



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

**Twenty
Fourth
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time**

Term 3

Week 9

Tuesday, 13th September, 2016

Year 5 Teen Ranch Camp 2016

Last week, our Year 5 students camped for two fabulous days at Teen Ranch Camp, Cobbitty. Many thanks to the teachers who ensured the students were well cared for and enjoyed themselves with the many fun activities offered!



Term 3 Concludes:

Thursday, 22nd September

Term 4 Commences:

Monday, 10th October

- Religious Education Snippets
- Mega Fun-a-thon
- Primary End of Term Awards
- Learning about Literacy
- Term 4 Summer Uniform
- New Canteen Meal Deal
- Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, 19th September:** MacKillop Athletics—Homebush
- Tuesday, 20th September:** Wakakirri Showcase—Homebush
- Thursday, 22nd September:** Year 1 Under the Sea Day (incorporating Years 1 & 2 for Mermaid Musical)
- Thursday, 22nd September:** Last Day of Term 3 for Students
- Friday, 23rd September:** Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)
- Term 4:**
- Monday, 10th October:** Term 4 commences for Students
- Thursday, 13th October:** Special Assembly for Mega Fun-A-Thon—Prizes drawn—2.00 pm at Good Shepherd School.

Religious Education News:

Fr Richard Leonard, SJ is a well-known Australian Jesuit (the same religious order that Pope Francis belongs to). In a recent interview, he outlined the six themes that reflect Pope Francis' view on mercy in this Jubilee Year of Mercy:

- Obedience - to listen attentively so we may hear what God is calling us to do in our lives;
- Joy - to be happy even in difficult times because we know God's mercy is always upon us and this brings us peace;
- Compassion - to walk alongside those who suffer and to care for them authentically;
- Gratitude - to be truly aware of how God has given us everything that we have in our life;
- Forgiveness - to be Christlike is to practise forgiving oneself and others even in difficult situations; and
- Love - to recognise the need to love oneself because God loves us unconditionally and in doing this we are then able to love others

Mrs Debbie dela Paz

Social Skill of the Week

"Speak in a friendly tone of voice"

Peace & Joy Awards

The Good Shepherd School Community would like to congratulate the following students for their hard work and dedication throughout the past week. These awards are presented for cooperation, respectfulness, responsibility, care, compassion, fair go and integrity.

KB	Tamihana Tupaea	KG	Gabriel Burke
KR	Christin Jane	KW	Isaac Langi
1B	Christian Rahme	1G	Alexis Purkis
1R	Nino Santos	1W	Cooper Lambert
2B	Ryan Ludwig	2G	Joachima Toa
2R	Not Published	2W	Abigail Lanumata
3B	Izabella Carter	3G	Saurav Prasad
3R	Jaymee Felizardo	3W	Megan Ferreira
4B	Annabelle Rahme	4G	Dylan Salalila
4R	Benedict Cabrera	4W	Brent Bernardo
5B	Aarav Karan	5G	Andrea Lopez
5R	Edward Lambit	5W	Lachlan Turner
6B	Jai Shipley	6G	Jaylen Paciano
6R	Emjay Daez	6W	Justin Ventanilla

St Bernadette's at Castle Hill—60th Anniversary Celebration Night—please see Flyer attached.

Words of the Week

K-2
common

3-6
scrutinize



Mega Fun-A-Thon News

Dear Parents, just a reminder that all sponsorship cards and monies need to be in by **Wednesday, 21st**

September (Week 10). Prizes will be drawn at a special assembly on Thursday, 13th October (Week 1 of Term 4) from 2.00 pm onwards at Good Shepherd School. All very welcome to attend the assembly.

Lost Property Tub

Dear Parents, if you can find some spare time, would you please come in and have a look through our Lost Property Tub in the School Office. There are many items in this tub that could belong to your child. If you accidentally pick up another child's clothing, please return it to the Lost Property Bin. Any items left in the tub at the end of this term will be donated to the Uniform Shop. Thank you.



