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,

The Season of Advent: Anticipation and Hope

Advent is the beginning of the Church Year for most churches in the Western tradition. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is the Sunday nearest November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve (Dec 24). If Christmas Eve is a Sunday, it is counted as the fourth Sunday of Advent, with Christmas Eve proper beginning at sundown.

The Meaning of “Advent”
The word Advent means “coming” or “arrival”. The focus of the entire season is preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about god, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to god. Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and a congregation, as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power. So, as the church celebrates God’s in breaking into history in the Incarnation, and anticipates a future consummation to that history for which “all creation is groaning awaiting its redemption,” it also confesses its own responsibility as a people commissioned to “love the lord your God with all your heart” and to “love thy neighbour as yourself”

Being Present This Christmas

This Advent Season, join with hundreds of other Christians across Australia as we pause and reflect on the meaning of Christmas, as we share together on what it means to be present this Christmas. Most of us long to be present in the moment at Christmas time. We want to be able to think deeply about the meaning of Christmas. We want to be able to pull back a bit from the craziness of attending parties and buying gifts and gathering with loved ones and take time for gratitude. We want to find enough head-space and heart-space to include those who find Christmas lonely and difficulty at our tables and in our budgets. And if we’re honest, we all know that there’s been years when the money, preparations or general busyness of Christmas has caused us stress that has stolen our peace and joy. We don’t want to let another Christmas be lost like that. But how do we really be present when there’s just so much of everything happening. Of course, being present is central to the message of Christmas, for it is a season when we celebrate a God who made himself present in humanity. Who took on the fragility of newborn human flesh as God incarnate and becoming Emmanuel – God is with us. How ironic it is, then we find being present such a difficult achievement at Christmas – of all times.
I would like to thank all members of the school community for their ongoing support and encouragement during 2016. In particular I would like to thank Mrs Romina Chapman for her outstanding work in both Assistant Principal and Principal this year. Congratulations to all our year 6 graduates and my very best wishes to them and those families leaving Good Shepherd School at the end of the year. May you all have a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. I look forward to working with you all again in 2017.

Love and God Bless,
Jim Di Carlo
Principal

Happy and Safe Holiday to All!!

Pastoral Care
Mr Carson and Ms Motherwell Leaving

We would like to wish Mr Carson and Ms Motherwell all the best for their future. Thank you both for your time at Good Shepherd School.

Birthday’s

The following have celebrated a birthday this week or will celebrate over the holiday period. We wish them a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Lucas Minniti  PPB
Jarrod Forknall  6B
Zeke Beros  3B
Demetrius Htun 1W
Ewan Lusk  5B
Summer Bain 1W
Luca Muccilli 3B
Liam Atkins 4B
Christian Paul 3W
Raghavi Manjunath PPB
Ruby O’Brien-Palfrey 5W
Ms Dilena

Alby Jackson PPW
Brian Hoang  3W
David Tranter  4B
Christianne Bandale 1W
Rohan Lusk 1W
Christopher Vaccaro 4B
Jack Simon PPW
Rhianna Villar 4W
Franklin Latimer 5B
Charlize Santineer 1B
Ellanah Lado Showka 3B
Ms Di Ciano

Casey Blackwell  3B
Sienna Wyard PPB
Ashleigh Veneziani 2W
John Supatan 2B
Turi Rodoreda 5B
Lennix Aliphon 2B
Amber Recichi 2B
Isabelle Hughes 6W
Lorraine Cudal 3B
Billo Nogor 5W
Jessica Carson 5B
Ms Caridi
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 making my body the way it is.
Bless all those people whose bodies do not work properly.

Faction Points

Congratulations to our Winning House of the Year, **Francis**. Well done to all the students who collected House points throughout the year from excellent behaviour, participation in school events such as hymn singing and being a positive role model in our school.

- **Francis House**: 3344
- **Foley House**: 3291
- **Noonan House**: 2843
- **Maali House**: 2490

Booklist Collection

If you chose to return your booklist order to the school office you must collect your order from the **School Hall on Monday 30 January 2017** between 8:00am and 9:30am.
# Staff Structure 2017

**Principal:**  Mr Jim Di Carlo  
**Assistant Principals:**  Mrs Romina Chapman  
Mrs Renae Butler  

**Administration:**  Mrs Adelina Kusabs  - Finance  
Mrs Jenny Lazzaroni  - Admin  

**Kindy:**  Miss Elesia Ranauro  
**TA:**  Mrs Jenny Lord & Mrs Leanne Barnes / Mel Vidovich  

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**Library:**  Mrs Rebecca Michaelson  
(History/Geography)  
**Reading Recovery:**  Ms Helen Lornie  

