



## Newsletter 03 Week 5 Term 1

28 February 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been nice to have some reprieve from the extreme weather conditions since the start of the school year. While we are fortunate to have reverse cycle air-conditioning in all classrooms across our school, it has still been oppressive outside and going to and from the swimming pool for the past fortnight. It has also impacted on the amount of time the children have spent outside in the first 5 weeks of the school year.

### **Swimming Lessons Wrap**

It is with a sigh of relief that we celebrate the end of the fortnight of swimming lessons. We do acknowledge the importance of them and the need for the children to develop their swimming skills, but it does certainly impact on the routines here at school. Congratulations to all the children for their efforts in developing their skills and I hope that was reflected in the certificates that were distributed yesterday. Thanks also to the staff and parents who supported the children throughout the fortnight as well.

### **Swimming Carnival Preparation**

As we prepare for the upcoming carnivals on Friday, a reminder to all families to ensure the permission note, handed out yesterday to travel to the venue on the bus is returned. The carnivals will again take place at St Brigid's College, Lesmurdie on the Boarder's Long Weekend, meaning there will not be any students at the school. The plan for the day includes:

**Year 1's and 2's** – leaving school on the bus at 8:45am with their carnival due to start at 9:30am and conclude at approximately 10:45am. The children will be swimming in 5 novelty events in the shallow pool before returning to school on the bus at 11am. The children will be asked to bring their morning tea with them, to eat at the conclusion of the carnival.

**Year 3's to 6's** - will be split into 2 groups. Those children who have completed stage 4 and feel confident to swim 25M in the big pool will participate in the main carnival in the 25M pool. The children who have not reached stage 4 yet or do not feel as confident will participate in the novelty carnival in the shallow pool at the same time. We are aiming to start these 2 carnivals at 11am and conclude by approximately 2pm, before getting on the buses at 2:15pm and returning to school. The children will

need to bring their own food for the day and snack between events. Parents are encouraged to join us at St Brigid's to watch the carnivals.

**An important message to all families is that the canteen will be closed for the day!**

### **Commissioning/Commitment Mass**

All families in our community are invited to our Commissioning Mass on Sunday, 10 March at 10am at Good Shepherd Church. The Mass is an opportunity for us to gather as a community and for some key groups within our community to pledge their commitment to the Good Shepherd community including – Staff, Parish catechists, School Advisory Council members, P&F Executive members and the Parish Council members.

The children receiving the sacraments of: Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation this year are also asked to pledge their commitment to the programs in front of the community. If these families cannot attend the Sunday morning Mass, they are encouraged to attend on Saturday night, with the Mass starting at 6pm or Sunday night at 6pm. The children are asked to bring their commitment forms to the Mass and will be asked to pledge their commitment in front of the community.

### **Sacramental Parent Information Evening – Years 3, 4 and 6**

The parents of the children receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation in Year 3, Holy Communion in Year 4 and Confirmation in Year 6 are asked to attend the Sacramental Parent Information Night in Ward House on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 6pm. Father Pavol will present some information regarding sacraments in general before the classroom teachers share information pertinent to the respective sacraments. Attendance on the night is an important part of the process of the children receiving the sacrament.

### **Carpark Etiquette**

I feel like I need to remind all parents of some important carpark etiquette, with my motivation being to increase the chances of this busy part of our school being as safe as possible for the children and their families. Some important reminders include:

- Please drive your car no faster than 8kmph
- Please use the crosswalks and concrete paths when moving across the carpark
- Please follow the arrows to ensure the traffic moves in the same direction
- Please refrain from using the overflow carpark beyond the gardener's shed unless the main carpark is full. This reduces the traffic going across the main crosswalk and ensures a safer environment for the children

## **P&F News**

Following the P&F Meeting last Tuesday night, the decision was made to postpone the P&F Sundowner that we traditionally have at the start of each year to Friday, 22 March. All families are asked to put that date in their diary and come and join us for a couple of hours in the early evening to enjoy each other's company. More details to follow.

The calendar of P&F events for 2024 includes:

- Mother's Day stall on Friday, 10 May (coordinated by Years 1 and 5)
- Interschool Cross Country stall on Friday, 24 May (coordinated by Year 2 and 3)
- P&F Disco on Friday, 14 June (coordinated by P&F)
- School Athletics Carnival stall on Friday, 6 September (coordinated by Year 6)
- Father's Day stall on Friday, 30 August (coordinated by PP and Year 4)
- Teacher Appreciation Day on Friday, 11 October (coordinated by Kindy)

The P&F have also indicated they are looking at a major fundraising event like a Quiz Night or something similar in the second half of the year, so please look out for those details.

## **Upcoming NAPLAN**

A reminder to all families of children in years 3 and 5 that the NAPLAN assessment will take place over the next few weeks, starting on Wednesday, 13 March and concluding on Monday, 25 March. Throughout these assessments, we ask the children to do their very best to ensure the results reflect their skills and knowledge and parents refrain from organising appointments during this time if possible to reduce the potential for the children to be away from school.

## **On-Line Safety Presentation**

One of our parents, Larissa Simpson has extended an invitation to all parents in our community to attend an "On-Line Safety Presentation" designed for parents of 3-12 year old children. The free presentation is facilitated by Communicare and takes place on-line on Tuesday, 19 March from 6pm – 7:30pm. The flyer promoting this presentation is in this edition of the newsletter.

## **Fathering Project Activity**

A reminder to all families that there is a Fathering Project activity (which I have noticed clashes with the on-line presentation mentioned above) in our local community at the

Armadale Aquatic Centre. This event will take place on Tuesday, 19 March from 5pm and involves some pool games and a BBQ dinner. Again, the full details are included on a flyer in this edition of our newsletter.

