



Newsletter O6 Week 1 Term 2

30 April 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2, our hope is that everyone returns refreshed and energised, ready to launch into another busy school term. We are preparing for the sacramental celebrations of Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation this term, Mother's Day celebrations, our annual Cross-Country Carnivals, winter sport experiences for the children in Years 5 and 6 and the term finishing with an end of semester report and a visit from Andrew Chinn.

The Passing of Pope Francis

Over the school holidays, we mourned the passing of Pope Francis, a humble shepherd who led the global Catholic Church with compassion, courage, and deep faith. His commitment to the poor, to peace, and to the environment inspired people across the world. We also pay tribute to his lasting legacy for young people and Catholic education worldwide. The National Catholic Education Commission's Executive Director, Jacinta Collins, explained that "Pope Francis was a global voice for the poor, the young, and the marginalised. His belief in education as a tool for transformation resonates deeply with the mission of Catholic schools. Pope Francis inspired a generation of young people to live with courage and compassion. His legacy will continue to guide our work in Catholic schools and shape the hearts and minds of students for generations to come" (21 April 2025).

As a school community, we shared a beautiful Liturgy yesterday morning, under the guidance of Diana Newman who prepared the very meaningful Liturgy paying tribute to Pope Francis and the wonderfully positive impact he has made on our Catholic communities worldwide. We look forward to some

news in the coming weeks about the successor to Pope Francis, the new leader for our Church.

ANZAC DAY reflection

As part of our whole school gathering yesterday, we also paid tribute to the soldiers who sacrificed so much so that we can live a life of freedom here in Australia. Our resident trumpet player, James McDade, played a fantastic rendition of The Last Post and The Rouse in front of the whole school to add a beautiful sense of reverence and occasion to what has become a wonderful annual tradition.

Farewell to Fr Pavol

Over the Easter weekend it was announced at Good Shepherd Church that Fr Pavol Herda would be leaving our parish. On behalf of our school community, I would like to sincerely thank Fr Pavol for his spiritual guidance and commitment to the students, families and staff in our Good Shepherd school community over the past 8 years. Fr Pavol has always been very supportive of our school and our endeavours towards developing the spiritual enhancement of the students at our school. We wish Fr Pavol all the best in his future endeavours.

Fr Pavol's replacement is Fr Kenneth Acosta Garcia. Fr Kenneth has spent some time in the Kelmscott parish as an assistant parish priest a number of years ago and comes to us from St Mary's Cathedral. We look forward to welcoming Fr Kenneth into our school community this Friday morning for our Good Shepherd Feast Day celebrations, starting with a liturgy in the morning.

Feast of Good Shepherd

As our parish prepares to celebrate our Good Shepherd Feast Day this weekend, we will be celebrating a special day this Friday, 2 May. The day will be a little different compared to a normal Friday and will include:

- Whole School Liturgy in Ward House at 9am
- Buddy activity focus from 11:30am – 12:30pm
- Tabloid Sports from 1:30pm – 2:45pm (Years 1-6)

Day 4 Berry Street program

The staff completed the Berry Street Education model on Monday with the completion of Day 4 of the program which will support and guide the staff to manage the most conducive classrooms for productive teaching and learning as they develop their understandings around catering for the diverse needs of the children growing up in today's world.

Year 5 & 6's - Musical Production at Mazenod

The children in Years 5 and 6 had a wonderful opportunity today to attend a matinee performance of the Mazenod Musical production, The School of Rock. This was a chance to visit a secondary school in our region and see some past Good Shepherd students developing the artistic talents fostered in primary school at Good Shepherd and further developed in secondary school. I am sure the children will have come home today speaking very positively about their experiences.

Mother's Day Breakfast/Stall

We will be showing our appreciation for all mothers and grandmothers in our community on Friday, 9 May for breakfast from 7:30am – 8:30am. All families are asked to lock this date away in their calendar and we look forward to spoiling all the mothers, grandmothers and significant females in our community.

The Mother's Day breakfast will complement the Mother's Day stall which will also take place on Friday, 9 May, coordinated by our P&F. This will provide an opportunity for the children to purchase something small for their mother as a tangible way for the children to show their appreciation for their mothers and celebrate the day.

School/Interschool Cross Country Carnivals

Another couple of dates for your calendar over the next month or so is:

- School Cross Country carnival on Friday, 16 May
- Interschool Cross Country carnival on Friday, 23 May

More details for the specific times for races will be made available the week before the events.

Carpark Protocols

Another reminder to all families to ensure we follow the safety protocols in our carpark to reduce the chances of someone being hurt. When getting out of a parked car, children and their parents are asked to move straight to the adjoining footpath on their way to crossing over at the crosswalks on their way into school. There are a significant amount of cars moving in and out of the carpark, particularly at busy times, and this consistent vigilance in following the safest protocols mentioned will contribute to keeping everyone as safe as possible. The speed limit is 8kph at all times in the school grounds.

Pre-Kindy and Kindy Enrolment Interviews

It is that time of the year when we start preparing for the 2026 Pre-Kindy and Kindy enrolment interviews throughout the months of May and June with the intention of offering all spots to families and receiving the offers of acceptance to confirm the spots before 30 June. A reminder for all current families who may have a younger child of Pre-Kindy or Kindy age in 2026, to please ensure that the application forms have been forwarded to our school office for processing as the initial stage for being invited in for an enrolment interview.