**Library Technician:**  Mrs Helen Tomazin  
**EDI Co:**  Miss Katrina Wszola  

**Music:**  Mrs Vanessa Reedman & Mrs Krystel Barlow  
**Sports Teacher 1-6 / Co:**  Mrs Rachel Cairney  

**Science Specialist:**  Mrs Tianna Scibilia  
**Gifted & Talented Co:**  Helen Lornie  

**Maths Support Co:**  Miss Chloe Decotter  
**Lit Support Co:**  Mrs Helen Lornie  

**IT Co:**  Miss Iolanda Di Ciano  
**Special Needs Co:**  Mrs Rachel Cairney  

**Support:**  
- K – P: Mrs Jackie Huntington  
- Year 1: Mrs Kerry Cogdon  
- Year 1: Miss Michelle Glanville  
- 1 – 3: Mrs Wendy Pedulla (Literacy)  
- 4 – 6: Mrs Siobhan Darge (Literacy)  
- 1 – 3: Mrs Jackie Huntington (Maths)  
- 4 – 6: Mrs Janet Klaver (Maths)  

**Special Needs:**  
- Mrs Tracy Mellican  
- Mrs Caren Mahoney  
- Mrs Susan Beros  
- Mrs Italia Vaccaro  
- Mrs Melissa Vidovich  
- Mrs Helen Millard  

**Aboriginal EA:**  Mrs Maria Dzubiel  
**Ground:**  Mr Vince Bentley  
**Canteen:**  Mrs Debbie Aden  
**Social Worker / School Chaplaincy:**  Ms Ann Cutler
Uniform Holiday Trading

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

Reading Recovery News

Brendan Hale (brother of Sarah in year 6) was one of my Reading Recovery students in 2008. Now he is a Year 10 student at Chisholm Catholic College and was awarded the English Award this year. Well done Brendan and a great acknowledgment of how a great intervention programme can take a child from the lower end of the cohort to winning an award.

Earobics 2017

In 2017 we will be implementing new whole school and junior literacy programmes. For these programmes to run concurrently in the morning we have had to alter the times for the Earobics programme. The days of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will not change but the time will have to so that the students on the program do not miss out on vital whole class literacy teaching. The start time will now be at 8:15 and will run for 30 minutes. This will allow the children to finish the programme at 8:45 and be back in their class for their Literacy block.

Therefore we need the students to be at school, ready to start at 8:15. It is imperative that we continue working together to ensure the best educational outcome possible for your children.

The programme will commence on Tuesday 14th February 2017. Thank you for your ongoing support with the Earobics programme. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either of us.
God bless and have a safe and happy festive season.

Siobhan Darge and Helen Lornie.
Taking each of your children on a trip with you, whether overseas or just for a few days to the next town, is a great way to spend time with your child and help them feel special.

- Work trips and conferences provide an ideal basis around which to build a trip with your child – another way to make your work a friend of your fathering.
- If a work trip or conference is not in the offing, contrive an excuse to travel away somewhere! (E.g. take a trip interstate to see a sporting event or stage show, or visit a museum or gallery in another city to see an exhibition that your child is keen to view.)
VacSwim

Summer will soon be here – enrol now for swimming lesson

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.

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.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas Tree Festival 2016 (Dec 4 - 16)
St Johns Court and Church
16 Aberdeen St, Northbridge

This year's Festival features over 30 symbolic Christmas Trees---produced and decorated by various individuals and groups from St Johns - eg one from Ladies' Friendship Group, Seniors' Group, Discussion Group, Chinese group etc. They're all different, lovely craft work, lighting and Christmas symbols. With a giant symbolic Christmas Tree in our Heritage Church.

