Dear parents, students and friends of Good Shepherd,

We are in the heart of the season of Easter, which began on Easter Sunday and lasts until the day of Pentecost, seven weeks later. As Christians we are called to reflect on what Easter means for each of us? John 15:13 speaks of Christ’s love for each of us. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

**School Feast Day**

Good Shepherd Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Easter in the Catholic liturgical calendar; that is, the Sunday three weeks after Easter Sunday. The name derives from the gospel readings on this day, which are taken from the 10th chapter of John. In this reading Christ is described as the Good Shepherd who, by dying on the Cross, lays down his life for his sheep. Our School Feast Day will be celebrated this Friday. Families are welcome to stay all day or part to join in the various activities as outlined below.

9.30am – Mass at Parish Church of Good Shepherd. All invited to attend.
12.40pm – BBQ lunch and picnic on the oval – with families.
1.30pm – Assembly and presentations of class activities.
2.00pm – Tabloid Sports.

Students may wear free dress on the day to celebrate the occasion and are encouraged to wear school colours – red, white and blue for a gold coin donation.

**Have you tried out our School App?**

To install it, just search for our school name "Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. Many parents have already tried it and are making use of the online student absentee form. Check out the newsletter attachment for further information.

**ANZAC Day**

This year the commemoration of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli and prayers for our servicemen and women will occur at the end of the school holidays. School will be closed on the Public Holiday Monday, 25 April and a Professional development day for staff is being held on Tuesday, 26 April.

**New Staff**

Over Term 2, Mrs Bridges is taking a well-earned break of leave. We have 2 staff filling in the administrative role in this time; Mrs Jenny Marion-Clark and Mrs Jackie Primiano will be sharing the position over the term. We welcome them to our staff and community.

**School Holidays**

Wishing all our staff and families a wonderful end of term break. Please travel safely and I look forward to seeing you all refreshed in Term 2.

**Students return for Term 2 in winter uniform on Wednesday, 27 April.**

God bless,

Andrew Colley
**Year 6 Leadership Coordinators**

**Easter Mass**
Thank you Fr Pavol and to all the parents and students who participated in the mass. We would like to thank Mrs Newman for helping us organise it.

**Good Shepherd Feast Day**
Our Feast Day is on its way! It is on this Friday 8th April. All parents are welcome to attend Mass at 9am at the Good Shepherd Parish. Kindergarten to Year Six will be participating in the Feast Day games and activities. For lunch we are having a Sausage Sizzle!

**Easter Bonnet Parade**
Thank you to all the children who participated in the Easter bonnet parade, some of the hats were quite interesting, but they were all amazing hats and they were great for the Easter Bonnet Parade.

This term has flown really fast and it is now the last week of school.

We hope that everyone has a great holiday and we hope that you all return back to school safely.

From the Year 6 Leadership Coordinators

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**Mother’s Day Morning Tea**

To Our Dearest Mothers, Grandmothers and significant women who help our school community, you are invited to attend our Mother’s Day Morning Tea.

Date: Thursday, 5 May  
Time: 10:00am - 11:30am  
Venue: Ward House

Please RSVP by Thursday, 28 April  
admin@gsk.wa.edu.au or 9495 1622.

We look forward to seeing you there.
**Dates to Remember**

- **Friday, 8 April**
  - Good Shepherd Feast Day
  - Mass 9.30am
  - Last Day Term 1

- **Wednesday, 27 April**
  - First Day Term 2

- **Monday, 2 May**
  - P & F Exec Meeting 9.00am

- **Tuesday, 3 May**
  - P & F Meeting 6.00pm

- **Thursday, 5 May**
  - Mother’s Day Morning Tea
  - 10.00am

- **Tuesday, 10 May - Thursday, 12 May**
  - NAPLAN Testing Yrs 3,5

**Canteen**

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Wendy Lazzari, Canteen Manager

**Dental Therapy Van**

The Roleystone dental mobile will be closed from Monday, 4 April to Friday, 15 April inclusive. We will be moving to Roleystone Community College, 90 Raeburn Road, Roleystone and will commence there on Monday, 18 April. Emergency patients can be seen at Westfield Park from 8.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday. Contact no: 9390 8434.

Regards,
Geraldine
Dental Therapist

**Kindergarten Enrolments 2017**

Kindy interviews for 2017 will be held next term. Please contact the office to for an Application for Enrolment Form if you have a child of Kindergarten age: **born between 1 July, 2012 and 30 June, 2013**. Siblings of students already at school and students in the 3 Year Old Program must complete an application form for an interview.

**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop will be open on Friday, 22 April 2016 from 9:00am until 11:00am for pick-up of orders only.

**Honour Certificates**

Congratulations to the following students who received honour certificates at last week’s assembly:

Olivia Ricupero, Gabriel Andrews-Hailey, Domenic Cecconi, Angus McMahon, Will McDonnell, Amelia Catalano, Val Luboya, Christian Smith, Nicole Taverniti, Jacob Zemanek, Sam Perkins, Evie Hall, Harvey Nelson, Isabelle Catalano, Mark Williams and Emily Roberts.

**Hairspray**

Here is the direct link for tickets [http://web.lumen.wa.edu.au/lumen-excellence/drama/hairspray](http://web.lumen.wa.edu.au/lumen-excellence/drama/hairspray)
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