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21 May 2015

Junior School and Early Learning Centre

At a lovely chapel service this week the Wombats received their own special Bible. Each year the Good Shepherd Congregation kindly provide these Bibles for all our students in their first year of formal schooling. The children were very excited to know that the Bibles were theirs to keep – one commented that it was the heaviest book they had ever owned! Thanks to Pastor Andrew and Pastor Geoff for their efforts on our behalf.

We are fortunate to have two of our early childhood teachers, Miss Hookway and Mrs Kalikajaros, attend Primary Years Programme workshops in Hong Kong to both learn and share their expertise. This ensures Good Shepherd implements the best of current practice from Australia and overseas.

An Athletics Carnival for ELC to Year 1 will be held on 12 June from 8:30 -10:30. Children who do not attend ELC on Friday are welcome to come and participate too if they are accompanied by a responsible adult. On this day students are to wear their PE shorts, sneakers and a shirt (which allows for safe, active movement) in their house colours. Whilst the morning activity minimises sun exposure hats and sun screen will also be necessary.

Hughes – Green  Fenton-Red  Livingstone – Yellow  Strauss-Blue

House lists will be posted outside each room to avoid confusion.

You will notice in the events there are several parent information sessions on SEQTA which is the new Learning Management System where assessments will be recorded. Each of these sessions is identical so you will be able to choose the one which most suits your family. Grades which have already been entered will go “live” in a couple of weeks. Teams have been working on curriculum structure and reporting since the start of the year and we hope you will find the system a user friendly one which provides relevant information on student learning.

We thank you for all the support you offer the staff and students. As Jane D. Hull said “At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents”.

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Mother’s Day Breakfast

On Friday 8 May we held a Mother’s Day breakfast. It was a fantastic morning enjoyed by all who attended.

The children also enjoyed the morning and took great pleasure in presenting their mothers with their hand made treasures.

Athletics Carnival

The Howard Springs Junior Campus athletics carnival for ELC, Transition and Year 1 students will be held on Friday 12 June. It will run from 8:30am –10:30am. All parents are welcome to join us...bring your chairs. Children are encouraged to dress in their house colours.
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Fire Truck Visit

The year one students had a visit on Wednesday 20 May from fireman Mr Horsington and his fire truck. The students were given a talk about fire safety and each had a turn of holding the fire hose.

Transition Bibles

Transition students received their Bibles on Wednesday 20 May during our chapel service with Pastor Andrew.

Icy Poles will be for sale every Friday after school for 50c each.
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School Photos

School Photos have arrived.

Howard Springs Junior Campus photos went home with Students on Wednesday 20 May. Sibling photos will be going home with the youngest child in the Family.

Group photos are able to be viewed at the Front Office of the respective campuses or online and order forms are available there also. These orders are either to be made online or be made to the Front Office of each campus. Credit card payments are only available online.

No orders will be accepted after 5 June 2015.

Vacation Care

Vacation Care with the YMCA Howard Springs Good Shepherd OSHC will be running from the 22nd of June to the 10th July. There are 40 places available and will be operating at Howard Springs Good Shepherd Junior Campus, the program will run Monday to Friday from 7:30am to 6:00pm. There are lots of fun and exciting activities planned for the children as well as excursions and Incursions.

If you have any enquiries please contact Maddy Loats, Coordinator of the YMCA Howard Springs Good Shepherd OSHC.

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Hearts for Nepal

Thank you to everyone who donated loose change to our fundraiser Hearts for Nepal. We raised $260.90!