



Newsletter 10 Week 9 Term 2

17 June 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we progress into the depths of our Perth Winter season with some very low maximum temperatures this week, a reminder to all families to be vigilant with their children and the need to ensure their jumpers and jackets are available every day. We are in the midst of the cold and flu season and the key to keeping the children healthy is maintaining a consistent temperature for the children. This highlights the importance of the children being warm when they are outside at recess and lunchtime.

First Communion Celebration

Last Sunday was a beautiful occasion for our community, particularly the 14 children and their families as the children from our school and the broader parish received communion for the very first time. The church was overflowing and the choir were in full voice as we celebrated a very memorable occasion. My sincere thanks to Diana Newman for coordinating the liturgical celebration and to Ethan Dias and Loreto Bennetts for preparing the children through the class lessons and catechist lessons respectively.

Speak Up Program

We progressed through the next stage of the Speak Up Program last week where the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 gathered in Ward House and listened to a shortlist of 8 speakers, 4 from Year 5 and 4 from Year 6. These were 8 very informative speeches covering a wide range of topics. From this shortlist of 8, the judges (Renee Guazzelli, Sarah Cooper and myself) chose 3 children to represent our school on Monday, 10 August.

Congratulations to:

Seth Pitt – World War I

Samayah Hancox – The History of Cartoons

Jude McNess – Music, the Universal Language

We congratulate all students in Years 5 and 6 who participated in the programme, developing their public speaking skills, and wish Seth, Samayah and Jude well as they continue to refine their speeches and prepare for the Speak Up Competition on Monday, 10 August.

Curriculum Focus - Maths

As we finalise our academic results and finalise the writing of the semester reports, it has been good to look at the data we have collected regarding the acquisition of basic number fact knowledge across the 4 operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Our focus goes beyond these important foundations but given that mathematics is a building block approach, these are very important. This data has been collected from Years 2-6 and it is interesting to watch (and measure) the progress in tangible ways. A number of staff in the lower part of our school, from K-2 have recently attended Professional Development days continuing to refine their craft when it comes to teaching Mathematics.

First Reconciliation for Year 3 Children

This Friday afternoon at 4pm in the Parish church, we will be spending some time with the children and families of our Year 3 students as they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is always an important milestone for the children and an experience which happens at a really appropriate time for them as they acknowledge their mistakes and ask for forgiveness. My thanks to Keiron Throssell for the time and energy he has spent with the children preparing them for this special occasion with the support of Diana Newman, our Assistant Principal of Religious Education.

Winter Lightning Carnival

The children in Year 5 and 6 will be participating in our annual Winter Lightning Carnival this Friday, 19 June at Maida Vale Reserve. The sports being played include –

Netball, Soccer and Football. It is always an enjoyable day for the children, parents are encouraged to come along and join us between 10am and 2pm, that is when the games will be played.

Fathering Project – Bunnings and Pizza Night

Included in this edition of our newsletter is a flyer promoting a Bunnings and Pizza Night on Wednesday, 1 July. We currently have 10 Dads and 18 children booked in for this opportunity so still plenty of spots left. This will be a new experience for the dads and father figures in our community, but one we are really looking forward to, so please RSVP if you are interested, we can accommodate the first 20 families who respond.

Semester Reports

Finally, the teaching staff are putting the final touches on the Semester One reports. There has been a significant change to the reporting template this semester, enforced on us and all other CEWA schools across our system. I will provide further information over the next couple of weeks but in short, the children will only receive an overall grade for each subject without the breakdown of grades for each sub-strand within each subject area. The teachers will provide extra detail in the English and Maths comments to compensate for these sub-strand grades being taken off the template.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

Calendar Term 2 2026

**Friday, 19 June - Year 3 Reconciliation Retreat Day
all day & Sacrament 4pm @ Church, Lighting
Carnival Years 5 & 6**

**Friday, 26 June - Year 2 Liturgy 9am, Pre-Primary
Assembly 2pm**

**Wednesday, 1 July - Fathering Project - Bunnings &
Pizza Night 6 - 7pm**

Friday, 3 July - Year 6 Assembly 2pm, Last Day Term 2

Monday, 20 July - First Day Term 3

Current Term Calendar



BUNNINGS AND PIZZA

Calling all dads and father figures!

Join us for a fun night of hands-on crafting. Spend quality time with your kids and make lasting memories as you build a wooden creation together!

 **THE DETAILS:**

Day: Wednesday 1st July
Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Location: Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School (Kelmscott) - Ward House
Grab a bite: Pizza will be provided
Limited Spots: Limited to the first 20 dads who RSVP
RSVP: Please RSVP by emailing admin@gsk.wa.edu.au



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Bunnings Armadale Store

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Uniform Shop

Online Orders can be placed each week from Tuesday through to Sunday via Quickcliq, ready for collection from the Uniform Shop on **Monday afternoon between 2.30pm and 3.15pm.**

An alteration service is available.

[Click here for the Uniform Policy](#)

Order Uniforms here through Quickcliq



Canteen Menu

Order Canteen Here - Orders can be placed
up to two weeks in advance

CANTEEN

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

We currently need more volunteers for
Wednesdays. Please leave your details either at
the canteen or the school office if you can help out.

Wendy, Canteen Manager

School Fees 2026

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 2027/2028

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. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 qualify. 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](#)

[Rockateers July School Holidays Program - Bookings Open - Held at Armadale Primary School](#)

[Government Subsidy](#)

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](#)



When fathers are supported, children thrive.

The Walk and Talk program provides structured peer support where fathers are guided by trained case managers in safe, supportive environments.

Dads report:

- Reduced feelings of isolation
- Improved mental wellbeing
- Greater parenting confidence

Children experience:

- Stronger emotional connection
- Improved wellbeing
- More stable home environments

This is early intervention in its most practical form.

Fathering Project website: thefatheringproject

ANDREW CHINN

20 JUNE 2026

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH HALL

WORKSHOP & CONCERT



FREE
EVENT



Andrew has released 15 albums, 6 picture books, and has an online resource for teachers: www.butterflyhouse.online used by most Catholic primary schools in Australia and NZ. His best-known songs are These Hands, Rainbow, An African Blessing, and Rise Up!

Register
via the QR code



- 9:15 Arrive and register
- 9:30 Welcome, gathering prayer and song
- 9:45 Junior workshop (K-Yr 2) and Senior Craft Session
- 10:30 Senior Workshop (Yr 3-6) and Junior Craft Session
- 11:15 Morning tea
- 11:30 Selected singers workshop
- 12:00-1:00 Concert with your children starring alongside Andrew!
Followed by lunch - everyone's invited!

Community News

The Record - [Magazine](#)

Bricks 4 Kidz - [Winter School Holiday Workshop](#)

WA Football - [School Holiday Program Years PP to 2](#)

Armadale Gymnastics Club - [July Holiday Program](#)

Kanyana Wildlife - [School Holiday Program](#)



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Confession: Saturday 5.00-5.30pm

Baptism: Second Saturday at 4.00pm and Second Sunday at 11.15am

Mass Times

Saturday

8am - Mass on First Saturdays of Month and Solemnities

5.30pm - Evening Mass

8.00pm - Neocatechumenal Way

Sunday

8.30am - Karragullen Parish

8.30am Latin Mass - Kelmscott Parish

10am & 5.00pm - Kelmscott Parish

Monday - No Mass except on **Solemnities**

Tuesday - **6.30pm**

Wednesday & Friday - **8am** followed by Adoration, then by Benediction at **9.30am**

Thurs - 6.00pm - Adoration followed by Mass **6.30pm**

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