



Good Shepherd
Catholic Primary School
PRE-KINDERGARTEN
TO YEAR 6

Learning through Faith, Love and Laughter

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17 August 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have had a very busy fortnight with a range of extra experiences provided for the children ranging from: Performing Arts Festival items, public speaking with the Speak Up program and creative thinking opportunities with the Creative Edge Thinking program.

I have started a week of Long Service Leave today, travelling to Brisbane for 5 days and will be returning to school on Wednesday, 24 August. Please contact Darlene Min or Diana Newman in my absence if necessary.

Speak Up Awards

The culmination of our focus in Year 5 and 6 with a public speaking program took place on Monday, 8 August when 3 students represented our school at the Speak Up awards competition. This year, each child in Year 5 and 6 were asked to prepare a speech on a topic of their choice. The suggestion was that the duration of the speech was for between 3 and 4 minutes, knowing that the parameters of the Speak Up competition is a maximum of 4 minutes. The children were provided with a defined structure and guidance through the process. It certainly took some children out of their comfort zone and challenged them, but the opportunity to develop some of these life long skills was a valuable experience.

Congratulations again to Zoe Daly, Isabelle Heffernan and Muna Edwin-Asomugha, they represented our school superbly last week at the Speak Up awards. Zoe was one of three students chosen to move through to the next stage of the competition later this month, we wish Zoe well. Thanks again to Barbara Stone and Renee Guazzelli for coordinating the program and supporting the students.

Mary MacKillop Feast Day

As a whole school we celebrated the feast day of Mary MacKillop who has become St Mary of the Cross. Each class participated in a liturgy last Wednesday in their classrooms, which was an opportunity to reflect on a very special lady who has inspired teachers in Catholic communities throughout Australia with the way in which she devoted her life to setting up schools and reinforcing the value of education, often overcoming significant obstacles and challenges.

In what has become a wonderful tradition at our school, the Year 3 class re-enacted the Mary MacKillop story for the school community at our on-line assembly last Friday afternoon. If you haven't taken the time to watch the story portrayed by the Year 3 children, I encourage you to do so. Congratulations to the Year 3's, their costumes looked great and they did wonderful job. Enormous thanks to Keiron Throssell for coordinating this experience for the Year 3 children, for the benefit of the whole community as we celebrate the life of an inspiration lady in the history of the Catholic church here in Australia.

Solemnity - The Assumption of Mary

We gathered as a whole school community (apart from our Kindy class) in the Good Shepherd Church on Monday to celebrate The Assumption of Mary, a solemnity in our liturgical calendar which is another way of describing a holy day of obligation where Catholic people are encouraged to attend a Eucharistic celebration. It was also great to see some parents join us on this special occasion.

P&F Update

It was great to see so many people attend the P&F meeting back on Tuesday, 9 August. As a result of the meeting, we have made a decision to complete the

resurfacing of the top court over the next school holiday break, with a plan for the work to commence on Friday, 23 September, the first day of the holiday break for the children. Our P&F have committed \$30K to this very expensive project which is much appreciated. Our aim is to include an upgrade of the bottom court in our 2023 budget and if that appears viable when the budget is completed, we will be aiming to complete this work early next year.

I also initiated a discussion with the parents at the P&F meeting about the potential for us to look at an 8 week Mental Health and Well-being program that we have been researching. This program aims to build the children's "toolbox" of strategies and skills to identify their emotions and regulate their responses to these emotions. It has been well documented that the COVID challenges over the past couple of years have the potential to add to the anxiety levels in students and this program would be a proactive measure to support the students in this area. More information about the program will be shared as we prepare for 2023.

Father's Day Breakfast

I would like to alert all families in our community to a Father's Day breakfast for all the fathers, grandfathers and father figures for the children in our community. The male role models are crucial in the lives of our children and this gathering at school will be a time to celebrate this. The details include:

Bush Breakfast including a sausage in a bun, cut fruit, tea and coffee for the adults and fruit boxes for the children.

Date – Friday, 2 September

Time – 7:30am – 8:30am

rsvp: admin@gsk.wa.edu (for catering purposes) by Friday, 26 August.

You will notice a flyer in this edition of the newsletter promoting this event.

We invite all fathers, grandfathers and significant father figures to come along and enjoy the hospitality and each other's company before school on Friday, 2 September.

Creative Edge Thinking program

This creative thinking and problem solving program will come to fruition on Saturday, 27 August at Curtin University when 3 groups of our students represent our school in the annual Creative Edge Thinking competition. Congratulations to:

Year 6 Girls team – Sofia, Leah, Arabella and Emily who have entered in the Literature section

Year 6 Boys team – Tederick, Angus, Austin, Luke and Domenic who have entered in the Science and Engineering section

Year 5 Boys/Girls team – Abel, Olivia, Jessica, Muna, Blaine and Adele who have entered in the Social Science section

All 3 groups have been working hard to prepare for this competition and I am sure they are developing a range of valuable skills along the way. Enormous thanks again to Barbra Stone for inspiring these students to engage themselves in this competition and coordinating this valuable learning opportunity. It will also be an opportunity to gain an insight into a university campus.

Parent Education Session – Cyber Safety (Save the Date: Tuesday, 18 October)

In consultation with the P&F, I have organised a guest speaker to come to our school to address the children in Years 5 and 6 in the morning between 9am and 10am before returning in the evening for a parent education session between 6:30pm and 8pm.

