



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRE-KINDERGARTEN to YEAR 6

LEARNING THROUGH FAITH LOVE & LAUGHTER

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4 February 2026

It was lovely to see all the smiling faces back at school on Monday morning. It was a very warm morning, but the children seemed fairly keen to be back, ready to start the new routines of school for 2026.

Welcome to 2026

A very special welcome back to everyone in our Good Shepherd community, I am sure the Christmas holiday break was an enjoyable time and a great opportunity for you to spend valuable time with family and friends.

I would especially like to welcome all the Kindy children who are commencing their school journey in 2026. Many of them have been part of our Pre-Kindy program in 2025, but they now begin their 3 day a week program in the Good Shepherd community. A special welcome also to 10 new students in different classes throughout the school:

Kindy – Mila-Rose Peedle

Pre-Primary – William Nagpal and Lydia Mansarray

Year 1 – Alfie Curtis and Rosary Paniani

Year 2 – Jonathan Dapaah and William Hitchcock

Year 3 – Louella McKenzie-Mason (returning to Good Shepherd)

Year 4 – Bryce Ugle

Year 5 – Maggie Villalon

I am sure the children in the different classes will make these new students feel welcome and support them as they settle into the Good Shepherd community.

Staffing Changes for 2026

As mentioned late last year, Penelope O'Brien returns to our school as our Italian teacher. We welcome Penelope back to our community after being away for 12 months. The remainder of our staff continue in similar positions, the most significant changes being Genevieve Arnold taking on the main teacher role in Year 2 with Renae Pankhurst assisting one day a week in Year 2. Renae Pankhurst (Years 1-3) and Nicola Burns (4-6) are taking on a Maths Extension program across our school for one day a week each which will be another opportunity for the most capable students in each class to be challenged.

Swimming Lesson Preparation

Thank you to all the parents for returning the swimming notes at short notice as we plan to be as prepared as we can be for the swimming lessons starting on Monday, 9 February. The swimming lesson times will be:

12:30pm – 1:10pm – Years 2 and 6

1:15pm – 1:55pm – Years 1, 4 and 5

2pm – 2:40pm – Pre-Primary and Year 3

The classes will be departing from school 20 minutes before the lesson is scheduled to start and returning approximately 20 minutes after the lesson is scheduled to finish. For that reason, our Pre-Primary and Year 3 classes will generally be back at school at or just after bell time and will be instructed to go home in their bathers. I suggest the Year 3 parents park in our carpark as opposed to joining the "pick up line" with no guarantee that the children will be ready to go home at their normal time.

School Advisory Council Plan for 2026

Our School Advisory Council has remained very similar to last year which allows for a strong level of continuity at our strategic planning level with this important parent group.

Members of the School Advisory Council include:

Yolandie McDade (secretary)

Yvonne Power

John McNess

Dannielle Paraha

Anna Tomeo

April Hunter (P&F representative)

Paul Hansen – Ex Officio (Principal)

Rev Fr. Kenneth – Ex Officio (Parish Priest)

Our School Advisory Council also draw on the expertise and support of our Finance Officer, Jenny Marion-Clark and our 2 Assistant Principals, Diana Newman and Deborah Glorie.

P&F Plan for 2026

I would also like to thank all the P&F members listed below, our P&F Executive has a couple of new faces and all 3 members of the executive taking on new roles. I have also listed the parents who have offered their services as Class Representatives. My sincere thanks to all the parents who have offered their assistance in this important parent group within our school community.

P&F Executive Members:

President – Fiona Daly

Vice President – Lara Miller

Secretary – Kylie Richards

Class Representatives:

Kindy – Amy Shannon

Pre-Primary – Steph Kingston

Year 1 – Lara Miller

Year 2 – Tia Hatfield and Amy Bayne

Year 3 – Anna Tomeo and Rochelle Hall

Year 4 – TBA

Year 5 – Vicky Hassall and Kelsey Roe

Year 6 – Kylie Richards and Robin McNess

We have confirmed our P&F Meeting dates for 2026 and also the date for the P&F Sundowner, the meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings in the staffroom, starting at 6pm:

Term 1

Wednesday 25/2/2026

Friday 13/3/2026 (P&F Sundowner)

Term 2

Wednesday 29/4/2026

Wednesday 10/6/2026

Term 3

Wednesday 29/7/2026

Wednesday 2/9/2026

Term 4

Wednesday 21/10/2026

Annual Community Meeting 25/11/2026

Lumen Christi College and Good Shepherd Sibling Discount Program

As we begin the new school year, I am pleased to officially announce a sibling discount program between ourselves and our neighbouring Catholic secondary school. Please see the information below, prepared for us by our school Finance Officer, Jenny Marion-Clark.

