



## Newsletter 8 Week 5 Term 2

**20 May 2026**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The children have been very physically active in the last few weeks, the numbers on the oval at lunchtime has exploded, the children have worked hard to prepare themselves for the cross country events in the past 4 weeks and that has led to some very impressive performances at our Interschool Cross Country carnival last Friday.

### **Celebrating the Mothers in our Community**

There is no more important person in a child's life than their mother and it is always a special time in our school community which coincides with Mother's Day. The organization of the Mother's Day stall for the children was fantastic. The Year 1 parents, under the leadership of Lara Miller and April Hunter did a great job in providing the children across the school with an opportunity to take some responsibility for buying something special for their mum. The children were very excited about their purchases and the chance to "spoil" their Mum. My sincere thanks to everyone involved.

### **Interschool Cross Country Carnival**

Last Friday morning we hosted an extra 300 students from 8 other Catholic primary schools and approximately 150 parents as well. The Interschool Cross Country Carnival was a very competitive event which brought out the best in many Good Shepherd students. We had 9 schools competing and finished a very creditable 4<sup>th</sup> place. It is appropriate to congratulate and acknowledge all the children who achieved a "podium finish" in their event:

**Year 3 Boys** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Samuel Shannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Connor Hunter

**Year 3 Girls** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Léa Kuebler

**Year 5 Boys** – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Eli Roe

**Year 5 Girls** – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Amelia Hassall

**Year 6 Boys** – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jude McNess

Congratulations to all the children involved for their efforts and particularly to the children mentioned above for their outstanding achievements.

The tradition of our P&F providing refreshments on the day was another great success and a really good chance to take advantage of a huge crowd and raising money from people outside of our community. Our Year 5 parents took on this responsibility, led again by Vicky Hassall and Kelsey Roe. The contributions of “home made treats” donated by so many families across our community demonstrates a wonderful level of community spirit at our school, thank you everyone for your contributions.

### **Confirmation Celebration**

The final preparations are underway for the Confirmation celebration this Saturday night when the Vicar General, Fr Vincent Glynn, joins Fr Kenneth to concelebrate the ceremony. We have 21 Confirmation candidates from our school and parish community who have been prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Fr Kenneth will be leading the First Communion celebration on Sunday, 14 June at 10am followed by the First Reconciliation on Friday, 19 June at 4pm.

These sacramental celebrations are very important liturgical milestones in the lives of young Catholic people and we look forward to celebrating these milestones as a community.

### **New Annual Community Meeting Model**

Following feedback across the CEWA system, a decision has been made to remove the requirement for an Annual General Meeting and instead, make the information available by completing a system generated template, with the Principal asked to

complete the template, with the pertinent information and ensure it is disseminated to the broader community. Further information will be provided regarding the election process of positions for both the P&F and the School Advisory Council.

### **Language of Friendship Workshop**

As part of the implementation of the URStrong Program, parents are invited to participate in an on-line Friendship session on Thursday, 28 May from 6:30pm – 7:45pm, a copy of the flyer is attached to this newsletter. Navigating friendships and social dynamics in general seem to cause primary school children some angst from time to time. The program we use is research-based and well recommended so my anticipation would be that a number of practical suggestions could be offered to parents with this on-line opportunity.

### **Parent Forum Plan**

Following some discussion at a recent P&F meeting, there seems to be an appetite for a Parent Forum presentation in the second half of the year regarding guiding parents through information about how to speak to children about some world events e.g. wars going on in different parts of the world at the moment etc. This notion brought up the broader point around the need to be conscious of matching the emotional maturity of children with the information, or depth of information we share, regarding all sorts of topics. This is something we will pursue as a sub-committee as we endeavour to provide some support for families at our school.

### **Pupil-Free Day**

A reminder to parents that our next **pupil-free day** is the day before our next newsletter is received – Tuesday, 2 June. This day will back onto the WA Day long weekend with Monday, 1 June being a public holiday.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

**Paul Hansen, Principal**

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# FRIENDSHIP!