Contact Details

Parents and Carers are reminded that it is vital to advise the School Office should your telephone/mobile numbers change. In cases of an emergency, we need to be able to make contact with you immediately. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthday this week: Mariah Attard, Gabrielle Capule, Elisa Inbaraj, Abuol Mawien, Moira Cruz, Carl Del Monte, Christian Rahme, Malachi Tautua, Aiden Quiroz,

Juliana Wilbert J, Samantha Zacharia, Ishanyaa Suman, Mikayla Villabona, Joanne Imlay, Stephanie Moseley, Alvin Watts, Michael Labeeb, Kiarna Leonard, Japnoor Singh, Rovin Ayala, Jay Casapao, Ashanti Ellison and Prayer Fotualii.

Children Absent from School

Parents, if your child is away from school, please notify the school office by telephone or email. Upon their return to school, please supply a letter to your child's teacher stating the reason for their absence.

Applications for Leave

Leave of 1—9 days should be requested by parents/carers in writing by email or a written note to the Principal. This letter of request should be addressed to the Principal prior to commencing the leave period indicating the specific reason or purpose for the request of leave. If the leave is for 10 or more school days, this will require a formal application for leave by completing an Application for Extended Leave form. An interview is also required with the Principal prior to taking leave for 10 or more days.

Staff Development Day—Term 3 2016

Each year Staff participate in professional development to support them in their roles as educators. The focus of these days is aligned to Good Shepherd School's goals. Staff will use information they have gathered about the children to design learning programs for the children that will best meet their needs. This Staff Development Day is a **PUPIL-FREE DAY** and will take place on **Friday, 23rd September, 2016 (Week 10)**. Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children on this day. COSHC will be able to offer limited spaces for care on this day. To make inquiries of COSHC, please telephone COSHC on 0409 121 980. Please see flyer attached.

Kindergarten 2017 Enrolments

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2017 are now available from the School Office and on our Website. **Very limited places left**, so please call in (or download from our School's Website) an Enrolment Application. Parents, if you already have a child at Good Shepherd, you will still need to submit an Enrolment Form for any siblings for 2017.



Canteen News

Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal concludes Friday, 9th September.)

Meal Deal 1

Chicken & Lettuce Roll, Bottle of Water and Banana.

Meal Deal 2

Homemade Noodles in Honey Soy Sauce, Plain Milk with Sippah Straw and Frozen Juice Cup.

Both Meal Deals are **\$5.00 each**

Orders to be placed by **8.30 am daily**. Online Ordering: To order online please visit www.flexischools.com.au.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: -

(1st Reconciliation 2016 / 1st Holy Communion 2017)

Enrolment forms will be available from week-end **17th/18th September and (Mon-Fri) during office hours**. Office hours 8.00 am- 4.00 pm.

'Parents Information Sun' **30th Oct @ 10.30 am** in the Parish Hall.

Completed enrolment forms must accompany a **photocopy** of your child's Baptismal Certificate, and handed in at the 'Parent Information Sun'

NO blank forms will be handed out at the *Parents Information Sun*

Term 4 Summer Uniform

GIRLS

Uniform: Regulation School Uniform, Green Hair Ribbons, White turn-down School Socks, Black School Shoes

Sports: Unisex Sports Shorts with School Crest OR Green School Track Pants, Short sleeved White Polo Shirt with School Crest, Green Sports Jumper, White turn-down School Socks and Joggers **predominantly white**.

BOYS

Uniform: School fawn short-sleeved shirt with lay-back collar, Brown Shorts, Brown turn-down socks and Black School Shoes.

Sports: Unisex Sports Shorts with School Crest OR Green School Track Pants, Short sleeved White Polo Shirt with School Crest, Green Sports Jumper, White turn-down School Socks and Joggers **predominantly white**.

PLEASE NOTE IF YOUR CHILD IS CURRENTLY WEARING BROWN SCHOOL SHOES, THEY MUST WEAR FAWN SOCKS WITH THE BROWN SHOES.