Winter Uniform Transition

As we move into Term 2, we will be having a 2 week transition period for all students from Years 1-6 to move into the full winter uniform. Please take advantage of our uniform shop being open every Friday from 8am – 9:15am or order on-line at: www.quickcliq.com.au

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

[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.

WA Student Assistant Payment



GOOD SHEPHERD FEAST DAY

Friday, 2 May 2025

9.00am – Whole School Liturgy in Ward House
All Parents welcome to attend.

1.30pm – Tabloid Sports
All Parents welcome to attend.

**Free Dress Day - In the Good Shepherd
colours of Red, White & Blue**

(Please wear sports shoes and clothes
suitable for the Tabloid Sports)

Mother's Day Breakfast Celebration

To our dearest mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and other significant women who are part of our school community. You are warmly invited to attend our Mother's Day Breakfast Celebration. Come along and enjoy a special breakfast with your children.

Date: Friday, 9 May 2025

Time: 7.30am to 8.30am

Venue: Ward House



Please RSVP by Monday, 5 May 2025 to

Email: admin@gsk.wa.edu.au or

Phone: 9496 9200

We look forward to seeing you there!

2025 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

At the end of last term, all students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 worked with Mrs Newman to create the Student Code of Conduct for our school.

Research indicates, that by involving students in the development of their Code of Conduct, enhances their engagement in learning and their sense of pride in their school. It develops a sense of belonging, enhancing the feeling they have been listened to and most importantly heard.

The students worked together to brainstorm the feelings that they would like to experience most of the time at school, the behaviours that would best support these feelings and what actions should be taken if students are not experiencing these feelings.

After a day of discussion and brainstorming, the students refined their ideas and came up with the top four feelings

that they would like to have at school, and they were; safe, excited, included and joyful.

After creating the Code of Conduct, student representatives met with Mr Hansen, to discuss the Code of Conduct process and to seek his approval of the document.

At the final assembly last term, the Student Code of Conduct was presented to the school community and today we are proud to share it with you in this newsletter, please click the button below.

The students are to be congratulated for sharing their thoughts, ideas and opinions in the creation of this important document.

Well done to you all!

Mrs Diana Newman

[Student Code of Conduct](#)



A reminder to please return your Caritas boxes as soon as possible to the class teacher.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, 29 April - First Day Term 2 8.30am

Friday, 2 May - Feast of the Good Shepherd Whole School Liturgy 9.00am Ward House

Thursday, 8 May - Year 1 Liturgy 9.00am

Friday, 9 May - Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30-8.30am, Mother's Day Stall, Year 3 Assembly 2.00pm

Wednesday, 14 May - P&F Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday, 15 May - Year 5 Class Mass 9.00am

Friday, 16 May - School Cross Country Carnival

[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

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 2026

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



Fathering Project website: [the fatheringproject](http://thefatheringproject)

Be a role model for respectful relationships

Your daily interactions, especially with women in your life - whether that's your partner, sister, mother or friend - help shape your child's beliefs about what's normal and acceptable in a relationship.

Try this: Let your children see you speaking kindly and respectfully to the women in your life. Show them what it means to love unconditionally, even when mistakes are made.

[Read More](#)

Make boundaries part of everyday conversation

Helping your child understand personal boundaries is one of the most valuable life lessons you can give. Boundaries teach them to respect themselves and others, and to recognise what's okay and what's not.

Like lines on a sports field, boundaries show us where to stop. Kids need guidance to learn that it's okay to say "no" and that their body belongs to them.

Try this: Practice simple role-play scenarios, like "What if someone hugs you and you don't like it?" or "What if someone makes you feel uncomfortable?" Help them rehearse ways to respond.

By talking openly about boundaries, you're not only

keeping your child safe—you're also building their confidence to speak up and trust their instincts.

[Read More](#)

Start or Strengthen a Family Tradition

Family traditions give kids a sense of identity, comfort, and belonging. Whether it's Friday night pizza, a Saturday morning park walk, or a special way you celebrate birthdays - these rituals build strong family foundations that kids carry with them into adulthood.

Try this: Think about a simple tradition you can introduce or bring back this week - something your child can look forward to and feel part of.

[Watch Now](#)

Scholastic Book Club

National Reading Month

May is National Family Reading Month, and it's all about what we believe in most: helping kids build a love of reading that lasts a lifetime.

This May, we encourage families to take the [31-Day Challenge](#). By reading together for just 10 minutes a day, you will help your child build powerful reading habits for life.

Book Club - [Issue 3](#)

How to Order - [Scholastic Loop](#)



READ EVERY DAY! READ MORE IN MAY!

May is the month for readers. Bring your family together and join us in the Scholastic NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH Challenge.

Register between 1 April and 30 April to **WIN ONE OF 50 SIGNED COPIES** of Mr Luke's new book, launching in June!

Take the 31-Day Challenge: scholastic.com.au/nfrm

SCAN ME

WRITTEN BY MR. LUKE
ILLUSTRATED BY CHRIS KIMBLE

GUESS WHAT WE ARE DOING TODAY?

2025
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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 .

[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](#)

Armadale Library - [Learn English Through Storytime](#)

Rhee Tae Kwon Do - [Pre Rhee 3-5 Year Olds](#), [Rhee All ages](#)

Better Health - [Programs - 6-12 Year Olds](#)

Don Russell Performing Arts Centre - [Community Youth Choir](#)



Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavol Herda

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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