



Newsletter 07 Week 3 Term 2

14 May 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

There seems to be a pattern with key events happening in our school community this term, they seem to be happening on Fridays, beginning with Good Shepherd Feast Day, Mother's Day activities, Cross Country carnivals and then we move into our 3 Sacramental Retreat days all taking place on Fridays!

Feast of Good Shepherd

We had a lot of fun on Friday, 2 May celebrating Good Shepherd Feast Day. After starting the day with a whole school Liturgy, the children across the school seemed to enjoy the buddy activities for an hour between recess and lunch and then we had some fun after lunch as a whole school participating in the tabloid sports afternoon. Well done to everyone involved in what is a special day each year.

Meeting Our New Priest – Father Kenneth Acosta

It was great to meet our new priest, Father Kenneth Acosta last week. Father Kenneth led a Year 1 Liturgy last week and will be leading a whole school Mass tomorrow so he has definitely got straight into the swing of things to lead the spiritual development of the children in our community. Come along and join us for the 9am Mass tomorrow morning as we celebrate the announcement of our new Pope.

Mother's Day Breakfast/Stall

What a lovely morning we enjoyed as a school community last Friday reflecting on how much we appreciate the contributions of our Mothers and Grandmothers in ensuring a very positive and supportive environment our children experience. We had over 200 people at our special breakfast, mothers,

grandmothers, (2 great grandmothers) and children which again, was a wonderful celebration of community and a tangible way to recognise these very special people. Enormous thanks to our staff, under the leadership of Diana Newman for organising the catering for this event.

The Mother's Day stall was also a great success last week, no doubt the mothers in our community enjoyed receiving the gifts bought by the children. The children really enjoyed the experience of shopping with their buddies and searching for that special gift for Mum. Huge thanks to the Pre-Primary parents who supported the coordinator, Lara Miller in ensuring such a successful P&F event for the children.

School/Interschool Cross Country Carnivals

We are all looking forward to the annual school cross country carnival which takes place this Friday, 16 May. The timetable for the event will be:

- 11:30am – 12:30pm Pre-Primary to Year 2 races, starting with the Year 2's
- Lunchtime 12:40pm – 1pm
- 1:15pm – 2:45pm Year 3-6 races starting with the Year 3's

Please come along and join us for the event to cheer the children on and celebrate the development of the fitness levels of the children across our school.

The first 4 place getters in the girls and boys races across the four year levels, from Years 3-6 will be representing our school the following Friday, 23 May at the Interschool Cross Country Carnival held at our school. On the day, students, staff and parents from 8 other Catholic Primary schools will descend on our school for the racing around our cross-country track. The races will start with the Year 3's at 10am.

2025 Sacramental Programs

The preparation for the Sacramental Programs is well underway across the 3 classrooms – Years 3, 4 and 6. These are significant liturgical milestones in a child's life and wonderful experiences for the families to celebrate.

The key dates for the programs and retreat days include:

Confirmation Retreat Day Year 6 – Friday, 6 June - starting at the church 8.30am

Sacrament of Confirmation – Saturday, 7 June at 6pm @ church

First Communion Retreat Day Year 4 – Friday, 20 June - starting at the Church 8.30am

Sacrament of Holy Communion – Sunday, 22 June 10.00am @ church

Reconciliation Retreat Day Year 3 – Friday, 27 June @ school

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Friday, 27 June at 4pm @ church

URStrong On-line Session

As parents would be aware, the whole school social and emotional well-being program being facilitated at our school is the URStrong program. There will be an engaging free on-line session offered next week for parents who would like to develop their knowledge of the program a little more to actively engage in conversations with their children as they arise.

The details for the on-line session are below:

Topic – The Language of Friendship

Date – Thursday, 22 May

Time – 6pm – 7:15pm

Free Parent Education Sessions

In conjunction with Catholic School Parents WA (CSPWA), I would like to alert the parents in our community to a couple of parent education sessions facilitated by Justin Coulson, a parenting expert. He is a very easy person to listen to and provides very practical advice in a clear and concise manner. The sessions will be held at Ursula Frayne Catholic College in Victoria Park. The title of the two sessions are:

Anxious – Helping Your Child Navigate a World of Worry

Thursday, 29 May from 10:30am – 12.00pm

Parental Guidance

Thursday, 29 May from 6.00pm – 7:30pm

Further information and the link to register can be found in this newsletter below.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal



Smith Family



THE LANGUAGE OF
FRIENDSHIP!

YOU ARE INVITED!

THURSDAY 22 MAY
6.00pm to 7.15pm

in the
URSTRONG CLASSROOM ONLINE

This workshop gives kids, parents, and teachers a common "language" for talking about friendships. Through interactive parent-child activities, parents will learn strategies to support their child in fostering healthy, feel-good friendships.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please note: Zoom details will be provided by the school.



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JUSTIN COULSON

THURSDAY, 29TH MAY, 10.30AM - 12PM

Anxious. Helping Your Child Navigate a World of Worry

With approximately one in seven primary school children and one in four adolescents experiencing an anxiety disorder, this presentation offers a lifeline to parents and carers. We will explore with Justin what anxiety looks like in children, and you'll be provided with simple, practical strategies that are both clinically proven and easy to implement at home.