The School Jumper with crest may be worn at any time throughout the year. The School Hat with crest is a compulsory school item to be worn every day. The School's Uniform Supplier is Lowes, Mt Druitt. **Please mark all school clothing with your child's name to avoid lost property!!**

New Look to our School Uniforms

The new school uniforms will be phased in over a 2 year period commencing 2017. Boys Summer and Winter School & Sport Uniforms will be available at the start of 2017. The Girls Winter School & Sport Uniforms will be available at the start of 2017, the Girls Summer School uniform will be available late 2017.



Uniform Shop (Wednesdays Only)

Uniform Shop
Good Quality Second-Hand Uniforms.

Opening Hours:

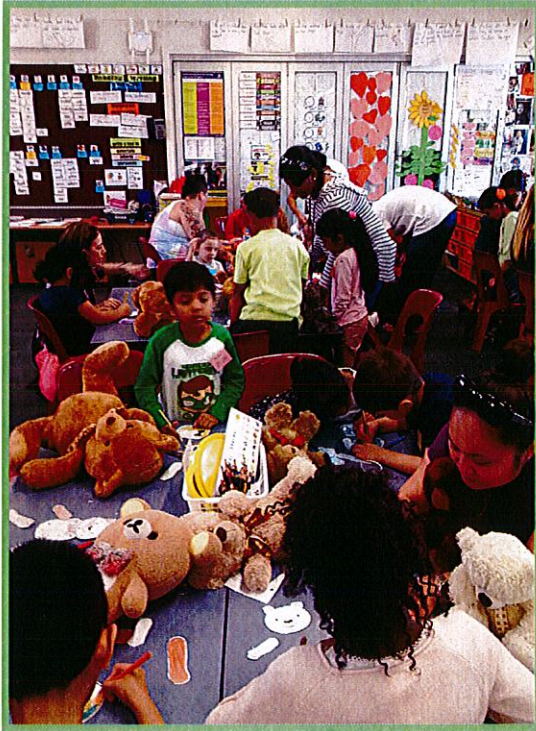
Wednesdays 8.30 am—9.00 am

****Please note students may wear their Summer Uniform now if the weather is warm enough!**

School Fees for Term 3 2016

Parents, accounts for Term 3 school fees need to be finalised before the end of next week. Any family having difficulty completing term payments and who wish to make payments by instalments using cash, Centrelink or BPay etc., please contact the School Office for an appointment with Mrs Gabby Smithard to set up a new arrangement.

Kindergarten students enjoying Teddy Bear's Picnic with families



Attendance at School

A major learning and pastoral focus of Good Shepherd each year is making sure that every student is at school every day possible.

As you are probably aware, attendance at school has a huge impact on a student's academic success, starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day - they understand why attendance is so important for success in school and life.

We realise some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school — regardless of the reason — it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is absent. Absences can add up quickly and if a student is absent one day a fortnight over the course of a school year they will miss 20 days of education, which is almost half a school term.

Missing school will negatively impact on your child's learning and results.

We want your child to be successful at school and we know that you do too. If you are having a problem with your child attending school regularly, please let us know. There may be ways we can support you in making sure your child attends school on time every day.

Thank you, Mrs Carr and Mrs Cooke

Australian Citizenship Papers

If parents or students become Australian Citizens at any time during the year, could you please provide the school with a copy of your certificate so we can put it with your child's enrolment forms. This is needed for audit purposes. Thank you.

Safety Concerns

To ensure the safety of all students, students are not to be collected from the Bus Bay area. Parents who wish to pick up their child/children need to collect them from the COLA and then accompany them out of school. Students are not permitted to walk out of the school gates unless an adult or carer accompanies them. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Student Supervision

As you know it is a priority at Good Shepherd Primary School to keep every child safe. Teachers have a duty of care to supervise children both in class and on the playground. This supervision commences at 8.10 am each morning. Prior to then no child should be dropped off at school.

Similarly afternoon supervision of children concludes at 3.15 pm. All children must be picked up by this time.

