



# 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 2- Tuesday 18th May 2021

## School Office Hours

8.30am - 4pm daily

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## School Web Address

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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

### St Carlos Greenvale:

Sun: 9.30am

Ph: 9338 2840

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

Dear Families,

Last Sunday marked the Ascension of The Lord. We invite you to pray this prayer together as a family, acknowledging this miracle.

**Leader:** Christ's ascension indicates a change in his presence, not his absence. We are not abandoned but empowered. Now we, empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit, are Christ's presence, Christ's own mystical body, in the world.

**Reader:** Christ has no body now on earth but yours; No hands but yours; No feet but yours; Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world; Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; Yours are the hands with which he is to bless his people now.

*St Teresa of Avila*

**Leader:** Let us pray.

**All:** God of glory, you have lifted up Christ and so revealed the greatness of your power. Bring us to glory with Christ, that we may rejoice forever in you. We make our prayer with confidence in you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Beginning today our school newsletter will be delivered in written form and in a recorded form. Some feedback from our School Board was the wonderful connection families felt with our school when the newsletter was delivered in the live format. We hope that more families will engage with this varied format.

### Eucharist ~ Preparation and Celebration

Our Year 4 students are to receive First Eucharist Sunday 6th June, 2021. The celebration will take place at Good Shepherd Church.

### Tutoring Program and Intervention

This year the state government introduced a Tutoring Initiative to address the needs of many students who faced adversity last year through lockdown and as a result did not grow academically. Pleasingly, we have already seen wonderful growth coming out of this program and our complimentary intervention programs. Testament to the wonderful work of our tutors and intervention teachers. Data is driving these programs and will continue to do so throughout the school year.

Completely  
Totally  
Proud of  
You

### NAPLAN

Last week, children in Year 3 and Year 5 engaged in NAPLAN testing. The NAPLAN testing covered the areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. We were so delighted with the efforts of our year 3 and 5 students. They entered the week with a positive mindset, armed with tools to self regulate and manage themselves. All of their efforts were their best and that is all we can ask.

### Sustainability News

Our school is buzzing with sustainability initiatives that are teaching our students the importance of looking after the planet we are gifted with. With the implementation of a Sustainability Team, we have the resources to keep momentum going.

Classrooms and our staffroom are managing waste by sorting it into landfill, organic compost and recyclables. This introduction of the three bin system has us all thinning and making more considered choices when discarding waste. Students are guided to compost their organic waste daily, our composting system is just amazing.

Worms are making their way to the compost and soon we will have our own little worm farm, adding nutrients, movement and organics to the soil.

Our afternoon gardening program is taking off. We have students rostered to feed, weed, turn soil, plant, toil and harvest. The garden is a thriving little space that is slowly getting ready for the introduction of school chickens. You will see produce for sale for a gold coin donation more frequently at the front office. This small donation will keep our garden going.

We hope to introduce chickens to our SoGS family sometime in term 3.

### School Traffic

In recent weeks, we have been in contact with Hume Council about ways we can better manage traffic around our school. The focus has mainly been on South Circular Road and Burnleigh Drive. The council plan on removing the current school crossing at the back gate ( currently it is not being used.) They intend on creating a 2 minute drop off zone from approximately 50m in front the Elmhurst Street end all the way up to where the current crossing is. This is excellent news for our traffic management and the safety of our students. We urge all families to continue to remain safe and follow the rules in the carpark.

### School Fees

Term Two school fees are now due. School fee payments can be made via credit card, direct debit or cash/eft. Our school does rely on school fees for many recurrent costs, so prompt payment is appreciated.

### Child Safety

School of The Good Shepherd is committed to creating a Child Safe environment where the safety, wellbeing and participation of all children within our care is paramount. In the spirit of being a Child Safe school, we encourage all families to talk to their children about their safety and identifying situations where they may feel unsafe. An important conversation to have at home is around what to do when they are approached by strangers. There are strategies that you can talk to and practise with your child. These include;  
**S.M.A.R.T.** (Safety Always Means Recognising Trouble)  
Yell and Tell

Making sure your child or children know safe places they can go if they feel unsafe.

Having a family password that your child can remember. If someone tells your child they have come to pick them up, the child can test them with the password.

