



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRE-KINDERGARTEN to YEAR 6

LEARNING THROUGH FAITH LOVE & LAUGHTER

Newsletter 18 Week 3 Term 4

28 October 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers

What a highlight our P&F Colour Run was last Friday afternoon, a great community event, thoroughly enjoyed by the children and a wonderful fundraiser as well. Enormous thanks to Anna Tomeo and Jenny Marion-Clark who coordinated the event, assisted by many other parents. All the money raised will go towards re-flooring our STEM building to ensure it becomes a more purpose-built building with all the hands-on activities the children enjoy in STEM.

Número Challenge

Back on Thursday, 15 October, a group of Year 5 and 6 students travelled to Walliston Primary School to compete in a Número competition. It was the children from our Maths Extension program who represented our school, a competition based on demonstrating basic number facts with speed. This experience was provided by Nicola Burns who indicated that the children performed very well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, congratulations to all involved.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

A team of 49 students travelled to Coker Park in Cannington back on Friday, 16 October and competed hard as they represented our school with pride. With 9 schools competing, we sat in third position for most of the day before being edged out into 4th position right at the end of the carnival. A creditable effort across the running events and the team game events as well. Congratulations to all the children involved, they looked like they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Staff Appreciation Morning Tea

The staff really enjoyed a beautiful morning tea last Friday morning which coincided with World Teacher's Day. My sincere thanks to Amy Shannon and April Hunter for organising the special treat for the staff with the support from a number of other parents in our community. Our staff work very hard and often go "above and beyond" as they work hard to accommodate the needs of the children they manage and the annual morning tea provided by our P&F is a wonderful symbol of appreciation, thanks to all involved.

P&F Colour Run

The special morning tea was very well timed considering the extra sugar shot assisted us in preparation for P&F Colour Run in the afternoon. It was a very energetic afternoon with all the children from K-6 running around the "obstacle course" for 15 minutes. Thanks to all the parents who assisted by spraying the children with the colour or assisted in any other way to make the afternoon such a success. To this point, we have raised over \$12K, once the expenses have been deducted, which is a fantastic result! My sincere thanks to everyone involved, it was a fantastic community event!

Leadership Focus at GSK

Today we invited an ex-student, Samantha Wood, to attend our school and speak with our Year 5 and 6 students about leadership. Samantha is a 22 year old lady who is a member of the Western Force in the Super Rugby Women's competition and represents Australia at an international level as well. Samantha spoke to the children about her journey and a range of different aspects of leadership. Her presentation is strategically timed as our Year 5's prepare for their leadership speeches and our Year 6's reflect on their year as leaders and prepare to transition to secondary school.

IT Developments at GSK

As we prepare for the 2027 school year, we have made the decision that families of Year 4 students will not be asked to purchase an Ipad for their children to use in Year 5, the school will purchase these devices and they will be leased by the families. Students moving into Year 6 in 2027 will continue to use their own devices

then from Year 6 2028 the devices will be leased. The decision is made for a number of reasons – to reduce the accessibility of the device to children and avoid the need for parents to outlay the significant amount of money at the end of Year 4.

Music Night

The final rehearsals have been completed in preparation for the annual Music Night tomorrow night. Our Year 3-6 children, for the most part, get very excited about sharing their developing musical talents with the broader community as we celebrate their talents and the performances they have been working on throughout the 2026 school year. Many groups of children and individuals received some great feedback from the adjudicators and tomorrow night will give us a good chance to celebrate those achievements as well.

Kindy Grandparents

The Kindy grandparents will be welcomed into our school community on Friday morning. I am sure it will be an interesting opportunity for the grandparents to reflect on their own time at school and compare what a morning at school looks like in 2026 compared to how school looked in the 1970's and 1980's! We hope they enjoy their experience, thanks to the Kindy staff for hosting the grandparents.

Best Wishes to Renae Mills

Renae finishes her time at Good Shepherd today to go on Maternity Leave. On behalf of our school community, we wish Renae, Lochlan and Harvey all the best as they prepare to extend their family with a new baby in the coming weeks. We look forward to Renae's return after her Maternity Leave.

Interschool Cricket Carnival

We have 2 cricket teams representing our school this Friday at an Interschool Cricket Carnival at Harold Rossiter Park in Victoria Park. The 2 teams are made up of nine Year 5 and 6 girls in one team and nine Year 5 and 6 boys in another team. The children have been practising their cricket skills for a number of weeks and we wish them well as they test their skills against children from other schools.

