



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRE-KINDERGARTEN to YEAR 6

LEARNING THROUGH FAITH LOVE & LAUGHTER

Newsletter 14 Week 5 Term 3

19 August 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The busyness of our school community is probably is as high as it gets at the moment with so many extra-curricular activities that the children across the school are participating in, thanks to all the parents for supporting us and their children as we offer these opportunities.

Book Fair

Our school community enjoyed an outstanding Book Fair last week. While this has the flavour of a commercial venture about it, it also sends a range of really strong messages to the children about the value of reading, both from an education perspective and reading for pleasure. We had a significant number of children at our school purchase from the Book Fair with the support of their parents. We sold over \$2, 500 worth of goodies which entitled us to a commission of over \$600 which is money which will be invested back into our library for the benefit of the children at our school. Huge thanks to Jenny Marion-Clark for organising the Book Fair with the assistance of Georgia Curulli.

Important Liturgical Celebrations

Since our previous newsletter, we have experienced two really important liturgical celebrations, a whole school Liturgy back on Friday, 7 August to celebrate the extraordinary contributions St Mary Mackillop made to the formation of our Church. The following week, on Friday, 14 August, we came together again as a whole school for The Assumption of Mary, an important solemnity to honour Mary, the mother of Jesus and a great opportunity for our school to celebrate the Eucharist in the Church.

Speak Up Awards

It was a very proud morning back on Monday, 10 August watching 3 of our older children – Samayah Hancox, Jude McNess and Seth Pitt present their 4-minute speeches so confidently in front of a public audience of about 50 people. Special congratulations to Seth who has been selected to progress through to the semi-finals on Tuesday, 1 September, good luck to Seth.

Performing Arts Festival

We have had a very busy and very successful fortnight of Performing Arts Festival performances. Our Year 6's began the past fortnight back on Thursday, 6 August with an outstanding Percussion Ensemble performance at Trinity College, so good that the children have been asked back for a "play off" for the Shield, so we wish them well.

Last week we had a number of students perform solo pieces with their brass and woodwind instruments and I am very pleased to publicise the following results:

- Awards of Excellence - Emilio Fava (Saxophone), Isla Hall (Saxophone), Sophia Doust (Clarinet) and Eli Roe (Trumpet)
- Outstanding Awards – Amelia Hassall (Trumpet) and Sebastian Powell (Trumpet)

Congratulations to all students involved in the Solo Performance section of the Festival.

Our School Band produced an outstanding performance last Thursday evening at Newman College. The 24 students involved have been preparing the 2 songs they performed for most of the year, with "out of school hours" rehearsals which demands a high level of commitment, not only from the children but from their parents as well. Thanks again to Diana Newman for the magnificent job she continues to do, providing these opportunities for the benefit of the children in our community.

Our Christian Dance item performed yesterday at the chapel at Mercy College as well. This item has been a recent addition to Performing Arts schedule, it provides another opportunity for the children in our

community to develop a broader range of skills. My thanks and congratulations to Thalia Munyard for coordinating the performance and providing this valuable experience for the children who chose to be part of the program.

We also have Guitar Solos tomorrow, a Vocal Duet on Thursday, 27 August for Sebastian Powell and Jolyn Dubier and finishing with our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 choir performances on Friday, 28 August which will conclude our Performing Arts schedule for 2026.

Book Week

Our Book Week celebrations begin on Monday, 31 August with our annual Book Week Dress Up parade at 9am in the Undercover area. The children will also be enjoying a Book Week incursion the following day on Tuesday, 1 September, in Ward House at 2pm. It is always a big celebration in our community and seems to be getting bigger in the broader community as we continue to develop the children's passion for books and literature.

School Athletics Carnival

The forecast for this Friday looks promising and the track looks fast, so we are looking forward to a great day out on the oval with the children for our annual School Athletics Carnival. The children have been working hard to prepare for the big day. For the children in Years 3-6, they have already competed in Long Jump, Turbo Jav and 400M races and the results of these events will added to the results for the other individual events on Friday which will all contribute towards the team points and individual champion points. We hope to see lots of parents down on the oval enjoying the day and cheering on their children.

Our Interschool Athletics Carnival will be later than normal this year, it will be held on Friday, 16 October which is the first Friday of Term 4. This will provide a good amount of time to prepare the children for the events they will be participating in on the day.

Creative Edge Thinking Competition

We have a group of Year 5 and 6 students finalising their preparation for the Creative Edge Thinking Competition which will take place at Curtin University

on the morning of Saturday, 29 August. The children will be sharing their presentation with the children in the school the week before the performance as part of their final preparation for the competition. Enormous thanks to Renee Guazzelli for leading the group and we wish them well for their performance.

Upcoming P&F Meeting

A reminder to parents that our next P&F meeting will be held next Wednesday, 26 August at 6pm in the staffroom. Please come along if you can to join in the conversations about the spending of P&F monies for 2026 and 2027 as well as a range of other topics for conversation.

