



Newsletter 5 Week 9 Term 1

1 April 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

There have been a number of highlights in our school and parish community over the past fortnight as the first school term comes to a close for 2026.

Interschool Swimming Carnival

The selected children from our school prepared themselves as well as they possibly could by attending 3 before school training sessions leading up to the Interschool Swimming Carnival last Thursday at Bayswater Waves, Embelton. There were some good performances, but overall, we did lack the depth required in our swimming team to compete with some of the stronger schools and finished in sixth position at the end of the carnival. Congratulations to all the children involved, and my thanks also to the parents for their support to enable the children to take the opportunity to further develop their swimming skills throughout our Swimming Program in Term 1.

Harmony Day

As a community, we celebrated a beautiful Harmony Day last Friday. The day began with a lovely liturgy, designed by Diana Newman and facilitated by Fr Kenneth. It was an opportunity for us to celebrate the different countries the children in our school community come from and the different cultures people bring with them as well. We have counted a total of 50 different countries represented when looking into the background of the families in our school community. Seeing children dress in different clothes reflective of their culture and some children shared part of the liturgy in their own language as well. As the day

progressed, the children completed “buddy activities” with their buddies related to Harmony Day as well. A good day was had by all!

Parent-Teacher Interviews

My sincere thanks to all families who supported our Parent-Teacher interviews yesterday afternoon, firstly by accommodating the early close with children being picked up at 12:40pm and then the large number of families who took up the opportunity to come in and meet with their child/ren’s teacher, to have some conversation about how their child has settled into the new routines in the new classroom. The support from home is a really important ingredient towards your child’s success at school so maintaining open channels of communication between school and home is very important.

Stations of the Cross

Term 1 concludes with our Year 6 students leading the Stations of the Cross on the last day of Term 1, Thursday 2 April. The special reflection will begin at 9:30am in the Undercover Area where we gather as a whole school before different classes walk in groups to different parts of the school where our Year 6’s will portray the different Stations of the Cross, re-enacting the final steps of Jesus before he was crucified. Please come and join us if you are able to.

Pre-Kindy and Kindy Enrolment Interviews

It is that time of the year when we start preparing for the 2027 Pre-Kindy and Kindy enrolment interviews throughout the months of May and June with the intention of offering all spots to families and receiving the returned offers of acceptance to confirm the spots before 30 June. A reminder for all current families who may have a younger child of Pre-Kindy or Kindy age in 2027, to please ensure that the application forms have been forwarded to our school office for processing as the initial stage for being invited in for an enrolment interview.

Uniform Changeover

From all reports, the Uniform Shop was a busy place last Monday in time for the uniform changeover from Term 1 to Term 2. A reminder to all families that we have a 2-week transition period at the start of Term 2 where children move into the winter uniform as we prepare for the cooler weather. All parents are asked to be vigilant in ensuring the children are in the correct uniform by the start of week 3, Term 2. Thank you to everyone for your support.

School Holiday Break

As we prepare for the last day of Term 1 tomorrow, we are reflecting on the productive term we have had here at Good Shepherd. Many people in our community have worked hard to ensure we have achieved many things and it is now time for us to take a break for a couple of weeks, re-charge the batteries and prepare for an 11-week term for Term 2. The new school term begins on Tuesday 21 April for the students.

Have a blessed and enjoyable Easter and best wishes for the school holiday break.

Paul Hansen, Principal

Calendar Term 1 2026

Thursday, 2 April - Stations of the Cross 9.30am starting in the Undercover Area, Last Day Term 1

Tuesday, 21 April - First Day Term 2 - Students 8.30am

Friday, 24 April - Good Shepherd Feast Day Mass @ church 9.30am

Monday, 27 April - ANZAC Day Public Holiday

[Current Term Calendar](#)

School Fees 2026

Please return your Payment Options form as soon as possible to the school office, as direct debits have now

commenced. The forms are required for audit purposes. If you require a new form, please contact me.

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

Reminder that students will be wearing the Winter Uniform for Terms 2 & 3

The Uniform Shop will be open in the holidays on Friday, 17 April 9.00 to 10.30am.

If you need any Uniform items for next term please place an order online, at the office, or at the Uniform Shop as soon as possible to ensure availability of items.

Online Orders can be placed each week from Tuesday through to Sunday, 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](#)

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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 2026/2027

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](#)

[Rocketeers - April School Holiday Program - Bookings Open](#)

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Dental Therapy Services

The Dental Therapy Van will be open on **Wednesday, 8 April, Tuesday, 14 April & Wednesday, 15 April in the school holidays - 8.00am to 4.00pm.**

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](#)



Make Space for Conversation (Without Forcing It)

Teens don't always open up in formal, face-to-face chats. Some of the best conversations actually happen when there's less pressure, side-by-side, doing something together.

💡 Try this:

Next time you're driving, walking, or doing something around the house together, use that moment to start a

casual conversation. No big agenda — just be present and curious.

A few simple ways to keep the conversation flowing:

- **Be available.** Let them know you're always up for a chat, no matter the topic.
- **Stay interested.** Ask about things they enjoy — music, sport, games, shows.
- **Ask open-ended questions.** Try “What do you think about that?” instead of yes/no questions.
- **Be open to their views.** Even if they're different to yours, listen first.
- **Stay calm.** If they bring up something tricky, keep your reaction steady so they feel safe to keep talking.

These small, everyday moments build trust over time. When your child feels heard and respected, they're far more likely to come to you when it really matters. Connection doesn't always come from big talks — it's built in the little ones, side by side.

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Fathering Project website: thefatheringproject



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Thank you.

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Mass Times

Saturday

8am Communion Service - **Mass on First Saturdays 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**

Thurs - **6pm** followed by adoration at **6.30pm**

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