



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRE-KINDERGARTEN to YEAR 6

LEARNING THROUGH FAITH LOVE & LAUGHTER

Newsletter 19 Week 7 Term 4

26 November 2025

Dear Parents / Guardians

As we prepare to embark on the season of Advent, in anticipation for the coming of Christmas, we are reminded of the power of giving and there are a number of examples of generosity in our community at the moment:

- The St Vincent De Paul food drive, coordinated by Carrie Archibald looks like it will be a big success again this year, so thank you to all for your contributions.
- The Dip and Dive at our recent swimming carnival day was also a great opportunity for people to show some gratitude for what they were able to do by donating a gift to some children being treated for cancer at the moment. The Tomeo family dropped the gifts off yesterday.
- The current Parish Bake Sale is proving to be a huge success, my thanks to everyone for their contributions in supporting our Parish to contribute towards the fundraising to re-paint the interior of our Church.

My thanks to everyone for your generosity at a special time of the year.

Music Night

Our Music Night two weeks ago was a wonderful climax to our music program for 2025 as the children performed their choir and instrumental items that they performed at the Performing Arts Festival. As the evening unfolded, I also reflected on the enormous community event that the Music Night has become, noticing the large number of ex-students who have connections at our school in attendance. Huge thanks to all the staff for their contributions towards the

smooth running of the night, under the outstanding leadership of Diana Newman.

Swimming Carnival Day

Congratulations to all the children from Years 1-6 who actively participated in 3 different swimming carnivals throughout the day. For those children who competed, it was a very successful day. Congratulations to the following children for their excellent performances, achieving Champion Boy and Champion Girl honours in the Year 3-6 Carnival in the 25M pool:

Year 3 – Benson Handgraaf and Natalie Taverniti

Year 4 – Preston Tomeo and Sophia Doust

Year 5 – Stellan Edowai and Hayley Molson

Year 6 – Finn Platten and Ivy Roe

While it was successful day for those who competed, the number of children who chose not to attend on the day was disappointing. Not all children find swimming easy, but we are putting a significant amount of effort into supporting the children to improve their swimming skills. For future carnivals, I ask parents to take a firmer stance with their children to ensure they attend to do everything they can to ensure their children's swimming skills develop.

Fathering Project Camp Out

A couple of weeks ago we hosted just over 20 Dads and over 40 children at the annual Fathering Project Camp Out. It is always a great event for the children, they do get very excited about being at school overnight. I think the mums in the community enjoy a quiet night and break in the normal routines as well. Huge thanks to Ciaran Shannon and Greg Hall who took on the coordinating of the event, it was very much enjoyed and appreciated by the people who attended.

Science Week

Last week was a fantastic week in our community for Science Week with the children participating in a range of extra Science activities under the topic of: **Glow Bright for Science 2025** . Huge thanks to Fiona Redden for engaging the children across our school in

such a broad range of activities with the support of some parent helpers during the week.

Chess Competition

Keiron Throssell has also been facilitating a chess competition across the school at lunch time. The competition will be completed this week with the winners presented at the assembly this Friday. Thanks to Mr T for providing an extra opportunity for the children and the option of playing or spectating a game of chess at lunchtime over the past few weeks for something a little different.

Parent Forum

Last Wednesday night we had a fantastic presentation and group discussion about the children's use of technology, specific to the most commonly used platforms and we also shared some really important information about the new legislation coming in next month regarding the use of social media for children under the age of 16 years. My sincere thanks again to John McNess, April Hunter and Sam Anton for researching and presenting the information on the night and to all the parents who attended and were so engaged in what will be a changing landscape over the coming months.

Community ACM

Our Annual Community Meeting on tonight at 6pm in Ward House is a great opportunity for us to reflect on the 2025 school year from a school and P&F perspective and also identify what our focuses will be as we move into 2026. Please come along and join us if you can, to learn more about your child's school journey.