It is vital that parents seek a safe, supervised environment whilst they are away at work. It is not the responsibility of school staff to provide before and after school care whilst parents are at work. School staff have their own personal and professional responsibilities to attend to in out of school hours. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Primary End of Term Awards

The following students from Year 3 to Year 6 will receive Awards for Term 3 2016. These Awards will be presented at the Whole School Assembly at 8.30 am on Monday, 19th September (Week 10). Parents are warmly invited to attend:

Religious Education Award:

EJ Laulu
Nikita Moeono-Paahi
Axzel Yuque
Tsega Dawit
Ethan Zammit
Marissa Galea
Raghav Kohil
Rojin Altun
Mani (Mojtaba) Shakibaei Shahadati
Thalia Mazur
Xerses Galletes
Diego Aleman
Emmanuel Ghilagaber
Russell Gonzales
Nicole Morales

Learning Achievement Award:

Cloey Nguyen & Alyssa Turner
Not Published & Arav Prasad
Lily Taranto & Manat Kaur
Not Published & Joseph Labbad
Dre Oakes & Karmela Portugal
Felicity Baluyot & Leisha Kumar
Sean Anselmo & George Alam
Selina Farah & Taylah Sonter
Jonah Sua & Not Published
Catherine Schofield & Antonious Ayoub
Graig Zapanta & Sarah Bustria
Isosa Airhumwunde & Adrian Doctor
Alvin Watts & Andro Esho
Elisa Inbaraj & Ronald Lorenzo
Emjay Daez & Not Published
Jai Singh & Mercy Gama

Consistent Effort Award:

Hannah Soans
Janaiah Fauena
Ella Romero
Janica Nerviol
Sasha Urqueza
Keisha Nuval
Shay-Lee Paris
Stephanie Moseley
John Vaokakala
Bhoomi Sami
Michaela Pua
Ella Cutajar
Mirna Sheaa
Celeste Roldan
Stephen Sumilang
Marcus Mercado

School Terms for Term 3 and 4 2016 (includes Staff Development Days)

Term 3 concludes: Thursday, 22nd September
(Friday, 23rd September is a Pupil Free Day)

Term 4 commences: Monday 10th October

Term 4 concludes: Friday, 16th December
(Monday 19th December and Tuesday
20th December are Pupil Free Days)

Acceptable Hairstyles & Jewellery

Girls – Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back and ribbons or a 'scrunchie' in school colours may be used. Hair colouring is not permitted.

Boys – Neat and simple haircuts. No undercuts, Mohawks, Number Ones, Lines, Rat Tails or Hair Colouring is permitted. Hair must be of consistent length.

Hair is a very important aspect of your child's appearance. Children must have appropriate hair cuts. Coloured hair is not permitted nor should hair be cut in steps or stairs, or have any other symbols or patterns. Long hair needs to be tied back. Green or white ribbons or scrunchies are permitted. No rat's tails or mohawks are permitted.

Jewellery

Only one plain sleeper or stud is to be worn in each lobe. No other earrings are permitted. One signet ring is permitted and a cross and chain or other symbols of our faith are permitted. Any other jewellery is not permitted, nor is makeup of any description. Parents are asked to please ensure that children attend school in accordance with uniform expectations.

Pastoral Care & Student Management Policy 2016 and the Countering Discrimination, Harassment & Bullying— Policy

Dear Parents & Carers, for information on the above policies, please refer to our School Website—Our School—Policy & Procedures—Good Shepherd Primary Policies and the Catholic School Community section.

Complaints/Grievances Forms

Parents, please note if you would like to make a complaint/grievance in regards to any school matter, you can pick up a form from the school office. All matters will be attended to under strict confidentiality.

MindQuest 2016

The 81st MindQuest program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Years 1—6 at Glenwood High School. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with well above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, chemistry and much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$190 (including GST). Send your applications in early to avoid disappointment. Glenwood High School is in the Baulkham Hills area close to the M7 and is easy to get to from most parts of Sydney. Please call Shelagh on 02 4232 2494 for all inquiries. Interested families can call into Good Shepherd School Office and pick up a brochure.

Good Shepherd Primary School

134 Hyatts Road, Locked Bag 1001, Plumpton NSW 2761 - Phone: 9832 1509 - Fax: 9832 8984
Email: goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au - Website: www.gsplumpton.catholic.edu.au



win an iPad mini

Create a new design for the Executive Director's educational blog bluyonder and have the opportunity to win an iPad mini 4.



