



SCHOOL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Gladstone Park

"Known by your name"



"The Good Shepherd school community promotes the safety, well being and inclusion of all children."

Term 3– Tuesday 13th July 2021

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Extend

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Parish Mass Times

Good Shepherd Gladstone Park

Wed, Thurs & Fri: 9.15 am

Sat: 6.00 pm

Sun: 11am & 5.30 pm

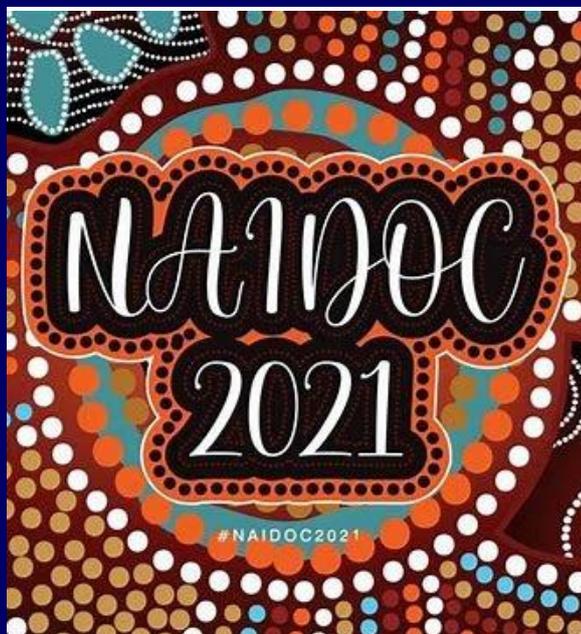
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Notes on yellow paper indicate that you need to complete the form and return to school



Holy Father, God of Love, You are the Creator of all things.

We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history and the sufferings of Our peoples, and we ask your forgiveness. We thank you for the survival of Indigenous cultures. Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus to reconcile the world to you.

We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another, as you love us and forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son.

Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our Nation. Teach us to respect all cultures. Teach us to care for our land and waters.

Help us to share justly the resources of this land. Help us to bring about spiritual and social change to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially the disadvantaged.

Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit. May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families, our communities and our Nation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NAIDOC stands for the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee. It is a significant week in the Australian calendar, and an especially important one for many Indigenous communities around the country. It is a week to celebrate our culture and heritage, commemorate our history, unify our communities, and to share with the rest of the nation. NAIDOC Week happens each year between the first and second Sundays in July.

Yesterday we gathered as a school and commemorated this by praying together and acknowledging the traditional owners of our land the Wurundjeri people. It was a wonderful way to 'Heal Country' in preparation for our Sustainability Inquiries beginning this week.

Last term we farewelled Carmelina La Verde and Loretta O'Dwyer.

We wish Carmelina much love as she prepares to begin her maternity leave. Carmelina will be missed here at SoGS, her quiet confidence and exceptional leadership was exemplary. We just know the next stage of her life will be a wonderful one, we wish Carmelina and Tony God's blessings as they prepare to welcome their little one into the world.

To Loretta O'Dwyer, we thank you for investing your heart and soul into SoGS in the time you have been with us. Enjoy your new role in leadership and know that you leave a legacy here. Your exceptional teaching and passion and drive for sustainability has helped shape our vision as a school. You leave an indelible mark on our hearts and minds. We wish you well in our new role as Learning Diversity Leader.

We welcome Stephanie Brigandi as our new year 5 teacher. The year 5's met Stephanie late last term and are sure to have a fabulous term with their new teacher.

On the first Saturday of the school holiday Elizabeth Charry married her now husband Nathan. Elizabeth has certainly been challenged in her efforts to get married due to COVID, she displayed resilience and a smile through many disappointments. All good things come to those who wait and now it's finally time. She made a spectacular bride.

With many of our staffing changes, Nicole Vellucci has stepped into the 3-6 Numeracy role. Nicole brings a passion for mathematics and learning and teaching to the role. Mary Demosthenous returns to SoGS in term 3 as our year 4 teacher, sharing with Nicole Vellucci. We welcome Mary back after her extended leave.

SoGS kitchen is now open and volunteers will be contacted to see if they can make a meal over the next couple of weeks.

Thank you to our lovely volunteers who have been making delicious home cooked meals for families within our school community.



Located near the Parish meeting rooms is a welcoming space for the Senior Community. Come and enjoy a coffee or tea with a friend, when waiting to pick up your grandchildren from The School of the Good Shepherd. Please pop into the parish office to receive the code to enter via the outside door. For all other enquiries please contact Cathrine La Terra 0410651803.

