Vision Statement:
Good Shepherd Catholic School is an inclusive community growing together in faith by living our Catholic values and beliefs. We are guided by the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ, in partnership with parents, caregivers, parish and the wider community. Our school is dedicated to fostering life-long learning through educational excellence encapsulating the spiritual, cognitive, emotional, social and physical development of the child.

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Christmas Nativity Concerts

On Wednesday 30 November the school celebrated Christmas with two very special events: the Kindy / Pre Primary Concert and the Year 1 – 6 Nativity. The early childhood Concert was held in the school hall and was very well attended by parents and extended family. After a wonderful performance from all Kindy and Pre Primary classes the children and their families’ shared a morning tea in the undercover area.

A big thank you to all our parents who attended the concert and donated food for the morning tea. A special vote of thanks to all our staff in Kindy and Pre Primary for the effort they all put in to make the concert a success. Finally congratulations to all the children for their wonderful performances.

The Year 1 – 6 Nativity was celebrated in the evening inside the Good Shepherd Church. It was another very successful concert after numerous practises and hard work from all concerned. It was wonderful to see so many parents and extended members of families come along to support the concert.

My congratulations to all our students in Years 1 – 6 for their excellent performances with their singing, acting and narration. I would like to say a special thank you to the six Year 5 Narrators who read so well and helped with the smooth flow of the Nativity story – Jasmine Lake, Ewan Lusk, Rohan Kapour, Breah Tarnowski, Jayden Nguyen and Tina Nguyen.

Finally, I must thank every staff member involved in Years 1 – 6 for their wonderful efforts in preparing the children for the concert especially our Music Specialist Alison Motherwell who put so much time and energy into the preparation and organisation of the Nativity to ensure its success and to Vanessa Tarca for all the work she did with the children in the acting parts of the Nativity Story. A great team effort, well done everyone!

Love and God Bless,
Jim Di Carlo
Principal
Person of the Week

This week’s Person of the Week winner is:

Danh Pham  5W

Danh has a caring and beautiful nature. He is very calm and shows respect to others around him. Danh shows enthusiasm to complete all tasks to the best of his ability. He is a respectable and mature student.

Congratulations!

Merit Awards

This week’s Merit Certificate winners are:

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Birthday’s

The following celebrated a birthday this week
We wish them a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Zachary Buba 5B  Helen Le PPW  Makayla Pugliese 6B

Term Dates 2016

Term 4 Finishes - Friday 9 December 2016

Term Dates 2017

Term 1  Wednesday 1 February
        Friday 7 April

Term 2  Wednesday 26 April
        Friday 30 June

Term 3  Tuesday 18 July
        Friday 22 September

Term 4  Tuesday 10 October
        Friday 8 December

Prayer of the Week

Dear God, Thank you for our eyes.
Even though some people are blind, please help them to
Be happy about the things they can do.
They can still hear, smell, taste and feel things.
When my body is tired and sick,
Help me to have faith in your healing touch.

Students Not Attending in 2017

If your child will not be attending Good Shepherd Catholic School in 2017 you
are asked to please notify the school office in writing as soon as possible.
Health Care Card Holders 2017

This is a **reminder** for families wishing to claim the Health Care Card discount for 2017. An application form can be found on the schools website [http://web.gsl.wa.edu.au/stewardship/school-fees-and-charges/](http://web.gsl.wa.edu.au/stewardship/school-fees-and-charges/) and MUST be completed and presented to the office with a current card for sighting and copying. **We ask that you return these forms ASAP to have this applied to your school fees for 2017. A new application must be submitted for each new school year.**

Exiting Parents / Volunteers Morning Tea

On **Friday 9 December**, after the Year 6 Graduation Assembly, there will be a morning tea held for the many volunteers who have supported the school during the year. We would also like to invite those parents who are leaving the school at the end of the year, as their children move to other schools.

Classes for 2017

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching and I thought it would be an opportune time to remind parents of the process we use for establishing the classes for next year.

This process aims to establish classes where the children have a couple of friends they get along with and there is an even distribution of learning abilities.

To begin the process, I distribute the children to classes based on the outcomes of the standardised tests in English and Mathematics. The teachers are then asked to ensure that each child has a close friend in the class. Social and behavioural aspects are considered and the number of times the children experience the same class teacher is minimised.