Entries close **15 September**, check out our website www.parra.catholic.edu.au as well as bluyonder.wordpress.com and

GET CREATING!



Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

Captivate's Got Talent Auditions
Auditions are open to students in Year 6 and above, (Year 5 available for Dance only).

CAPTIVATE's Got Talent is a talent mentoring program in which students get the opportunity to work with industry professionals. This is held in the holiday break at the end of Term 3 and students need to audition to take part. If they are successful they receive two days of mentoring and get the opportunity to perform their auditioned piece in concert. Prizes are awarded on the concert night.

CEDP students are welcome to audition in the categories of Music, Dance and Drama, in any style (including classical, pop, contemporary, commercial, composed or self-devised)

DATES

Auditions - Tuesday 13 September, 2016 from 4-7pm

Mentoring - Monday & Tuesday, 26 & 27 September, 2016 (9am - 2pm, during school holidays)

Performance - Friday 30 September, 2016 at 7pm

LOCATION

Auditions, mentoring and performance will all take place at Nagle College, 58A Orwell Street, Blacktown South

HOW DO I JOIN?

You can get more information and REGISTER TO AUDITION HERE at <https://goo.gl/MVYPvn>

Auditions take place between 4 and 7pm on Tuesday 13 September. Students can choose from the available time slots on the registration form.

A promotional poster for '2016 Captivate's Got Talent'. The title is written in large, stylized yellow and black letters. The background features a collage of images: a young man playing a violin, a young woman in a black leotard performing a dance move, and a person in a dark, flowing costume. To the right of the title, there is text asking 'Are you a dancer, musician or actor?' and providing details about the event, including the date and time of auditions, and a link to register online. The Captivate logo is at the bottom right.

2016 Captivate's got talent

Are you a dancer, musician or actor?

CAPTIVATE is inviting students in the Diocese of Parramatta to showcase their talents at CAPTIVATE's Got Talent.

Auditions
13 September 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Register online at
www.captivate.catholic.edu.au

CAPTIVATE
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

CAPTIVATE System Learning
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta
T 02 9840 5649 F 02 9407 7023
E captivate@parra.catholic.edu.au W www.captivate.catholic.edu.au

12 Victoria Road (Locked Bag 4) North Parramatta NSW 1750

St. Bernadette's

60th

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please join us

22ND OCTOBER 2016

Novotel Sydney, Norwest

1 Columbia Court, Baulkham Hills

6:30 – 11:30pm

\$75 per person

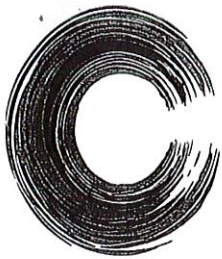
Includes food, beverages and entertainment.

BOOKINGS: **www.sbchpf.com**

ENQUIRIES: **sbchpf@gmail.com**



Past students, teachers, families, friends and parishioners all welcome.



catholic out of school hours care

Friday 12th August 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School: Pupil Free Day

As families are aware, **Friday 23rd September, 2016** is a Pupil Free Day at Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School. Catholic out of School Hours Care at Good Shepherd is able to offer limited places for care on this day. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, priority given to families already enrolled at the service.

Opening Times: 7:00am to 6:00pm

Flat Fee: \$50.00 per child for the day, prior to Child Care Benefit deductions.

Families that already attend COSHC on Fridays will have their regular fee deducted from the \$50.00 fee.

How to secure a position for Friday 23rd September, 2016

Simply complete the tear off slip below and return to the school office or COSHC to secure your position. Families new to COSHC will be required to complete an enrolment form

No further applications will be accepted after 1:00pm on Friday 16th September, 2016.

Please note: A minimum number of enrolment applications on 23rd September, 2016 will be required for all day care to proceed – if this number is not reached, care will not be available on the pupil-free day.

