Dear parents, students and friends of Good Shepherd,

FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Father,
We thank you for our school community, knowing that we can learn from each other and grow in faith. We pray for all involved in our school that all of us may grow as the people you call us to be.
Amen.

Condolences
Our condolences go to Steve, Alysha and Eliza Mitchell on the sad loss of their wife and mother Janine. Please keep our past school family in your prayers.

Family – School – Parish Partnership
At this week’s Parent Information evening I spoke to those gathered about the importance of family, school and parish partnerships in providing positive educational experiences for our children. I encourage you to check out this short video clip which highlights the benefits.

Parent Involvement Matters! https://youtu.be/nOhZ6U5yaXA

If you were unable to attend the Parent Information Evening, I encourage you to contact your child’s classroom teacher.

Do you have a concern or need advice?
Below I have outlined the process for assisting the development of the family – school partnership in regards to advocating for your child. I hope clarifying the process will ensure any concerns are dealt with in a timely and effective manner.

- First, see your child’s teacher as a point to have your concern heard and listen to a professional educator’s point of view and advice.
- Assistant Principals support the process, and provide advice on working within the school policies.
- The Principal oversees school policy, facilitates change, reviews decisions and ensures the supports are provided for students, families and staff.
- A pamphlet on how to deal with disputes and complaints within Catholic Education Western Australia has been sent out with this newsletter.

I want to point out our Class Parent Representatives aren’t part of this particular process. The class representative system is a very valuable asset to our well-functioning P&F Association. As the role of the P&F is to support and represent all parents and carers in the school community, having nominated representatives from each class ensures that all parents have the opportunity to have their voice heard, whether or not they can attend a meeting.

To ensure that the role of advocacy is clear, it is imperative that class rep matters are kept separate from friendship and support and indeed classroom matters.

Learning through Faith, Love & Laughter
Thank you very much for coming out for the information evening. I appreciate the difficulties in managing busy family lives in order that you were able to attend. Thank you for supporting the Family–School Partnership so vital to student success.

I also thank you in advance for the little things you do that support our school and promote a positive education for your child:

- Support in getting your child to school on time. Dressed and fed!
- Not taking holidays in the middle of term
- Providing feedback at the various forums including words of support
- Participating in our Parents and Friends activities
- Saying ‘No’ to your child as a way of showing you love them
- Letting your child tackle daily problems on their own; to develop their resilience, sense of accomplishment and independence
- Insisting on a high standard in their written homework
- Listening to home reading and reading aloud
- Loving the handmade drawings and creations that come home
- Speaking positively about our school and teachers in front of our children

God bless
Andrew Colley
Principal

Administration Notes

Children should not be arriving at school before 8.15am. Responsibilities for Student attendance, if a child comes to school late they must be signed in at the office by the parent or guardian and carry a blue card to their teacher.

If a child is going to be late or absent please notify us using either the Skoolbag App emailing us at attendance@gsk.wa.edu.au or phoning 9495 1622

When ringing the office a written notification is still required for record keeping compliance.

Uniform shop – Parents that have placed orders for the blue sport shorts will be pleased to know they have arrived in stock. The shop is open on Monday afternoon, Wednesday and Friday morning.

Please note that Linda will be away this Friday.

Instrumental Program - Lumen Christi College

Mrs Newman would like to remind parents about Music Tuition for 2016. Lessons are
Carpark Safety

For the safety of our children could all drivers please remember the following points:

- Please observe and obey the speed limit of 8km/hr at all times
- Please obey instructions given by staff on duty
- Please use the marked crossings and paths, do not cut through the car park
- Do not leave small children in the car whilst dropping off or picking up siblings
- The kiss and drop area is on the end of the car park and not outside the office or Early Childhood Building
- The kiss and drop gate is to be used for kiss and drop only, not as access to the normal car park
- Entry to the car park is through the first gate and then follow the arrows and exit through the middle car park
- Do not park in areas marked for staff only. Reversing out of this area whilst kiss and drop is in motion is very dangerous
- A Kiss’n’Drop Map is being sent with this newsletter

Thank you for your co-operation.

