



**Good Shepherd**  
Catholic Primary School  
**PRE-KINDERGARTEN**  
**TO YEAR 6**

*Learning through Faith, Love and Laughter*

## Newsletter 3 Term 1 Week 5

**2 March 2022**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has certainly been a tough few weeks around our country and the world, which helps us to put some of our challenges into perspective regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Our hearts go out to all the people in Ukraine who have had their world turned upside down and the safety of their families compromised enormously. A little closer to home, on the east coast of Australia, it has been devastating to witness the destruction caused by the worst floods in history, to those parts of our country.

### **The Lent Season**

Today signifies Ash Wednesday, the start of the Lenten season as we prepare for Easter. Given the current restrictions, all classes participated in an Ash Wednesday liturgy this morning which was a beautiful reflection and tangible experience for the children as we begin this important season in our liturgical calendar.

### **Parish Update**

Father Pavol is currently not able to come onto our school site, I have been in consultation with our Vicar General, Fr Peter Whitely and Father Pavol to work through a process to find a relieving priest to attend our school community in the second half of Term 1. This will ensure the children continue to have contact with a priest to lead their spiritual development and

enable the children to celebrate the Eucharist. Our priority is to ensure the children in Years 3-6 celebrate Mass together in the second half of Term 1, as part of their preparation for receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

### **Sacramental Preparation**

Speaking of sacramental preparation, we need to postpone the planned sacramental preparation meeting for parents scheduled for Wednesday, 9 March. Our plan at this stage is to have 3 separate on-line meetings, one for parents of Year 3's, Year 4's and Year 6's. Our hope is to hold these meetings towards the end of Term 1, when details have been confirmed, we will let the parents in the respective classes know.

### **COVID Update**

Thank you to all the parents who are vigilantly reading the updates via the SEQTA emails, the landscape is constantly changing and I am trying to prioritise the information I am sending out to ensure you are not feeling inundated at this busy time.

All families in our community are asked to contact the school office as soon as information comes to light about you or a family member becoming a close contact or a potential positive case. I will be speaking directly with each family to ensure the correct procedures are followed. WA Health have now asked school Principals to identify close contacts within a school community and make the appropriate arrangements.

### **Swimming Carnival**

We are all looking forward to spending most of the day on Friday at St Brigid's College pool in Lesmurdie. I think it is an ideal facility for our school, it accommodates strong swimmers and those who are still learning to swim with the 2 pools right next to each other. This ensures that everyone can attend and it becomes a school community event. Apologies to the parents of our Year 3, 4 and 5 parents, we are unable to accommodate you at the venue and stay within the COVID guidelines to ensure the carnival can take place. We are looking forward to a great day!

## **Sounds Write Program**

We are very excited to have started the Sounds Write program this week under the leadership of Darlene Min. The selected children will be immersed in this program until the end of Term 2 before an assessment measuring their progress is undertaken. At that point we will make a decision about whether it is in their best interests to remain in the program or they can be exited from the program. If parents have any questions about this, do not hesitate to contact Darlene or myself to discuss further.

## **School Fee Payment options**

Parents are reminded to return the "Payment Options Forms" to the school office as soon as possible. The Direct Debits and Credit Card Payments are due to start this Friday, 4 March and everything needs to be processed. Even if a regular direct debit is set up, we still require the forms to be returned for the start of the new school year. Please email [accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au](mailto:accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au) to return these forms or hand them in at the school office.

## **School Advisory Council update**

I am happy to inform the community that Yvonne Power, the mother of Charlotte and Alexander has joined our School Advisory Council. Thank you to Yvonne for assisting us and we look forward to the contributions you will be making to our group.

## **P&F Update**

We had a very productive on-line P&F meeting last night. We needed to restrict the meeting to class reps, members of our P&F committee and P&F executive members to manage the numbers for the on-line meeting. I am happy to announce that we have 2 parents in our community who have stepped up into the roles of president and vice-president of our P&F:

**President** – Tom Parrott

**Vice-President** – Aleisha Powell

Both Tom and Aleisha will be joining our Treasurer, Nicola Teicher on the Executive. We are still looking for a person to take on the secretary role, so please let me

know if you are interested in helping out in this capacity. Thanks again to Tom and Aleisha for willingly taking on the respective roles.

### **No Canteen for the next 2 Fridays**

Due to the school swimming carnivals this Friday, 4 March and after being notified by Western Power that we will not have any power at school between 7:30am and 3pm on Friday, 11 March, we have needed to make the decision to close our school canteen for the next 2 Fridays.

### **Absentee Notification**

Parents are reminded that we need formal notification if a child is absent, either a phone conversation/message to the office or an email to the office, a message on Seesaw to the teacher is not formal notification so parents are asked not to use that method to notify school of their child's absence.

Best wishes for the next fortnight,

Paul Hansen - Principal

## **ADMINISTRATION**

**1. Payment Option Forms must be returned tomorrow. They can be emailed to [accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au](mailto:accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au) , either a scanned copy or a photo, but Direct Debits and Credit Card payments are due to start this Friday, 4 March,**

**2. This is a final reminder to return your Full Family Details Form tomorrow as we will be reporting on Friday. Please return the form even if no changes are necessary.**

**3. If your child has received any new vaccinations, an updated Immunisation History Statement from Medicare or AIR must be provided to the office.**