As parents, we desperately want to help, but often feel lost or unsure of what to do. Empower yourself with the knowledge and tools to support your child's emotional wellbeing and help them build resilience in the face of anxiety.



The seminar will be held at Ursula Frayne Catholic College, 15 Duncan Street, Victoria Park.

www.csp.wa.edu.au

[Link to Register for Anxiety In Your Child](#)

JUSTIN COULSON

THURSDAY, 29TH MAY, 7PM - 8.30PM

Parental Guidance

What does it mean to be a good parent? And what if your child has additional needs?

Justin's practical presentation incorporates up-to-the-minute research in parenting science as well as studies of childhood development.

He will show you:

- * how our children thrive when we understand and meet their basic psychological needs;
- * how our job is not to fix our kids, but to create an environment that supports their growth and development; and
- * how children flourish when we minimise control, but maximise our warmth and involvement, and establish healthy boundaries.



The seminar will be held at Ursula Frayne Catholic College, 15 Duncan Street, Victoria Park.

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[Link to Register for Parental Guidance
Session](#)

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, 14 May - P&F Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday, 15 May - Whole School Mass 9.00am led by Year 5 in Ward House

Friday, 16 May - School Cross Country Carnival

Thursday, 22 May - Year 2 Liturgy 9am, Language of Friendship Parent & Child Workshop 6.00 - 7.15pm on ZOOM

Friday, 23 May - Interschool Cross Country Carnival

Friday, 30 May - Sorry Day Liturgy 10.15am Ward House, Year 1 Assembly 2pm

Monday, 2 June - WA Day Public Holiday - No School

Tuesday, 3 June - Pupil Free Day - Staff PD

Friday, 6 June - Confirmation Retreat Day

Saturday, 7 June - Confirmation Mass @ church 6.00pm

Current Calendar

School Fees 2025

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

WA Student Assistant Payment

Please click on the button below for information on how to claim the payment. Your child's WASN Number is available through Seqta Reports or contact the school office. Claims close on Friday, 4 July 2025.

Uniform Shop

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 the Uniform Shop on Friday morning, between 8:00am – 9:15am. Please note online ordering is not available on Thursday or Friday.

An alteration service is available.

[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 canteen.

Wendy, Canteen Manager

[Order Canteen Here](#)

Enrolments are now open for 2026 Kindergarten and our 2026 Three Year Old Pre-Kindergarten Program. Interviews will be taking place shortly.

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

Term 2 Newsletter



Fathering Project website: [the
fatheringproject](https://thefatheringproject.org)

Make dinner a device-free and connection-filled zone

Family dinners are more than just a meal, they're a chance to check in, share stories, and model great conversation habits. Plus, they build routine and a strong sense of belonging for your child.

Try this: Create a simple dinner ritual. Go around the table and ask, "What was the best part of your day?" or "What are you looking forward to tomorrow?" Keep it light, stay present, and (if you can!) keep devices out of sight.

[**Read More**](#)

Podcast: Maggie Dent on raising happy, healthy children

Don't miss out on this conversation with the Queen of Common Sense, Maggie Dent, where we talk all things resilience, anxious moments and what she means by "rooster" and "lamb" children. An episode not to miss!

[**Listen Now**](#)

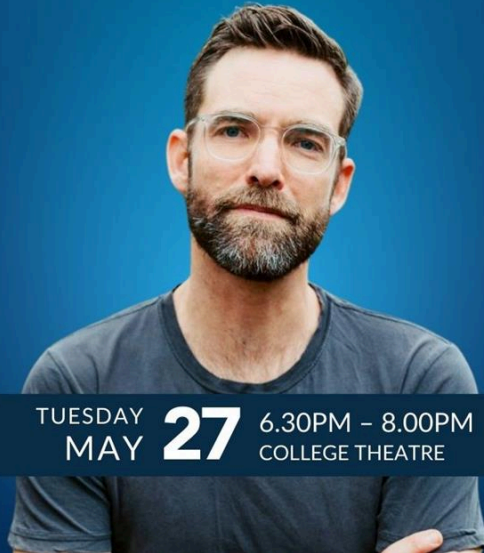
CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE PRESENTS

BETTER CONVERSATIONS

with

BOYS

A FREE EVENT EXCLUSIVELY FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS
PRESENTED BY MIKE DYSON



TUESDAY 27 6.30PM – 8.00PM
MAY COLLEGE THEATRE

[Link to Register for Free Event](#)

Catholic School Parents Western Australia Inc

CSPWA will be holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, 11th June.

During the AGM we are hoping to make amendments to our Constitution.

We are required by our Constitution to give our schools 28 days' notice both of the AGM date and of any amendments to our Constitution.

Please follow the link to find the relevant documentation.

<https://www.csp.wa.edu.au/upcoming-events/updates-to-the-cspwa-constitution>

Thank you

Kind regards,

Jonelle Schultz



[Click for the Link](#)

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 .

[Click here for more information](#)

Lumen Christi College

Instrumental Program 2025

**Enrolments for Music lessons 2025 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

The Record - [Magazine](#)

Centre for Faith Enrichment - [Term 2 Timetable](#)

Byford Falcons Basketball Club - [Registrations](#)

Catholic School Parents WA - [Term 2 Newsletter](#)



**Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Kenneth
Acosta Garcia**

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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