GSK P & F Notes

- Easter Egg Fundraiser. Orders have been made and the eggs should arrive this week and will be distributed either at the end of this week or next week. No more orders will be taken.
- If you are not sure who the Parent Class Rep for your classroom is please see below. Make sure the office has your correct email address so your parent rep can contact you.

**NEXT MEETING: EVENING MEETING - Tuesday, 8 March 6.00pm**

Like us on Facebook – GSK Parent Group

Email: goodshepherdparentgroup@hotmail.com

Parent Class Representatives
Kindy Reps: Brianna Warden, Antonella Gatani
Pre-Primary Rep: Narelle Berry
Year 1 Rep: Caren Dorman
Year 2 Rep: Danica Smith
Year 3 Rep: Rebecca Boardman
Year 4 Rep: Sue-ann Tilby
Year 5 Rep: Rachel Cutri
Year 6 Reps: Vera Williams, Danielle McCormick
**CANTENE**

**Mon, 22 February**
C Todd

**Wed, 24 February**
S Tilby

**Fri, 26 February**
M Dew, help needed

**Mon, 29 February**
A Catalano

**Wed, 2 March**
C McDonnell

**Fri, 4 March**
S Pasznicki

**Canteen Manager**
Wendy Lazzari

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**Dates to Remember**

**Thursday, 18 February**
Year 5 Class Mass 9.00am

**Tuesday, 23 February**
Board Meeting 6.00pm

**Thursday, 25 February**
Year 4 Reconciliation Service 9.00am

**Friday, 26 February**
Year 5 Assembly 2.15pm

**Thursday, 3 March**
Year 3 Prayer Service 9.00am

**Friday, 4 March**
Science Shockproof Incursion Years 1-6

**Monday, 7 March**
Public Holiday

**Tuesday, 8 March**
Three Year Old Program starts for students who have turned 3

**Thursday, 10 March**
Year 2 Prayer Service 9.00am

**Friday, 11 March**
T20 Cricket Carnival Raphael Reserve

**Tuesday, 15 March to Friday, 18 March**
Year 6 Camp

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**Occupational Therapy Introduction**

My name is Matthew Wilson and I am an Occupational Therapist with Parkerville Children and Youth Care. I started at the school as of the 12 of February and will be working with some of the Kindy, Pre-primary and Year 1-2 classes throughout the semester.

As an Occupational Therapist my focus is on early intervention for gross and Fine Motor development in children to assist in improving performance and engagement in school. My role at Good Shepherd will be to provide interventions to assist in improving the underlying physiological development of children that underpins performance and engagement as well as providing consult to teachers and parents on strategies to support children’s development in the school and home. I have been an Occupational Therapist for over 2 years now and am very passionate about the work Occupational Therapists do and very proud of the positive impact my work has had on the children I have been involved with. I look forward to working with Good Shepherd Primary School and if you have any questions or queries feel free to say hi and ask away.

Thank you,
Matt Wilson

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**Honour Certificates**

Congratulations to the following students who received honour certificates at last weeks assembly:
Brielle Thorley, Jasper Menzies, Deacon Seldow, Tyler Grant-Mackay, Lucia Guazzelli, Sierra-Mae Gibson, Quinn Hellemans, Tari Dewhurst, Charlotte Menzies, Hayley Malasits, Abbey Nicholson, Noemi Taverniti, Isaac Fernandes, Thomas McAuliffe and Bailey Kelly-Pages.

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**School Banking**

School banking will recommence next Wednesday, 24 February
When: Every Wednesday morning in the wet area in Ward House from 8.10 am. If you have any questions please see Cathy Flockhart Co-ordinator.

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**Little Lambs Playgroup**

**Mums and Bubs**

(0 – 3 years)
A new year of Little Lambs will begin on Thursday, 18 February.

Held in the Kindy room from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Please join us for a play and to meet other mums!

For further information, or to register, please contact Laura at oorschot.laura@gsk.wa.edu.au Alternatively, call Rose at the office on 9495 1622.