



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRE-KINDERGARTEN to YEAR 6

LEARNING THROUGH FAITH LOVE & LAUGHTER

Newsletter 16 Week 1 Term 4

15 October 2025

Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome back to all students and families to the final term for 2025. As usual, we have a very busy term ahead with some key events including: Italian Week in Week 2, Year 6 camp in Week 3, Music Night and our School Swimming Carnival in Week 5, Science Week in Week 6 and our School and Parish Christmas picnic scheduled for Friday, 5 December.

Thank you to all the parents who have supported the children to transition into our school Summer uniform so quickly. We do have a 2 week transition period for any families who need to visit the uniform shop to assist with the transition of uniform.

Installation of our new Parish Priest

On Sunday, 5 October, we celebrated a special Mass as a community, led by Bishop Sproxton who officially installed Father Kenneth, Acosta Garcia as our parish priest here at Good Shepherd, Kelmscott for the next 6 years. It was a great community celebration, the Church was over-flowing and there was a lovely gathering for morning tea afterwards. We are delighted to have Father Kenneth as our spiritual leader in our community for the next 6 years and we look forward to working with him towards what is in the best interests of the children in our community.

Athletics Season Wrap

As we reflect on the final stages of Term 3, we should celebrate the performance of our Interschool Athletics team. The children at our school have been getting progressively better each year and this year was no exception. We saw some fantastic performances at our School Carnival and our Interschool team were very competitive as well, finishing 3rd out of the 9 schools

competing. The children seemed very pleased with themselves and they certainly have developed a healthy level of confidence in their physical ability to compete at this level. I would like to acknowledge our Year 3 girls who, as a group, were a real stand out for our team, not only in the running races but also with the team games.

Swimming

Thanks again to the parents and staff for supporting the children to complete the fortnight of swimming lessons at the end of Term 3. The children will get the opportunity to show us how their swimming skills are progressing at our scheduled School Swimming Carnivals on Friday, 14 November at St Brigid's College, Lesmurdie.

We will continue with the 3-Carnival plan for the children in Years 1-6:

- Year 1 and Year 2 event in the shallow pool
- Years 3-6 event in the 25M pool
- Years 3-6 event in the shallow pool

We can see some benefit in the children in Years 1 and 2 having a small amount of exposure on the day, their novelty events in the shallow pool generally take about an hour. We still have a reasonable number of non-swimmers in Years 3-6 who will also participate in a Novelty Carnival in the shallow pool. The minimum requirement for a child to graduate to the 25M pool is completing Level 4 during their swimming lessons and they also need to feel confident that they can swim for 25M unassisted.

The children will be shown the proposed program for the carnival in the 25M pool to ensure the children are comfortable to swim the events they have been put in.

Parents are asked to put that date in their diary and we look forward to seeing parents in attendance to support their children.

P&F Colour Run

On Friday, 24 October, the P&F had planned a Colour Run, but in consultation with them we have decided to

postpone the Colour Run until Term 1, 2026. We decided it was important to identify a project that the money would go towards before having such a significant fundraising event and part of the process in deciding on that project is to survey the students at our school for their input. This will take a little bit of time, so we are working towards a plan to postpone the Colour Run until Term 1, 2026.

Year 6 Camp

We are currently preparing to take the Year 6 group on camp in a couple of weeks, from Tuesday, 28 October to Friday, 31 October. Camps are always enriching experiences for the children where they develop a range of skills and their knowledge about things they will not experience in their day-to-day experiences at school. We are heading off to Ern Halliday Recreation Centre in Hillarys this year.

Long, Long Weekend

Parents are reminded that there is an extra-long, long weekend in the middle of this term, with a pupil-free day on Friday, 7 November and we have our Catholic Day on Monday, 10 November, our school will be closed to students on both days.

