



## **Newsletter 18 Week 5 Term 4**

**12 November 2025**

Dear Parents / Guardians

As we progress past the middle of Term 4, time just seems to be flying by very quickly. Italian Week, Year 6 camp, Music Night and upcoming school swimming carnivals all seem to be contributing to the busyness of the term and how quickly time is flying by.

### **Year 6 Camp**

The time away with the Year 6 group a couple of weeks ago could only be described as a great time away with a great bunch of children. As a group, they challenged themselves really well as far as the activities were concerned. Some challenged themselves in terms of developing their own independence and life skills as well. Camps are always hard work, being responsible for children for 24 hours a day for a few days, but the benefits to the children certainly make the challenges worthwhile. It was great to see such a supportive environment among the group, a really enjoyable camp was had by all! Special thanks to Sarah Cooper, Fiona Redden and Georgia Curulli for putting their own lives on hold for 4 days and facilitating the camp for the children.

### **Remembrance Day**

Yesterday, at 11am on 11 November, we commemorated Remembrance Day where we honoured the many people who made sacrifices, in some cases the ultimate sacrifice, so that we can enjoy the freedom we do living in the best country in the world. While we had a meaningful reflection at school, I was also joined by 3 of our student leaders as we attended a community Remembrance Day at Araluen Botanic Park with a number of other student leaders in neighbouring schools. Remembrance could be

substituted for the word, Gratitude on a day like Remembrance Day!

### **Bushfire Prevention**

As you drive into our carpark, you may notice we had a “planned burn off” in the bush area on the topside of our carpark late yesterday. As we embark on another Summer, it is important for us to remain vigilant in preparing our property to be as bushfire safe as possible and the assistance provided by the Armadale Volunteer Bushfire brigade was very much appreciated.

### **Music Night**

Tonight, the students from Years 3-6 will share their musical talents with us, a compilation of items the children prepared for the 2025 Performing Arts festival. It is always a wonderful community event which we are looking forward to tonight. Enormous thanks again to Diana Newman for the passion and expertise in preparing the students to a point where they perform so confidently as well as all the staff who join us on the night to ensure everything runs smoothly for the children.

### **Swimming carnivals**

The children from Years 1-6 at Good Shepherd will be participating in one of three swimming Carnivals as we accommodate the broad range of swimming abilities at our school, this Friday, 14 November:

- The Year 1 and 2 Novelty carnival from about 9:15am – 10:30am
- The Year 3-6 Swimming carnival in the 25M pool from about 11am – 2pm
- The Year 3-6 Novelty carnival in the shallow pool from about 11am – 2pm

The Carnivals will take place at St Brigid's College, please come along and join us if you are able to.

### **Fathering Project Camp Out**

Plans have been finalised now for the annual Fathering Project Camp Out at Good Shepherd.

Details include:

**Who** – GSK children and their Fathers or Father figures (no older siblings please)

**Date** - Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 November

**Time** – 4pm on Saturday 15 November to 9am on Sunday 16 November

**Venue** – Good Shepherd Oval

**Organisers** – Ciaran Shannon and Greg Hall

Special thanks to Ciaran and Greg for coordinating this opportunity for the many families in our community who enjoy this activity.

### **Science Week - Glow Bright for Science 2025**

Please read the poster attached to this newsletter, designed by Fiona Redden to promote Science Week which will be celebrated in our school community next week. Some words from Fiona:

“This year we are going to be focusing on light and phosphorescence in the natural world. Individual classes will focus on different animals and things that glow and on the final day buddy classes will engage in activities in a dark room.”

### **Parent Forum - Wednesday 19 November**

As a sub-committee, we are in the process of preparing another presentation/discussion forum for another topic that parents in our community have expressed an interest in finding out more about.

#### **Topic: What are we exposing our children to?**

We have decided to break this topic down into 3 sub-topics:

- Children's access to technology, what is a reasonable balance for a normal week in terms of how much time the children would/should be spending on a device.
- Which platforms are the children using and what's the impact of these platforms? The 4 main

platforms used in our community being: Youtube, Roblox, Kids Messenger and Tik Tok. We will be exploring some of the negative impacts that too much exposure to these platforms can cause.

- What is the legislation coming in this December regarding the ban on some social media platforms for children under 16 years? Some suggested resources for parents will be provided.