Paul on Long Service Leave

Finally, a message to the community that I will be on Long Service Leave from Wednesday, 26 August until the end of Term 3. I will be back home and contactable over the school holiday break after spending a month in Italy. In my absence, Diana Newman will be the Short-Term Principal.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight

Paul Hansen, Principal

Calendar Term 3 2026

Friday, 21 August - School Athletics Carnival

Wednesday, 26 August - P&F Meeting 6pm

Friday, 28 August - PAF Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Choirs

Monday, 31 August - Book Week Parade 9am

Book Week Incursion - Years PP - 6

Friday, 4 September - Kindy Liturgy 9am, Father's Day Breakfast & Stall, Year 5 Assembly 2pm

Current Term Calendar



**Good Shepherd
Father's Day Breakfast
Friday, 4 September 2026
7.30am—8.30am**



Students can bring their dads, grandads, uncles or another significant male in their life.

Please rsvp by Friday, 28 August 2026 to admin@gsk.wa.edu.au for catering purposes.
Breakfast will include fruit, muffins and a sausage and egg in a bun.

THE BREAKFAST IS A GREAT CHANCE FOR ALL THE MEN IN OUR SCHOOL TO GET TOGETHER WITH THEIR CHILDREN

WA Student Assistance Payment

The WA Student Assistance Payment helps parents and carers with cost-of-living pressures associated with sending their children to school.

All Western Australian school students with an active enrolment at a public school, non-government school or registered for home education are eligible for the WA Student Assistance Payment.

You can claim \$250 for each secondary student and \$150 for students attending primary school or Kindergarten.

The fastest and most convenient way to claim is through the ServiceWA app. More information on how to claim through the ServiceWA app is available at WA.gov.au/WASAP2026

[All claims must be received by Friday 25 September 2026.](#)



[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. Please leave
your details either at the canteen or the school
office if you can spare a few hours to help out.**

Wendy, Canteen Manager

[Term 3 Canteen Roster](#)

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

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 School Holiday Program

Government Subsidy

Ask Dr Karl - Free online Q+A Evening

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

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 6 has been sent home. Orders are online only at <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club>

Orders are due by Friday, 4 September.

Jenny Marion-Clark, Co-ordinator



Father's Day is just around the corner, and this year's theme is **The Care Factor** — celebrating the everyday ways dads, father figures and communities show care,

through small moments, quality time, connection and support.

Care Factor Tip: Small Moments Matter

Care doesn't need to be complicated. Often, it's the small moments that make the biggest impact. Try one of these simple ways to show you care:

Put the distractions away

Give your child your full attention for even 10 minutes. A short moment of focused, uninterrupted connection can mean more than hours spent together while distracted.

Ask and listen

Ask an open question like "What was the best part of your day?" or "What's something you're looking forward to?" Then take the time to really listen.

Turn everyday moments into opportunities

The school run, cooking dinner, walking the dog or bedtime routines can all become moments to talk, laugh and connect.

Care Factor Tip: Check In on a Dad

Dads want to be involved and connected with their children, but no one is meant to do fatherhood alone. A simple check-in can remind another dad that there's support around him.

Send a message

A quick "How are you going, really?" or "How are things with the kids?" can open the door to a meaningful conversation.

Make time for a catch-up

Invite a dad for a coffee, a walk or a chat. Sometimes having someone to talk to is the support they need. Check out our Father's Day walks taking place in a few weeks, [here](#).

Ask what would help

Rather than assuming what another dad needs, ask: **"What would make things a little easier this week?"**

Give some encouragement

Let the dads in your life know you see the effort they're putting in. A little encouragement can go a long way.

Get your community of dads involved this Father's Day

Help bring **The Care Factor** to life with two simple actions:

- **Download and share** our free **Dads and Families Resource** with the dads in your community, giving dads and father figures practical ideas for building connection through everyday moments of care. Download the resource [here](#).
- **Encourage dads to show their Care Factor** by sharing a photo on social media that captures a moment of care, connection or confidence with their children, using our campaign hashtag **#TheCareFactor**.

Fathering Project website: thefatheringproject

Community News

The Record - [Magazine](#)

Council for Catholic Women - [Understanding the Real Paul Lecture](#)

Ask Dr Karl - [Free Online Q + A Evening](#)

Catholic School Parents WA - [Term 3 Newsletter](#)

City of Armadale Library - [Kaboom Percussion Session](#)

Karate WA - Saturday, 22 August 2026 - [Come & Try Karate Day](#)

Armadale Cricket Club - [Junior Girls Cricket](#), [Armadale Cricket Blast 2026](#), [Armadale Cricket Come & Try Day](#)

AFLW - [Girls Only Auskick & Superkick Years 5-10 Afterschool Program](#)

Australian Sports Camps - [School Holiday Program](#)



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Confession: Saturday 5.00-5.30pm

Baptism: Second Sundays 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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