



**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN to YEAR 6**

**LEARNING THROUGH FAITH LOVE & LAUGHTER**

## Newsletter 12 Week 3 Term 3

**2 August 2023**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### **Quality Catholic Education School Review (QCESR)**

As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, we had a QCESR process at our school last week which involved a panel of 4 delegates from CEWA spending 3 days in our community analysing the processes in the school and seeking feedback from staff, students, parents and Fr Pavol, our parish priest on their thoughts about the direction the school is moving in and how it is being managed.

### **NAPLAN**

We received the NAPLAN results last week which was a good opportunity for us to compare an external assessment across a range of areas with our own school assessments to consolidate our understanding each child's progress across the core areas of English and Maths. Parents of Year 3 and 5 students have just received hard copies of these results, as usual, if parents would like to discuss the results, please do not hesitate to catch up with their child's class teacher or myself.

### **NAIDOC Day focus**

We had a wonderful day in the community on Friday, 28 July focussing on NAIDOC day. The day began with a whole school liturgy, led by Fr Pavol, related to our focus before a number of people with connections to our community spend time with the children knowledge and understanding of different aspects of the Aboriginal culture which gave a great insight for our children. Some of these activities included: cooking damper, finding out about medicinal plants, Aboriginal dance, traditional Aboriginal food etc

### **Basketball/Netball Court Line markings**

We have had some concerns over the past few weeks about the deterioration of the line markings on the newly refurbished basketball/netball court. I have been in touch with the company who did the painting who have indicated they will re-paint the courts, free of charge, over the upcoming school holiday break. Apologies to the basketball and netball clubs for any inconvenience caused, we will rectify this problem as soon as we can.

### **Performing Arts festival update**

Our Year 6 class kicked off the 2023 Performing Arts campaign in style last Thursday with a great percussion performance at Trinity College, congratulations to Diana Newman and the Year 6's for a great performance. We had some piano soloists perform last week too and our Year 1 and 2 classes performed their Choral Speaking items today, congratulations again to all children involved.

### **GSK Farmer's Markets**

A new innovation at our school will be the GSK Farmer's Markets which will be held periodically, an opportunity for us to make available to the broader community, some of our produce: chicken eggs, quail eggs, worm tea and produce from our herb garden are just some of the items available outside the STEM room, for a gold coin donation. Please come along and check it out, at this stage, potentially a couple of times each term, depending on the produce available. Thanks to Kristy Maher for this new innovation, something the children are very proud to make available.

### **P&F Update**

A reminder to all parents in our community that we have a P&F meeting scheduled next Wednesday, 9 August at 6pm in the staffroom, all parents welcome. The draft agenda will be sent out to all P&F Executive and parent reps shortly in preparation for the meeting next week. We will also have an update from the sub-committee regarding the progress made with the Nature Play focus with P&F money this year.

### **Speak Up Competition**

Over the past couple of years, we have increased the participation in the Speak Up program across the school, particularly in the Year 3-6 classes. All students have participated and in the process, come out of the comfort zone to challenge themselves by developing some skills associated with public speaking. I am please to announce that: Eva Gilchrist, Olivia Hofman and Stavan Pandya will be representing our school at the upcoming Speak Up awards on Tuesday, 8 August, congratulations and best wishes to all children involved and we extend our thanks to Barbara Stone for coordinating the Speak Up focus in our school.

### **Speed Limit at School**

The speed limit on school grounds is **8km per hour at all times, this includes Camp Australia earley drop off and late pick-up**. There are a number of parents speeding in the carpark and this is unacceptable. The welfare of students, staff and parents is paramount and we ask for your assistance in this matter.