Further enquires are to be directed to the COSHC Supervisor on 0409 121 980 or COSHCgoodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au

+++++

PUPIL FREE DAY REQUEST FORM – Friday 23rd September, 2016

I will require all day care on the Pupil Free Day, Friday 23rd September, 2016 at COSHC Good Shepherd. I accept that if I book care for my children and they do not attend on the day, your usual Friday COSHC fees will still apply.

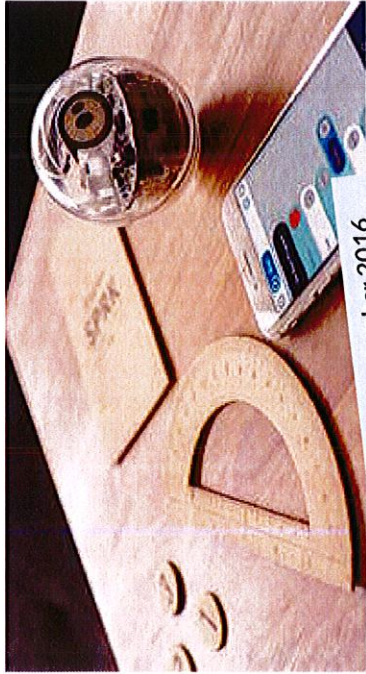
Child's Name: _____ School Class: _____

Parent / Carer Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

☐ I am new to Catholic out of School Hours Care. Please send me an enrolment form.





27th September 2016



Programming Level 1

Sphero is like nothing your child has seen before. It's the first "robotic ball" device that you control with a tilt, touch, or swing from your smartphone or tablet. Sphero is an interactive and engaging robot that brings programming off the computer and into real life. With over ten different programming environments, and apps like MacroLab, children as young as eight can learn how to program.

Sphero Programming Level 1 challenges are fun, interactive activities that challenge students to use creativity and teamwork to move through simple steps of the design process in order to build Sphero-based creations.

After participating in this workshop children will be able to:

- Learn how to control and guide Sphero through various challenges
- Write a program to control Sphero using various apps
- Design a Sphero-based creation using art and craft materials to complete several challenges

No programming skill is necessary. All you need is a good imagination and a desire to be creative!

LEARN TO CODE WITH sphero



Ages: 8-12

Maximum Participants: 10

Cost:

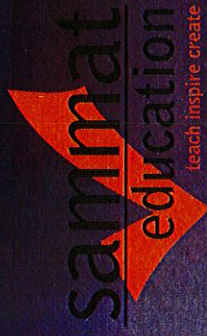
- \$100 (inc GST) - Workshop Only
- \$290 (inc GST) - Workshop + Take home your own Sphero SPRK Robot
- \$340 (inc GST) - Workshop + Take home your own BB-8 Robot

Venue: Parklea Public School, 205 Glenwood Park Dr Glenwood, NSW 2768

Time: 9am-3pm

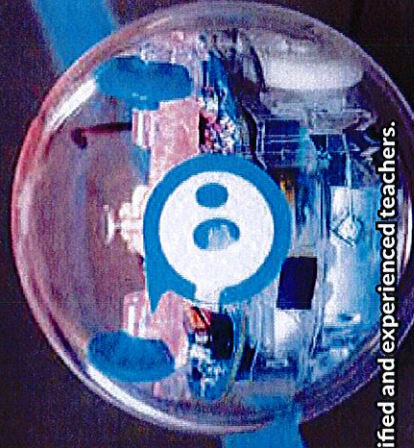
**Register for the Level 2
workshop for only an extra \$75
when you buy a combined ticket
on our website.**

Book online now to avoid disappointment - www.sammata.education/steam



SCIENCE - TECHNOLOGY - ENGINEERING - ART - MATHS

September School Holiday STEAM Camps



Run by qualified and experienced teachers.

Incorporate activities that enhance and match the Australian Curriculum.

Cover a variety of STEAM based topics.

All equipment provided.

For Ages 8-12.

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE!

www.sammata.education/steam

Book online now to avoid
disappointment -
www.sammatt.education/steam

BONUS COMBINED WORKSHOP TICKET FOR LEVEL 1 & 2 WORKSHOPS ONLY \$175.

