



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRE-KINDERGARTEN to YEAR 6

LEARNING THROUGH FAITH LOVE & LAUGHTER

Newsletter 13 Week 3 Term 3

5 August 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Term 3 has starting at a very fast pace as we prepare for all the major events taking place throughout the term – Performing Arts Festival, School Athletics Carnival, Speak Up Awards and the Creative Edge Thinking Program, just to name a few things happening this term, beyond the usual teaching and learning experiences.

NAPLAN Results

At the end of last week, we sent home the NAPLAN results for the students in Years 3 and 5, to provide a snapshot for parents to reflect how the children are developing across the 4 key domains of - Reading, Writing, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy. While these are “one-off” assessments under strict test conditions in each of the four areas, it still provides us with an objective result from a standardised test carried out across the country.

Each cohort develops at different rates to different degrees of success as well, often based on their natural capacity for learning as a key component for the level of success achieved. Our Year 3 class have presented as a very capable cohort academically over an extended period of time and this perception continues to be validated in the school-based assessments and NAPLAN assessments recently. As a group, they performed comfortably above the national average across all domains which is a credit to the staff who have worked with the children here at Good Shepherd, the support provided from the families of the children and the children themselves for their dedication to learning over the school journey to date.

The Year 5 cohort performed to a similar level as we were expecting, perhaps a little lower than expected, if

anything. The Year 5's were marginally below the national average across all domains so we still have some work to do to build the group up academically in the next 18 months as we prepare them as best we can for the transition to secondary school.

Performing Arts Festival

Our children's involvement in the Performing Arts festival this year began with a range of solo performances last week before our children in Years 1 and 2 shared their Choral Speaking items with a large audience at the Vasto Club in Balcatta yesterday. Both groups looked really impressive in their winter uniforms and recited their respective choral speaking items beautifully. Congratulations to all the children involved, thanks to all the parents who joined us for the children's performances and we owe an enormous debt of gratitude again to Diana Newman for mentoring the children so well and ensuring the great confidence with which they performed their items.

We also wish our Year 6 class well as they prepare to perform their two percussion items tomorrow in the Percussion Ensemble Primary section at Trinity College. If the performance of the two items at our school assembly last Friday is anything to go by, they will be fantastic!

Some other upcoming group performances include:

- Thursday. 13 August - School Band at Newman College, Churchlands
- Tuesday, 18 August - Christian Dance at Chapel of St Brigid, Mercy College, Koondoola
- Friday, 28 August - Year 3-6 Choirs at Vasto Club, Balcatta

While this is a great opportunity for our children to showcase the talents they are developing, it is also an opportunity for them to go to a range of different Catholic secondary schools to gain an insight into what these schools look like as they build their knowledge about their own transition to secondary school.

Speak Up Awards

On Monday, 10 August, I will be joining the 3 children from our school who have been selected for the annual Speak Up Awards:

Samayah Hancox – The History of Cartoons

Seth Pitt – World War 1

Jude McNess – Music, the Universal Language

Congratulations to all 3 children for being selected for this competition and we wish them well as they present their informative and entertaining 4-minute oral presentation.

School Athletics carnival

Our annual school athletics carnival is scheduled for Friday, 21 August. The children have been preparing for the carnival since the end of the Cross-Country season and we are hoping for some fine weather throughout the week leading up to the carnival and a good day to finish week 5! Please put that date in your calendar and come along and enjoy the events the children will be participating in on the day. We will be sending out a schedule of events a little closer to the date.

Interschool Athletics carnival

Our Interschool Athletics Carnival will be later than normal this year, it will be held on Friday, 16 October which is the first Friday of Term 4. This will provide a good amount of time to prepare the children for the events they will be participating in on the day.

Important Liturgical Celebrations in August

Liturgy for St Mary Mackillop

On Friday, 7 August, we will be joining together as a whole school to celebrate the life of St Mary Mackillop on the feast day of such an important and inspiring figure of the Catholic Church here in Australia. The liturgy, held in Ward House starting at 9am will be led by our Year 5 class. Parents are very welcome to join us for the liturgy.