Instrumental Showcase concerts

Approximately one-third of the children at our school are currently learning a musical instrument. Those children will have the opportunity to showcase the progress they have made throughout the 2025 school year by participating in the annual Instrumental Showcase tomorrow afternoon and evening. Thank you again to Diana Newman for coordinating this forum for the children to perform.

Staffing at Good Shepherd for 2026

Staffing has been finalised for 2026, below is a description of our staffing, please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to chat about any of our programs, there are some changes for 2026:

Teachers and Education Assistants

Pre-Kindy – Deborah Glorie assisted by Jenny Marion-Clark

Kindy – Sabrina Roberts assisted by Gail Player and Sue Deckert

(Renaë Mills will be assisting in Kindy and Pre-Primary on Wednesdays as well)

Pre-Primary – Mikayla Adams assisted by Thalia Munyard

Year 1 – Lauren de Souza (0.9) and Nicola Burns (0.1) assisted by Andrea Draper

Year 2 – Genevieve Arnold (0.8) and Renaë Pankhurst (0.2) assisted by Sam Anton

Year 3 – Keiron Throssell (0.9) and Nicola Burns (0.1)

Year 4 – Ethan Dias

(Georgia Curulli assisting in Years 3 and 4)

Year 5 – Renee Guazzelli (0.8) and Renaë Pankhurst (0.2)

Year 6 – Sarah Cooper

(Sue Deckert assisting in Years 5 and 6)

Music – Diana Newman

Sport – Brent Johnson (0.4) and Paul Hansen (0.1)

Italian – Penelope O'Brien

Science – Fiona Redden

Maths Extension (1-3) – Renaë Pankhurst

Maths Extension (4-6) – Nicola Burns

Literary Support – Deborah Glorie and Georgia Curulli

IT Coordinator – Keiron Throssell

EAL/D Coordinator – Lauren de Souza

School Counsellor – Kate Vandamme

Library – Carrie Archibald

Canteen – Wendy Lazzari

Grounds and Maintenance – Clayton Rickman

Finance Officer – Jenny Marion-Clark

Secretary – Rose Bridges

Assistant Principal (PK-2) – Deborah Glorie

Assistant Principal (3-6) – Diana Newman

Principal – Paul Hansen

We have 3 staff members leaving our school at the end of the 2025 school year:

- Barbara Stone is retiring from teaching. Barbara celebrated 50 years of service to Catholic Education this year, a wonderful achievement, including 39 years of service to our community at Good Shepherd. Barb has had an enormous impact on thousands of children at our school over such a long period of time. Words could never do Barb's impact justice and we wish Barb and her family well for the future and look forward to re-connecting with Barb as part of our 50 year celebration in 2027.

- Daniel Siciliano has been our Italian teacher this year and has had a wonderful impact in that role. Daniel leaves us to move to St Joseph's, Albany in a full-time position. We thank daniel for his contribution to GSK this year and wish him well for the future.

- Paige Baker leaves our community this year to embark on a teaching career as she graduates in the next few weeks. Paige's connection with our school started as a coordinator for Camp Australia and in

more recent times, has been an EA in Kindy. Our thanks and best wishes to Paige as she embarks on her teaching career.

We also welcome Penelope O'Brien back to our community as the Italian teacher.

2025 School Fees

Finally, a reminder that we are hoping to collect all 2025 school fees by Friday, 28 November. If any families are having challenges with the payment of 2025 school fees, please come in for a conversation with me and we will endeavour to provide support where we can.

Planning 2026

If there are any families in our school who are relocating and not returning to our school in 2026, I ask you to notify me in writing via email at admin@gsk.wa.edu.au, to assist us with planning for next year.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, 26 November - ACM Meeting 6pm
Ward House Tonight!**