This process is taken very seriously and is time consuming for the staff. We do our best to ensure that children are distributed in class groups for the best learning environment possible.

Changes to the allocated classes do not occur as a norm.

Where a parent is told by the child they have no friends I would like you to consider this from a child’s point of view because as we know their best friend this week may be different from when they completed the survey in preparation for the class splits.

The **Classes** for 2017 will be posted home along with their **School Reports** in week 10, term 4.
Handling peer pressure

- A good relationship with your child is the best insurance against peer pressure.
- Talk directly about peer pressure - don’t avoid it, hoping it will just go away.
- Teach them useful phrases to use to cope.
- Don’t nag or threaten teenagers too much.

Camp Australia News

Count Down to School Holiday Fun
The countdown to “The Sensational Summer” of school holiday fun is on and we are getting excited! Here’s a sneak peek at just a few of the activities we have planned:

- **Block-Building Beats**
  Build and take home your own music themed Lego compatible kit!

- **Go For Goal - Soccer Skills Clinic**
  With take-home cheer squad soccer scarf

- **Flying Hole in One - Frisbee Golf Course**
  With take-home Frisbee

- **SINGsational - At the Movies**
  SING, we’re off to see the world’s greatest singing competition!

- **Nesting Dolls**
  Design and take-home your masterpieces. Will it be a footy team? A music band? Or a traditional family design?

2017 School Swimming Lessons

Students in Years 1 to 6 will be attending swimming lessons at Bayswater Waves during Week 1 and 2 of Term One 2017, Wednesday 1 February - Friday 10 February.

The children will be travelling to and from the pool by bus. *Approximate* lesson times are as follows:

- Year 6: 9:10am
- Year 5: 9:55am
- Year 4: 10:45am
- Year 3: 11:30am
- Year 2: 12:45pm
- Year 1: 1:30pm

Students are permitted to wear their PE (light blue) or SPORT (house coloured) uniforms over this two week swimming period. The children will be required to change into their bathers at school and out of their bathers once they return to school. Year 6 students are to arrive at school dressed in their bathers under school uniforms and Year 1 students will return to school in their bathers and go home as they are dressed. All students will attend the pools with their year level at the allocated time, even if they are not swimming on that particular day.

It is recommended that all students bring a separate bag with the following requirements:

- Bathers
- Slip on shoes eg thongs
- Goggles if desired
- Towel
- Drink bottles

Please ensure all items are clearly *LABELLED* to avoid confusion or misplacement.

Sunscreen is available at school and children will apply this before leaving the school grounds.

Parents are welcome to come to the pools and watch their children. We ask you to respect the importance of the lessons and minimise any disruptions to the children or the swimming instructors when they are in care of the students. Good Shepherd staff will be available at the pools for the duration of the lessons. Please note, no food is to be given to the children at the pools.

Any adjustments that need to be made to swimming stages due to lessons being taken over the holidays will be made on the first day back. These amendments should be given to the class teacher on the first morning as soon as the child arrives at school.

Please fill in both the Bus Permission Form and Intern Swimming Enrolment Form attached and hand to class teachers by 2 December 2016.

We hope all the children have a great time learning and improving their swimming skills.

*Mrs Rachel Cairney*  
Sports Coordinator
Good Shepherd Catholic School

Bus Permission Slip

I give permission for __________________ currently in year _____ to participate in the Interim Swimming Lessons and travel to and from Bayswater Waves by bus for two weeks commencing Wednesday 01/02/2017.

Signed: __________________ Date: ____________

Interim Swimming ENROLMENT FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT:

I give my child __________________ (PRINT BLOCK LETTERS) _______ Age: ____ School: _______________

Room Number: ______ permission to attend the Department of Education's Interim Swimming classes at ________ commencing on __________ and enclose payment of $ __________. ________ (Lessons for Government schools are free. Payment is for transport and pool entry)

Is your child subject to asthma, seizures, fainting, epilepsy, diabetes, allergies or any other condition or disability* that may affect his/her safety, or require the school to provide learning adjustment?  **

Yes (please provide further information if necessary)
No

I agree to inform the organisers before the scheduled departure of any change to my child's health and fitness. Where it is not practical to communicate with me, I authorise the school staff to consent to my child receiving such medical treatment as considered necessary.

