Term 3 Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Performing Arts program has kicked off with a bang and I was fortunate enough to attend the Year 6 Percussion performance held at Trinity College last week. It always amazes me how confident our kids are on stage and marvel at the student’s ability to pick up an instrument and join in a band.

"Last Wednesday the Year 6 class performed their two Percussion pieces called ‘Timeout’ and ‘Cookin’. We competed against other Primary Schools and had the opportunity to listen to High School percussionists. We’d like to Thank Mrs Newman for giving up her time to support us. We are very pleased with our results from our Percussion pieces." Year 6 Percussionists

As studies into brain function progress there is a growing body of evidence around the role of learning and playing music and its impact on memory and intelligence. The
Music program at Good Shepherd receives great support from our community and I thank Mrs Diana Newman for her expertise and passion for leading and teaching in this area. Keep an eye out in the calendar for other performances scheduled this term.

Our school Kids Matter team are launching our focus on student mental health and well-being. The well-being of our students is a concern for all of us including our parent body. It has come to my attention that some parents are not modelling the Christian attitudes and values that we would expect within our school to students, staff and parents. While these may be isolated cases it is a point of reflection for all of us to be ever vigilant about how we treat others in building the kind of Christian community we would like to be.

God bless

Andrew Colley
Principal

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**Have your details changed?**

Please remember to update any changes you have made to your emergency contact information and family information with the school. Updates can be made via email, phone call or in person at the school office.

**Late to School?**

When a student is late for school please ensure that an adult signs them in at the school office. All late students will need to have a blue late card before entering class. This is to ensure we do not mark them as absent on the class role.

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**Kids Matter**

Australian Primary Schools Mental Health Initiative

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**Successful schools start with healthy minds**

Good Shepherd School is proud to announce that we are a KidsMatter school! You may be wondering what is KidsMatter? KidsMatter Primary is all about children’s mental health and wellbeing. We know that being mentally healthy is vital for learning and for leading a rewarding life. KidsMatter is a way for schools to nurture happy, balanced kids through mental health.
promotion, prevention and early intervention activity and planning.

We have a KidsMatter Team made up of staff and parent representatives from our community who will be driving the implementation of the framework at Good Shepherd.

**Watch the Video**

An important aspect of implementing KidsMatter is the consultation with our community. We invite all parents to complete the parent survey at the following link so that we can gauge the views and needs of our Good Shepherd community. **Please complete the survey by Wednesday, 24 August.**

**Social and Emotional Learning at GSK**

The students at our school are being very responsible this term and trying to use their “green” thinking as much as possible.

The students and staff have worked together to produce a set of posters that will soon be displayed in the playground. The posters will help to remind students to “think green” by making responsible behaviour choices. In contrast to making responsible, “green” choices, the posters clearly outline the consequence of making an irresponsible “red” choice. We are now creating a set of posters that encourage “green” thinking in all the classrooms at Good Shepherd.
### Coming Events

**11 August** Year 2 Liturgy

**12 August** Year 4 Assembly

**15 August** Assumption Whole School Mass - Church 9.30am

**16 August** PAF Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Choirs 11.00am - Vasto Club Board Meeting 6.00pm

**18 August** PAF School Band 7.00pm - Chisholm College

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### Gospel Reflection

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

**Sunday's Gospel**

**Parish Website**

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Student Council Messages

Derby Day

On the 5th of August the students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 were enjoying the tabloid sports that were organised by Mr Johnson, the sports team and other students in Year 6.

Mary Mackillop

On Monday the 8th of August the whole school celebrated St Mary Mackillop’s feast day. St Mary Mackillop was Australia’s first saint who helped and educated many kids suffering from poverty.

Learn more about St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Monday, 15 August is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary our Mother. We invite all parents, grandparents and parishioners to join us for Mass at 9.30 am at Good Shepherd Church to celebrate this Holy day of Obligation. In this mass we honour Mary who lived her life in close relationship to God. May we follow the example of Mary by living our daily lives in love and friendship with God too.

Let’s Show Kindness to Others!

The Good Shepherd Community would like to do our part in making a difference in the lives of others. One way we can do this is by helping the homeless. We invite you to support our Sox n Jox appeal that will directly assist homeless people in our local area. We urge all community members to purchase new socks and underwear for men, women and children of all sizes. Your donations can be left at the school office until Friday, 26 August.
Honour Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded honour certificates at our assembly.