**Thursday, 27 November - Instrumental Showcase -
1.30pm session and 6.00pm session - Ward House**

**Friday, 28 November - Year 2 Liturgy 9.00am, Year 3
Assembly 2.00pm**

**Thursday, 4 December - Thanksgiving Mass 9.30am
@ Church**

**Friday, 5 December - Parish / School Christmas
Picnic 6.00pm @ Church Grounds**

**Tuesday, 9 December - Year 6 Graduation
Ceremony & Dinner 5.30pm**

**Wednesday, 10 December - Years Kindy to Year 3
Christmas Concert 9.30am**

Friday, 12 December - Final Assembly 9.00am, Year
6 Excursion, Last Day Students

Current Calendar



Parish / School Picnic

Friday, 5 December at Good Shepherd Church

BYO Food, drink, rugs and chairs

(There will be a selection of food available for sale)

6.00-8.00pm

Highlights of the evening include a pantomime/nativity play, the finest in entertainment as the School Band performs and you are stunned by the unique vocal talents of the school choirs!

The Three Wise Men will be visiting during the evening.

Children are invited to make a card for the Three Wise Men.

In this Year of Hope, children can write or draw their hopes for the Christmas Season in their card.

Uniform Shop

Pre-Primary students will be moving into the full school uniform next year. Please order your uniforms in plenty of time before the end of this term to ensure availability of items.

Our new uniform online ordering is now live via
www.quickcliq.com.au

On-Line Orders can be placed each week from Saturday through to Thursday, ready for collection from the Uniform Shop on Friday morning, between 8:00am – 9:00am. Please note online ordering is not available on Friday.

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.

Canteen is closed on Friday, 12 December

Wendy, Canteen Manager

[Order Canteen Here](#)

School Fees 2025

A reminder that school fees are due to be finalised by this Friday, 28 November 2025. 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

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

Rocketeers School Holiday Program



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Christmas Hamper Appeal which finishes tomorrow.

Carrie Archibald Co-ordinator



Join us for a free Webinar

Being a man today may look different than it did a generation ago. The expectations, the conversations, the way we show up in our relationships and families — it's all shifting.

So how do we navigate it?

Join us for a free 90-minute webinar exploring masculinity, fatherhood and healthy relationships.

We'll discuss:

- How men's roles in relationships and family life are evolving
- What it means to be a positive male role model today
- Small, practical ways to create lasting change

- Real challenges men face (and how to tackle them)

[Register Now](#)

You'll hear from:

- **Káti Gapaillard** — CEO, The Fathering Project
- **Tim Wemyss** — Case Manager, The Fathering Project
- **Andrew King** — Relationships Australia NSW
- **John Ogier** — Mentoring Men
- **Hayden Tucker** — CatholicCare
- **Andrew Gabriel** — KidsXpress

This isn't a lecture — expect honest conversations with people who work directly with men and families every day and an opportunity for Q&A at the end.

Event Details:

- Thursday, 4 December 2025 — 6:30PM – 8:00PM AEDT
- Online webinar (90 minutes)
- Cost: Free

Whether you're navigating relationships, family life, or just interested in how modern masculinity is changing, this session is for you.

Fathering Project website: [the fatheringproject](https://thefatheringproject.org.au)

Lost Property

A grey satchel was left in the Kiss'n'drop area at school. If this is your property, please pick it up from the school office.

[Community News](#)

Fathering Project - [Parenting a Child on the Spectrum Session](#), [Fathering Figures Group Timetable](#)

Lumen Christi College - [2027 / 2028 Enrolments](#)

[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](#)



**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR
MASS SERVICES
GOOD SHEPHERD, KELMSCOTT
& SACRED HEART, KARRAGULLEN**



CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES, WEDNESDAY, 24TH DECEMBER, 2025

06:00 PM CHILDREN'S MASS

07:30 PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS

08:00 PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL SOLEMN MASS

07:00 PM CAROLS FOLLOWED BY LATIN MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY, 25TH DECEMBER, 2025

08:00 AM CHRISTMAS MASS AT SACRED HEART

10:00 AM CHRISTMAS MASS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

NO EVENING MASS

NEW YEAR'S EVE, WEDNESDAY, 31ST DECEMBER, 2025

06:00 PM THANKSGIVING MASS

NEW YEAR'S DAY, THURSDAY, 1ST JANUARY, 2026

10:00 AM SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

NO EVENING MASS



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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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