Stage No: 1 Beginner 2 Water Ski/Discovery 3 Preliminary 4 Water Ski/Introduction 5 Water Ski/Edu 6 Junior 7 Intermediate

Stage No: 8 Water Ski/Wee 9 Senior 10 Jr Swim & Survivor/Surf Stage 10 11 Swim & Survivor/Surf Stage 11 12 Star Scales & Survivor/Surf Stage 13 13 Wada Rescue/Surf Stage 13 14 Assembled Rescue/Surf Stage 14 15 Bronze Star (swimming)

My child is going for Stage number: ____________

Unsure - please grade: ____________

My child has attempted this policy for stage three times in Department of Education classes without passing. Please attach copies of last three Department of Education certificates.

Signature: __________________________ Parent daytime phone number: ____________ Date: ____________
Community News

COMMUNITY NEWS

Additional funding for Talk It Out (TIO) means that our CaLD Engagement Workers can provide interventions and support for children and young people up to age 18 at risk of, or affected by mental illness, from humanitarian entrant and other CaLD families.

A free service for those children and young people with disability, mental illness and carers

- Direct care and assistance provided to the child or young person, either short term or more intensive long term
- Work to address identified risk factors or issues within whole-of-family context

- Strengths and goal based approach
- Access to language services where appropriate
- Liaison and partnerships with other migrant and family and children’s services
- For families in the Cities of Bayswater, Bassendean, Swan and Mundaring
- Phone (08) 9427 7100
- Email info@talkitout.org.au

What is Longevityology?

Longevityology is a holistic approach that guides the “intelligent” energy into human body, to enhance the flow of “bioregulatory” CME. The enhanced energy helps to improve the body metabolism, and easy help to expedite the recovery of certain ailments. Testimonies for ailments related to high blood pressure, diabetes, problems in parenting, constitutional imbalance, hormonal imbalance, weaknesses, headaches, gastric complications and arthritis are available.

Longevityology Adjustment Centre, Perth, WA. For more information visit www.longevityology.org.au

The longevityology adjustment is free of charge, you are welcome to try!


For more information contact: 613 965 583 66 www.longevityology.org.au/
Servite College – 2018 Enrolment

Enrol Now

2018 Year 7 enrolments are now open. Limited places available for Year 7 in 2017.

Please contact our College Registrar on 9444 6333 or visit www.servite.wa.edu.au for enrolment information or to book a tour.

VacSwim

Summer will soon be here – enrol now for swimming lessons

VACSWIM SUMMER 2017

Give your child the opportunity to learn vital swimming and water safety skills. Enrolments are now open for summer school holiday swimming lessons. Simply select a program and enrol online.

Program 1 40 Minute Lessons
Every weekday from Tuesday 3 to Friday 13 January 2017
Enrolments close Monday 28 November 2016

Program 2 45 Minute Lessons
Every weekday from Monday 16 to Wednesday 25 January 2017
Enrolments close Monday 5 December 2016

Short Program 35 Minute Lessons
Every day from Monday 9 to Friday 13 January 2017
Enrolments close Monday 28 November 2016

Early Start Program (Limited Wheatbelt centres) 45 Minute Lessons
Every day from Saturday 17 to Friday 23 December 2016
Enrolments close Monday 14 November 2016

Enrol online at education.wa.edu.au/swimming or telephone 9402 6412.
Early in 2017, Mercedes College will commence interviewing Year Five students who are due to start Year Seven in 2019. If you are considering enrolling your daughter at Mercedes and have not yet requested an information pack, please contact Mrs Julie Lamb on 9323 1340 as soon as possible. Further information about enrolments is available on our website, www.mercedes.wa.edu.au.
COME TO THE CHURCH AND SEE...the Nativity scene in Our Lady’s Chapel in the church. New additions are being placed in the manger and nearby each weekend. Can you spot them? Come and see.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Saturday 24 December**
*Vigil Mass* at 6 pm - with Carols prior to the Mass and the Children’s Nativity play during the Mass.  
*Midnight Mass* - with Carols prior to the Mass.

