



## Newsletter 01 Week 1 Term 1

31 January 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to all families as we embark on another school year. It is always nice to welcome new students and their families at the lower end of our school across the Pre-Kindy and Kindy cohorts, a special welcome to those families as they join our Good Shepherd community.

I would also like to welcome 7 new students from PP-6 and their families:

Year 1 – Therese Sony and Gianluca Sciarrone

Year 2 – Michele Gatani and Rayyan Islam

Year 3 – Maria Sony

Year 4 – Matthew Halaka

Year 5 – Rose Sony

We also welcome 2 new staff members to the Good Shepherd team – Deborah Glorie and Georgia Franco. Deborah steps into the roles of Assistant Principal and our Sounds Write Literacy Intervention teacher, assisting Diana Newman and I as we lead the community and Georgia joins us as our Pre-Primary teacher. A very special welcome to both ladies.

### **Swimming Lesson preparation**

As we prepare for the 2024 school year, we have confirmed swimming lessons in weeks 3 and 4 of Term 1, starting on Monday, 12 February and finishing on Friday, 23 February. Swimming lessons always add another dimension to the school day and also the family homes with the extra washing throughout the fortnight and daily preparation to ensure the children are organised for each lesson. The children from PP-6 have brought home a swimming notes today which needs to be completed and returned to school by Friday, 2 February. It is a short turn around with the

paperwork but important that the swimming teachers at Armadale Aquatic Centre receive the appropriate paperwork a week prior to the lessons starting. Thanks you for your assistance with this.

### **School Advisory Council members**

I am pleased to announce the School Advisory Council positions that have been filled so far for 2024. We still have 2 positions available if any other community school members would like to volunteer their time to assist us with the strategic planning and financial management of our school. I would like to thank the following people for committing to our SAC for 2024:

Fred Pilot – **Treasurer**

Yolandie McDade – **Secretary**

Yvonne Power - **Board Member**

Isaiah Maji - **Board Member**

John McNess - **Board Member**

Paul Hansen – **Ex Officio (Principal)**

Rev Fr. Pavol – **Ex Officio (Parish Priest)**

### **Other contributors to operating of the School Advisory Council:**

Diana Newman (AP)

Deborah Glorie (AP)

Jenny Marion-Clark (Finance Officer)

### **Parents & Friends for 2024**

It is also nice to be in a position to confirm so many positions on our P&F as part of our planning for 2024. Again, my thanks to the following parents in our community for their willingness to contribute to our P&F next year:

**President** – Stephanie Kingston

**Vice President** – Fiona Daly

**Secretary** – April Hunter

**Treasurer** – April Hunter

## **Class Representatives:**

**Kindy** – Lara Miller

**Pre-Primary** – Hollie Summers-Johnson and Carol Earley

**Year 1** – Larissa Simpson and Anna Tomeo

**Year 2** – Nella Gatani and Leonie Handgraaf

**Year 3** – Vicky Hassall

**Year 4** – Kylie Richards and Christine Kohler

**Year 5** – Danica Smith and Rochelle Hall

**Year 6** – TBC

## **Parent Information Evening**

All parents are asked to ensure the evening of Tuesday, 13 February is in the diary for the Parent Information Evening, starting at 6pm. The format of the evening will be:

**6pm – 6:30pm** – First classroom session

**6:40pm – 7:10pm** – Whole School session in Ward House

**7:15pm – 7:45pm** – Second classroom session

The evening is designed to ensure parents can attend 2 separate sessions in classrooms if they have 2 children in the school, separated by a whole school session where we impart some whole school focuses and information as we prepare for the 2024 school year. The classroom sessions are also important for parents to begin developing a rapport with your child's teacher and understand the processes in place for the teaching and learning in the classroom. We look forward to seeing as many parents in attendance as possible.

## **Curriculum Additions**

As we begin our new school year, we are introducing a new program which is designed to assist the children to develop and maintain friendships, contributing to enhancing their social and emotional well-being. This is the URStrong program, it will complement our Health and Religious Education programs which also touch on these areas. I will spend some time at the whole school

gathering during the Parent Information evening providing more detail about this program. Parents are also asked to prioritise **Wednesday, 20 March** which is a parent information session on the URStrong program. There is some pertinent language and strategies used in the program and parents developing an understanding of the program will ensure consistency between school and home.