Best wishes for the next fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

### **STUDENT ABSENCES**

*If a student is going to be away or late for school, parents are to contact the school before 8.30am in one of the following ways:*

- *Online form on the school website*
- *Email: [admin@gsk.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@gsk.wa.edu.au) or [attendance@gsk.wa.edu.au](mailto:attendance@gsk.wa.edu.au)*
- *Phone: 9496 9200 (option 1), and followed up with a note or email*
- *Call into the office and fill out an absence form*
- *Reply to the SMS sent out by Administration*

***All absences must be followed up with a signed note from the parent/guardian.***

*Please note, if using the email option, that the 'from' address is not sufficient as it does not necessarily contain*

*the full name of the person sending it. A full parent/guardian name must be typed at the end of the message. Seesaw is not accepted as a form of absence notification.*

*A sick note / email should contain the following information:*

- the name of the student*
- the class/roll group of the student*
- the reason for the absence*
- the full name of the parent/guardian at the end of the message*

**LATE STUDENTS** - *Any student who arrive after 8.40am **MUST be signed in** by their **parent/guardian** at the school office before going to class and a blue card taken to the teacher.*

**EARLY PICK-UP** - *Any Students who need to leave early for appointments, sickness etc **MUST be signed out** at the office first and a blue card taken to the class teacher.*

## **GSK FARMERS MARKET**

Throughout the year during our Environmental Science lessons, our students have had an attempt at being 'green thumbs'. They have planted and cultivated a variety of plants with some success, some challenges/failures but lots of fun and learning along the way. Our students are very proud of their harvesting so far and would like to hold a 'GSK Farmers Market' to sell their produce to our community. We will endeavour to hold a market a few times throughout the term, depending on the supply of our crops. Our first 'GSK Farmers Market' will take place this Thursday afternoon 3 August at 3pm outside the STEM room. There will be a small variety of produce for sale including;

- Worm tea from our Worm Farm.
- Chicken eggs from our Holy Hen House.
- Quail eggs from our Quail Kingdom.
- A small range of vegetables and herbs from Tiddalik's Place.

Plus there will be a competition to guess the 'Jelly Beans in the Jar'.

Purchases can be made with a gold coin donation.  
Come and support our young farmers.

#### Science – Earth Science Education incursion

In Week 1, all students from Kindy to Year 6 were lucky enough to have a visit from Australian Earth Science Education (AusEarthEd). The students took part in a variety hands-on activities and learned about; how scientists use their senses, Mining, Rocks, Fossil Formations, Soil Compositions and Lava Viscosity. Thanks to AusEarthEd and their STEM Outreach Partner, Chevron Australia, for this opportunity.  
@AusEarthEd #STEMOutreach



## Naidoc Celebrations

Wow! What a wonderful day of culture and education as we celebrated our First Nation, Naidoc Day; 'For our Elders.' A huge thank you to our parent volunteers, special guests and staff. The children embraced every aspect of the teaching and learning, with curiosity, love and laughter. Well done to everyone involved.







### **The 2023 Religious Education Assessment (REA)**

The students in Years 3 & 5 completed the Religious Education Assessment today. The children shared their knowledge by answering multiple choice, short and extended responses. The feedback from the teachers and students is extremely promising. Well done to All. Detailed results will be delivered to families in Term 4.

Tracey Marsden

### **Scholastic Book Club**

**Online orders for the Book Club close on  
Monday, 7 August.**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Thursday, 3 August - PP Liturgy 9am**

**Friday, 4 August - Year 4 Assembly 2pm**

**Tuesday, 8 August - Mary MacKillop Feast Day**

**Wednesday, 9 August - P&F Meeting 6pm**

**Friday, 11 August - Mary MacKillop Liturgy 9am,  
Year 6 Assembly 2pm**

**Tuesday, 15 August - Assumption Mass @ church  
9.30am**

**Wednesday, 16 August - Kindy Liturgy 9am, Science  
Incursion Yrs 3-6 Water in Aboriginal Culture, SAC  
Meeting 6pm**

**Thursday, 17 August - PAF School Band 6pm**

**Friday, 18 August - Year 5 Assembly 2pm**

**Wednesday, 23 August - PAF Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 Choirs**

**Thursday, 24 August - Year 1 Liturgy 9am**

**Friday, 25 August Book Week Parade 9am  
Undercover Area, PP Assembly 2pm**

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**CANTEEN**



Thank you to all the parent volunteers who help in the canteen. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## Wendy, Canteen Manager

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## Enrolments 2024

If you are seeking a place for your child in Kindergarten 2024 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.

