Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Welcome to the 2017 School Year! This is a special year for our community as we celebrate our upcoming 40th Anniversary.

I am most pleased with the terrific beginning to the school year. Students are settling into their classes and we are already seeing initial growth in learning. I wish to sincerely thank the staff who have prepared the learning spaces and resources over the holidays, the feeling around the school is one of order and peace. Students have adjusted well to the new contemporary learning spaces.

We welcome many new faces to our school this year. As well as our new Kindy students we have many new families across our grades. Please take the time to get
to know our new members to our community. We especially welcome Ms Margaret Crommy to our staff this year as she takes on the Year 4 classroom position whilst Miss Guazzelli is on Long Service Leave for the first 5 weeks.

Dr Tim McDonald, Executive Director of Catholic Education Western Australia, has a welcome message for our community [HERE](#).

**Parent Information Night**

Parents with children in Years 1 - 6 are invited to meet with their child’s classroom teacher on Monday, 13 February for our beginning of year Parent Information Evening. These meetings provide an important opportunity for classroom teachers to meet with parents to discuss information related to areas such as curriculum, classroom management and class expectations.

**6:00pm - 6:30pm: Session One (to be held in classrooms)**

**6:30pm - 7:00pm: Whole School Session (Ward House)**

**7:00pm - 7:30pm: Session Two (to be held in classrooms)**

**Bidjara**

Our Bidjara program is underway this year thanks to Mrs Newman. First task for our students was preparing the garden beds for new planting this year. Many thanks to Mr Evans, one of our new dads, for jumping in and helping out. The volunteer work of our community is greatly appreciated. If you would like to participate in some of our school activities, please keep an eye out in upcoming newsletters.

**Whole School Mass & Assembly**

This Thursday we will begin our academic year in celebration with a whole school mass at 9:30am in Ward House. Student Leaders in Year 6 will be commissioned and be presented with their badges.

This Friday, our Year 6 class will be presenting at an assembly at 2:15 in Ward House. All are welcome to
Welcome Back BBQ

Yesterday a letter was sent home notifying you of the postponement of the Welcome Back BBQ / Family Fun Night due to the likelihood of poor weather for Friday evening. The new date for our social function is on Friday, 10 March. We look forward to seeing you there. Many thanks to our Parents & Friends association for their organisation of the evening.

Chromebooks

This week, Chromebooks have been issued to students from Years 3-6 who have agreed to follow the policy of the school regarding safe use. As announced in the Director’s message, this year will be the beginning of some significant advancements within the area of Digital Learning and our system’s Catholic Education Network under the title LEADing Lights. We look forward to seeing this unfold over the coming years and our students being at the forefront in education. Having a fully charged Chromebook each day is an important part in supporting the learning activities and lessons in the classroom. Please ensure that the school’s policies on Chromebook and internet use are followed at home to keep your child safe online.

Principal Review Process

The Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia has endorsed a process of performance review for Principals. I am one of a number of Principals in Catholic schools to be reviewed this year. This Principal Review Process relates only to the Principal’s Duties and Responsibilities (as enunciated in the Principal’s Contract of Employment) and is not a School Review or Evaluation.

The aims of the Principal Review Process are:
· Accountability to the Employer
· Renewal of Contract and
· Professional Development

The process will involve the following members of the school community: Selected Staff; the School Board; the Parents & Friends Executive; and the Parish Priest. This review will be conducted by means of written
coming events

9 February Whole School Mass 9.30am
Little Lambs 8.30-10.30am

10 February Year 6 Assembly 2.15pm

13 February Parent Information Night 6.00pm

16 February Year 3 Liturgy 9.00am

21 February Board Meeting 6.00pm

Download Calendar Here
Back to School

The wonderful Good Shepherd school community has many reasons to be thankful and happy as we welcome back all of the families, both new and returning, as we venture upon another year of learning. Some of our students have shared how they feel and what they like best about being at school.

Pre-Primary

Skye: "I can climb all the way up there!", Vinnie: "Outdoors.", Ruby: "Cos I'm in Pre-Primary", Emily: "Playing with my friends and the teacher asks us what we want to do tomorrow and I said nature.", Jeremy: "Dinosaurs!", Oscar: "um.... everything!"

Year One

Jordi: "Playing and doing homework, it's fun.", Sophie: "Writing and reading and doing lots of stuff!", Marcus: "Seeing Mary and my friends and being nice to everyone.", Penny: "Seeing my teacher.", Blake: "Chickens!", Emily: "Kind friends who look after me when I'm sad, and I like feeding the chickens and goats and collecting the eggs.", Cayden: "I like seeing my friends and my friend from church."

Year Six

Ben: "Meeting up with everyone and getting leadership roles.", Codi: "Being
with friends, leadership and camp.

Jack: "My friends!", Matilda: "There are heaps of opportunities like percussion in band and camp.", Monica and Isobel like being with their friends and being leaders of the school.

Moving beyond asking, "What did you do at school?"

by Michael Grose - Australia’s No 1 parenting educator

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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

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE SINS ARE FORGIVEN. -PSALM 32

Little Lambs Playgroup - Starting

KidSport Online 2017 Application
Have you got the school app?

Did you know:

- All our major communications and newsletters can be managed through the school app?
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