Parent Forum Evening – Wednesday, 19 November

Parents are encouraged to join us for a discussion forum which we would anticipate would last about an hour prior to enjoying some refreshments on Wednesday, 19 November. We have a sub-committee of parents who are planning to put together a presentation on the topic: What are we exposing our children to? The topic will focus on some of the social media platforms the children use or have access to and also share some of the topical information about the legislation changes for the young children's ability to access some of these platforms. Please put that date in your calendar and come along and join us if you can.

Best wishes for the next fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

Calendar of Events

Thursday, 16 October - Year 6 Camp - Parent Information Meeting 3.15pm

Friday, 17 October - Year 3 Liturgy 9am, Year 5 Assembly 2pm

Monday, 20 October - Italian Week Activities

Wednesday, 23 October - Italian Week Activities

Friday, 24 October - Year 4 Mass 9am

Monday, 27 October - Staff Appreciation morning tea

Tuesday, 28 October - P&F Meeting 6pm

Tuesday, 28 to Friday, 31 October - Year 6 Camp

Wednesday, 29 October - Year 1 & 2 Excursion

Friday, 31 October - All Saints Mass - Ward House 9am

[Current Calendar](#)

Uniform Shop

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.

Wendy, Canteen Manager

Order Canteen Here

School Fees 2025

A reminder that school fees are due to be finalised by 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](#)

[Term 4 Newsletter](#)



Just like their physical health, your child's emotional wellbeing needs your care and attention too. Big feelings are part of growing up — and how you respond helps shape how your child learns to manage them.

Help your child grow emotionally

Emotional growth starts with creating a safe environment where your child feels heard and supported. When you validate their emotions, you teach them that it's okay to feel — and that those feelings can be managed in healthy ways.

Try this:

Next time your child expresses a big feeling — frustration, sadness, excitement — label it and talk about it together. For example: “I can see you’re feeling upset because your tower fell down. That’s frustrating — do you want to try again together?”

Small moments like these build emotional intelligence and resilience over time. Remember, your calm and empathy are powerful teaching tools — your child learns how to handle their emotions by watching how you handle yours.

Read More

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

 Most Valuable Player

**Roleystone Diamond Sports at Dale Districts
Softball Club**

This is awarded to the player who always played with consistency , efficiency at bat and for his ability to read the plays each and every game. To a true team leader of this team from the very first game. Controlling the tempo and always giving your very best. This is well deserved , our MVP winner is Oscar.





Burswood Park 4km Dash

Samuel took part in the Perth Running Festival on Sunday, 12 October and did the Burswood Park 4km Dash with an average pace of 5:02 min/km he came 3rd out of the 84 runners in the Under 8 boys category.

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](#)

Lumen Christi College

Instrumental Program 2025

Enrolments for Music lessons 2025 for Drums, Guitar, Piano, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone and Trumpet.

For information and enrolment, please click on the button below

[Lumen Christi Instrumental Program](#)

LOST PROPERTY

There is a large number of items in lost property in the school office. These include uniforms, non-uniform items, water bottles, jewellery, toys etc.

Please come and claim your property by this Friday, 17 October. All unclaimed items of uniform will be donated back to the Uniform Shop.

Community News

The Record - [Magazine](#)

Center for Faith Enrichment - [Term 4 Newsletter](#)

City of Armadale - [2026 Community Citizen of the Year Awards](#)

Armadale Cricket Club - [Blasters Cricket Open Day 2025](#)

Murdoch University - [After School Programs](#)



**Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Kenneth
Acosta Garcia**

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Parish Website: www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com

Parish Email: kelmscott@perthcatholic.org.au

Phone: 9495 1489 Office (Wed - Fri 9am-12pm)

Presbytery: 9495 1204

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

Masses at our Parish Church

Weekday Masses: Tues, Wed & Friday 8am Thursday: 6.30pm

**Saturday: 8.00am 1st Sunday, 2, 3 & 4 Saturdays -
Communion Service, 6.00pm 8.00pm: Neocatechumenal
Mass**

Sunday: 8.30am Latin Mass

Sunday: 10:00am and 5:00pm

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.**

Current Parish Bulletin

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