Feast of The Assumption

We will also be celebrating the Feast of The Assumption with a whole school Mass on Friday, 14 August, starting at 9:30am at the Church. This is the day we celebrate the revered figure of Mary completing her earthly life here on Earth and her body being assumed into heavenly glory. Again, we encourage any parents or extended families in our community to come along and join us on this special occasion.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight

Paul Hansen, Principal

Calendar Term 3 2026

Thursday, 6 August - PAF Percussion Ensemble Year 6

**Friday, 7 August - St Mary MacKillop Liturgy
9.00am, Book Fair Preview-students**

**Monday, 10 August - Wednesday, 12 August - Book
Fair Purchasing Sacred Space - see times below**

Monday, 10 August - NAIDOC Day Liturgy

Wednesday, 12 August - SAC Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday, 13 August - PAF School Band

**Friday, 14 August - Assumption Mass @ Church
9.30am**

Tuesday, 18 August - PAF Christian Dance

Friday, 21 August - School Athletics Carnival

Current Term Calendar

Scholastic Book Club and Book Fair

**Orders are online only at
<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-home/> Orders are due by Friday, 7 August.**

Our Annual Book Fair is nearly here. It will be taking place from Monday, 11 August until Wednesday, 12 August in the Sacred Space 8.00 to 8.45am and 2.45 to 3.30pm.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Jenny Marion-Clark Co-ordinator


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PAF 2026 Dates

Dear Parents,

Please find listed below the group performance details for this year's Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival. All classes from Year One through to Year Six will be performing at the Festival.

Date	Time	Group	Venue	Audience Tickets
Thursday 6 August	1.00pm - 1.45pm	Percussion Ensemble Primary All students in Year 6.	Trinity College, Trinity Avenue, East Perth.	Tickets will be on sale from FRIDAY 3 JULY , and must be pre-purchased online via Try Booking on the Spirit of the Arts website. https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1538994 Go to Instrumental Ensemble then Percussion Ensemble Primary and book for the 1.00pm session on Thursday 6 August Audience will not be permitted without a scanned bar code. There will be no door sales – please book tickets online.3
Thursday 13 August	6.30pm – 7.50pm <i>Students will be transported by bus to the venue and back to school.</i>	Primary Concert Band Band students in Years 3,4,5,6.	Newman College, Churchlands.	Tickets will be on sale from FRIDAY 3 JULY and must be pre-purchased online via Try Booking on the Spirit of the Arts website. https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1539749 Go to Bands, then Concert Band, Primary section, and book for the 18.30pm session on Thursday 13 August . Audience will not be permitted without a scanned bar code. There will be no door sales – please book tickets online.
Tuesday 18 August	12.30pm - 1.15pm	Dance – Christian Primary	Chapel of St Brigid, Mercy College, Koondoola.	Tickets will be on sale from FRIDAY 3 JULY and must be pre-purchased online via Try Booking on the Spirit of the Arts website. https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1539388 Go to Dance then Dance-Christian Christian (Primary) and book for the 12.30pm session on Tuesday 18 August . Audience will not be permitted without a scanned bar code. There will be no door sales – please book tickets online.
Friday 28 August	10.30am - 11.30am	Primary Choral Singing All students in Years 3,4,5,6	Vasto Club, 5 Vasto Place, Balcatta	Tickets will be on sale from FRIDAY 3 JULY and must be pre-purchased online via Try Booking on the Spirit of the Arts website: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1539722 Go to Choral then Choral Singing Primary section, and book for the 10.30 am session on Friday 28 August Audience will not be permitted without a scanned bar code. There will be no door sales – please book tickets online.

Further details about each performance and permission slips will be sent home at the beginning of next term.

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A detective visits the school and Ella's classroom is at the centre of a mystery.

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A bizarre encounter with a BLOB gives Philbert amazing talent... and more.

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EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

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You are invited to celebrate our
ANNUAL PARISH FEAST
 ON THE SOLEMNITY OF
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On Saturday, 15th & Sunday, 16th August, 2026.

 **On Saturday, 15th August, 2026**
 at the 5:30 pm mass, we will have the blessing of the new statue of Our Lady of Fatima along with the Sacraments of Initiation for adults and young people of our parish.

 After Mass, we will gather for refreshments.
Please bring a plate to share.

 **On Sunday, 16th August, 2026,**
 10:00am mass followed by a shared lunch. Parishioners are requested to bring a dish to share.
Please write your name in the foyer list to specify what you are bringing.

 **On the Sunday**
 Coffee and soft drinks available for a donation.

 We will fun with the Karaoke, face painting, craft and bake stalls. Take part of our raffle with surprise items.

