Dear parents, students and friends,

Skoolbag
Have you got our App yet?
So far 54 families have downloaded the app, available for both iPhone and Android. It’s a great take up so far and I trust you are finding the app useful.

Kindy Places
Kindy enrolments are being taken for 2016. Please spread the word to avoid missing out on a place. Siblings and students in the 3 Year Old program are not automatically enrolled. Forms are available as a download from the school website or from the school office.

NAPLAN
On 12-15 May, students in Years 3 and 5 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known. Skills that will be tested include reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia. NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day. Later in the year we will send parents an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing. More information is available on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au. If you have any concerns, please contact myself or your child’s classroom teacher.

Sacramental Preparation
Families of students enrolled in the Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation Sacraments in the Parish are reminded of the Sacramental Preparation meeting at school this evening at 6.00pm. Child minding is available for siblings if required.

Mother’s Day
Wishing all mums and mother figures a very happy mothers day this Sunday. If you are looking for a unique gift idea how about a hardcover Good Shepherd Cookbook $35.00, available at the front office. All moneys support our Good Shepherd Parent Group.

School Survey
If you have received an envelope containing this survey we would appreciate you completing it and sending it back to the school office before Friday, 8 May.

Options
A reminder that Option classes are on this Friday, 8 May.

God bless
Andrew Colley
Principal
**Term Two Liturgical Dates**

Wednesday, 6 May - Parent Sacramental Meeting Ward House - 6.00pm.

Thursday, 7 May - Year 1 Prayer Service School - 9.00am.

Thursday, 14 May - Year 6 Reconciliation School - 9.00am.

Friday, 15 May - Year 4 First Communion Rehearsal and Retreat Day Church and School - 8.45am.

Friday, 22 May - Year 6 Confirmation Rehearsal and Retreat Day Church and School - 8.45am.

Sunday, 24 May - Year 6 Confirmation Church - 10.00am.

Thursday, 28 May - PP Prayer Service School - 9.00am.

Thursday, 4 June - Year 4 Reconciliation School - 9.00am.

Saturday, 7 June - Year 4 First Communion Church - 10.00am.

Thursday, 11 June - Year 5 Mass School - 9.00am.

Friday, 19 June - Year 3 Reconciliation Retreat Day Church - 8.45am.

Friday, 19 June - Year 3 Reconciliation - 3.00pm.

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**Parental Sacramental Meeting**

Wednesday, 6 May - Ward House - 6.00pm

All parents in Year 3, 4, 6 are welcome to join us in an informative talk about the Sacraments. Following the talk parents will split into the 3 groups where class teachers will explain the outline of their program as well as important information about the Sacraments. Parents whose children are making their Sacrament must attend.

David Tunchon  
Assistant Principal, Religious Education

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**Remembering Mary, Mother of God in May**

Throughout the month of May the church remembers and honours Mary the Mother of God. In her, the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hope wholly to be.

Hail Mary, full of grace.  
Our Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

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**Religious Education and Pastoral Care**
Important Event
We are excited to announce that Kathy Walker, the founder of The Walker Approach to Learning (implemented from Kindy to Year 2) will be visiting Perth and presenting a parent information session to our Good Shepherd parent community. Kathy is a dynamic, world renowned speaker & parenting expert and it is an exciting opportunity to have her work with us. Kathy worked with our Kindy - Year 2 parents last year and parents who attended this session asked for the opportunity to work with her again. This year all parents with children from 3 year old Kindy through to Year 6 are invited to attend. The focus of the presentation will be building resiliency and developing strong communication with your children.

Date: Thursday, 14 May
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Venue: Ward House (light refreshments provided)
RSVP: Please let us know if you will be attending & if you require crèche facilities
email - admin@gsk.wa.edu.au

Honour Certificates
Congratulations to the following students who received a certificate at our last assembly:
Declan Merrey, Sithum Silva, Grace Boardman, Bindi Berkhout, Angus Gibsone, Sam Wood, Daniele Schirripa, Hollie Perkins, Kai Anquetil and Dylan Schofield.

Birthdays
Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthdays leading up to today:
Austin Thomas, Solomon Finch, Alexis Caruso, Annilia Santosh, Megan Whincup, Charlotte Addison -Edgar, Zayne Thorley, Isabelle Martens-Thompson, Inés Kelly, Codi Dewhurst, Jaxon Flockhart and Evie Hall.

Options
Please find below the dates for our Year 3 - 6 Options sessions this term. Students will continue in the same group as Term 1.

Friday, 8 May  Friday, 5 June  Thursday, 2 July

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016
Kindy interviews for 2016 will be held next month. Please contact the office to complete an Application for Enrolment Form if you have a child of Kindergarten age:

Born between 1 July, 2011 to 30 June, 2012.
Siblings of students already at school and students in the 3 Year Old Program must complete an application form for an interview.

Michelle Christian
Assistant Principal, Administration
Important Dates

Thursday, 7 May  
Year 1 Prayer Service  
Yrs 1-6 Science Incursion

Friday, 8 May  
Band Practice 3-4.00pm

Tuesday, 12 May  
NAPLAN Begins

Thursday, 14 May  
Year 6 Reconciliation  
9.00am  
Walker Approach Parent PD  
7.00pm

Friday, 15 May  
NAPLAN concludes  
Year 4 First Holy Communion  
Retreat/Rehearsal Day  
Church/School 8.45am  
Year 2 Assembly 2.15pm  
Band Practice 3-4.00pm  
Board Meeting 6.00pm

Tuesday, 19 May  
Cyber Busters Incursion  
Yrs 3-6  
GSPG Executive Meeting  
8.30am

Wednesday, 20 May  
Mother’s Day  
Sunday, 10 May

Spoil your mum or grandmother with a copy of our Good Shepherd Cook Book available from the school office.  
$35

FUNDRAISING AND FRIENDRAISING is the theme of this year’s AGM and mini conference, being held at St Peter’s Catholic Primary School, 103 Wood Street, Inglewood on Wednesday, 27th May 2015 from 5pm-8.30pm.

We have Mandy Weidmann, CEO, The Fundraising Directory coming from Queensland to speak to us on how creative fundraising builds strong communities. The Fundraising Directory book will be complimentary for each parent who attends the evening.

We also have Allan Blagaich, CEO, School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA), coming to outline the changes to the curriculum from pre-primary to year 12. Allan is a wonderfully engaging speaker and is very happy to answer any questions you may have. We promise to squeeze the formalities of the AGM between our two guest speakers.

Light supper and drinks will be provided and there is plenty of on-site parking available. For more information and to register please go to http://pffwa.eventbrite.com.au/ Registration is free for parents of affiliated schools, however everyone is welcome to attend. Please register for catering purposes by Friday, 22nd May.

We look forward to seeing you there!

https://www.facebook.com/pffwa  www.pff.wa.edu.au

HEAD LICE

Head lice outbreaks occur frequently in primary schools during the school year.

The Department of Health recommends the following method of treatment:

**10 day Hair Conditioner treatment**

If you do use insecticide treatment, it must be applied and then repeated as per the manufacturer’s recommendation.

Parents’ can assist in the prevention and control of head lice by checking their children’s hair frequently using the hair conditioner method and treating appropriately when necessary.

Friday is a good day to check hair as treatments can be commenced over the weekend, if needed, and no school time is then lost.