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06 November 2015

Junior School and Early Learning Centre

With plans for the 2016 school year well underway I have had the pleasure, over the past few weeks, of interviewing prospective staff for our classes next year. It has been very impressive to see the quality of applicants. This is a credit to Good Shepherd and the staff who have developed this community – great teachers want to work at great schools so it is reassuring to be given a real choice of some outstanding professionals to join our team.

With the approaching holidays we will be maintaining a focus on learning. In lieu of “class parties” we will have a fun activity afternoon on the last day. Soon a Christmas tree will appear in our reception area and we will be encouraging students to contribute food which can be passed on to the Salvation Army to give some Christmas Cheer to needy families in Darwin. Classes are already involved in “Gifts of Grace” with additional information on this available from the office should your family also wish to be involved.

The Earn and Learn campaign was very successful with over 101,000 points being awarded to Good Shepherd. This has enabled us to purchase over $5000 worth of robotics equipment which will be shared across the three junior schools. Usually the ordered equipment does not arrive until the new year. Thank you to the many families who supported this campaign.

End of year awards will be presented at our Celebration of the Year on 25 November commencing at 6pm. This event (which will include our Bilbies) will be held outside and students will be required to wear their uniform. Please keep this date free as each student will be presented with an acknowledgement of their year. Specific details will be forwarded at a later date.

With the proliferation of “Christmas Goodies” in the shops more and more “treats” are appearing in lunch boxes. The sugar hit has a noticeable effect on classroom performance, particularly if children are not drinking lots of water as they are encouraged to do, so please hold the rewards and treats until they arrive home.

You may have noticed that now the warmer weather is here we no longer have basketball available in the car park at lunch time. Instead of this we open the library where students can read, play games, talk to their friends and generally keep cool and escape the mossies. As with the car park arrangement, this is an extra duty the staff volunteer to do so students can have an alternative to general outside play.

Thank you to the guests who supported us on our Book Parade. It was lovely to be able to welcome so many of you to share the fun with the children. The ordered books have started to arrive; however, we are still waiting for some back orders.

Regards
Ms Elizabeth Baff
Head of Junior School
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Lunch time activities

As the weather is heating up we no longer open the carpark at lunch time for ball games. The library is open every lunch time with access to art, books, games and other activities.

ELC Excursion

The ELC went on an excursion to the Humpty Doo Village Green on Thursday 29 October as part of the Children’s Week activities. The highlight of the trip was the bus ride. Once there they were able to play on the playground, jumping castle and have their face painted. It was an excellent opportunity for the students to come together with other preschoolers in the community. Peppa Pig also made an appearance.
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Thank you for your support on these days.

Pink Day and Bandannas Day

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ELC Administration Changes

We are pleased to announce Jo Thickbroom has joined the Good Shepherd Lutheran College team to support the administration of the Early Learning Centre.
Jo will be the primary contact for any billing queries and booking changes, as well as supporting the finance team in other areas.
Rebecca will continue to process your Cash, EFT and cheque payments over the counter at Reception, all other queries will be redirect to Jo to assist you.

Fire Truck Visit

The Transition students had a visit on Friday 2 November 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 and talking into the walkie talkie.

Please remember to pack healthy lunch items in your child’s lunchbox, keeping in mind that we are a Nut free school.
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Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped at our book fair, your help was greatly appreciated. We managed to sell a large number of books which gives us credit with Scholastic to purchase resources for our campus.

Notices

- The International Baccalaureate Organisation has recently released the following link which gives parents an excellent overview of the program. You may wish to peruse it at your convenience. www.ibo.org/information-for-parents

- Christmas Celebrations

With Christmas just around the corner, may we remind families about the procedures in place in our Junior School. The students are welcome to give out Christmas Cards but may only bring them to school in the last week of the term. We do not allow students to bring along candy canes to give out with their cards.

This term we will once again be involved in Gifts of Grace where we ask for donations for classes to buy items for people in developing countries. We will also be asking for donations of hamper items for the Salvation Army this term.

Graduation & Awards Night

Good Shepherd Lutheran College requests the pleasure of your company at the annual Graduation and Awards Evening.

Wednesday 2 December 2015, 6.30pm
Darwin Convention Centre

For the graduation of Year 5 and Year 9 students from their sub-schools.

Special awards will also be presented to a number of students. We look forward to seeing you at this very special, end of year occasion.

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