### **Netball**

A reminder that Netball registrations are being held tomorrow afternoon between 3.15-4.30pm.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Thursday, 29 February** - Year 1 Liturgy 9.00am

**Friday, 1 March** - School Swimming Carnival @ St Brigid's College Lesmurdie

**Monday, 4 March** - Labour Day Public Holiday - **No School**

**Wednesday, 6 March** - Sacramental Parent Information Evening Years 3, 4 & 6 @ 6pm Ward House

**Thursday, 7 March** - Reconciliation Years 5 & 6 @ 9.00am

**Friday, 8 March** - Years 5 & 6 Cricket Carnival

**Wednesday, 13 March** - NAPLAN begins Years 3 & 5

[Click for the Current Calendar](#)



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## CANTEEN

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

The Canteen will be closed this Friday, 1 March.

Wendy, Canteen Manager

[Order Canteen Here](#)

## Enrolments 2025

If you are seeking a place for your child in Kindergarten 2025 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. **Interviews will take place early next term.**

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

Enrolments in other Year groups are also available

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



## School Fees

Fees were sent home on Wednesday, 14 February.

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Payment Option Forms must be returned to the office by each family.

If you have any queries or concerns about your fees, or the Payment Options Form, please contact me at [accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au](mailto:accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au) or 9496 9292.

Jenny Marion-Clark - Finance Officer

## 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](#)

## Uniform Shop

### Opening Hours

**Monday afternoon 2.00 - 3.15pm**

**Friday morning 8.00 - 9.15am**

[Click here for the Uniform Policy](#)

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The next issue has been sent home today. Orders are due by Wednesday, 13 March.

**Orders are online only through Scholastic Loop at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)**

Jenny Marion-Clark - Co-ordinator

## Dental Therapy Van

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



### **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.*

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



## Attention all fathers and father - figures

Please join us, with your children, at the:

Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre, for:

### “After school pool games and BBQ Dinner”

While not excluding all our amazing mums, aunties, grandmas and carers, we would love to see as many dads, granddads, father figures and significant males take part in this activity.

**When: Tuesday 19th March from 5.00pm**

**Cost: Adults \$3.00 & Children \$2.00** (Money payable at Aquatic Centre)

*‘Just mention you are with the Good Shepherd Catholic PS Dads’ group’*

**Please Note:** While at the Aquatic Centre, the parent and or guardian is responsible for supervision of their child/ren. We ask that everyone brings a towel, and adhere to Watch Around Water, for example if kids are under 6 they must be accompanied in the water and within arm’s reach of an adult at all times.



If you would like more information about this activity or The Fathering Project, please contact the school on 9496 9200



The Fathering Project supported by:



**RSVP: Call the school on 9496 9200**

**by Monday 18th March.**





## ThinkUKnow Online Safety Presentation

South East Metro Parenting Support Services

**For Parents and Carers of children 3-12 years**

1-session program (Online)

**Comfortable talking to your kids about technology and the internet?**

As parents and carers, you play an important role in protecting your child from harm.

We aim to support you in preventing and managing safety challenges that your child may face, as well as guiding your child to understand these and feel empowered to take action.

The Session will cover:

- What young people SEE, SAY and Do online
- The challenges they may face
- How to report and get help if things go wrong

Visit [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au) for more information about online safety and security.

### BOOKING DETAILS

☎ 08 9251 5777

✉ [parenting@communicare.org.au](mailto:parenting@communicare.org.au)

🌐 <https://www.trybooking.com/CNXYD>



### DATES

Tuesday

19 March 2024

### TIME

6.00pm - 7.30pm

### LOCATION

Online  
(Link will be forwarded after registrations close)

### COST

Free

### CRECHE

Not available



## Lumen Christi College - Instrumental Program

For information and enrolment, please click on the button below

[Lumen Christi Instrumental Program](#)

## Community News

Helping Minds - [Free Mental Health Workshops](#)

Better Health Program - [Free Healthy Eating Program](#)

## Netball 2024 Season

Hi GSK Community

If we have any families wishing for their child from Year 2 - Year 6 to play netball for their school netball team we have registrations happening next Thursday, 29 February 3.15pm - 4.30pm.

Our existing team will be starting their training but would love to have another team hit the courts!

Training is every Thursday after school from 3.15pm - 4.30pm - parents do not have to stay at training.

Games are played Saturday mornings at Langford netball courts, 81 Langford Avenue, Langford - times vary from 8.30am - 11.30am.

Season starts Saturday, 20 April and concludes Saturday, 17 August 2024.

Costs are below or please contact me on 0400 230 913 or come and see me at the courts this week at Registration day Thursday, 29 February.

If your child is 10 and under : Cost \$270

[Registration Link:](#)

If your child is turning 11 and above: Cost \$295

[Registration Link:](#)

Kidsport is available to eligible families.

First training and uniform sizing will be Thursday, 29 February 3.15pm – 4.30pm Rachel Cutri 0400 230 913

Many thanks

Rachel Cutri, Club President, GSK Netball Club



Mercedes College

**TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024**  
**OPEN DAY**



**Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavol Herda**

**Parish Office:** 42 Streich Avenue, Kelmscott

**Parish Website:** [www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com](http://www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com)

**Parish Email:** [gskp@inet.net.au](mailto:gskp@inet.net.au)

**Phone:** 9495 1489 (Office Wed-Fri) **Presbytery:** 9495 1204

**Sacred Heart Parish** - 1643 Canning Road, Karragullen -  
**Sunday Mass:** 8.30am

**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

## Reconciliation - Saturday 5-6.00pm

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

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