Lumen Christi College and Good Shepherd have commenced a sibling discount program between our two schools.

A family may be eligible for this discount where a student is enrolled at Lumen Christi and a sibling is enrolled at

Good Shepherd.

*A completed **Sibling Discount Application Form** must be submitted to Jenny Marion-Clark by Wednesday, 11 February 2026, and will then be validated by Lumen Christi. Forms are available from our school office.*

*The sibling discount applies to **tuition fees only** and is calculated as follows:*

- **Second child:** 20% discount
- **Third child:** 40% discount
- **Fourth and subsequent children:** 100% discount

Concession Card Discounts

Families who have a current Concession Card may also be eligible for discounted school fees.

Please bring your Concession Card to the office and complete the required form by Friday, 11 February 2026.

If there are any queries about this program, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny via email at:
Jenny.Marion-Clark@cewa.edu.au

Parent Information Evening

As previously mentioned in an email, we have our annual Parent Information Night (PP-6) on Wednesday, 11 February from 6pm. The format for the evening will be:

6pm – 6:30pm Classroom meetings in Years 2, 3, 4 and 6

6:30pm – 7pm Whole school gathering in Ward House

7pm – 7:30pm Classroom meetings in Pre-Primary and Years 1 and 5

We have configured the breakdown of classroom meetings before and after the whole school gathering to ensure the smallest number of clashes for parents of multiple students here at Good Shepherd, there will still be some clashes, but hopefully not too many.

This is a really important opportunity for parents to connect with your child's teacher to ensure the communication between school and home is strong

and a positive contributing factor towards the success of your child/ren. The 30-minute gathering between the 2 sets of classroom meetings will be an opportunity for me to inform parents about some whole school changes and focuses which will be complemented by the approach taken in the classrooms. Please prioritise this important evening.

Preparation for School Swimming Carnivals – we are starting to prepare a plan for the 3 school swimming carnivals for the children from Years 1-6 at Good Shepherd on Friday, 27 February:

- The Year 1 and 2 Novelty Carnival from about 9:15am – 10:30am
- The Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival in the 25M pool from about 11am – 2pm
- The Year 3-6 Novelty Carnival in the shallow pool from about 11am – 2pm

It does seem like we have recently had a School Swimming Carnival day which is true due to the fact that our fortnight of swimming lessons were in the second half of the year last year, late in Term 3 and we chose to wait until after the swimming lesson block before having the swimming carnivals to allow the children to showcase the skills they have learnt during the lessons. We are planning a very similar day at the same venue, St Brigid's College, Lesmurdie. Please diarise the date and come along and join us as a spectator to support your child/ren.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

Calendar Term 1 2026

**Friday, 6 February - Welcome to School Mass 9am
Ward House, Kindy Morning Tea 9-10am in the
Staffroom, Year 6 assembly 2pm**

**Monday, 9 February - Friday, 20 February -
Swimming Lessons**

**Wednesday, 11 February - Parent Information
Evening Years PP - 6 @ 6pm**

**Wednesday, 18 February - Year 6 Halogen Young
Leaders Conference, Ash Wednesday Whole School**

Mass 9.30am @ Church

Wednesday, 25 February - P&F Meeting 6pm

**Friday, 27 February - School Swimming Carnival @
St Brigid's College Lesmurdie**

Current Term Calendar

Important Dates 2026

Term Dates

Term 1- Monday, 2 February to Thursday, 2 April

Term 2 - Tuesday, 21 April to Friday, 3 July

Term 3 - Monday, 21 July to Friday, 25 September

Term 4 - Tuesday, 13 October to Friday, 11 December

Public Holidays

Monday, 2 March - Labour Day

Monday, 8 June - WA Day

Monday, 27 April - ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Pupil Free Days

Monday, 20 April

Tuesday, 2 June

Monday, 12 October

Monday, 16 November

**Catholic Day - Friday, 13 November (Staff &
Students)**

Uniform Shop

**Uniform online ordering is now live via
www.quickcliq.com.au**

On-Line Orders can be placed each week from Tuesday through to Sunday, ready for collection from the Uniform Shop on Monday afternoon 2.30pm to 3.15pm. **Please note the new day and time for opening.**

An alteration service is available.