St Johns will be open for Viewing & times for Reflection --each day of the Festival 10am - 4pm including the following special gatherings:

- Saturday Dec 10 (6pm -8pm): Twilight Courtyard Carols
- Sunday Dec 11th (8.30am and 10.10am) Advent Services: all welcome.
- Friday Dec 16th (10am): Morning Melodies (Viewing and beautiful Music with Guest Artists
- Various times mid-week: Free Christmas Craft lessons, demonstrations

These are all Free Events --and All Welcome!
(More Info? Call Harry / Heather 9444-4626)

Laguna Veneto Bocce Club 2016
New Year’s Eve Dinner Dance.
7 pm - until 1 am...
Rhythm & Groove Band
Ridolfo’s Catering, 4 course meal
Drinks Included - Champagne, coffee & Panettone at midnight
$100; Members - $110; Non Members
Tickets to be purchased before- avail now from office
All welcome: phone Betty 9276 4578 or Email Admin@lagunavenetobocceclub.com.au for Bookings
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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**Children’s Christmas Tree Party**

*Good Shepherd Catholic Parish*

**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 Canteen

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

CANTEEN ROSTER for Term 1 2017
The roster was sent home on 5 December 2016

CANTEEN HELP FOR TERM 1 ROSTER
The canteen urgently needs help on the following days:

   Wednesday 8th March 2017
   Wednesday 22nd March 2017

If you can help on any of the above days please contact Debbie in Term 1

CANTEEN FOR 2017
Opens on Wednesday 1st February 2017 the New Menu will be effective.
Thank you so much to all of you for covering our Library and Literacy books throughout the year.
I really appreciate the time and effort you have given for the benefit of our wonderful students.
Thank you
Helen Tomazin
Library Technician

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 select our school first from the drop-down box and then enter the promo code (EZ15)
Give an Entertainment Membership to your family and friends and you'll be giving Good Shepherd Catholic School Lockridge a gift too by supporting our cause!

We are fundraising with Entertainment to support our fundraising.

Not sure what to buy your loved ones? Entertainment Memberships make the perfect holiday gift. With hundreds of offers for restaurants, cafés, attractions, arts, hotels, flights and shopping, there is something for everyone to enjoy!

Whether you choose the Entertainment Book or the Entertainment Digital Membership, you'll be giving your loved ones over $20,000 in value, valid until 1 June 2017. Order now and receive FREE standard postage in time for the holidays!

20% of the purchase of every Membership sold contributes towards our fundraising. Please feel free to forward this email.

ORDER FROM US TODAY

See what's inside»

Good Shepherd Catholic School Lockridge
Cassandra Lembo
0407 389 589
casslembo@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
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 enquiries to casslembo@gmail.com or 0407 389 589

Class News

Kindy

We would like to thank all of the Kindy parents for their support and help this year, we could not do our job without you! A huge thank you to all the Kindy children. We have loved teaching you, playing with you, watching you learn and grow. We are so proud of the progress you have made this year and look forward to seeing this continue as you journey through Primary School. We would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a safe and happy holiday. See you all in 2017!

Pre Primary

What a wonderful year it has been in Pre-Primary. This week the children had an opportunity to write about their most treasured experiences. It was great to hear so many memories had in their first formal year of schooling. Just a reminder that in Year One, all stationary and books need to be named. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our parents for the support and guidance given to both us and your children this year. We wish the Pre-Primaries all the best next year in Year One. Have a Safe and Holy Christmas break! God Bless.

Year 1

What a fantastic year we have had! Thank you to our beautiful students who have worked extremely hard throughout the year, their results have been impressive. Also, a big thank you to our parents, your support is always valued and appreciated. We would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces in 2017 and wish the students all the best in Year 2.
Year 2

As term 4 comes to an end we would like to thank all the parents for your support in Year 2 over the year and we hope that you and your children have enjoyed it as much as we have. We wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you all next year. Merry Christmas and God Bless.

Year 3

We sadly say farewell to our beautiful Year 3’s. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching each and every student and we sincerely thank them for their hard work and determination throughout the year. We wish the students and families all the very best for 2017 and hope that you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe over the holiday break and find time to rest and recoup ready for another fun and exciting year. God Bless, Fran Atkinson, Siobhan Kelly & Katrina Wszola

Year 4

I can’t believe the year has passed us by so quickly! We have been very blessed to have taught such kind and beautiful children. We have had such an amazing year, and you have all made it a year to remember! We hope you have a safe and merry Christmas filled with love and joy, and a happy new year!

Year 5

A happy and sad final newsletter. We’ve had a great last week, especially our final excursion to see Trolls and visit Bounce. It is sad to say goodbye to our students as the year draws to a close. A big thank you to students, parents and families of Year 5 for your love and support this year. We have both thoroughly enjoyed time spent with your children, growing together, learning and laughing! We wish them well for their next chapter. All the best for your holidays, be safe and enjoy your time spent with loved ones. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! God Bless
Year 6

CONGRATULATIONS! We could not be prouder of all the sixes. You are all amazing and we wish you the very best for next year. We hope that all the families have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and we thank you for all your support. Best wishes and Merry Christmas!