**Sunday 25 December**
*Masses at*  
- 8 am  
- 9.30 am  
- **NO** Mass at 5 pm.

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**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PARISH’S**  
**Carols by Candlelight 2016**  
**FAMILY EVENT • FREE-ENTRY**  

**SING-A-LONG TO YOUR FAVOURITE CAROLS**  
*at* Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
215 Morley Dr., Kiara WA 6054  
*on* Sunday, 4th December 06:30pm  

$2 electronic candles for sale • Food and drinks for sale • Raffle tickets and prizes • Santa Claus  
Bring your own picnic blankets, deck chairs and jumper to keep warm • Limited parking around venue • Preferably a non-alcoholic event

**CHRISTMAS MASSES AT GOOD SHEPHERD**  
Saturday, 24th December: 6.00pm & Midnight  
Sunday, 25th Dec ember: 8.00am & 9.30am

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Due to fire restrictions, flammable candles are strictly prohibited.  
Enquiries 9279 8119 | gscatholic@gmail.com
GOOD SHEPHERD
CATHOLIC PARISH

Children's Christmas Tree Party

Sunday • 11 December 2016 • 1pm
Good Shepherd School Hall

Cost: $5.00 per child
Includes, games, prizes, party foods and lots of fun • Music and Games by DJ Bernie Lyons
Tickets on sale from 19 November 2016 at all masses

Contact: Marlene on 0409 374 555 or 9377 1732
**Uniform Shop Times**

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Available from the Canteen on Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
Hats, calculators, desk mats, CD Roms and Essential Facts and Tables Books

http://web.gsl.wa.edu.au/stewardship/school-uniform/

**Uniform Shop**

Uniform orders are ready for collection. However due to a delay from the manufacturer, the following item/s are unavailable:

**SCHOOL JUMPERS (size 2, 4, & 6)**

The above item will be distributed on arrival.

Orders can be collected from the uniform shop at the following times:
- Tuesday - 8.15am to 9.15 am
- Friday - 2.15pm to 3.15pm

**Last working day for the uniform shop is Tuesday 6th December 2016.**

Please ensure that all orders are collected before this date. Orders not collected by the above date will be cancelled and items returned to stock.

**Uniform Shop Holiday Trading 2017**

The uniform shop will be opened on Monday 30th January 2017 from 9am to 11am for last minute purchases.

**Canteen Menu 2016**

SHPEHERD’S PIE – **will not** be available for the remainder of term 4

The Canteen is running down its stock, the following items are available on Monday & Wednesday in addition to the Normal Menu items:

**RECESS:**
- Party pies - 50 cents each
- ½ Sausage roll - $ 1.00

**DRINKS:**
- Juice Box - $1.00
- Juice Bomb - $ 1.50

**LUNCH:**
- Hot dogs
- Ice-cream - 50 cents
CRUNCH N SIP
The following items are available for purchase for Crunch N Sip:

- Slinky Apple or Pear - 50 cents
- Orange (peeled & cut) - 50 cents
- Chunky Fruit Salad - $2.00

CANTEEN SPECIAL
Pizza - $2.50
Choice of Ham and Cheese, BBQ Chicken, Supreme or Vege

http://web.gsl.wa.edu.au/stewardship/debbies-deli/

Canteen Roster
Term 4 Roster was sent home on Monday 19th September 2016
http://web.gsl.wa.edu.au/stewardship/debbies-deli/

The P&F Page

SUNDOWNER – SAVE THE DATE

Friday 24th February 2017
5.30pm
Grassed area near the school oval & hall
More details to follow........

FACEBOOK
We are excited to announce that our Facebook page is up and running. Please join us and keep updated with the P&F events and activities that are on at our school.

https://www.facebook.com and search Good Shepherd Catholic School P&F
Support the school and save time. Ezcovers is once again offering Good Shepherd Catholic School the opportunity to participate in the rebate programme which gives 15 cents per cover on all orders purchased by parents to our school. They have a number of fresh new subject based designs for the 2017 school year so why not jump online and take a look.

Its easy order, visit [www.ezcovers.com.au](http://www.ezcovers.com.au) select our school first from the drop-down box and then enter the promo code (EZ15)
MEETING NOTICE

We would like to invite all parents and friends to come along and join us for the next P&F meeting. This meeting takes place in the School Hall Meeting Room on Tuesday, 14th February at 7pm. We hope to see you there.

