



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRE-KINDERGARTEN to YEAR 6

LEARNING THROUGH FAITH LOVE & LAUGHTER

Newsletter 13 Week 5 Term 3

20 August 2025

Dear Parents / Guardians

After a few weeks away on a pilgrimage through some countries in Europe, it was lovely to return to school last Monday to so many smiling faces. My trip away was a very inspiring and thought-provoking journey with some very committed Catholic people including 3 other Catholic school Principals here in the Archdiocese of Perth.

As a group of 4 Principals, we had the opportunity to take some Senior Leaders Renewal Leave which I view as a reward for extended service to CEWA, a chance to develop our faith filled experiences and knowledge to share with people in our school community.

Part of our time away was as part of a group of 47 pilgrims, largely comprising Americans, many from the same parish in California. As a group we travelled through Portugal, Spain, France and Italy. Some of the special places we visited throughout our trip included:

Portugal – Lisbon and Fatima

Spain – Santiago De Compostela, Montserrat, Burgos, Manresa and Barcelona

France – Lourdes

Italy – Rome

We saw some beautiful Basilicas in Lisbon and spent 2 days enjoying the sanctuary and town of Fatima. We learnt about the Camino walk in Spain and where that finishes in the sanctuary in front of the Basilica at Santiago De Compostela, the Benedictine monk community in Montserrat and the numerous cathedrals and basilicas in Burgos, Manresa and Barcelona. The highlight for me was the 3-hour tour of

the Vatican and the 3-hour tour of the Colosseum and the Roman Ruins.

It was a fantastic time away and I have already enjoyed sharing some of my adventures with the staff and students here at school. I am also very thankful that I had Diana Newman and Deborah Glorie here at Good Shepherd to rely on and ensure that the school ran smoothly in my absence. It is great to be back and I look forward to continuing to share my experiences away with the staff and students at Good Shepherd.

Performing Arts

Speaking of Diana being in the role of Short-Term Principal, my 4 weeks away came at a very busy time for Diana with the Performing Arts Festival being a strong focus in our community throughout the month of August. There has been some very positive feedback received from a range of items that the children at Good Shepherd have participated in so far including: Year 6 Percussion Ensemble, Piano Solos, Christian Dance for children in Years 2-6, Year 1 and 2 Choral Speech, Woodwind Solos and Guitar Solos.

We are still looking forward to our other choir performances, the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Choirs who will be performing on Wednesday, 27 August and our School Band who will be performing on the evening of Thursday, 28 August.

The Music program at Good Shepherd continues to be a definite point of difference for our Catholic primary school and the Performing Arts Festival continues to be a forum where our students can showcase their developing talents, be provided with appropriately positive feedback and gain great confidence in their own achievements. Enormous thanks again to Diana Newman for her skills, knowledge and dedication in coordinating these opportunities for the children at Good Shepherd.

Book Fair

Thank you to all the families who supported our Book Fair last week. This event is a great way for us to promote books, reading and a love of literature with the children. There is some benefit to our school for families purchasing some of these great resources too because we get a commission for the sales generated

which we turn into new books for our Teachers/Library. My thanks to Jenny Marion-Clark and Georgia Curulli for coordinating this opportunity for families in our community.

Speak Up

Our Speak Up program is coming to a climax with 3 students selected in Years 5 and 6 to represent our school in some statewide heats this afternoon. As a school, we put a significant emphasis on the development of the students' public speaking skills and after going through a school-based process, the 3 students have been chosen by our panel of judges. Congratulations to Sullivan, Annabelle and Jude for being chosen to represent our school. The topics the children will be addressing through their speeches are:

Sullivan – The History of Memes

Annabelle – New Thinking

Jude – The Dangers of Artificial Intelligence

We look forward to the feedback from the students and the adjudicators following their performance earlier today.

Fathering Project – Lego Night

We have a significant number of Dads and Father figures coming along to our annual Lego Night tonight as one of our Fathering Project activities for 2025. We are expecting 14 fathers and 25 children tonight which will be a great opportunity for the children to spend some quality time with their father figures and also give some of the Mums in our community a quiet couple of hours tonight. My thanks to Ciaran Shannon for coordinating this event for the families in our community.

Also, a reminder to all father figures in our community that we have scheduled the annual Fathering Project school camp out for the weekend of 15 and 16 November.

NAIDOC Day

As a community, we will be celebrating NAIDOC tomorrow. The celebrations will begin with our

NAIDOC liturgy, starting at 10:15am. Please come along and join us if you are able to. Between recess and lunch, the children will be participating in a number of practical activities designed to develop their knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal culture. Sports uniforms can be worn by the children tomorrow, making it easier to participate in the activities. A NAIDOC or First Nations themed shirt is also an option for the children.

Father's Day Stall

Our P&F are currently in the process of putting together a Father's Day stall for the children on Friday, 5 September. All the details are included on the flyer attached to this edition of our newsletter. Further details will be provided as the date approaches. Enormous thanks to the Year 1 parents for coordinating the Father's Day stall this year.

Best wishes for the upcoming fortnight.

