



Newsletter O3 Week 5 Term 1

5 March 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The past fortnight since our previous newsletter got off to a wonderful start with the staff coming together to celebrate the anticipated arrival of 3 new babies to staff members in the coming month or two.

On the afternoon of Friday, 21 February, we bid farewell to Brittany Smith as she went on Maternity Leave and celebrated in anticipation for her exciting news in a few weeks time. It is also a time for us to celebrate Brent Johnson looking forward to becoming a Dad for the third time with his wife, Steph being due the middle of next week. We are also looking forward to Renae Mills starting her family with her husband, Lochlan, at some stage over the upcoming school holidays. It was a great reason for us to come together as a staff and wish these 3 families well as they are about to enter into a really special time, a time that will create some life- long memories and experiences. Our best wishes to all 3 staff members and their families.

Two Pupil-Free Days

I understand pupil-free days present some logistical challenges for families in the middle of a school term, but we have just completed 2 very productive days of professional development for the staff. Last Friday we spent the day with a CEWA Maths consultant refining the way we teach Maths and doing some important networking with the staff of another single stream Catholic school. Yesterday was a day devoted to "Character Strengths", an important component of the Berry Street Education Model which had been an 18 month journey and we have almost completed it. These were 2 very productive days for the staff in our community.

Sacramental Parent Information Evening

Next Wednesday, 12 March, the parents of children in Years 3, 4 and 6 are invited to a Sacramental Parent Information evening in Ward House at 6pm. This meeting is part of the process to prepare the children and their families for the significant liturgical milestone of receiving a sacrament. It is vitally important that the parents of the children receiving the sacraments of: Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation attend.

Ash Wednesday Mass

We travelled to our Church this morning to celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass together as a school and parish community. Ash Wednesday signifies the start of the Lent season, a 40 day period of time as we prepare for the most significant time in our liturgical calendar, the Easter Season. It is always nice to see parents join the children and parishioners at our whole school masses on these special occasions.

P&F Meeting Recap

We had a very productive P&F meeting last week with decisions made and a plan devised for the 2025 calendar of events including:

- P&F Welcome Sundowner – Friday, 14 March
- Mother's Day Stall – Friday, 9 May
- Interschool Cross Country Carnival – Friday, 23 May
- Father's Day Stall – Friday, 5 September
- Staff Appreciation Day – Wednesday, 22 October
- Colour Run – Friday, 24 October
- Fathering Project Camp Out – November, date TBC

The meeting was well attended and also involved some good initial discussion around how we can direct P&F monies for 2025. No decisions were made at this early stage, but the discussions have certainly started which is good.

Fathering Project Activity

Next Thursday, 13 March, the Dad's of GSK will be joining together with their children to enjoy each other's company at the Armadale Aquatic Centre from 5pm. These are always enjoyable events and great networking opportunities for the Fathers and Father figures in our community. More details are included in the flyer in this newsletter, please join in the fun if you are able to.

Interschool Swimming Carnival

All children representing our school at the interschool swimming carnival have received notes outlining all the details of the day. The carnival will take place at Bayswater Waves on Friday, 14 March. The children selected in our swimming team have prepared themselves well by attending up to 8 sessions over the past 4 weeks at Armadale Aquatic centre in preparation for the event and we wish them well for the carnival. Parents are encouraged to join us on the day to support their children and our school.

P&F Sundowner

Next Friday, 14 March is the afternoon of our annual P&F Sundowner, from 5pm – 7pm. This event has traditionally been held on the oval, but our P&F has decided to move away from tradition this year and use the new Nature Play development as the focal point for this event. We will utilise the veranda and shade sail area between the end of Ward House and the Nature Play area. The P&F have organised some food trucks in case families do not want to bring their own food, including a free ice-cream for the children, organised by the P&F. This event is generally designed for the new families to come along and build connections with existing families as well as the existing families just coming along for a social event at school for their families. Come along and join us if you are able to.

Finally, I will be away from school for the whole week next week. The first 2 days of the week involve meetings in at CEWA and from Wednesday to Friday, I am joining another 10 principals on a spiritual retreat under the guidance of Father Greg Donovan and a CEWA leadership consultant. I will be checking my emails at night but please contact Diana Newman and Deb Glorie in my absence.

Paul Hansen, Principal

GSK PARENTS & FRIENDS

Welcome Back Sundowner

Join Us for a School Community Sundowner!
Relax, unwind, and connect with fellow parents, staff, and
friends at our Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School
Sundowner!

Enjoy delicious food, great music, and a chance to catch
up in a laid-back atmosphere.

- ✔ Kids Entertainment
- ✔ Live Music
- ✔ Free Ice-Cream*
- ✔ Food Trucks

FRIDAY 14 MARCH 2025

5PM till 7PM

GSK Natureplay Area

Bring your good vibes—we'll bring the rest!

Register your attendance now & go in the draw to win the
attendance prize!