Thank you again and God Bless



Volunteer Workshop

Whilst we have not had many opportunities to welcome parents/helpers onsite to volunteer this year due to COVID restrictions, that has now changed. There are MANY ways to assist at school and you being here to help is crucial to the running of our school. {In order to volunteer in ANY capacity at school, families **MUST** complete a volunteer workshop (only one for the entire time you volunteer at SoGS.) We have run 3 volunteer workshop sessions this year with poor attendance. We are running ONE more on **Thursday 15th July**. We ask anyone who has not completed to attend on Thursday via our Zoom invitation (this will be sent via Skoolbag.)}

In line with our COVID restrictions and school protocols, volunteers will be required to sign in using the QR code as well as on the Ipad/passtab system located in the school office. Please adhere to the density limits in the office area. Volunteers are required to have their Working with Children's card with them in order to enter the details into the IPAD. Visitors and parents must observe indoor face mask requirements. Face masks continue to be recommended outdoors when 1.5m physical distancing cannot be maintained.

We are currently looking for volunteers who are available Monday mornings from 9 to 11 am to assist Mrs Garro to prepare for the art show. The volunteer role may involve putting up artwork and preparing equipment. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Please email Mrs Garro if you can assist: ggarro@sogsgpark.catholic.edu.au

Sacramental Night and Sacramental dates

In Term 3, we look forward to the Year 4 First Eucharist celebration on **Sunday 29th August at 3pm**. These students will have a retreat day at school on **Thursday 13th August** to begin their preparations for this new celebration date.

Our Year 6 students will celebrate their Confirmation on **Saturday 11th September at 3pm**. As part of their preparation, there will be a Family Confirmation evening held on **Tuesday 31st August at 7pm** via Zoom. All Confirmation Candidates must attend this with a parent. We look forward to these special celebrations with our students and their families.



Thank you to our wonderful community for your kind donations. Our appeal has now CLOSED.

EXTEND- HOLIDAY PROGRAM SURVEY RESULTS

Recently, EXTEND calculated the expected daily attendances based on the survey results from our school community. Based on the results, we can expect 6.7 children per day to attend Vacation Care. In greater detail:

19 families said they would use the service regularly.

Most of those (11) said they would use the service one or two days per week.

One family said they would use the service five days a week (there are three children in total whose parents have stated they would attend four or five days per week)

Of the 19 families, 11 of them have only one child who will use the service, further compounding the lower number of daily bookings.

For most families the start time of 8am was suitable but three said they wanted an earlier start time and one said they wanted a later start time.

At this stage, the results don't indicate that the community at large would support a Vacation Care service. It appears the vast majority of families do not need a service consistently over the week, each week. We will continue to monitor this and gauge our community's needs.

Renaë Gentile

Congratulations to the following Eco Warrior delegates

- 1A- Jelilah S
- 1B- Chloe S
- 2A- Miranda S
- 2B- Fernando A
- 3A- Amelia E
- 3B- Cassandra T
- 4A- Tomas B
- 4B- India G
- 5A- Holly H
- 5B- Leo C
- 6A- Ruby S
- 6B- Ruby T



The leaders first order of business will be to organise SoGS Sustainability Week, Monday 26/7- Friday 30/7. The Sustainability Team looks forward to working together to create a more sustainable SoGS each and every day!

TERM 3 DIARY DATES (Pending Restrictions)

UPCOMING Events  MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday 12th July	TERM 3 COMMENCES
Thursday 15th July	Parent Volunteer Workshop 7-8pm via Zoom link
Friday 16th July	Prep & Year 2 Traffic School Excursion
Friday 23rd July	Year 1 Traffic School Excursion
Monday 26th - 30th July	Sustainability Week
Monday 26th July	Let's Chat Habitat Performance for Prep, Year 1 & 2
Monday 26th July	Yr's 5 & 6 Upcycling and renewable materials Guest Speaker
Friday 30th July	Grandparents Morning Tea (<i>more details to come</i>)
Friday 30th July	Year 4 Traffic School Excursion
Friday 6th August	Broadmeadows District Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 10th August	Board Meeting 7-8pm
Friday 13th August	Penola Volleyball Comp
Thursday 19th & Friday 20th August	SCHOOL CLOSURE – PUPIL FREE DAYS
Monday 23rd August	BOOK WEEK Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds.
Tuesday 24th August	YR 4 Class Reconciliation 12-2pm
Thursday 26th August	Year 6 Excursion- Mary Mackillop Centre
Friday 27th August	BOOK WEEK PARADE (<i>more details to come</i>)
Friday 27th August	Prep Assembly 2.15-3pm
Sunday 29th August	Year 4 Sacrament of First Eucharist at 3pm
Tuesday 31st August	Family Confirmation evening via Zoom @7pm
Thursday 2nd September	YR 6 Class Reconciliation 12-2pm
Friday 3rd September	Father's Day Stall
Saturday 11th September	YR 6 Confirmation Church at 3pm
Thursday 16th September	SOGS ART SHOW 3.45– 7.30pm
Friday 17th September	LAST DAY TERM 3. 1.00 FINISH
Monday 4th October	TERM 4 COMMENCES

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