



Newsletter 2 Week 3 Term 1

18 February 2026

We have been very impressed with the way the children at our school have transitioned into their new routines for the 2026 school year, particularly considering that we have nearly finished a 2-week block of swimming lessons in the first 3 weeks of the year.

We have begun our new school year focusing on the school value of Respect. Our Year 6 leaders led our first assembly at the end of week 1 unpacking this important value. As the year develops we will also drive a one term focus on each of the other 3 school values – Compassion, Excellence and Responsibility.

Swimming Lessons

The children have moved straight into good routines with their fortnight of swimming lessons, an absolutely crucial part of our curriculum to ensure the children across our school continue to develop their swimming skills. Well done to everyone, the children seem to be launching themselves into the lessons with strong commitment having observed them a few times over the fortnight!

Parent Information Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended our annual Parent Information Evening last Wednesday night. There was a busy and healthy buzz in the buildings and a number of people commented that it was the largest number of parents to attend this evening which indicates a strong level of interest and support within our community. Those parents who were unable to attend, I would suggest you approach the class teacher of your child/ren to begin developing the required rapport with the

teachers to ensure the best outcome for your child/ren.

A couple of key themes that I shared with the parent community in the whole group session includes:

- School attendance at our school needs to be improved. CEWA deem 90% attendance or below being “at risk” and we had a significant proportion of our community in this category in 2025.
- A Maths Extension program commences from Year 1 to 6 in 2026.
- Our small group, Literacy Intervention programs have changed for 2026 with the Sounds Write continuing in Years 1-3 and the Word Origins program being introduced in Years 4-6. The reason for the change is a heavier focus required in writing and spelling.
- Parents are asked to take the opportunities to challenge their child/ren in the safe environment that the school provides as a way of enabling children to achieve to a level that reflects their potential.

Ash Wednesday Mass

Today signifies the beginning of the Lent season, 40 days before Easter as we travelled to our Church to celebrate a beautiful Ash Wednesday Mass together as a school community. It was lovely to see some parents join us at the Church, huge thanks to Diana Newman for her continued spiritual leadership.

Halogen Young Leaders Conference

Our Year 6 children had a big day today, leaving school at 7:45am to arrive at the Perth Convention Centre in time to participate in the Halogen Young Leaders Day. They spent the day listening to some high-profile young people talk about their leadership journey to share their thoughts and inspire the children about leadership.

Wednesday, 25 February – P&F Meeting

Parents are reminded that our first P&F meeting for 2026 will be held in the staffroom from 6pm on Wednesday, 25 February. Please come along and join us to participate in the discussions to plan the events for the year and build some P&F momentum from the start of the year.

Swimming Carnival

The end of next week, Friday, 27 February signifies the day the children at our school from Years 1 to Year 6 will participate in one of three swimming carnivals. The day is designed to meet the swimming needs of the children across the 3 carnivals. The Year 1 and 2 carnival is an important introduction for the children to build their experience swimming in a mildly competitive and safe environment in a 12M pool with “waist deep” water. The children in Years 3-6 will be split into 2 carnivals depending on their swimming ability with the children in Stage 4 and above given the opportunity to swim in a competitive carnival in the 25M pool. While that carnival takes place, the less confident swimmers will enjoy a novelty carnival in the same 12M pool mentioned above.

The details for the 3 different carnivals include:

- **The Year 1 and 2 Novelty carnival will take place in a shallow pool from about 9:30am – 10:45am**
- **The Year 3-6 Swimming carnival in the 25M pool will take place from about 11am – 2pm**
- **The Year 3-6 Novelty carnival will take place in the shallow pool from about 11am – 2pm**

The venue for the carnivals will be St Brigid's College, Lesmurdie so please come along and join us if you are able to.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

Administration

Update Family Details

As we start a new school year, it is important that all families update their contact details eg: phone

number, address, email or emergency contact details. If any of your details have changed since last year please contact the office as soon as possible.