YOU ARE INVITED!

THURSDAY 28 MAY

6:30pm to 7:45pm

in the

URSTRONG CLASSROOM ONLINE



This workshop gives kids, parents, and teachers a common "language" for talking about friendships. Through interactive parent-child activities, parents will learn strategies to support their child in fostering healthy, feel-good friendships.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please note: Zoom details will be provided by the school.



## Calendar Term 2 2026

Friday, 22 May - Confirmation Retreat Day Year 6

Saturday, 23 May - Confirmation Mass 5.30pm @ church

Tuesday, 26 May - National Sorry Day

Thursday, 28 May - Language of Friendship online Workshop 6.30-7.45pm

Friday, 29 May - Sorry Day Liturgy 9am, Year 2 Assembly 2pm

Monday, 1 June - WA Day Public Holiday - No School

Tuesday, 2 June - Staff PD - No Students

Friday, 5 June - Year 2 Liturgy 9am, Year 1 Assembly 2pm

Current Term Calendar

Uniform Shop

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. We currently need more volunteers for Wednesdays. Please leave your details either at the canteen or the school office if you can help out.

Wendy, Canteen Manager

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## **School Fees 2026**

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

## [Enrolments 2027/2028](#)

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](#)

## What's on in Term 2

Rockateers July School Holidays Program -  
Bookings Open - Held at Armadale Primary  
School

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](#)



### Create Space for Big Emotions

Help your child learn to recognise, name, and manage their feelings. These moments build emotional awareness, stronger relationships, and long-term resilience.

#### **Try this:**

The next time your child has a big emotional reaction - whether excitement, frustration, or sadness - pause and name what you see.

For example: *"It looks like you're feeling really overwhelmed - I'm here with you."*

This helps your child feel understood and supported, making it easier for them to calm down and open up. Every calm, curious response is helping them build skills they'll carry for life.

## Small Moments Create Lasting Impact

### **1. Confidence grows through encouragement**

Children build confidence when they feel seen, supported and believed in. Simple things like acknowledging effort, listening without judgment, or encouraging children to keep trying after setbacks can have a lasting impact on self-esteem.

### **2. Connection supports emotional wellbeing**

Children with emotionally connected fathers are more likely to develop stronger emotional regulation and healthier relationships. Even short moments of quality connection throughout the week can strengthen a child's sense of security and belonging.

### **3. Presence matters more than perfection**

Children rarely remember whether everything was done perfectly. They remember who showed up consistently - at sport, at bedtime, after a tough day, or simply at the dinner table.

### **4. Everyday involvement supports learning**

Research shows that children with engaged fathers often experience improved social and educational outcomes. Reading together, helping with homework, asking about school, or simply taking an interest in what children are learning can positively influence engagement and confidence.

## New Program

Most dads do not often say how they are really going. But when they are given the space to talk, something changes.

At The Fathering Project, we recently launched the **Walk & Talk Program** - a dads-only peer support group where fathers walk side by side, connect with other dads, and are supported by a trained case manager in a relaxed, judgment-free environment.

It is simple. But it is powerful. Because when dads feel supported, families feel the difference. Children experience it through calmer conversations, more patience, greater confidence, and more presence at

home.

One dad recently shared: "As a stay-at-home dad I couldn't find anything in my area that I connected with. The Walk & Talk sessions helped me feel less isolated and give me a space where I feel understood."

Early support can change the direction of a family before challenges grow into crisis.

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

## Community News

The Record - [Magazine](#)

Lumen Christi College School Tour - [23 May 2026](#)

Murdoch University - [Open Day 23 May 2026](#)

Catholic School Parents WA Assoc - [Term 2 Newsletter, AGM 23 June](#)

Australian Sports Camps - [August 2026 Camp](#)



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**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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