For more information and resources to begin the conversation at home, the following websites may be helpful;

<https://www.safety4kids.com.au>

<https://danielmorcombe.com.au>

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/keeping-your-kids-safe>





## 7.5.21 Student of the week is awarded to..

Student First Name & class	Class	Reason to celebrate!
Noah B	<b>PREP A</b> <b>Mrs Boyle</b>	For always entering the classroom with a cheerful face and using beautiful manners - what a great bucket-filler attitude! Well done Noah!
Vinisha T	<b>PREP B</b> <b>Mrs Peel</b>	For remaining focused at all the tasks set and having a go - Well Done
Chloe B	<b>1A</b> <b>Miss Belanti</b>	For representing our Year 1 class in the SRC meeting to discuss the school anthem and communicated back to the class with clarity and confidence. Well done Chloe!
Joseph H	<b>1B</b> <b>Miss Charry</b>	For representing our Year 1 class in the SRC meeting to discuss the school anthem and communicated back to the class with clarity and confidence. Well done Joseph!
Audrey P	<b>2A</b> <b>Mr Josh</b>	For communicating with clarity by carefully sounding out her words, using finger spaces and punctuation. Awesome!
Spencer S	<b>2B</b> <b>Mrs La Verde</b>	Having a positive mindset towards all learning experiences. Well done for always persisting with the learning when you are in the learning pit and using strategies to help you overcome challenges.
Orlando N	<b>3A</b> <b>Miss Ravanello</b>	For continuously being a fantastic role model in 3A! Your kindness, support and hard working attitude does not go unnoticed. Love your work Orlando!
Massimo A	<b>3B</b> <b>Miss D</b>	For taking responsible risks in the art incursion, trying your best and always being a great role model! Great Job Massimo!
Jeffrey M	<b>4A</b> <b>Miss Macri</b>	For assisting his peers through their class activities whilst listening with empathy!
Ayden D	<b>4B</b> <b>Mrs Vellucci</b>	For managing his impulsivity to be an active listener and engaged learner! Love your work!
Sonny Boy D	<b>5A</b> <b>Mrs O'Dwyer</b>	For demonstrating responsibility for his own learning by asking questions and participating in accountable talk.
Anastasia T	<b>5B</b> <b>Mr Borg</b>	For always trying her very best!
Carmel T	<b>6A</b> <b>Mrs D'Souza</b>	For the kind and gentle ways you reflect our SOGS community spirit, by extending your hand of friendship to our new student to make them feel welcomed and safe amongst new friends. You are an inspiration to your peers.
Jason H	<b>6B</b> <b>Mrs McLean</b>	For consistently striving for accuracy when completing your tasks. Well done on always trying your best with your learning in year 6!



## 14.5.21 Student of the week is awarded to..

Student First Name & initial	Class	Reason to celebrate!
Ariya L	PREP A Mrs Boyle	Always trying to work independently when completing your learning tasks. Well done Ariya!
Elizabeth P	PREP B Mrs Peel	demonstrating persistence in learning by applying herself to her writing. Well done for jumping into the learning pit and having a go!
Rome P	1A Miss Belanti	For demonstrating the school value 'love' as Mother Teresa did by being a kind friend and not leaving anyone out. Well done Rome!
Shiloh M	1B Miss Charry	For 'Taking Responsible Risks' and applying herself during Maths to help her develop her number knowledge. Keep it up Shiloh!
Gabriel N	2A Mr Josh	For finding humour during class discussions and making learning fun for himself and others!
Aiden V	2B Mrs La Verde	For working diligently to complete all his learning tasks to the best of his ability and offering assistance to others once he has completed his work. Thank you for being amazing!
Ethan S	3A Miss Ravanello	For continuing to work towards your goal of managing your impulsivity during class and persevering through our NAPLAN tests this week. Love your work Ethan!
Cassandra T	3B Miss D	For consistently striving for accuracy when completing your tasks and being a great role model to those in 3B! Well done on always trying your best Cassandra!
Olivia L	4A Miss Macri	For taking responsible risks and pushing herself to use a protractor for a challenge! Well done Olivia!
Grace A	4B Mrs Vellucci	For always lifting the spirit of those around her and being a positive learner. Love your work!
Leah J	5A Mrs O'Dwyer	Mary MacKillop courage award: For bravely stepping out of her comfort zone to mentor younger students.
Giaan D	5B Mr Borg	For being a great helper in class and always being the first to volunteer when something needs to be done!
Sarayah G	6A Mrs D'Souza	For striving for accuracy and jumping into the Learning Pit when challenged with measuring perimeter. I am super proud of how you collaborated and retraced the steps and worked towards your 'Yay, I got it moment!'
Milana M	6B Mrs McLean	For striving for accuracy with your reading! Well done for showing improvement with your comprehension. Keep it up!



Commonwealth School  
Banking visits every  
Thursday.