Absences

Absence notifications can be done either through the Seqta App at gsk.engage.ewa.edu.au or the school website at www.gsk.wa.edu.au, under the For Parents Tab. Absences should be advised by 8.30am.

Federal Department of Education Address Collection Notice

The 2026 Student Residential Address Collection will be taking place shortly. Please click on the button below to see the Information about the collection. This information notice has also been emailed to families.

Address Collection Notice

Italian at home

I am delighted to be teaching Italian to the students at GSK this year. As we begin the school year, I wanted to share a few ways that your child can practise their Italian skills outside of the classroom.

- Encourage use of everyday words at home such as *per favore* (please), *grazie* (thank you), *ciao* (hi/bye), *salute* (bless you), *Andiamo!* (Let's go!)
- Listen to Italian songs, podcasts or stories on the radio or online. SBS Italian radio is broadcast live every day at 8am AWST on SBS Radio 2. Watch the *Olimpiadi Invernali* currently taking place in Milano Cortina on Channel 9.
- Try to label household items in Italian to build vocabulary.

The focus is to build confidence while having fun. If you have any queries, please feel free to visit the Italian classroom on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Calendar Term 1 2026

Wednesday, 25 February - P&F Meeting 6pm

Friday, 27 February - School Swimming Carnival @ St Brigid's College Lesmurdie

Monday, 2 March - Labour Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL

Friday, 6 March - Year 4 Reconciliation 9am, Year 5 & 6 Cricket Carnival

Wednesday, 11 March - NAPLAN begins Year 3 & 5, Sacramental Parent Information Evening Years 3, 4 & 6

Friday, 13 March - Year 6 Reconciliation 9am, Year 4 Assembly 2pm, P&F Sundowner

Current Term Calendar

Carpark Safety

For the safety of our whole School community, please remember to slow down and adhere to the 8km speed limit at all times whilst using our carpark. Our carpark is one way only, so please follow the arrows and leave from the second driveway. Whilst moving from your vehicles please follow the footpaths and use the correct road crossing near the Early Childhood building to bring your child to and from their classroom.

There is no parking on the footpath outside of the school property.

Your co-operation is appreciated.



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Uniform Shop

Uniform online ordering is now live via
www.quickcliq.com.au

On-Line Orders can be placed each week from Tuesday through to Sunday, ready for collection from the Uniform Shop on Monday afternoon between 2.30pm and 3.15pm. **Please note the new day and time for opening.**

An alteration service is available.

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CANTEEN

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

If you have a couple of spare hours on Wednesday or Friday and would love to help, please leave your name and contact details in the office.

Wendy, Canteen Manager

Order Canteen Here

School Fees 2026

School Fee Statements will be sent out this week Friday, 20 February.

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

Scholastic Book Club

Orders for the current catalogue close today at 6.00pm

Orders are on-line only at scholastic.com.au

Jenny Marion-Clark Co-ordinator

Enrolments 2026/2027

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. 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.

We're pleased to offer two free online events - a fun, interactive session for families to enjoy together, and a practical, parent-focused webinar packed with expert advice.

[Ask a Marine Biologist with Chantelle Dixon - Link](#)

Children can jump into an imaginary submarine to meet marine biologist Chantelle Dixon and explore amazing sea creatures, fun facts and curious questions!

[Mental Health First Aid with Dr Billy Garvey - Link](#)

This family-friendly webinar is led by developmental paediatrician and author Dr Billy Garvey, who will guide parents through friendly

ways to help little ones make sense of their feelings and feel supported every day.

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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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thefatheringproject

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Confession: Saturday 5-6pm

Mass Times

Saturday

8am Communion Service - Mass on First Saturdays and Solemnities, 6pm

Sunday

8.30am - Karragullen Parish, 8.30am Latin Mass - Kelmscott Parish, 10am - Kelmscott Parish, 5pm - Kelmscott Parish

Monday - No Mass except on Solemnities

Tuesday - 6.30pm

Wednesday & Friday - 8am

Thurs - 6pm followed by adoration at 6.30pm

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