



Newsletter 13 Week 3 Term 3

31 July 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is great to be immersed in the Olympic experience we have every 4 years with a plethora of different sporting events to watch, celebrating the talents and sheer hard work required to participate at this level. As the father of a 22 year old daughter who has competed against Olympic athletes at the National Athletics Championships over the last few years, I have gained an insight into what is involved in athletes preparing themselves for this level of competition. They are really inspiring people and the opportunity for us to support them and celebrate with them on the world stage is a great opportunity for all of us. I hope you are enjoying the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris as much as I am.

Performing Arts Festival update

As mentioned at our recent assembly last Friday afternoon, the Performing Arts Festival season is well underway. We saw an awesome percussion performance from our Year 6's in the Instrumental Ensemble section of the festival. Our Year 6's received an Award of Excellence for their performance, it was an outstanding performance and achievement, and fantastic for the rest of our school, to see the performance last Friday.

We also took the opportunity for the large number of soloists at our school who performed at the Performing Arts festival to week, to be acknowledged in front of the whole school. I am sure this will ensure younger children are inspired to look at the potential for them to play a musical instrument (if they are not already) and provide the same opportunities for themselves.

We had our Year 1 and 2 students participate in the Choral Speaking section today and both groups performed beautifully, we were very proud of their performances. It was also great to see so many parents in attendance to support their children. Congratulations again, to Diana Newman for coordinating these opportunities for all the children in our school from Years 1-6 and the staff for their support as well.

Lateness to School - Sign in

There are a significant number of students who are arriving after the school bell at 8.40am. If any student arrives after this

bell, they must be signed in at the school office by the adult bringing them before going to class. Doors to classrooms open at 8.30am for students to get ready to begin their lessons promptly at 8.40am.

P&F Update

Please come along and join us for the upcoming P&F meeting on Wednesday, 7 August at 6pm in the staffroom, we will have a number of things to discuss as we launch into the second half of the 2024 school year. In consultation with our president, Stephanie Kingston, our plan is for the meeting to start with a tour of the Nature Play area to look at what has been achieved and what the plan is to complete the project over the next few weeks.

Fathering Project: 8 Week Program

Included in this edition of the newsletter is a flyer promoting a free 8 week program for fathers and father figures in our community. These 8 sessions include 4 sessions fortnightly throughout Term 3 and another 4 sessions fortnightly throughout Term 4. The dates are provided on the flyer, the program is run at the Child and Parent Centre at Westfield Park Primary School and the facilitator is Jason Hyde who was here at Good Shepherd late last term for the Fathering Project Lego Night.

Bishop's Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA tests)

Our Year 3 and 5 students will be completing the annual Bishop's Religious Literacy Assessment tests in the second half of this week. This is a test completed by all Year 3 and 5 students across the Catholic Education system each year to monitor the progress made by students according to the Religious Education curriculum.

Paul on LSL

A reminder that I will be taking some Long Service Leave this term from the start of Week 5, Monday, 12 August to Friday, 20 September, coinciding with me attending the National Principal Conference in New Zealand at the end of Term 3. Our school community will be left in the very safe hands of Diana Newman as the short-term principal in my absence, ably assisted by Deborah Glorie. I will be back on deck and available again from the first day of the school holidays, Monday, 23 September.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

Performing Arts Festival

Please note that audience tickets for ALL PERFORMANCES must be pre - purchased online.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE. Please see the links available on the Spirit of the Arts website:

<https://www.spiritofthearts.com.au/>.

Entry will not be permitted without your scanned barcode. There will be no door sales – please book tickets online. Performers do not require tickets.

[Click here for Performing Arts Dates](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, 1 August - Year 3 Liturgy 9.00am

Friday, 2 August - Year 4 Assembly 2.00pm

Wednesday, 7 August - SAC Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday, 8 August - Feast of St Mary MacKillop Whole School Liturgy 9.00am

Friday, 9 August - Book Fair Student Preview Day

Monday, 12 August to Wednesday, 14 August - Book Fair sales before and after school

Thursday, 15 August - Feast of the Assumption Whole School Mass 9.30am @ Church, PAF Band 6.30pm

Friday, 16 August - Book Week Parade 9.00am Undercover Area, Band Assembly 2.00pm

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CANTEEN

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

Parent Helpers must sign in at the office before going to the canteen.

Wendy, Canteen Manager

[Order Canteen Here](#)

Enrolments 2025

If you are seeking a place for your child in Kindergarten 2025 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.

Three Year Old Program 2025 Interviews have commenced. Please contact the school office for an enrolment form as soon as possible.

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](#)



School Fees

If you have any queries or concerns about your fees, please contact me at accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au or 9496 9292.

Jenny Marion-Clark - Finance Officer

Scholastic Book Club

Orders are on-line only through Scholastic Loop at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP). Orders are due by this Friday, 2 August.

Jenny Marion-Clark, Co-ordinator

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.

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[Camp Australia Information](#)

[Uniform Shop](#)

[Opening Hours](#)

Monday afternoon 2.00 - 3.15pm

Friday morning 8.00 - 9.15am

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[Dental Therapy Van](#)

The Dental Therapy Van is now located at Roleystone Community College, 90 Raeburn Road (van is located off Brooks Rd), Roleystone, until further notice. Our phone number is 0428 304 970

LOST PROPERTY

We have an ever increasing amount of lost property in the school office. There are tracksuit tops and pants, hats, shoes and socks etc. Many items do not have student's names on them. All items left at the end of this term will be donated to the Uniform Shop.



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.

When you support school learning at home, this shows your kids that you truly value education and the school.

Your job as a parent is to encourage them, support them and challenge them to learn and do their best.

If you can in-still in them the mindset that learning is a process, that is positive and enjoyable, they will grow up to be lifelong learners who thrive on challenges.

Top Tips

1. Read with your child

From an early age and encourage a positive attitude to learning from reading.

2. Avoid pressure

Encourage them to reach their full potential and help them plan how to improve.

3. Independence

Let them be independent learners and be there for support if they want to do home learning on their own.

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[Fathering Project Page - Connect Program](#)

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 Courses](#)

Better Health Program - [Free Healthy Lifestyle Program](#)

VacSwim - [October Holiday Lessons Registration Open](#)

Armadale Cricket Club - [Registrations Open](#)

Fathering Project Child and Parenting Centre Westfield Park - [Fathering Project Connect Program](#)

Murdoch University - [After School Programs](#)

Armadale Gymnastics Club - [September School Holiday Program](#), [Sibling Discount](#) - . If parents would like to book all they need to do is email our club using the following email address with the number of children they would like to book for: admin@armadalegc.com.au.



Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavol Herda

Parish Office: 42 Streich Avenue, Kelmscott

Parish Website: www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com

Parish Email: kelmscott@perthcatholic.org.au

Phone: 9495 1489 Office (Wed & Fri 9am-12pm) (Thurs - 12 to 3pm)

Presbytery: 9495 1204

Sacred Heart Parish - 1643 Canning Road, Karragullen - Sunday Mass: 8.30am

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 unwell.

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