



Newsletter 09 Week 7 Term 2

29 May 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we reflect on how we are progressing at Good Shepherd, Kelmscott, it is important to step back periodically to look at some of the key focuses at our school and identify opportunities and instances where we can definitively measure that we are making positive progress according to our priorities.

Reflective of some tangible data received from a number of sources over the past 2 years – School Climate Survey, School Review process and Principal Review process, we identified the need to build the children's social and emotional well-being and have put a number of strategies in place to achieve this goal. Developing the social and emotional well-being of children is going to contribute towards enhancing the academic outcomes across the school as well.

From a personal philosophical point of view, I have always been convinced that enhancing the children's overall fitness levels and building their confidence physically will also translate into a more confident child from a social and emotional perspective. The program we introduced at the start of 2024, the URStrong program has had an impact already when it comes to children developing strategies to navigate their way through social dynamics within their year level at school. The staff will also be participating in 4 professional development days over the next 2 years called the Berry Street program, designed to equip teachers in maintaining the best possible learning environment within the classroom for all students, the first day being held next Tuesday, 4 June. Our staff will be joining the staff from 3 other Catholic primary schools to embark on this important professional development.

A big part of our mission to build the physical fitness of the children across our school has been to run our fitness sessions before school every Tuesday and on some Monday mornings too if we are specifically preparing the children for an upcoming event. We have also incorporated the second sport session for children in Years 3-6 on a Tuesday afternoon.

We were very impressed with the children's performance in our school swimming carnivals late in Term 1 and finishing third in the Interschool Swimming Carnival at the end of Term 1. We were equally as impressed with our recent School Cross Country Carnival and also our third place result out of the 9 schools competing in the Interschool Cross Country Carnival last Friday.

The children across the school are definitely increasing their levels of physical fitness and the first 2 interschool sports carnival results of 2024 have been tangible evidence to verify this. Physical well-being definitely reflects positively in the level of confidence the children develop which also has a positive benefit towards their social and emotional well-being which has the potential to result in better academic outcomes and social connections.

Interschool Cross Country Results

We had a very big day here at Good Shepherd last Friday when we welcomed another 350 students and approximately 200 parents to our school for the 2024 Interschool Cross Country carnival. The weather was very kind to us and there was a good, healthy level of competition across the 9 schools throughout the gruelling event of cross country for our primary school aged children.

As you can see from the results and photos below, we had a number of great performers and as a team, the Good Shepherd Interschool Cross Country team was very competitive, finishing a very creditable third with a significant gap between the top 3 performing schools and the other schools. Congratulations to everyone involved and as I mentioned above, the confidence the children are developing in their own physical fitness across the school is really increasing and some recent results reflect that.

Special thanks also to a large group of parents representing our P&F who facilitated a cake stall, a sausage sizzle and a raffle as well as organising the coffee van for the day. These services really added to the atmosphere on the day and raised some funds for our P&F as well. Thank you to everyone involved.

P&F Update

After a lengthy process, I am pleased to announce that we have chosen 3 "big ticket items" now for our Nature Play development and I am currently working with the suppliers to professionally install these 3 items as soon as possible. Once these 3 large items are installed, we will be adding to the Nature Play with some smaller items and some parents in our community will be assisting by installing some "log bridges" which will go across the creek bed as part of the Nature Play. If you would like to assist with the construction of the "log bridges", please let me know.

After a significant amount of planning and discussion with different companies from our sub-committee, the plan is really starting to take shape so we are hoping to see a good level of progress over the upcoming school holidays.

Fathering Project Lego Night

We have a Lego Masters evening planned by the Fathering Project group in our community which will take place in just over 3 week's time. There is a flyer attached to this edition of the newsletter for your information, I have also included the key information below:

When – Thursday, 20 June

Where – Ward House

Time – 5:30pm – 7pm

RSVP – please email the school on admin@gsk.wa.edu.au or phone on 9496 9200

The evening will be limited to 20 fathers/father figures and their children so please contact us soon if you are interested, it will be “first in best dressed!”

A Rocket has Landed at GSK

When the children arrived at school yesterday morning, they noticed “a rocket had landed”! This is part of a writing stimulus that has been provided for the children as we motivate the children across the school to create an interesting piece of writing. The children have been amazed to see such an awesome addition to our school grounds, it has certainly evoked a great deal of wonder and conversation, which we hope will translate into some wonderful creative writing stories. Special thanks to Mr T for going above and beyond to ensure this opportunity for the children at our school.

