



## Newsletter 02 Week 3 Term 1

14 February 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is always great to see the children slip into the new routines for the start of the new school year, particularly those children moving to a different building. I think the biggest transition is for our Pre-Primary children transitioning up to Year 1 and to a lesser extent, the Year 2 children moving up to Year 3 in Ward House. I think the smooth transition reflects the consistent approach to managing the children across the school.

Swimming lessons add to the variables as we start 2024 as well, but they too seem to have started pretty smoothly. Thanks to the parents for their support with the swimming lessons. I have no doubt it adds another variable in the household as the children are prepared for school each day.

### **The Lent Season**

As Catholic people, we reflect on the Lent season as the most important time of the year, the liturgical season consisting of 40 days of fasting, prayer and reflection. This season begins with Ash Wednesday today and concludes at sundown on Holy Thursday as we celebrate the Easter season. Our school (Years 1-6) travelled to the Church for our Ash Wednesday Mass this morning which was a lovely opportunity for the children to present their Lenten promises, which signifies the start of the Lent season. It was lovely to see so many parents with us at the Church.

### **On-Line Safety Presentation**

One of our parents, Larissa Simpson has extended an invitation to all parents in our community to attend an "On-Line Safety Presentation" designed for parents of 3-12 year old children. The free presentation is facilitated by Communicare and takes place on-line on Tuesday 19 March from 6pm – 7:30pm. The flyer promoting this presentation is in this edition of the newsletter.

## **Fathering Project Activity**

Last week we were alerted to a Fathering Project activity (which I have just noticed clashes with the on-line presentation mentioned above) in our local community at the Armadale Aquatic Centre. This event will take place on Tuesday 19 March from 5pm and involves some pool games and a BBQ dinner. Again, the full details are included on a flyer in this edition of our newsletter.

## **Parent Information Evening**

Thank you to those parents who attended the Parent Information Evening last night, I hope you found it informative. With a little under 50% of the parents attending, it was disappointing that we did not have a bigger turn out. We will survey the community to see if there is a better format or timing of this important night which may encourage more parents to attend. Each class teacher has prepared some paper work for each family, so my suggestion would be for all families in the school to ensure they get a copy of the plans/processes for the respective classes of their child/ren.

## **P&F News**

We have our first P&F Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 20 February at 6pm in the staffroom. Please come along and contribute to planning the 2024 school year from a P&F perspective.

Some information regarding the P&F Nature Play was shared with the parents who attended the Community AGM towards the end of last year and again last night in a little more detail at the Parent Information Evening. This is a big project, but one which will have a significantly positive impact on the outdoor space for our children in the main playing area of our school for the benefit of the children in Years 1-6.

Our P&F Nature Play sub-committee – Danica Smith, Dylan Teicher, Fred Pilot and Clary Powell will be meeting with myself tomorrow afternoon to put together a plan for the installation of the new play space. It will be an exciting project for the community.

## **School Swimming Carnival**

Looking ahead, our children will be able to put their swimming skills to the test on Friday 1 March for the school swimming carnival at St Brigid's College,

Lesmurdie. Again, we will split the school into 2 groups for 3 separate carnivals – Years 1 and 2 in the shallow pool early in the day and the children in Years 3-6 split between the 25M pool in a separate carnival to the less confident swimmers in Years 3-6 who will also be in the shallow pool. More details will follow over the next week or two.

### **School Fee Statements**

School fee statements have been sent home today with the eldest child in each family. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your fees, please contact our Finance Officer, Jenny Marion-Clark.

We are also currently investigating the possibility of offering Centrepay (via Centrelink) as an additional payment option for families. Please contact us if you would be interested in using this method of payment, or if you would like more information.

### **Pupil-Free days for 2024: (Corrections)**

Monday, 15 April

Tuesday, 4 June

Monday, 15 July

Friday, 8 November

Monday, 12 November

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Thursday, 15 February** - Year 2 Liturgy

**Friday, 23 February** - Welcome to School Sundowner Picnic

**Thursday, 29 February** - Pre-Primary Liturgy 9.00am

**Friday, 1 March** - School Swimming Carnival @ St Brigid's College Lesmurdie

**Monday, 4 March** - Labour Day Public Holiday - No School

**Wednesday, 6 March** - Sacramental Parent Information Evening Years 3, 4 & 6 @ 6pm Ward House

Thursday, 7 March - Reconciliation Years 5 & 6 @ 9.00am

Friday, 8 March - Years 5 & 6 Cricket Carnival

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## CANTEEN

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

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](#)



## School Fees

Fees have been sent home today Wednesday, 14 February 2024

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

Jenny Marion-Clark - Finance Officer

## GSK Farmers Market 🧑🌾

Our GSK Farmers Market will be up and running this term with a small selection of produce available for our school community to purchase.