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Fathering Project website: the.fatheringproject



Attention all fathers and father - figures

Please join us, with your children, at the:

Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre, for:

“After school pool games and BBQ Dinner”

While not excluding all our amazing mums, aunts, grandmas and carers, we would love to see as many dads, granddads, father figures and significant males take part in this activity.

When: Thursday 13th March from 5.00pm

Cost: Adults \$3.50 & Children \$2.50 (Money payable at Aquatic Centre)

Cost includes BBQ Dinner

‘Just mention you are with The Fathering Project’

Please Note: While at the Aquatic Centre, the parent and or guardian is responsible for supervision of their child/ren. We ask that everyone brings a towel, and adhere to Watch Around Water, for example if kids are under 6 they must be accompanied in the water and within arm's reach of an adult at all times.



If you would like more information about this activity or The Fathering Project, please contact the school on 9496 9200

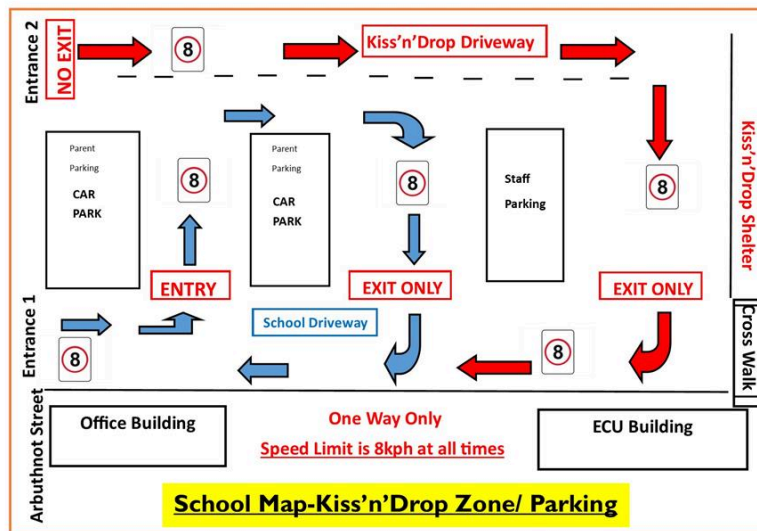


The Fathering Project supported by:



SCHOOL CAR PARK - ONE WAY ONLY

Parents, please be aware that the parking area at school is one way only. If you are parking to walk your children to school, cars can enter at Entrance 1 (first gate) and use the first driveway on the left and park, you exit by following the blue arrows and only exit by using the second driveway. You can enter the Kiss'n'Drop Zone at Entrance 2 (top gate) and follow the red arrows to drop off students and leave by the third driveway. There is no parent parking in the Kiss'n'Drop Area. The speed limit is **8km** at all times on school grounds.



Calendar of Events

Friday, 7 March - Year 4 Assembly 2pm in Ward House

Wednesday, 12 March - NAPLAN begins, Sacramental Parent Information Evening Yrs 3, 4 & 6 - 6pm Ward House

Thursday, 13 March - Year 4 Reconciliation 9am, Fathering Project Event Armadale Aquatic Centre 5pm

Friday, 14 March - Interschool Swimming Carnival, P&F Sundowner 5-7pm Nature Play Area

Friday, 21 March - Harmony Day - Whole School Liturgy 9am

[Click for the Current Calendar](#)

School Fees 2025

There are still some families who have not returned the Payment Option Forms. These must be returned by the end of this week.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Jenny Marion-Clark, Finance Officer



Secondhand Uniform Sale

We have several secondhand Winter and Summer dresses and various other secondhand uniform items for sale. Pop into the Uniform Shop this Friday, 7 March between 8 am to 9.15 am and grab a bargain.

Uniform Shop

Orders will be taken for girls winter dresses from Friday, 14 March. At this stage the winter dresses are not available to purchase online.

Don't forget our new uniform online ordering is now live via www.quickcliq.com.au !

Orders can be placed each week from Saturday through to Wednesday, ready for collection from our Uniform Shop on Friday mornings, between 8:00am – 9:15am. Please note online ordering is not available on Thursday or Friday.

Walk-in sales will still be available on Friday mornings from 8:00am – 9:15am.

[Click here for the Uniform Policy](#)



[Canteen Menu](#)

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 2026

Enrolments are now open for 2026 Kindergarten and our 2026 Three Year Old Pre-Kindergarten Program.

Please contact admin@gsk.wa.edu.au for an enrolment form.

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](#)

Dental Therapy Van

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 .

Lumen Christi College

Instrumental Program 2025

Enrolments for Music lessons 2025 are now open for Drums, Guitar, Piano, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone and Trumpet.

For information and enrolment, please click on the button below

[Lumen Christi Instrumental Program](#)

Community News

Mercedes College - [Open Day](#).

Catholic School Parents WA - [Newsletter](#)



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)

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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 **Forward**

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