**When:** Friday 21st May

**Where:** Outside Prep Double doors

**Time:** 2.30– 3.15pm

*Please bring small denominations of money*



# St Vincent de Paul *Winter Warmer Appeal 2021*

The School of Good Shepherd is collecting donations to assist people in need this winter.

If you have any spare blankets, clothes or accessories please donate them into the Big Red Bin in our school office.



All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

The Student Representative Council (SRC) and Wellbeing Leader



# COMMUNITY PORTAL

We are in the process of setting up a Community Portal. This Parent Portal will be a place where we can communicate with parents, and provide you with a digital copy of your child's report (**there will no longer be a printed report provided**)

*Thank you so much to the 285 parents that have already validated & verified your details  
We appreciate your prompt action!*

*We are still waiting on 230 parents to action this request so we can move to Stage 2 of the Community Portal set up.*

**STEP 1**— please ignore this request if you have already validated & verified your details

**STEP 2**—Both Parents will be required to action this request.

**STEP 3**—Please check your emails (including junk/trash folders) 'ICON Parent Details Form,' and **ACTION** if not already done so— please email [inof@sogsgpark.catholic.edu.au](mailto:inof@sogsgpark.catholic.edu.au) if you have not received or have a yahoo/Hotmail email address. Please follow all of the instructions in the email to verify & validate your details.

*Thank you for your support as we move to this more sustainable way for communicating with all of you.*

**PLEASE NOTE** This site will not be **LIVE** until all parents have verified and approved their details.

## Applications for Eco Warrior Leaders at SoGS

We are beginning to live and breathe Sustainability at SoGS and there's a host of items popping up that we need 'Year level Sustainability Leaders' to help plan for and tend to. Term 3 will see us adopting chickens and hold our very first Sustainability Week! Between now and June 15, Year 1-6 students will be set an Eco Warrior application homework task.

Should your child be interested in fulfilling this role please encourage them to submit a creative response via the Seesaw activity once their classroom teacher shares it. Successful applicants will be notified at the final assembly of term.

### **An Eco Warriors role will Include but not be limited to:**

- - Monitoring the class bin system
- - Being a mindful mentor to the teacher(s), alerting him/her to possibilities of alternate sustainable practices
- - Helping plan, organise and run 'Sustainability Week' in Term 3
- - Being an all round sustainable citizen, who will happily encourage others to pick up papers in the yard and speak at mindfulness
- - Manage chickens



We look forward to sifting through the entries!

## ***TERM 2 DIARY DATES*** ***(Pending Restrictions)***

Wednesday 19th May	Year 3 Class Mass
Friday 21st May	Years 5 & 6 Winter Sport Round 4 Interschool Sports
Tuesday 25th May	Woodlands Cross Country Finals
Wednesday 26th May	Year 2 Class Mass
Friday 28th May	Years 5 & 6 Winter Sport Round 5 Interschool Sports
Tuesday 1st June	Sacrament Reconciliation 4A Reconciliation- Church at 12.00-1.00 pm 4B Reconciliation- Church at 1.00–2.00 pm
Tuesday 1st June	Year 4 Tennis Australia Program
Wednesday 2nd June	Year 6 Class Mass
Friday 4th June	Year 5 Assembly 2.15– 3.15pm
Friday 4th June	Years 5 & 6 Winter Sport Round 5 Interschool Sports
Sunday 6th June	Year 4 Sacrament of Eucharist 3.00-4.00pm
Tuesday 8th-9th June	Year 4 Camp Anglesea
Friday 11th June	Years 5 & 6 Winter Sport Round 6 Interschool Sports
<b>Monday 14th June</b>	<b>QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
Wednesday 16th June	Northern Metro Cross Country <i>(If we qualify)</i>
Friday 18th June	Broadmeadows AFL Gala Day <i>(classes to be advised)</i>
Monday 21st– 25th June	NAIDOC week
Tuesday 22nd June	Year 1 Science works excursion
Tuesday 22nd June	Board Meeting @7pm <b>(to be confirmed)</b>
<b>Thursday 24th June</b>	<b>END OF TERM 3.30PM FINISH TIME</b>
<b>Thursday 24th June</b>	<b>PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS 3.45-7.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 25th June</b>	<b>NO STUDENTS Parent Teacher Interviews</b>
<b>Monday 12th July</b>	<b>TERM 3 COMMENCES</b>
Monday 26th - 30th July	Sustainability Week
Friday 30th July	Grandparents Morning Tea
Friday 6th August	Broadmeadows District Athletics Carnival
Friday 13th August	Penola Volleyball Comp
<b>Thursday 19th &amp; Friday 20th August</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE – PUPIL FREE DAYS</b>

**THANKS FOR READING**