There are 3 parents in our community – John Mc Ness, April Hunter and Sam Anton joining me on a sub-committee who will be researching one of the sub-topics mentioned above and I will collate the information into a 45-minute presentation with lots of opportunities for parent generated discussion and conversation as well. Refreshments available on arrival as well.

### **2025 School Fees**

Finally, a reminder that we are hoping to finalise all 2025 school fees by Friday, 28 November. If any families are having challenges with the payment of 2025 school fees, please come in for a conversation with me and we will endeavour to provide support where we can.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

### **Remembrance Day Service**



**Araluen Botanic Park**



## Calendar of Events

Wednesday, 12 November - Music Night tonight @  
Lumen Christi College 7pm

Friday, 14 November - School Swimming Carnival @  
St Brigid's College, **Canteen Closed**

Saturday, 15 & Sunday, 16 November - Fathering  
Project Camp Out

Monday, 17 to Thursday, 20 November - Science  
Week

Wednesday, 19 November - Kindy 2026 Orientation  
Meeting, Parent Forum 6pm

Thursday, 20 November - Science Week Dress-up  
Day

Friday, 21 November - Year 1 Liturgy 9am, Year 4  
Assembly 2pm

Wednesday, 26 November - ACM Meeting 6pm  
Ward House

[Current Calendar](#)



# the fathering project

## Changing Children's Lives



### GSK CAMP OUT 2025

**Objectives;**

- To provide an opportunity for dads or father figures to spend quality time with their kids
- For dads to meet other dads or father figures and to hear about support opportunities through the fathering project and school community

**Date & Time;**

- From 4pm Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025 - GSK School Oval
- Upon arrival, set up your sleeping arrangements. Don't stress if you arrive late, the oval is well lit until lights out. There will be plenty of room

**Cost;**

- \$20 per Dad (father figure)

**Activities Include;**

- Campsite games - Prizes to be won

**Dinner / Breakfast;**

- Dinner includes BBQ and a small dessert
- Breakfast includes cereal or bread with juice box

**Bed time;**

- When it's the right time for you!! We will be securing the GSK main gate from about 7.30 pm

**Responsibilities;**

- Parent/Carer is responsible for their children at all times
- There is no responsibility on the school or its staff for this event

**What to bring;**

- Bedding/mattress
- Tent or swag (let me know if you are struggling with a tent)
- Chair or picnic blanket and some torches
- Bring some sporting gear you would like to play with (put a surname on it)
- Bring a board game or deck of cards (in case the weather changes)
- Consider some chips or snacks
- Warm and spare clothes

**What not to bring;**

- No electronic devices for kids
- No alcohol; emphasis is to enjoy the time with your child
- No older siblings, primary age and younger only

For further info contact  
Ciaran Shannon 0448 323 300.  
RSVP via WhatsApp group,  
QR code, link adjacent or SMS

Click here to  
register or  
scan  
QR code



GSK - 2025 Camp Out Registration



**Any New Dads?** Join our WhatsApp group. Send text message to Ciaran Shannon 0448 323 300 or Greg Hall 0413 030 077. All Fathering Project information is communicated in this group. Please join.

**Camp Out Link for Registration**

# GLOW BRIGHT FOR SCIENCE



WEEK 6

SCIENCE ACTIVITIES  
EVERY LUNCH TIME



DRESS UP DAY  
ON THURSDAY



Families are welcome to visit the STEM room on Thursday  
afternoon, 3-3.30 to check out our cool Science week activities.

# Dip & Dive

 **DONATION** 

## GRATITUDE

Every year in WA around 120 children are diagnosed with cancer. These, our bravest children, are unable to attend their swimming carnivals, are physically unable to swim, or never got the chance.



**Let's swim for the bravest.**

## BE PROUD

Come participate in a great day of swimming for all levels.  
Go for gold in the race lanes.  
Laugh the loudest in the novelty games.  
Support each other and cheer your team on.



**You're needed by your team**

The Dip & Dive initiative is driven by the Tomeo family who lost their cousin to an aggressive childhood cancer in February this year. They witnessed first hand the incredible work by the Kids Cancer Support Group.

kcsq.org.au - 'Enriching the lives of children and families when they need it most.'