A couple of other curriculum focuses for us across the whole school are in the areas of Maths and Reading. Again, this will be outlined in more detail at our Parent Information evening on **Tuesday, 13 February**.

### **Renovations to K/PP Building**

Over the Christmas holiday break we had the ceiling replaced in the K/PP building which has made a significant difference to the interior of the building. You may have also noticed that we have removed the "mound" in the middle of the K/PP playground area and replaced it with roll-on lawn to ensure the children have a greater amount of flat space to develop their ball skills and hand-eye coordination.

### **P&F Nature Play**

I presented a design for the Nature Play development our P&F are working on to a captive audience at the AGM towards the end of last year. We have a sub-committee who will meet to devise a plan for completing the development throughout 2024. I plan to present this information again at the Parent Information evening to ensure parents are aware of what we are working towards.

### **Dates to Remember for 2024:**

In the final newsletter for 2023, I included some pertinent dates for 2024 and I have included them again as we launch into the new school year.

**Swimming Lessons** – Monday, 12 February – Friday, 23 February

**NAPLAN** – Wednesday, 13 March – Friday, 22 March

### **Pupil-Free days for 2024:**

Monday, 15 April

Tuesday, 4 June

Monday, 15 July

Friday, 9 November

Monday, 13 November

### **Update Your Details**

It is important that we have your correct contact details on our database. If you have changed any details eg: Home phone, mobile phone, work phone, address, email, emergency contacts etc, please inform the school office so that the details are correct on our records. Thank you.

Welcome back and best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **DATES 2024**

#### **Term Dates 2024:**

Term 1: Wednesday, 31 January – Thursday, 28 March

Term 2: Tuesday, 16 April - Friday, 28 June

Term 3: Tuesday, 16 July - Friday, 20 September

Term 4: Tuesday, 8 October - Friday, 6 December

#### **Pupil Free Days:**

Monday, 15 April - Staff PD

Tuesday, 4 June - Staff PD

Monday, 15 July - Staff PD

Monday, 7 October - Staff PD

Monday, 28 October - Catholic Day (Staff & Students)

#### **Public Holidays:**

Monday, 4 March – Labour Day

Friday, 29 March – Good Friday

Thursday, 25 April – ANZAC Day

Monday, 3 June – WA Day

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## CANTEEN

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

**CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER**

**Wendy, Canteen Manager**

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## 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.

**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](#)



## 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 . We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

## 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](#)

## Uniform Shop

### Opening Hours

**Monday afternoon 2.00 - 3.15pm**

**Friday morning 8.00 - 9.15am**

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## School Fees

If you have a Health Care Card/Pension Card (HCC/PCC) please present it to the office by Friday, 9 February and fill out a form for the HCC discount to apply.

Fees will be sent out on Wednesday, 14 February 2024

Please contact me as soon as possible at [accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au](mailto:accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au) or 9496 9292 if you have any queries or concerns about your fees.

Jenny Marion-Clark - Finance Officer



## 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.*

Preparing for a new school year can also mean setting your own parental goals.

What goals you set yourself as a dad will positively impact your child through out the school year.

We get it – easier said than done, right? Kind of like those New Year's resolutions that fizzle out after a month or two!

However - hear us out! By starting with simple things like the tips below, it will pave the way to a positive year. You've got this!

### Top Tips

#### 1. Establish a consistent routine

Creating a consistent daily routine is essential for children to thrive academically. Routines provide children with a sense of



stability, helping them feel secure and better prepared for learning.

## 2. Lead by example

Children often emulate their parents, making it essential to model the behaviour you want to see in your child. You can try this by setting a personal goal to demonstrate a strong work ethic, a love for learning, or effective time management.

## 3. Encourage independence and responsibility

Establish personal parental goals to involve your child in decision-making processes and foster a sense of responsibility. Start simple for younger children, and provide more responsibility with age.

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## Lumen Christi College - Instrumental Program

For information and enrolment, please click on the button below

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## Community News

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## Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavol Herda

**Parish Office:** 42 Streich Avenue, Kelmscott

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

**Parish Email:** [gskp@iinet.net.au](mailto:gskp@iinet.net.au)

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