**Thank you.**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1**

Friday, 4 March - Swimming Carnival Yrs PP-6

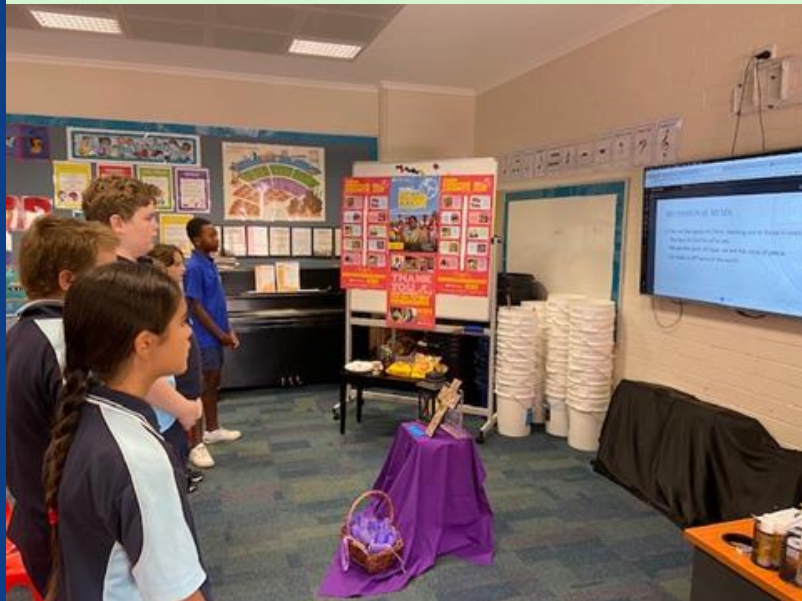
Monday, 7 March - Labour Day Public Holiday - No School

Friday, 11 March - Cricket Carnival Yrs 5 & 6

[Click for the Current Term 1 Calendar](#)



The Year Six Liturgy Team attended the online launch of Project Compassion. They joined with students from 75 Catholic schools in WA for this important occasion.



Bug Hotel 

The Year 6 Environment Team are collecting materials to make a BUG HOTEL.

**What is a bug hotel?** A bug hotel is a collection of small hollows that can be used by native insects and small invertebrates looking for a place to rest, lay eggs and seek shelter. This habitat stimulates a diversity of insects and can improve a garden's ecological balance.

**Materials we are seeking:**

- Wooden crates
- Old bricks, pavers or tiles
- Terracotta or clay pots
- Corrugated iron, hardwood sleepers
- Logs, large stones, pine cones
- Bamboo or pieces of pipe
- Chicken wire

If you can help with any of the materials listed, it would be greatly appreciated. Items can be brought to the Science room or left on the back courtyard of the STEM block.

Kind regards,

Mrs Maher and the Environment Team





## Our New Story Space in the Library



[Term 1 2022 Canteen Roster](#)

[Canteen Menu](#)

## CANTEEN

**THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON  
FRIDAY, 4 MARCH AND FRIDAY, 11  
MARCH**

**Wendy, Canteen Manager**

[Order Canteen Here](#)

## Enrolments 2023

If you are seeking a place for your child in Kindergarten 2023 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 now open for 2022**

Families can prepare for the new school year as **2022 bookings for Your OSHC program are now open.** Registration is **free** for 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 log in and register through our [Parent Portal](#), also available as a smartphone app, and start booking.

**[Camp Australia Information](#)**

**[Uniform Shop 2022](#)**



**Opening Times are changing in 2022:**

**Monday afternoon 2.00-3.30pm and Friday morning 8.00-9.30am**

*(If there is a Public Holiday, the Uniform Shop will open on Tuesday afternoon)*

**Linda, Uniform shop Manager**

**Click on the button below for the Uniform Policy**

**Uniform Policy**

## **School Fees**

Please direct any enquiries to the accounts email: [accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au](mailto:accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au) or call 9496 9200 Option 3

**Lee Maxfield - Finance Officer**

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

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

**Lumen Christi Instrumental Program**



**Helping your child identify and express their emotions**

Identifying and expressing emotions as adults isn't always an easy feat, let alone for our kids! Even

though it's something that might not always come easy to us, we need to model and teach it the best way we can to our children.

By helping them identify and express their own emotions, creates a space where they feel comfortable to talk about their thoughts and feelings, and lays the groundwork for when they get older.

### Top Tips

**1. Name the feeling.** Naming each feeling is the first step to helping your child identify them. When they're having a little meltdown, calmly ask them what they are currently feeling and say it out loud. Is it sadness? Anger? Embarrassment?

**2. Explain to them that feelings can be expressed by talking about it,** and encourage them to talk with you.

**3. Help them to identify and name the emotion in others.** This not only teaches empathy, but helps them to recognise their own emotions they feel, in others too.

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[Men of GSK - Fathering Project Page](#)

## Community News

**Girl Guides** - [Registration](#)

**City of Armadale** - [Multisports Program](#)

**Mercedes College** - [Open Day](#)

**St Brigid's College** - [Scholarship Examinations for 2023](#)

## Southern Districts Netball Association

Southern Districts Netball Association are reaching out to your schools, as we have many clubs looking for

more players to join netball.

At the Association we cater for all ages and abilities with the following programs on offer:

- Winter Netball (7 years to open senior age groups)
- Walking Netball – Catering for all ages 16 and over
- No Limits – (program designed for people with disabilities)
- NetSetGo Newcomers – (5 years to 7 years beginning of their netball future)
- School Holiday Programs – (all ages and running every school holidays)

People can find all the above information on the following:

**Website:** <https://southerndistrictsnetball.com.au>

**Email:** [sdna@sdna.com.au](mailto:sdna@sdna.com.au)

**Phone:** 9451 3377

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/southerndistrictsnetball/>

**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/southerndistrictsnetball/>



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

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

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

**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**

**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.**

**Any person aged 16 or over visiting the church and/or attending Mass must complete the mandatory Covid-19 contact register.**

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