Kindergarten Interviews for 2025

This is the final call across the community to all families to ensure they have submitted the paperwork if they would like a spot in our Kindy program for 2025. We have significantly more applicants than spots available and we are committed to accommodating the existing families at our school, but can only do this if we know about them before the “Letters of Offer” are distributed very early next month. [Please ensure your paperwork has been submitted if you are hoping to have a child in Kindy next year!](#)

Pre-Kindy Interviews for 2025

Interviews for the Pre-Kindy program will take place in the first half of June to ensure “Letters of Offer” will be distributed, signed and returned before the end of Term 2, which is Friday, 28 June. Please ensure your paperwork has been submitted if you are hoping to have a child in Pre-Kindy next year!

Pupil-Free Day on Tuesday

A reminder to all parents that we have a pupil-free day at Good Shepherd next Tuesday, 4 June. Our staff will be joining the staff of 3 other Catholic primary schools to spend the day working through the first day of a 4 day program with a focus on managing the social and emotional well-being of the children at our school.

Best wishes for the next fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal



Interschool Cross Country Carnival Results - Friday,
24 May 2024

1 st	St Augustine's	850
2 nd	Mary's Mount	827
3 rd	Good Shepherd	819
4 th	St Michael's	661
5 th	Matthew Gibney	607
6 th	Sacred Heart	434
7 th	Santa Clara	409
8 th	St Jude's	390
9 th	Emmaus	380



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, 30 May - Sorry Day Liturgy 9am

Friday, 31 May - Year 1 Assembly 2pm

Monday, 3 June - WA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, 4 June - STAFF PD - NO STUDENTS

Friday, 7 June - Year 4 First Communion Retreat Day

Sunday, 9 June - First Holy Communion Mass 10am at Good Shepherd Church

Tuesday, 11 June - P&F Meeting 6pm

Wednesday, 12 June - Kindy Liturgy 9am

Friday, 14 June - Lightning Carnival Yrs 5 & 6, P&F Disco 4.30pm onwards

Tuesday, 18 June - SAC Meeting 6pm

Friday, 21 June - Year 3 Reconciliation Retreat Day, then Sacrament at 4pm at Good Shepherd Church

Friday, 28 June - Last day Term 2

[Click for the Current Calendar](#)

WA Student Assistant Payment - Reminder

To receive the payment, you will need to apply through ServiceWA by Friday, 28 June.

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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 office before going to the canteen.

Wendy, Canteen Manager

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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.

Three Year Old Program 2025 Interviews will be starting shortly. Please contact the school office for an enrolment form as soon as possible.

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



School Fees

If you have any queries or concerns about your fees, please contact me at accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au or 9496 9292.

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](#)

[Camp Australia Term 2 Newsletter](#)

[Uniform Shop](#)

[Opening Hours](#)

Monday afternoon 2.00 - 3.15pm

Friday morning 8.00 - 9.15am

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[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

[Scholastic Book Club](#)

The new catalogues have gone home. Orders are online only at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP). Orders are due by Friday, 7 June 2024



Attention all fathers and father - figures
Lego Masters

Come along and enjoy quality time with your child while making some creations with Lego.

When: Thursday 20th June

Where: Ward House

Time: 5.30pm to 7.00pm

This activity is LIMITED to 20 dads and their children.

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.



Lego Masters is supported by the City of Armadale Libraries.

If you would like more information about The Fathering Project at your school, please contact
Principal - Mr Hansen on 9496 9200

To RSVP - Please email the school on admin@gsk.wa.edu.au or phone on 9496 9200



The Fathering Project supported by:



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.

A reminder whilst it's imperative to stay on top of your child's emotional and physical wellbeing, it's also important to be aware of your own mental health too.

Parenting is challenging! There is no doubt about it. We are all just trying our best, and sometimes a long the way we can feel like we're stuck, or wondering if we are doing enough.

Check in on your mental health and assess how you're feeling. Do you need a time out? To practise self-care, to re-engage in a

sport you loved, or schedule a much-needed catch up with mates?

Remember - your mental health and wellbeing is a priority too!

Top Tips

1. Hobbies or interests

Is there something you love spend time doing? Perhaps there was a hobby or interest you haven't done in a while. Make sure to spend time on things you enjoy.

2. Develop a support group

People you feel comfortable with to talk to and share your thoughts. Nurture these relationships! Being part of an online or in-person Dads Group is a great way to connect with other like-minded dads.

3. Don't think you have to do it alone

There is always someone or support services available to help you. Share issues with an empathetic listener. If you are struggling, seek support sooner rather than later.

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Lumen Christi College - Instrumental Program

For information and enrolment, please click on the button below

[Lumen Christi Instrumental Program](#)

Community News

Better Health Programs - [Free Program for 6-12 Year Old](#)

Southern Districts Netball Association - [July Holiday Netball Clinic 5 - 13 Year Old](#)

Sprinting Fast - [July Clinic](#)



Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavol Herda

Parish Office: 42 Streich Avenue, Kelmscott

Parish Website: www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com

Parish Email: TBC

Phone: 9495 1489 Office (Wed & Fri 9am-12pm) (Thurs - 12 to 3pm)

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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