**Families with siblings are also required to submit an enrolment form.**

**Enrolments in 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.

## Cheaper Child Care for most families

From 10 July 2023, changes are coming to the Australian Government's Child Care Subsidy (CCS) that could make care cheaper for most families!



Find out more

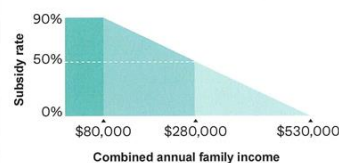


[www.campaustralia.com.au/childcaresubsidy](http://www.campaustralia.com.au/childcaresubsidy)

### What you need to know:

- The maximum amount of CCS is increasing from 85% to 90%. Families earning up to \$80,000 will get the new maximum percentage of 90%.
- Families earning over \$80,000 may get a subsidy starting from 90%. This will go down by 1% for each \$5,000 of income they earn above \$80,000. The CCS percentage they are entitled to depends on their family's income.
- The income limit for CCS is increasing to \$530,000.
- The OSHC hourly cap rate will increase from \$11.15 to \$12.02 (for school-aged children)
- Families earning below \$362,408 with more than one child aged 5 or under in care can get a higher rate of CCS for one or more of their children.
- From 10 July 2023, there are changes to Child Care Subsidy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. The changes mean they can get at least 36 hours of subsidy per fortnight, regardless of their family's income or activity level.

CCS% based on combined family income



### How do I claim Child Care Subsidy?

1. Apply for CCS through Centrelink via your MyGov Portal.
2. Update your child's CRN with Camp Australia.
3. Confirm your enrolment with Centrelink.

### Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustralia.com.au](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Book into Your OSHC and Rocketeers: [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

Your OSHC

Camp Australia Information

## Uniform Shop

### Opening Hours

Monday afternoon 2.00 - 3.00pm

Friday morning 8.00 - 9.00am

[Click here for the Uniform Policy](#)

## School Fees

Please direct any enquiries to the accounts email:  
[accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au](mailto:accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au)

Jenny Marion-Clark - Finance Officer



### 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.

Teenage friendships evolve, becoming more intricate and built on trust. As our children transition to secondary school, they might face challenges in maintaining and changing these relationships. It takes time for teenagers to find like-minded peers and form healthy, close bonds.

During this phase, teenagers explore their identities, emotions, and abilities, mingling with different groups. They may realise that some friendships or groups are no longer suitable for them, seeking out healthier connections.

As parents we need to support our teenagers by fostering open communication and understanding, letting them know that changes in friendships is normal during the teen years.

Help guide them as they navigate teenage friendships, helping them to recognise healthy relationships and make informed choices about their social circles.

#### Top Tips

**1. Disagreements are normal:** Remind them that friends sometimes have disagreements with each other – but you can always apologise and learn to forgive each other.

**2. Have casual conversations:** with your teen about friendships. Talk about topics such as; what makes a good friend, what is the difference between being popular and being a good friend, how to look after your friendships.

**3. It's ok to outgrow friends:** People change as they find new interests and people to hang out with as they mature.

**Men of GSK - Fathering Project Page**

## **Lumen Christi College - Instrumental Program**

**For information and enrolment, please click on the button below**

**Lumen Christi Instrumental Program**

## **Community News**

**Centre for Faith Enrichment - [Term 3 2023 Courses](#)**

**Gosnells Bears Tee-Ball Club - [Players Wanted](#)**

**Araluen Botanic Park - [Group Bookings](#)**



**Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavel Herda**

**Parish Website:** [www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com](http://www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com)

**Phone:** 9495 1489 (Office Wed-Fri) **Presbytery:** 9495 1240

**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 in any way unwell.**

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