of each member of the school community.
6. You treat personal information about members of the school community as private and confidential.
7. You give impartial, honest and accurate information about the education, safety and well-being of students.
8. You support all members of the school community in making informed decisions about students.
9. You promote and preserve the trust and privilege inherent in your relationship with all members of the school community.
10. You maintain and build on the community's trust and confidence in Catholic schools and the Church.
11. You act reflectively and ethically.
12. You allow students to have a voice in their education, safety and well-being.

## SCHOOL FEES 2017

An Annual Account has gone home. There are many ways in which you can pay this; sign up to our regular direct debit payment system, three instalments over the year (as indicated on your statement) or pay the

annual amount by Friday, 3 March to receive a discount of 5% off the tuition component of your fees. EFTPOS, credit card, cash, cheque and BPAY are all available.

If you have an eligible HCC and wish to claim the discount you must complete the form available at the front office by Friday, 24 February, 2017. Families who had the HCC discount last year must also complete a new form.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any queries or concerns.

Sally Northeast, Bursar



Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School  
Parent Term One Calendar – 2017 (as of 08.02.17)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week 1</b>	30 January Pupil Free	31 January Pupil Free	1 February Students start Welcome Back Assembly 10.30 am	2 February	3 February
<b>Week 2</b>	6 February	7 February	8 February Newsletter	9 February Whole School Mass in Ward House 9.30 am Little Lambs Playgroup 8.30- 10.30am	10 February Year 6 Assembly 2.15 pm
<b>Week 3</b>	13 February Parent Information Night 5pm	14 February	15 February	16 February Year 3 Prayer Liturgy 9.00 am	17 February
<b>Week 4</b> Sunday, 19 Commissioning Mass/ Family Mass 10 am	20 February	21 February Board Meeting	22 February Newsletter	23 February Year 2 Prayer Liturgy 9.00 am	24 February Year 5 Assembly 2.15pm
<b>Week 5</b>	27 February IEP Meetings	28 February	1 March Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass 9.30 am at Church	2 March	3 March Literacy PD – Student Pupil Free Day
<b>Week 6</b>	6 March LABOUR DAY Public Holiday	7 March 3YO KIndy Starts	8 March Newsletter	9 March Year 1 Prayer Liturgy 9.00 am	10 March Welcome Back Games Night 5.00pm Year 3 Assembly 2.15pm
<b>Week 7</b>	13 March Italian Incursion	14 March	15 March	16 March Year 6 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	17 March T20 Cricket Year 5/6
<b>Week 8</b> Sunday, 19 Family Mass 10am	20 March	21 March Board Meeting	22 March Newsletter	23 March Year 5 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	24 March Year 2 Assembly 2.15pm
<b>Week 9</b>	27 March P&F Exec	28 March	29 March	30 March Year 4 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	31 March
<b>Week 10</b>	3 April	4 April P & F Meeting 5pm	5 April Newsletter Sacramental Information Meeting 5pm Ward House	6 April	7 April Whole School Stations of the Cross 8.30am Undercover area

Students return for Term 2 2017 on Wednesday, 26 April 8.30am

## Coming Events

23 February Year 2 Liturgy 9.00am

24 February Year 5 Assembly 2.15pm

1 March Ash Wednesday Whole School  
Mass 9.30am at church

3 March Pupil Free Day

6 March Labour Day Public Holiday

7 March 3YO Program begins 8.45am

[Download Calendar Here](#)

### Creative Play in the Playground

We are looking forward to establishing a new style of creative play for our students at Good Shepherd. It is called Loose Parts play and is all about children using recycled and natural objects to play with at recess and lunchtime. They can make cubbies, construct cars, invent machines, whatever they can imagine.

We need your help to gather the supplies! Now is the chance to have that clean up you've been waiting for, we would love your donations. Please deliver any [donations](#) to the veranda at the P&F Shed. If you have any questions, please feel welcome to contact Mrs Newman or Mrs Oorschot.

<http://www.loosepartsincarts.com.au/><http://www.loosepartsincarts.com.au/>

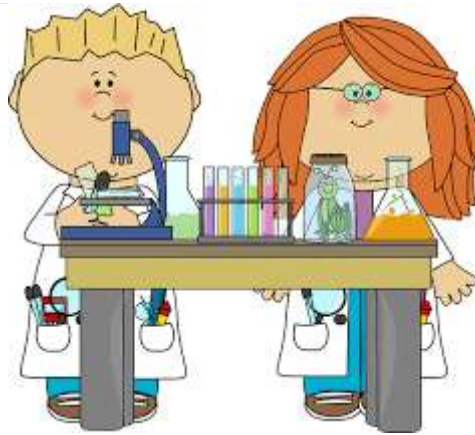


How to get kids off to school on time without yelling, whining or constantly reminding!