Regular items will include worm tea, chicken and quail eggs. Other produce such as herbs, fruit and vegetables will be available throughout the year as it is grown and harvested.

The market will be held fortnightly on Thursday afternoons and will take place on even weeks (Week 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10). It will be located in the undercover area near the Kiss and Drop shed and will be cash only.

Worm Tea - gold coin donation

Chicken and quail eggs - \$5 per dozen

Thank you for supporting our mini farmers.

## 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](#)



**Be Bold.  
Be Brave.  
Be You.**

Thanks to feedback from our families, children and educators, Big Art is back and bigger than ever. It's not just here for a week or two, but it's here to stay – giving your child the chance to explore their creative individuality every week.

Big Art is all about providing the ultimate platform for your child to unlock their potential and showcase their artistic talents.

In 2024, we are expanding our Big Art program to feature weekly **Big Art Fridays** in After School Care, as well as **Big Art Days** every holiday season and a termly **Big Art Competition**, creating unmatched opportunities for children to shine, grow, and be recognised in their communities.

Unlock your child's creative potential and add a splash of colour to their days with Big Art. Register with Camp Australia to stay up to date with everything happening in Big Art 2024!



### OSHC Information Sessions

Discover everything you need to know about Your OSHC Before and After School Care, Rocketeers Extraordinary Holiday Program, our inclusive CARE program, and everything else in between.

From registration and bookings to billing and the Child Care Subsidy (CCS), the 2024 Info Sessions will cover everything families need to know about their journey with Camp Australia.

[campaustalia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions](http://campaustalia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions)

#### 2024 Info Sessions

- Tuesday 13th February  
4.00pm AWST
- Thursday 15th February  
9.30am AWST

← Register now for free

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## Opening Hours

Monday afternoon 2.00 - 3.15pm

Friday morning 8.00 - 9.15am

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## 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.



## 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.*

The first few weeks of getting back into the school groove can feel like a whirlwind. You might notice some extra grumpiness, tantrums, and maybe even a few tears thrown in for good measure.

Starting a new school year means adjusting to different routines, expectations, and faces.

Plus, let's not forget about all that brainpower and concentration required for school stuff!

So, when they finally crash back at home with you, it's like they can finally let it all out in a safe space.

During these adjustment weeks, cut yourself some slack and tweak your expectations a bit until things settle down.

### Top Tips

## 1. Stay patient and loving

Let them know you understand it's been a long day, but also gently remind them that yelling and screaming isn't the way to go. Take a few deep breaths together and hit the reset button.

## 2. Let some things slide

Sometimes, you might need to let a few things slide that you'd normally put your foot down about.

## 3. Sleep, Sleep, Sleep

Don't forget the Zzz's! Make bedtime even earlier if needed during this adjustment period.

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### Attention all fathers and father - figures

Please join us, with your children, at the:  
**Armadale Fitness and Aquatic Centre, for:**  
**“After school pool games and BBQ Dinner”**

While not excluding all our amazing mums, aunties, grandmas and carers, we would love to see as many dads, granddads, father figures and significant males take part in this activity.

**When: Tuesday 19th March from 5.00pm**

**Cost: Adults \$3.00 & Children \$2.00** (Money payable at Aquatic Centre)

*‘Just mention you are with the Good Shepherd Catholic PS Dads’ group’*

**Please Note:** While at the Aquatic Centre, the parent and or guardian is responsible for supervision of their child/ren. We ask that everyone brings a towel, and adhere to Watch Around Water, for example if kids are under 6 they must be accompanied in the water and within arm's reach of an adult at all times.



If you would like more information about this activity or The Fathering Project, please contact the school on 9496 9200

The Fathering Project supported by:



**RSVP: Call the school on 9496 9200**  
by Monday 18th March.

Men of GSK - Fathering Project Page

## Lumen Christi College - Instrumental Program

For information and enrolment, please click on the button below



## Scholastic Book Club

Book orders are online only and are due today, 14  
February

Jenny Marion-Clark - Co-ordinator

## Community News

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Communicare - [ThinkUKnow Cyber Safety Online Presentation](#)



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

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**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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