[Click here for the Uniform Policy](#)



[Canteen Menu](#)

CANTEEN

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

Parent Helpers must sign in at the canteen.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR ONLINE ORDER INFORMATION EG: ROOM NUMBER IS N/A AND THE CLASS THAT YOUR CHILD IS IN THIS YEAR.

Wendy, Canteen Manager

[Order Canteen Here](#)

School Fees 2026

School Fee Statements will be sent out by Friday, 20 February.

A new Concession Card needs to be filled out every year. Please bring your card in to the school office and complete the form as soon as possible for discounts to apply.

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 2026/2027

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. 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 1 Newsletter](#)

[Government Subsidy](#)

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](#)



With most schools now back over the past few days, many families are settling into the reality of early mornings, busy afternoons, and full school schedules again. Whether your child has just started school for the first time or returned to a familiar classroom, this transition period can still take time to adjust to — for kids and parents.

Support the Reset Back Into School Routine

Children of all ages benefit from knowing what to expect. Checking in, reinforcing routines, and giving a little extra support in these first weeks can help reduce stress and build confidence for the term ahead.

Try this:

Now that school has started, focus on reinforcing the routine at home:

- Talk about how mornings and afternoons are feeling — what's working well and what feels rushed or stressful.
- Keep bedtimes and wake-up times consistent.

- For younger kids, keep practising independence skills like packing bags and remembering school items.
- For older kids, support them to manage their schedule, homework planning, and organisation. You could do this by keeping a family calendar on the fridge or wall.
- Keep communication open — sometimes kids only process the change once they're back in the school environment.

Watch Now

Fathering Project website: the
fatheringproject

ERiderables

Our School is committed to ensuring that our students are empowered to travel to and from school safely. We recognise that eRideable devices such as eScooters and eBikes are a popular mode of transport accessible to many within our School community.

Equally, our School recognises that eRideables are subject to legislation that prohibit a child under the age of 16 from utilising these devices. Therefore, from Monday, 2 February 2026, students who are under 16 years of age will not be permitted to use or store an eRideable device on school premises.

Examples of eRideables include but are not limited to:

- eScooters
- eSkateboards
- hoverboards
- eSkates
- eUnicycles

The Road Safety Commission has developed a webpage with information about the Road Traffic Code (legislation) which can assist individuals in understanding their personal obligations where eRideables are concerned. For more information about eRideables please [click here](#).

We thank you in advance for your support of this initiative which will ensure the ongoing safety of our students and broader school community.

Students riding normal bikes and scooters to school must wear a helmet and must get off them at the school gate and walk them into school. The same applies for the afternoon - they must walk them to the gate before getting on them to ride home. Thank you for your support.

ERIDEABLE CURRENT LAWS

One person
per device



Helmets
required



Age
requirement

16+

Bell or verbal
warning



Lights and
reflectors
required



Speed on
footpaths



Speed on bike paths,
shared paths and
local roads



No travel
on roads



Community News

Centre for Faith Enrichment - [Term 1 Courses](#)

Better Health Program - [6-12 Year Old Program](#),
[Healthy Kids](#)

Carey Baptist College - [GATE Program 2027](#)

Southern Districts Netball Assoc - [Come & Play Day!](#)

The Record - [Magazine](#)

Armada Market - [Sundays](#)

Armada Girl Guides - [Come & Join Us](#)

Communicare - [Term 1 Program](#)

Parent & Child Centre Westfield Park - [Term 1 Program](#)



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Confession: Saturday 5-6pm

Mass Times

Saturday

8am Communion Service - **Mass on First Saturdays and Solemnities, 6pm**

Sunday

8.30am - Karragullen Parish, **8.30am** Latin Mass - Kelmscott Parish, **10am** - Kelmscott Parish, **5pm** - Kelmscott Parish

Monday - No Mass except on **Solemnities**

Tuesday - **6.30pm**

Wednesday & Friday - **8am**

Thurs - **6pm** followed by adoration at **6.30pm**

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