



## Newsletter 4 Week 7 Term 1

**18 March 2026**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe we only have a little over two weeks to go until the end of Term 1. We have achieved a good amount in a short period of time and there are still many more tasks to complete between now and the end of the term on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

### **NAPLAN testing**

The annual NAPLAN assessments were completed in a very smooth and predictable manner due largely to the consistent attendance of the students which meant that very few assessments needed to be caught up. It is quite a foreign experience for the children to have an assessment to complete independently which lasts for 40-45 minutes, but the children seemed to navigate their way through them very well. We expect to receive the results mid to late Term 2 and will pass those results onto parents when they are received.

### **Maths Focus**

Our Maths Extension programs have been going for the past three weeks now. The 6-8 students selected in each of the classes from Years 3-6 are really engaged in the program and it also allows the class teacher to target their teaching a little more in the classroom as the range of competency in Maths is reduced for that lengthy Maths session each week. The idea is that as children's skills develop, we will revisit the composition of the groups each semester, so we are also building that sense of children aspiring to be part of this new program, within each year group. The focus has been a little different in Years 1 and 2 with our Maths Extension teacher providing a second pair of hands in the classroom to extend the children's skills.

**P&F News – Meeting/Sundowner**

We had a really productive first P&F meeting for 2026, the staffroom table was full with over 20 people in attendance. The 2026 calendar of events was confirmed and it was great to get the input from so many new faces around the table.

We also had a wonderful P&F Sundowner last Friday evening, I do not remember seeing so many families attend a function like this before. There just seemed to be a very relaxed atmosphere on a very pleasant Autumn afternoon where families seemed to mingle and enjoy each other's company while the children enjoyed the activities set up for them. It has always amazed me how the children really enjoy being at school at night! The winner of the competition to guess how many Jellybeans were in the Jar was Alannah Simpson from our Kindy class, congratulations to her. Congratulations also to the Nagpal family who won the door prize, a Kindle. Huge thanks to our Year 2 crew - Tia Hatfield, Amy Bayne and Fiona Daly for their organisation of such a successful event.

### **Project Compassion Fundraiser – Crazy Sock Day**

The Liturgy Team seemed to enjoy taking on the responsibility of organising a fun event for the children across the school to raise some money contributing towards the Archbishop's main fundraising project for the year. A total of \$360 was raised and has been sent to Caritas. It is always a nice opportunity for us to share with the children how their small donations can contribute towards a larger sum of money and have a positive impact on people in a far less privileged position than ourselves. Congratulations to everyone involved.

### **Commitment and Commissioning Mass weekend**

This weekend has been set aside for all the children and families from the Sacramental years – 3, 4 and 6 to pledge their commitment for the respective programs of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Families are welcome to attend any of the Masses throughout the weekend, either 5:30pm on Saturday evening, 10am on Sunday morning or 5pm on Sunday evening.

We have identified the 10am Mass on Sunday morning as the Commissioning Mass for all Staff, School Advisory Council members and P&F Executive

members to pledge their commitment to our community for the 2026 school year. Please come along and join us if you are able to.

### **Interschool Swimming Carnival preparation**

We had another excellent turnout to the before school swimming training session at Armadale Aquatic Centre yesterday morning with 26 children from Years 3-6 in attendance. We will have our final session next Tuesday before the carnival on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. My thanks to all the parents for their support and best wishes to all the children involved.

### **Pre-Kindy and Kindy Enrolment Interviews**

It is that time of the year when we start preparing for the 2027 Pre-Kindy and Kindy enrolment interviews throughout the months of May and June with the intention of offering all spots to families and receiving the offers of acceptance to confirm the spots before 30<sup>th</sup> June. A reminder for all current families who may have a younger child of Pre-Kindy or Kindy age in 2027, to please ensure that the application forms have been forwarded to our school office for processing as the initial stage for being invited in for an enrolment interview.