New ACM Model

Finally, as we prepare to finish another school year, across our system, there has been a change to the traditional model of an Annual Community Meeting usually held in the last few weeks of the year. CEWA have suggested the reports we would usually present at an ACM can be sent out to the community electronically. That will be a change to our usual processes from 2026 onwards. Part of the Annual Community Meeting, we also take nominations in the lead up to the evening and present our 2027 P&F members and School Advisory Committee members. I know we will be losing a number of SAC members at the end of this year, their children are transitioning to secondary school, so if any parents in our community would like to join the SAC, please let me know via email: Paul.Hansen@cewa.edu.au

The SAC is a group of parents who gather for 5 meetings each year to discuss the financial and strategic development of our community, so if you feel like you could contribute, please let me know.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

Calendar Term 4 2026

**Thursday, 29 October - Music Night @ Lumen
Christi College 7pm**

**Friday, 30 October - Kindy Grandparents morning,
Inter-school Cricket Carnival Years 5 & 6, Year 1
Assembly 2pm**

**Wednesday, 4 & Thursday, 5 November - Italian
Week**

Wednesday, 4 November - SAC Meeting 6pm

Thursday, 5 November - Year 2 Excursion to Scitech

**Friday, 6 November - All Saints Mass 9.30am, Year 2
Assembly 2pm**

**Monday 9 November to Thursday 12 November -
Science Week**

Wednesday, 11 November - P&F Meeting 6pm

Friday, 13 November - Catholic Day - No School

Monday, 16 November - Staff PD - Pupil Free Day

[Current Term Calendar](#)



[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

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

What's on in Term 4

Government Subsidy

URSTRONG

How to Help Your Child if They are Stuck in a Red-Zone Friendship.

As parents, there are few things more difficult than watching your child navigate a friendship that is causing them unhappiness. Perhaps your child is coming home from school feeling upset, or you have noticed ongoing friendship challenges involving exclusion, jealousy, controlling behaviour or constant disagreements. You may even sense that your child is simply not their usual happy, confident self when spending time with a particular friend.

Friendships are an important part of growing up, but learning to navigate their ups and downs can sometimes be challenging for children and parents alike.

The following helpful tips from **URSTRONG** offer practical advice and strategies to support your child through friendship challenges, while helping them develop the confidence and skills to build happy, healthy and respectful friendships.

<https://urstrong.com/when-your-child-is-in-a-red-zone-friendship-what-can-you-do/>

St Vincent de Paul

Christmas Hamper Appeal



Dear Parents,

Good Shepherd CPS has a long history with the donation of food for the Annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal.

As Christmas is fast approaching, it is time to think of those less fortunate than us.

This year we will again be collecting food for the Annual Appeal.

All food collected will go to families in our local community.

A suggested food list is included in this newsletter.

We ask for a donation from each family. Any non-perishable food (pantry item) that is ***well within its use by date*** can be placed in the basket in the classroom.

All food will be collected into the library foyer.

The Christmas Hamper Appeal will run from 1st November to 25th November 2026.

Dear Parents

The St Vincent de Paul food collection will run from
Monday November 1st to Wednesday November 25th, 2026

Below is a list of food ideas that would be lovely to have in the St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hamper boxes in the library, to help local families.

Any non-perishable food items that are ***well within use by date*** would be very much appreciated.

SOME FOOD IDEAS

Barbecue sauce
Candy canes
Cereal
Chocolate
Chocolate biscuits/Cream biscuits
Christmas cake
Christmas pudding
Cool pops
Corn Chips
Crackers
Custard powder/Long life custard
Dried fruit
Gherkins/Pickled onions
Gravy mix/ cranberry sauce
Jams/Spreads
Jelly
Lollies
Long life cream/Tinned cream
Long life juice
Long life milk
Mince pies
Muesli bars/Lunch box snacks
Nuts
Olives
Pancake mix
Pasta/ Pasta sauce
Popcorn
Potato chips
Rice
Salad dressings
Salsa
Soft drink/ cordial
Tea /Coffee/Milo
Tinned beetroot/Tinned asparagus
Tinned fruit
Tinned ham
Tinned vegetables
Tomato sauce/Cheese sauce



100 Years
Schoenstatt
Sisters
of Mary



Mary
Light of our Hope



Save the Date

22 November 2026 at 3.00 pm

Holy Mass

Centennial Celebration

His Grace
Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB

Program
Catered Refreshments

Schoenstatt Shrine
9 Talus Drive Armadale

www.schoenstatt.org.au
Email: wainfo@schoenstatt.org.au
Phone: 0455 220 373; 0400 234 910

To assist with seating and catering planning, please visit Try Booking
via the link below or scan the QR code to complete individual or group registration.
<https://www.trybooking.com/DQFPU>



Netball Winners

Congratulations to The Good Shepherd Gems for winning their first Grand Final after only one loss during the winter season in the Under 13s competition at KDNA. The grand final was very exciting especially when the game went into overtime and was a draw at the end of the 4th qtr. The girls fought really hard and won by 3 points! Anyone interested in joining our little Netball Club for next year please contact Rochelle Hall- all are welcome! 0422967440



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 .

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Community News

The Record - [Magazine](#)

Mazenod College - [Quiz Night](#)

Rhee Tae Kwon Do - [Term 4 Classes](#)

City of Armadale - [Dogs Day Out - 1 November at Frye Park Kelmscott 10am-1pm - Bring along your family pet dog.](#)



Parish Priest - Fr Kenneth Acosta Garcia

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Web: www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com

Office Phone: 9495 1489 (Wed-Fri 8.30am-12.30pm)

Presbytery: 9495 1204

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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