## GIVING BACK

Children battling cancer endure tough and scary treatments. But after these challenging moments, they get to dive into a lucky dip of joy! This heartwarming initiative by the Kids Cancer Support Group brightens their day with a surprise, all thanks to generous donations.



**Let's top up the prizes.**

## INFORMATION

- Donations are voluntary.
- Donations can be dropped into boxes once children arrive at St Brigids.
- Suggested donations; art/craft kits, stickers, colouring-in sets, hot wheel vehicles, cars, lego, dolls, jigsaws, fidgets, playdough, etc
- **All donations must be new, unused and in original packaging to help protect our most vulnerable children.**



COME VISIT US FOR THE

# ***GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH BAKE SALE***

Come and take a bite out of our sweet treats  
at the sidewalk of Good Shepherd Primary  
school to help fundraise for our church's  
painting

***EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON BEFORE PICK-UP  
2.45-3.15PM***





# Parent Forum Evening



**19 November 2025**

**6.00pm in Ward House**

**Topic: What are we exposing our children to?**

Join us for an insightful evening discussing how to balance technology use in our children's lives.

Items for discussion are:

Time Spent on Devices.  
Commonly used Platforms.  
Introduction of New Legislation.



All families and friends are welcome.  
Refreshments available!

## Uniform Shop

*Pre-Primary students will be moving into the full school uniform next year. Please order your uniforms in plenty of time before the end of this term to ensure availability of items.*

Our new uniform online ordering is now live via  
[www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)

On-Line Orders can be placed each week from Saturday through to Thursday, ready for collection from the Uniform Shop on Friday morning, between 8:00am – 9:00am. Please note online ordering is not available on Friday.

An alteration service is available.

[Click here for the Uniform Policy](#)

## Scholastic Book Club

Issue 8 Catalogues have gone home today. Orders are **online only** at [scholastic.com.au/Loop](http://scholastic.com.au/Loop).

Orders are due by Thursday 20 November.

Jenny Marion-Clark, Co-Ordinator



[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.

**Canteen is closed on Friday, 14 November**

Wendy, Canteen Manager

[Order Canteen Here](#)

## School Fees 2025

A reminder that school fees are due to be finalised by Friday, 28 November 2025. If you have any queries or concerns regarding your fees, please contact me at [accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au](mailto:accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au) or 9496 9292.

Jenny Marion-Clark, Finance Officer

## Enrolments 2026

Please contact [admin@gsk.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@gsk.wa.edu.au) for an enrolment form or from the website:  
[www.gsk.wa.edu.au](http://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.

Camp Australia Information

Term 4 Newsletter



In the fast pace of life, it's easy to feel pulled in every direction - work, family, fitness, social life, and everything in between. But finding balance isn't about doing it all - it's about giving your energy to what matters most right now.

When you prioritise your wellbeing, you show your kids what a healthy, happy, and present parent looks like. Remember, your version of balance will look different to someone else's - and that's okay.

### **Find your balance**

Taking time to reflect on what's most important can help reduce stress, strengthen relationships, and make you more present when it counts.

**Try this:** Map out your week and block time for your priorities - family, work, exercise, downtime. Even a 10-minute walk, shared meal, or bedtime story can create meaningful connection and help you reset.

When you find balance, it helps to fill your cup - and that allows you to show up as the dad your kids need.

#### **Read More**

**Fathering Project website:** [the.fatheringproject](https://the.fatheringproject)

### **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](#)**

**Australian Red Cross - [Lifeblood](#)**

**Bricks4Kids - [Lego Workshops](#)**



**Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Kenneth  
Acosta Garcia**

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

**Parish Website:** [www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com](http://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: Tues, Wed & Friday 8am Thursday: 6.30pm**

**Saturday: 8.00am 1st Sunday, 2, 3 & 4 Saturdays -  
Communion Service, 6.00pm 8.00pm: Neocatechumenal**

## Mass

**Sunday: 8.30am Latin Mass**

**Sunday: 10.00am and 5.00pm**

**Reconciliation - Saturday 5.00-6.00pm**

**When attending Mass you are strongly encouraged to maintain physical distancing where possible and not to attend Mass if you are feeling unwell.**

 **Share**

 **Forward**

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