Paul Litherland is the presenter, Paul has recently been awarded 2022 WA Australian of the Year for his work across the community in cyber safety education for students and parents. Paul spends time with the students during the day to add context to his presentation in the evening. Paul will be addressing topics which include:

Cyber Bullying – Responsibilities and statistics. Coping strategies and reporting options.

Digital Citizenship – Where they go online and how the websites they use and visit work. I offer examples

of bad and good citizenship.

Online Footprint – How the modern internet uses and stores their information and how they can minimise their footprint. I use visual examples of this with online images.

Social Networking & Networking in general – The Apps and Networks they kids use and will use in the future are explained and they are guided as to how to use them safely and appropriately.

Online Gaming and Website Use – Safe gaming sites and methods to minimise risk.

Netiquette – Their responsibilities online as well as what are appropriate and inappropriate behaviours.

Reporting Options – Sites and options to help when things go wrong.

The presentation will be more pertinent for the parents of children in the top half of our school, but parents of younger children are also encouraged to attend to build their understanding of the use of technology in the world their children are growing up in.

Thanks again to the P&F for their support in sharing the cost of the presentation with us. Please save the date, Tuesday 18th October, we are hoping to get as many parents as possible to come along for the presentation followed by some refreshments.

Book Week 2022

We will be celebrating Book Week next week with the week finishing on Friday 26th August with address up day where the children can dress up as their favourite book character. Our plan is to have a Book Week parade at 9am in the undercover area.

School Uniform

Finally I would like to ask for the parents support in ensuring we tidy up the wearing of our school uniform across the school. At present, we have too many students coming to school without their school tie and in the wrong shoes. Clearly the winter uniform is a little

more challenging to wear than the summer uniform and as we launch into the second half of Term 3, I ask all parents to ensure their children arrive at school each day in the correct uniform.

Speaking of uniforms, the uniform shop **will not be open Friday, 19 August** as our Uniform Shop coordinator, Linda Aldworth, will be assisting another Catholic school on this Friday and not able to be at Good Shepherd.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

Catholic School Parents Association 2022 Parent Survey on Student Wellbeing and Learning

Have your say on what matters regarding the wellbeing and learning of your child. For example, has COVID or your partnership with the school affected your child's wellbeing and learning? If you are a parent or carer with a child in a Catholic school, CSPA would love to hear from you. Click on the survey link below and share your feedback to assist CSPA in reporting to the Federal Government and Catholic education. Your feedback will remain anonymous.

[Click here for CSPA Parent Survey.](#)



[Congratulations Annabelle](#)

Well done Annabelle on celebrating the end of your treatment journey. You rang the bell and now you're on your way, hip, hip, hooray!



**Good Shepherd
Father's Day Bush Breakfast
Friday, 2 September 2022
7.30am—8.30am**



**Students can bring their Dads, Grandads,
Uncles or a significant male in their life.**

***THE BREAKFAST IS A GREAT CHANCE FOR ALL THE MEN IN OUR
SCHOOL TO GET TOGETHER WITH THEIR CHILDREN AND
HAVE A TASTY 'BUSH BREAKFAST'***

**Please RSVP by Friday, 26 August 2022
9496 9200 or admin@gsk.wa.edu.au
(for catering purposes)**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, 18 August - Pre-Primary Liturgy 9.00am,
PAF Band - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 6.30-9.30pm

Tuesday, 23 August - SAC Meeting 6.00pm

Wednesday, 24 August - Kindy Liturgy 9.00am

Thursday, 25 August - PAF Choirs - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 -
9.30-10.45am

Friday, 26 August - Book Week Parade, Year 4
Assembly

Thursday, 1 September - Year 5 Mass 9.00am

Friday, 2 September - Father's Day Breakfast , Father's Day Stall

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CANTEEN

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

Wendy, Canteen Manager

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Enrolments 2023

If you are seeking a place for your child in Kindergarten 2023 or know someone that would be interested in sending their child to GSK, please contact the office for an enrolment pack or consult our website. **Families with siblings are also required to submit an enrolment form.** Interviews will take place this term.

Enrolments in other Year groups are also available

Your child's journey starts HERE



Camp Australia - Before and After School Care

Bookings for 2022

2022 bookings for Your OSHC program are open. 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](#)

Uniform Shop 2022

The Uniform Shop will be closed this Friday, 19 August 2022

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[Uniform Policy](#)

School Fees

Please direct any enquiries to the accounts email: accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au or call 9496 9200 Option 3

Lee Maxfield - Finance Officer



The Important Role of Father Figures and Male Role Models

A father figure can be any positive male role model in a child's life. They can be sports coaches, teachers, uncles, grandparents or even your child's friend's dad.

Fathers have not only been shown to have a significant impact on academic achievements, but children's attitude towards learning and school is also very strongly influenced by their fathers.

[Men of GSK - Fathering Project Page](#)

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Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavol Herda

Parish Website: www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com

Phone: 9495 1489 (Office Wed-Fri)

Masses at our Parish Church

Weekday Masses: Mon-Wed & Friday 8am, Thursday: 6.30pm

Saturday: 8.00am, 6.00pm
8.00pm: Neocatechumenal Mass

Sunday: 8.30am Latin Mass

Sunday: 10:00am and 6:00pm

When attending Mass you are strongly encouraged to maintain physical distancing where possible and not to attend Mass if you are feeling in any way unwell.

Any person aged 16 or over visiting the church and/or attending Mass must complete the mandatory Covid-19 contact register.

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