Please direct enquires to casslembo@gmail.com or 0407 389 589

Class News

Kindy

Congratulations to all the children on their wonderful Christmas concert, we were very proud of them all. It was great to see so many families and friends at the concert, thank you all for coming. Week 9 will be a busy week with work completion, portfolios going home, a special visitor and sad farewells. Our classroom is also busier than usual as we have the Kindy children for 2017 coming in to say hello in the morning. Please make sure all absentee forms have been completed and returned to the classroom before the end of the year. If your child has a medical action plan can you please make sure you collect it from the classroom on your child’s final Kindy day. Have a good weekend!

Pre Primary

We would like to thank parents and grandparents for attending our Christmas concert, it was a huge success. Next week in Literacy, the children will be writing ‘what they liked best’ about Pre Primary and finalising their picture books. Next week in Maths, the children will be revising 2D and 3D shapes and completing Maths related Christmas activities. Reminder to any parents who have not yet brought in a wrapped book for their child, they need to be in ASAP. Next week, the children will be taking part in a cooking experience in their guided play time. Have a great weekend and we will see you for our last week of the year.

Year 1

We cannot believe that we are about to start the last week of Year 1! How exciting for our fabulous students! Next week we will be finalising our revision in English and Maths. The children will continue to look at Jesus’ birth in Religion. We will finish off the term with some Yoga in Sport! A reminder that the viewing of 'Sing' on the 5th December is a closed, pre-screening of the film prior to its release to the public. Therefore, we are restricted to the numbers of children and adults we have booked and as a result parents are not able to attend. Please send your children with a clearly labelled drink bottle on Monday to take to the movies. We will be leaving school at 9am. Thanks and have a fabulous weekend!
Year 2

We hope you have all had a wonderful week! In Literacy, the children will continue to work on Narratives, focusing on the Christmas Theme. They have thoroughly enjoyed writing their Nativity stories and have done a fantastic job! In Mathematics, the children will be revising topics covered this semester, such as the timetables, division, addition and subtraction. A reminder that Year 2W’s Mass will be on Thursday 8th of December. It will be lovely to see as many parents and families attend our last Mass for the year. Wishing you all an enjoyable week!!

Year 3

Thank you to all the parent who dressed their children so beautifully for the Christmas concert. They all looked and sang so well, they are a credit to you. We will slowly be sending home the children’s work next week, please take a while to look through how much they have achieved this year. This coming week we will be doing Christmas art activities and a lot of cleaning up. In Math’s and English we are revising concepts. We are all looking forward to our excursion today and are thankful for the lovely weather. Enjoy your last week!

Year 4

What a wonderful week we have had this week. Our year 4 students sang beautifully at our recent end of year concert. Today we went to Perth Ice Arena – expect to hear some amazing stories from the day. Next week we will be working on Advent topics in all learning areas. On the last day of school we will be opening our Secret Santa gifts! During Religion this coming week, we will be having a visit from Father CJ to discuss the Advent season to the students, God Bless.

Year 5

Next week in year 5 we will be attending our end of year excursion on Wednesday the 7th of December. We will be going to watch the movie Trolls and then heading to Bounce for a play. Please ensure you have all of the permission slips in as soon as possible these can be found in the previous newsletter. Also on Monday the 5th of December the year 5 choir will be performing at the graduation mass starting at 6:30pm, please ensure you return these permission slips also. Thank you for a great year!
Year 5 Excursion

As our end of year excursion we are heading to Hoyts Carousel to see the movie Trolls. After lunch we will move onto Bounce for an afternoon play.

Destination: Hoyts Carousel & Bounce Cannington
Date: Wednesday the 7th of December 2016
Departing School: 8:40 am AFTER THE FIRST BELL
Arriving Back Approximately: 2.50 pm
Uniform: Physical Education (Light Blue Polo)

* Note: Please be here on time, we cannot wait and will leave without you.

I give permission for ______________________________ in Year 5W/5B to travel by bus to and from Hoyts Carousel & Bounce Cannington on Wednesday the 7th of December, 2016.

Signed: _________________ Date: ________________

Year 6

ONE MORE WEEK! We are so very proud of all your achievements this year. You have all worked so hard and constantly demonstrated motivation and enthusiasm. You have been great leaders for the school this year. To all our leaving parents, thank you for the support you have shown over the years, it has been appreciated. A reminder that Graduation Mass will be held over in the church on Monday night. The ceremony will commence at 6:30pm, can you please ensure all children are waiting outside the church entrance by 6:15pm at the latest. Congratulations graduating class of 2016, all the best for your future endeavours.

1 WEEK LEFT!