Jake Elliott, Eva Gilchrist, Mekayla Budd, Nate Boardman,
Martino Gatani, Mary Hofmann, Cooper Stanley, Logan Harris,
Jasmyne Howard, Samuel Pasznicki, Charlotte Addison-Edgar,
Alex Pasznicki, Leora Rouse, Cecilia Luboya, Aston Wood,
Lillyan McCormick, Ceraph Toh, Matilda Smith and Alex Elliott.

Performing Arts Festival

The 2016 Performing Arts Festival has begun! Congratulations to the Year Six class and a number of woodwind, brass and percussion soloists who have already performed. Next week we look forward to all students in Years 3 – 6 performing in the Choral Singing section on Tuesday, 16 August at 11.00am at the Vasto Club in Balcatta. The school Band will be playing on Thursday, 18 August in the evening at Chisholm College. The Year One and Two students are busily preparing for their Choral Speech performances on Tuesday, 23 August at the Morley Recreation Centre at 11.00am. We would love to see our parents at the performances. Tickets are available for purchase at the venues. Good luck everyone!
LIBRARY NEWS

For the love of POETRY!!

This term a big focus is POETRY. The students will explore free verse, couplets, haikus, quatrains, limericks, and more. We enjoy reading and listening to many different poems. The Kindy class are having much fun saying and learning many different Nursery Rhymes.

Perhaps you may get out an old Mother Goose Book or tell your child one of your favourite poems from your childhood.

Some fun poetry websites are:
http://teacher.scholastics.com/writewit/poetry/
jack_my_poem.htm
http://pbskids.org/arthur/games/poetry/what.html
http://www.gigglepoetry.com/
http://www.poetry4kids.com/
index.php

Quote for today:
The soul is healed
by being with children.
-- Fyodor Dostoyevsky

HAPPY READING!!

Phyllis Greaves LIBRARY TEACHER

P & F News

Thank you to all who attended last week's P&F meeting, it was great to see some new faces and to also have some extra Dad's there to hear our guest speaker Colin West from The Fathering Project.
We would also like to thank Mrs Min for attending your first Good Shepherd P&F meeting. We look forward to working together for our beautiful school.

**CASH RAFFLE**  By now you will have received (and maybe even sold!) your CASH RAFFLE TICKETS. This cash raffle is a major part of our P&F fundraising for 2016. You might have people asking ‘why do you need to fundraise?’ So here are some points you might like to share:

Our year 3, 4, 5 & 6 classrooms are being upgraded to flexible working spaces and more contemporary. Learning outcomes suggest that traditional desks don’t necessarily achieve results. The new structure will have the teacher become part of the classroom and more visible and available, improving teaching methods. Some schools have seen improved results in their testing after adopting a Future Focused approach to the classrooms.

The cost of each classroom upgrade is approximately $10,000 each. Each families contribution of selling just one raffle ticket book will pay for half of one classroom. **If each family sold 2 books that would pay for one whole classroom!** 3 books will see nearly 2 whole classrooms refitted with new furniture to support flexible working!

The aim of the P&F is to support the school with refurbishing all 4 classrooms this year, and this can only be achieved through the assistance of every Good Shepherd family at the school.

Please contact Rachel Cutri or your Parent Rep if you would like more books to sell! The family who sells the most books will win a family movie pass.

Thank you so very much to all the parents who have given us some of your time to help sell tickets at one of our stalls. Your precious time, even 1 hour of it, is greatly appreciated.

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**Messages from our Community...**

Lumen Christi College - [Junior Transition Centre Open Night](#)

Lumen Christi College - [2016 Dance Showcase 25 and 26 August](#)

Trinity College Enrolments 2017-2018 - Please follow the link to the Trinity College website [www.trinity.wa.edu.au](#)

Parkerville - [Triple P Free Workshops](#)

Abilities Expo - [Thursday, 8 September 2016](#)

Vacswim - [October School Holiday Swimming Lessons](#)
Communications Update

You might like our new newsletter format. Have you got the school app?!

Did you know:

· all our major communications and newsletters can be managed through the school app?

· Absence notes can be sent right from your phone?

· you can manage your school contact details?
Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School – Skoolbag
By SKOOLBAG PTY LTD

Open iTunes to buy and download apps.

Description
Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School, Skoolbag App for parent and student community. Download this App to be kept up to date with everything that is happening at GSCPS. It features events, News, School Newsletters, Documents, and push notification alerts direct from the school.

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Screenshots

Compatibility: Requires iOS 7.0 or later. Compatible with iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch.

Customer Ratings:
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