



## Newsletter 07 Week 3 Term 2

1 May 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Well it seems like the weather has definitely turned, with the onset of much cooler weather and a reasonable amount of rain this week. As the weather starts to get cool, it is important for the children to be prepared at the start of each day with a jumper if necessary to ensure they are comfortable when they move outside, this will assist in staying healthy and avoiding the illnesses that come with winter. The dramatic changes in temperature from inside to outside seems to contribute towards the children getting those cold/flu symptoms.

### **Punctual Starts to the School Day**

As we progress through Term 3, a reminder to all families of the importance for the children to arrive at school on time ready to start the school day. We still have too many children arriving after the 8:40am bell. The classrooms open at 8:30am and the lessons begin at 8:40am. That 10-minute period for the children to settle in and feel organised for the day is critically important to ensure they begin the school day in the right frame of mind. Please assist your child by ensuring they arrive on time each day and are ready for the first lesson at 8:40am.

### **Winter Uniform transition**

As I mentioned above, there has certainly been a change in the weather now so from the week starting Monday, 6 May, (Monday and Tuesday are sport uniform days) is the time set aside for all students to be wearing the winter uniform for Terms 2 and 3.

### **Good Shepherd Feast Day**

After celebrating the Eucharist together as a school community (PP-6) back on Thursday, 18 April to focus on Good Shepherd Feast day which took place that weekend, we also enjoyed some buddy activities and a tabloid sport afternoon on Friday of the first week of Term 3. These activities are designed to be memorable occasions for the students as we focus on our heritage and history as a community.

### **Preparation for the Cross Country season**

The Tuesday morning fitness sessions continue to take place between 8am and 8:30am. The focus at these sessions is based on increasing the children's heart rates and building their

fitness. I will continue to facilitate these sessions throughout the term with the current focus being the children spending extra time on the cross country track, all children from Years 1-6 are welcome to join us, Pre-Primary children are welcome to join us if their parent is present for the session.

Mr Johnson is also providing a running session from 8am on Monday mornings between now and the end of the cross country season which will coincide with the Interschool Cross Country carnival which will be held on Friday, 24 May. Children from Years 3-6 are welcome to join Mr Johnson for this session next week, which will continue for those children beyond our school carnival who have been chosen to represent our school at the Interschool carnival on Friday, 24 May.

The plan for the School Cross Country carnival on Friday, 10 May will be:

**12 noon – 12:40pm** – PP-2 races around the oval (starting with the PP's)

### **Lunch Break**

**1:20pm – 3pm** – Years 3-6 races starting with the Year 3's

### **Mathletics**

We are currently finalising the process to sign up all the children in our school (PP-6) for the on-line Maths program called Mathletics. The Pre-Primary and Year 1 version of this program is called Mathseeds. The children will have an opportunity to access this program at different stages during the school week, and also at home. Topics can be tailored for different cohorts of children, some extension and remediation activities can be provided as well. More information will be made available soon, including the possibility for a parent evening to explain how it works.

### **P&F News**

Following our meeting last night, a few things to highlight include:

- The Mother's Day stall scheduled for Friday, 10 May, organised by parents in Years 1 and 5. The stall will take place from 9am – 10:45am, prior to the School Cross Country carnival which will take place in the afternoon from 12 noon, starting with the PP- Year 2's.
- An update for the Nature Play development was provided with the intention of completing the next stage of the project by the end of the next school holidays which commence on Monday, 1 July.
- Our P&F is also preparing for the food stall at the upcoming Interschool Cross Country carnival on Friday, 24 May and will be asking for families in our school to contribute some plates of food towards the stall.

## Kindergarten Interview for 2025

We are about to commence the Kindy enrolment interviews for 2025. We currently have more applicants than positions available and we are still only in the first half of this year. Preference will be given to younger siblings of existing families in the school and children who have been baptised Catholic before the new families of children who have not been baptised. It is crucial that the paperwork for all applicants for next year's Kindy cohort is submitted to the school office as soon as possible. All Kindy positions for 2025 will be allocated early June this year so to avoid missing out on a place, please ensure we have received your paperwork.

Best wishes for the next fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Friday, 3 May** - Year 2 Assembly 2pm

**Tuesday, 7 May** - SAC Meeting 6pm

**Thursday, 9 May** - Year 1 Liturgy

**Friday, 10 May** - School Cross Country Carnival, Mother's Day Stall

**Sunday, 12 May** - Mother's Day

**Friday, 17 May** - Confirmation Retreat Day Year 6

**Saturday, 18 May** - Confirmation Mass 6pm

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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

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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.

**Interviews will take place starting next week. Families with siblings are also required to submit an enrolment form. Places are filling up quickly.**

Enrolments in some other Year groups are also available

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## School Fees

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

## 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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Monday afternoon 2.00 - 3.15pm

Friday morning 8.00 - 9.15am

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## Scholastic Book Club

Online ordering only at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP).

Orders close this Friday, 3 May.

Jenny Marion- Clark, Co-Ordinator

## [Dental Therapy Van](#)

The Dental Therapy Van is now located at  
Roleystone Community College, 90 Raeburn Road



## 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.*

Your child's self-image or self-identity refers to their mental image of themselves, of who they are as individuals, socially and more globally.

A sense of image or identity can be shaped by experiences, interactions with others, the local environment, and their own unique personality.

Self-image has a lot to do with self-esteem because how your child see themselves is a big contributing factor to how they feel about themselves.

### Top Tips

#### 1. Tell your child they are loved

Let them know that they are loved, unconditionally.

#### 2. Value

Value what is unique about your child. Let them know how special they are in their own way.

#### 3. Encourage play

With others and encourage your child to mix in different social settings. This helps them to learn new social skills.

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**Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavol Herda**

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