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## Science

If you have any clean glass jars, empty yoghurt tubs and old magazines for science please drop them off to the science room or the school office. Thank you.

Kristy Maher, Science Teacher

## LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to our first article for 2017!!

As the Library Teacher my AIM is to promote

*"a LOVE of Literature and inspire all children to become life-long readers".*

READING is for pleasure and information.

### **Library Times for the Year**

All students borrow books each Thursday with Mrs Archibald. Students from Kindy to Year 3 have a

session with the Library teacher, Mrs Greaves weekly in the Library.

The Library is also open on Mondays and Fridays at Lunchtime and the children are always welcome!! Books, games and puzzles are some of the lunchtime activities which the children love to explore and enjoy.

**PARENT HELPERS** are most welcome in the Library. Please see Mrs Archibald or myself if you would love to assist me in promoting reading in our school by helping out in a voluntary capacity. Mrs Archibald is in the Library every Thursday, and I'm at school every Monday and Friday.

**HAPPY READING!!**

Phyllis Greaves and Carrie Archibald



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## Canteen News

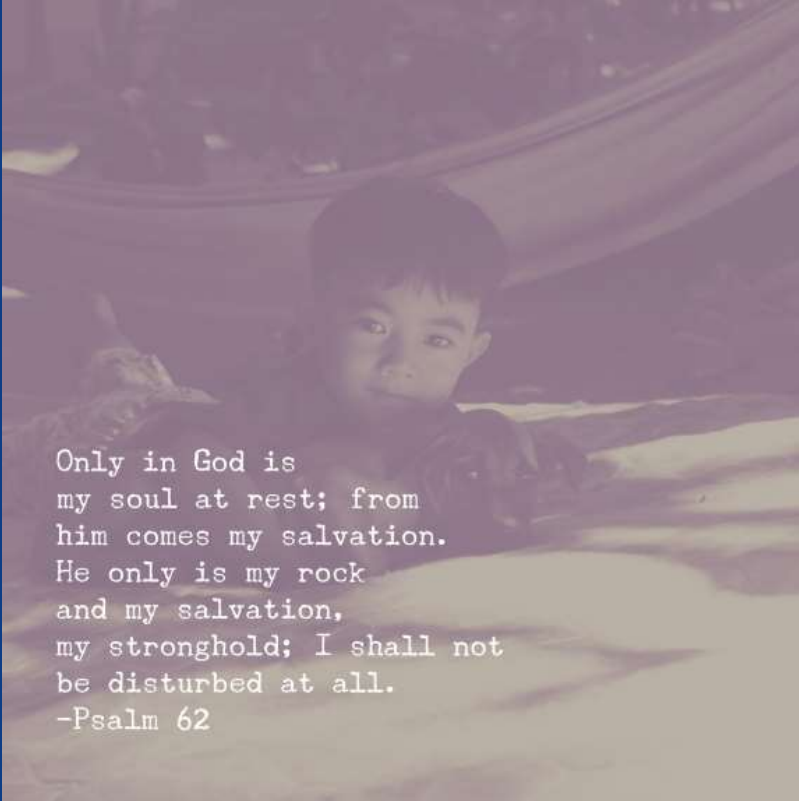
**PLEASE NOTE:** The school canteen will only be operating on Wednesdays and Fridays.

[Click here for Term 1 Roster](#)

## Gospel Reflection

This week's reflection on the coming Sunday's readings.

[Sunday's Gospel](#)



Only in God is  
my soul at rest; from  
him comes my salvation.  
He only is my rock  
and my salvation,  
my stronghold; I shall not  
be disturbed at all.  
-Psalm 62



***John Wollaston Anglican Community School*** is hosting a group of high school aged Japanese students from March 19 to 28, and we are desperately looking for families to host. The students are coming to

experience our Aussie culture and way of life, so host families do not have to change their usual daily routine. We just ask you to include your student as part of the family while they are with you. Host families receive \$250 and the opportunity to create new friendships. If you are interested please contact Gold Intercultural Learning by email [homestay@goldil.com.au](mailto:homestay@goldil.com.au), phone 94447687 or 0417773846.

KidSport Online [2017 Application](#)

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Mercedes College - [Open Morning](#)

St Brigid's College - [Cyber Bullying Talk](#)

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