Ages: 8-12

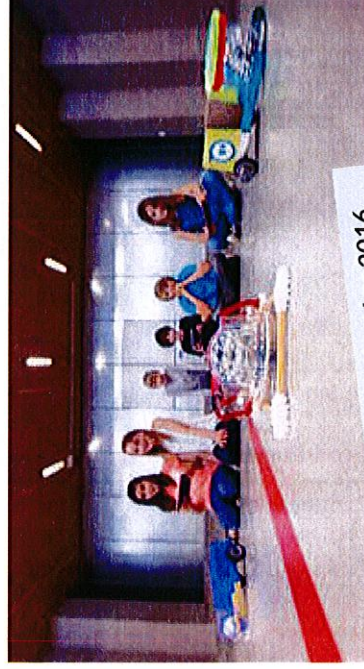
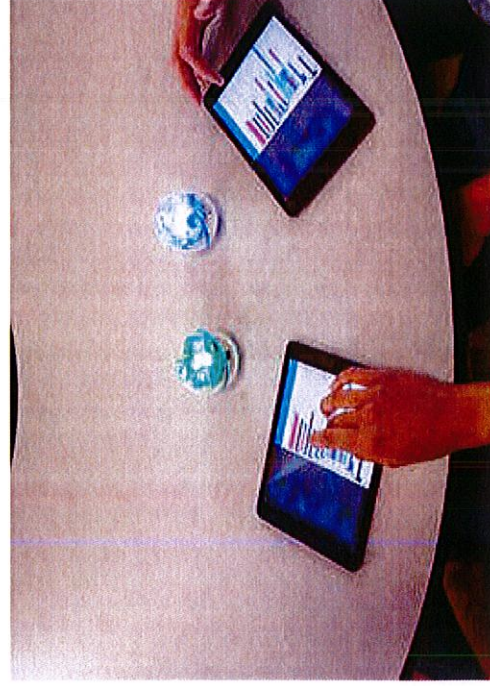
Maximum Participants: 10

Cost:

- \$100 (inc GST) - Workshop Only
- \$290 (inc GST) - Workshop + Take home your own Sphero SPRK Robot
- \$340 (inc GST) - Workshop + Take home your own BB-8 Robot

Venue: Parklea Public School, 205 Glenwood Park Dr Glenwood, NSW 2768

Time: 9am-3pm



28th September 2016



Programming Level 2

Designed to inspire curiosity, creativity, and invention through connected play and coding, Sphero is far more than just a robot. Powered by the Lightning Lab app, you can easily learn programming, complete hands-on activities, and share your creations with the community. Navigate a maze. Program a painting. Mimic the solar system. Swim across the water. Have a dance party... The only limit is your imagination.

Sphero Programming Level 2 challenges are fun, interactive activities that challenge students to use creativity and teamwork to move through simple steps of the design process in order to build Sphero-based creations.

After participating in this workshop children will be able to:

- Learn how to control and guide Sphero through various challenges

- Write a program to control Sphero using various apps
- Design a Sphero-based creation using art and craft materials to complete several challenges

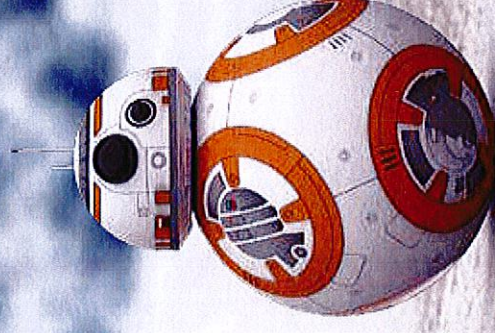
Ideally you have participated in our Sphero Programming Level 1 workshop before participating so you have the necessary skills to compete in these challenges. Don't forget to bring your imagination and a desire to be creative!

SCIENCE - TECHNOLOGY - ENGINEERING - ART - MATHS



**VIEW OUR WEBSITE FOR
ALL OUR EDUCATIONAL
TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS**

**Ideal Gifts for Birthdays and
Christmas!**



www.sammatt.education

P - 1300 726 628

E - info@sammatt.education