Paul Hansen. Principal

Calendar of Events

**Tonight - Fathering Project Lego Masters & Pizza
Night 5.30 to 7.00pm in Ward House**

**Thursday, 21 August - NAIDOC Celebration Liturgy
led by Year 5 10.15am**

**Friday, 22 August - Year 3 Liturgy 9.00am, Year 4
Assembly 2pm**

**Wednesday, 27 August - PAF Choral Singing Years 3,
4, 5 & 6**

Thursday, 28 August - School Band 6.30pm

Friday, 29 August - PP Liturgy 9am

**Wednesday, 3 September - Book Week Parade 9am
Undercover Area, SAC Meeting 6pm**

**Thursday, 4 & Friday 5 September - Life Ed
Incursion**

Friday, 5 September - Father's Day Stall 9-10am

Wednesday, 10 September - School Photo Day

Thursday, 11 September - Year 1 Liturgy 9am

Friday, 12 September - School Athletics Carnival

Current Calendar

Performing Arts Festival 2025

Dear Parents,

Please find listed below the details for this year's Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival's remaining school group performances.

Primary Choral Singing Tickets - [Ticket Link](#)

School Band Tickets - [Ticket Link](#)

FINAL PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL EVENTS

Please note that audience tickets for ALL PERFORMANCES must be pre purchased online.

Entry will not be permitted without your scanned bar code. There will be no door sales – please book tickets online. Performers do not require tickets.

Date	Time	Group	Venue	Audience Tickets
Wednesday 27 August	11.20am - 12.20pm	Primary Choral Singing All students in Years 3,4,5,6	Vasto Club, 5 Vasto Place, Balcatta	Tickets will be on sale from FRIDAY, 4 JULY and must be pre purchased online via Try Booking on the Spirit of the Arts website: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1420648 Go to Choral then Choral Singing Class Choir, Unselected (Pri) section, and book for the 11.20am session on WEDNESDAY, 27 AUGUST Audience will not be permitted without a scanned bar code. There will be no door sales – please book tickets online.
Thursday 28 August	6.30pm – 7.45pm <i>Students will be transported by bus to the venue and back to school.</i>	Primary Concert Band Band students in Years 3,4,5,6.	Newman College, Churchlands.	Tickets will be on sale from FRIDAY, 4 JULY and must be pre purchased online via Try Booking on the Spirit of the Arts website: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1420706 Go to Bands then Concert Band Junior (Yrs 4 - 10) section, and book for the 18.30pm session on THURSDAY, 28 AUGUST Audience will not be permitted without a scanned bar code. There will be no door sales – please book tickets online. Tickets for this performance will sell out quickly, please purchase without delay to avoid disappointment.

Diana Newman – Music Specialist

Book Week

Book an Adventure

BOOK WEEK PARADE

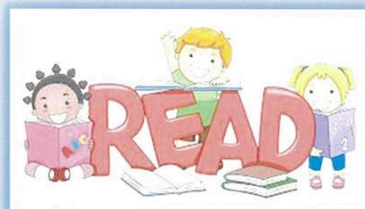
WEDNESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER

9.00AM IN THE UNDERCOVER AREA

COME DRESSED AS YOUR

FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME





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

Supporting your child's mental health and emotional growth isn't just about helping them through the tough times — it's about giving them the tools to understand themselves, connect with others, and handle life's challenges.

Talk about feelings everyday

Help your child learn to recognise, name, and manage their emotions. These skills will serve them for life, building stronger relationships and greater resilience.

Try this:

The next time your child shows a big emotion, whether joy, frustration, or sadness - name it out loud.

For example: *"It looks like you're feeling frustrated — do you want to talk about it?"* This simple habit validates their feelings and opens the door for healthy conversations.

Every moment you spend helping your child understand their emotions is an investment in their future happiness and wellbeing.

[Read More](#)



JOIN US

- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting
- Playground
- A walk, followed by a free BBQ

WHY

- Build stronger bonds with your kids
- Create lasting memories together
- Enjoy device-free time outdoors
- Boost your physical and mental health
- Be part of a supportive dad community

Saturday
September 6th
12pm

Dads & Kids Father's Day Activities

Who: Dads, families and kids

Where: Champion Lakes playground.

Parking: Public Carpark, near toilets, off Henley Drive, Champion Lakes.

RSVP: To get your free ticket, scan the QR Code to register, or you can contact David Walker on 0418 524 456 to register, or get further information.



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School Photo Day

Our School Photo Day will be happening on Wednesday, 10 September 2025. Individual and Family photos can be ordered at the same time using the access key **DP9FPXV6**. However, Family photos must be ordered **before 4.30pm the day before photo day, 9 September**. Please make sure your orders are placed before this time.

Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

DON'T MISS OUT!

To order your school photos:

1. Go to www.photohendriks.com.au
2. Click on Order Your School Photos
3. Enter your Access Key

! Individual & family photos can be ordered with the same access key. Family photographs must be ordered **before 4:30pm the night before photo day**. Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

Access key: **DP9FPXV6**



Scan to order!



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PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO

Scholastic Book Club

Catalogues have been sent home today.

Orders are online only at scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Orders are due by Friday, 5 September

Jenny Marion-Clark - Coordinator

School Fees 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

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 Wednesday, ready for
collection from the Uniform Shop or the office on
Friday morning, between 8:00am – 9:15am. Please
note online ordering is not available on Thursday
or 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

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 3 Newsletter](#)

[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

Battery Recycling

The City of Armadale 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.




Congratulations to Dom Zito who notched up 50 games with the Year 6 Roleystone Tigers.



Free webinar
for families

How to be a connected parent

with
Lael Stone
Parenting speaker, educator and author



Tuesday 2nd September
5:30pm AWST

Click or scan to register



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Community News

The Record - [Magazine](#)

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

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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: 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.**

Current Parish Bulletin

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