 **The 5:00 pm mass on Sunday, 16th August, 2026 has been cancelled.**



All are welcome!
Come and celebrate with us!

Let's share each other's presence and celebrate our Good shepherd parish community.



Canteen Menu

**Order Canteen Here - Orders can be placed
up to two weeks in advance**

CANTEEN

**Thank you to all the parent volunteers who help in
the canteen. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

We currently need more volunteers. Please leave your details either at the canteen or the school office if you can spare a few hours to help out.

Wendy, Canteen Manager

[Term 3 Canteen Roster](#)

Uniform Shop

Online Orders can be placed each week from Tuesday through to Sunday via QuickCliq, ready for collection from the Uniform Shop on **Monday afternoon between 2.30pm and 3.15pm.**

An alteration service is available.

[Click here for the Uniform Policy](#)

[Order Uniforms here through QuickCliq](#)

School Fees 2026

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your fees, please contact me at accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au or 9496 9292.

Jenny Marion-Clark, Finance Officer

Enrolments 2027/2028

Please contact admin@gsk.wa.edu.au for an enrolment form or from the website: www.gsk.wa.edu.au.

Families with siblings are also required to submit an enrolment form.

Enrolments in some other Year groups are also available.

[Your child's journey starts HERE](#)



Camp Australia - Before and After School Care

Bookings for Your OSHC program are open. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 qualify. Registration is free for all families. We recommend that all families register so if you ever need or want to attend, all you need to do is book your session as we'll already have all the documentation we need from you. You simply have to login and register through our Parent Portal, also available as a smartphone app, and start booking.

[Camp Australia Information](#)

[Term 3 Newsletter](#)

[Government Subsidy](#)

[Ask Dr Karl - Free online Q+A Evening](#)

Dental Therapy Services

The Dental Therapy Van is located at Roleystone Community College, 90 Raeburn Road (van is located off Brooks Rd), Roleystone. Our phone number is 0428 304 970 .

[Click here for more information](#)



Positive male role models can have a lasting impact on a child's confidence, wellbeing and sense of belonging. From fathers and grandfathers to mentors, coaches and community leaders, every act of care and connection helps children thrive.

Recognise the Positive Male Role Models

Small moments of recognition can go a long way in encouraging fathers and father figures to continue showing up for the children and communities around them. Consider how you can celebrate and support the positive male role models in your life:

- **Say thank you** - acknowledge the dads, mentors, coaches and father figures who make a difference through their everyday care and support.
- **Celebrate the small moments** - recognise that connection is built through everyday actions, from listening and encouraging to sharing time together.
- **Share positive examples** - highlight stories of men who are creating meaningful connections with children and helping them thrive.
- **Create opportunities to connect** - encourage more spaces where fathers and father figures can be involved, supported and engaged.
- **Lead by example** - show children that caring, kindness, empathy and being present are important qualities for everyone.

New dads need encouragement too. If you know a new or expecting dad, remind him that it's normal to feel overwhelmed and that asking for support is a sign of strength, not failure.

Read our latest Fathering Channel article, [When New Dads Might Feel Like They're Failing: Why It Happens and What Helps](#), for practical advice and reassurance.

Fathering Project website: [thefatheringproject](https://thefatheringproject.org)

Community News

The Record - [Magazine](#)

South Fremantle FC - [Family Day Out Discounted Tickets](#)

Department of Communities - [Byford Foster Care Information Session](#)

VacSwim Lessons Open - [October and Summer School Holidays Program](#)

Better Health Program - [6-12 Year Olds - Good Habits](#)

Westfield Park Child & Parent Centre - [Free Flu Vaccinations](#)

City of Armadale - [Creative Soul Sessions, Restful Waters, Spring into Armadale](#)

Corpus Christi College - [Free Event with Paul Dillon](#)



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Confession: Saturday 5.00-5.30pm

Baptism: Second Sundays at 11.15am

[Mass Times](#)

Saturday

8am - Mass on First Saturdays of Month and Solemnities

5.30pm - Evening Mass

8.00pm - Neocatechumenal Way

Sunday

8.30am - Karragullen Parish

8.30am Latin Mass - Kelmscott Parish

10am & 5.00pm - Kelmscott Parish

Monday - No Mass except on **Solemnities**

Tuesday - **6.30pm**

Wednesday & Friday - **8am** followed by Adoration, then by Benediction at **9.30am**

Thurs - 6.00pm - Adoration followed by Mass **6.30pm**

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