### **Parent-Teacher Interviews (PP-6)**

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March our school will close at lunchtime (12:40pm) for Parent-Teacher interviews. Similar to previous years, a link will be sent out on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March via email for families with multiple children in the school from PP-6 to book times in for the interviews. The link will then be sent out to families with just one child, to book in their interview. The link will remain open until 3pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. For families with more than one child, my suggestion is to ensure a 10-20 minute break between interviews to allow for "travel time" between each classroom, teachers being on time etc.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Term 1 concludes with our Year 6 students leading the Stations of the Cross on the last day of Term 1, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The special reflection will begin at

9:30am in the undercover area where we gather as a whole school before different classes walk in groups to different parts of the school where our Year 6's will portray the different stations of the cross, re-enacting the final steps of Jesus before he was crucified. Please come and join us if you are able to.

**Best wishes for the coming fortnight.**

**Paul Hansen, Principal**

## Calendar Term 1 2026

**Friday, 20 March - Year 5 Reconciliation 9am, Year 5 Assembly 2pm**

**Weekend of 21/22 March - Commitments Masses for Sacramental Program - Saturday - 5.30pm, Sunday 10am & 5.00pm masses. Commissioning Mass Sunday 10am - Staff, School Advisory Committee & P&F**

**Thursday, 26 March - Interschool Swimming Carnival**

**Friday, 27 March - Harmony Day Whole School Liturgy 9am in Ward House & Cultural Dress Day**

**Tuesday, 31 March - School closes at 12.40pm, Parent Interview Afternoon 1-5pm**

**Thursday, 2 April - Stations of the Cross 9.30am starting in the Undercover Area, Last Day Term 1**

**Tuesday, 21 April - First Day Term 3 - Students 8.30am**

[Current Term Calendar](#)

## School Fees 2026

Please return your Payment Options form as soon as possible to the school office, as direct debits have now commenced. The forms are required for audit purposes. If you require a new form, please contact me.

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

**Jenny Marion-Clark, Finance Officer**

## Uniform Shop

\*Please note the new day and time for opening.

Winter is coming!

If you need any Uniform items for next term please place an order online, at the office, or at the Uniform Shop as soon as possible to ensure availability of items.

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

An alteration service is available.

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[Canteen Menu](#)

## CANTEEN

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

**Wendy, Canteen Manager**

[Order Canteen Here](#)

## [Enrolments 2026/2027](#)

Please contact [admin@gsk.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@gsk.wa.edu.au) for an enrolment form or from the website: [www.gsk.wa.edu.au](http://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](#)

Rocketeers - April School Holiday Program -  
Bookings Open

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](#)

Oscar played State Tee Ball for Roleystone recently, his under 13s team finished second place for their category!



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Changing Children's Lives

Fathering Project website: [thefatheringproject](http://thefatheringproject)

## City of Armadale - Battery Recycling

The City of Armadale has invited our school to participate in the Battery Collection Program for the safe and environmentally responsible recycling of batteries. Batteries contain hazardous materials that can be harmful to the environment if sent to landfill, or cause fires in waste trucks and/or recycling facilities when placed in the kerbside collection bins. The small recycling bucket is in the school office.

Only AAA, AA, C, D, 6v, 9v and button batteries are accepted at school.

## Community News

The Record - [Magazine](#)

City of Armadale - [Movies in March](#)

Code Camp - [Holiday Camp](#)

ARKS Rugby Union Club - [Junior Players Registration](#)

Brickz4Kids - [Autumn Holiday Workshops - Lego](#)

St Norbert College - [Newsletter](#)

Mazenod Open Day - [Wednesday, 1 April 2026](#)

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science?

**Come and see chemistry in action at Murdoch University Open Day.**

Enjoy demonstrations of explosions using cryogenics and be entertained with illuminating science using everyday materials.

Enjoy the show and explore our campus for a wide range of experiences.

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**Live & Explosive Show**  
**Sat 28 March**  
**10.30-11.15am and 1-1.45pm**

Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre  
(next to the library on Bush Court)



**Parish Priest - Fr Kenneth Acosta Garcia**

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**Presbytery: 9495 1204**

**Confession: Saturday 5.00-5.30pm**

### **Mass Times**

#### **Saturday**

**8am** Communion Service - **Mass on First Saturdays 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**

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

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