



Newsletter 04 Week 7 Term 1

13 March 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The start of Autumn has brought with it, a definite change in the weather with the most notable characteristic of the weather change being the cooler evenings and mornings for everyone. So, while a fairly warm, dry season of Autumn has been forecast for Perth, the change of weather has been very welcomed!

Religious Education Update

Thank you to all families of children in Years 3, 4 and 6 who have shown their commitment to the Sacramental Programs of: Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation respectively at the recent Sacramental Parent Information evening back on the 6 March and the Commitment Masses held at our Church over the weekend. Between the Commitment Masses and the Commissioning Mass at 10am on Sunday, 10 March, we experienced some lovely community building events in the parish. Thank you to all parents of the children embarking on a Sacramental Program this year and the members of our Staff, School Advisory Council and P&F Executive who joined us for the Commissioning Mass.

Upcoming NAPLAN

A reminder to all families of children in Years 3 and 5 that the NAPLAN assessments will take place over the next week or so, starting today. Throughout these assessments, we ask the children to do their very best to ensure the results reflect their skills and knowledge and parents refrain from organising appointments during this time if possible to reduce the potential for the children to be away from school.

The more detailed timetable for the assessments include:

Writing - Wednesday, 13 March at 9am – 10am in Year 3 and 9:45am – 10:45am in Year 5

Reading – Thursday, 14 March at 9am – 10am in Years 3 and 5

Conventions of Language – Friday, 15 March from 9am – 10am in Years 3 and 5

Maths – Friday, 15 March from 11:15am – 12:15pm in Years 3 and 5

Next week is a time when we catch up on testing any children who were not available to complete the testing in the times mentioned above.

Interschool Swimming Carnival Preparation

After our big day back on Friday, 1 March, where we facilitated 3 separate Swimming Carnivals to accommodate the swimming needs of the children from Years 1-6 at our school, our focus now turns towards the Interschool Swimming Carnival on Friday, 22 March. The children selected in the Interschool Swimming Team, reflective of the results of our main Swimming Carnival for the children in Years 3-6 in the 25M pool, have been invited to participate in swimming sessions at Armadale Aquatic Centre, starting at 7:30am on Monday mornings leading up to the carnival. Good luck to all the children selected to represent our school on the day.

P&F News

Plans are well underway for Stage 1 of our Nature Play project, to be completed over the upcoming school holiday break. We are planning to get some earthworks completed to get the "levels" right within the area prior to the installation of a range of different pieces of equipment which is the plan for Stage 2. Over the upcoming holidays, we also plan to bring in a large number of rocks to retain a number of areas within the proposed Nature Play space prior to our plan to install a number of pieces of equipment over the holidays at the end of Term 2.

Parent Teacher Interviews (PP-6)

As we start to see the end of Term 1 in our sights, I just wanted to alert our community to the process which will unfold to facilitate Parent-Teacher interviews at the end of the term. The interviews will take place on Tuesday, 26 March from 1pm – 5pm. Similar to last year, the school will close at 12:40pm (the start of the lunch time break) and the interviews will begin at 1pm. Parents will be invited to schedule a 10 minute time slot on an electronic booking system, the link will be sent out to parents via a group email on Monday, 18 March. The link will be open from the time you receive the email on Monday, 18 March until 3pm on Friday, 22 March at 3pm.

It is crucial that parents adhere to the 10 minute time frame allocated for their meeting to ensure the meetings run on time. Please organise a different time to meet with the classroom teacher if you think you may require more than 10 minutes for the meeting.

A number of parents have already had lengthy meetings with their child/rens teacher since the start of the year, so if that is the case and you do not feel that it is necessary to meet again, that is fine, but if you have not met with the class teacher yet, please ensure you take up this opportunity.

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

A reminder to all families that there is a Fathering Project activity (which I have 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.

URStrong Parent Information Evening

The directive from our student well-being coordinator in at CEWA has been that the upcoming URStrong Parent Information Evening on Wednesday, 20 March should take the format of an on-line presentation that families can participate in at home with their children. The details are included in a flyer included in this newsletter and all parents across the school from Kindy to Year 6 received an email containing the instructions to join the on-line presentation. I strongly encourage parents to engage in this on-line session to learn more about the program the children are immersed in as we strive to enhance their social and emotional well-being through a program which explicitly teaches the children how to develop and manage their friendships.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal



Creating a kinder world by empowering kids with **friendship skills**

URSTRONG's whole-school friendship strategy has improved the social climate in schools around the world, connecting over a million kids, parents, & teachers with a common language of friendship.

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FRIENDSHIP!

YOU ARE INVITED!

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH
6.00pm to 7.15pm

in the
URSTRONG CLASSROOM ONLINE

This workshop gives kids, parents, and teachers a common "language" for talking about friendships. Through interactive parent-child activities, parents will learn strategies to support their child in fostering healthy, feel-good friendships.

Tickets are generously paid for by your school.


urstrong.com/events





Tickets

Faction Swimming Carnival - 2024



Forrest	520
Xavier	380
Canning	325
Ward	323

Champion Boy			Champion Girl		
Year	Champion	R/Up	Year	Champion	R/Up
3	Aiden Teicher	Aleks Wishart	3	Sophia Doust	Serah John
4	Stellan Edowai	Alexander Power	4	Hayley Molson	Ashley Dev
5	Finn Platten	Preston Handgraaf	5	Ivy Roe	Emma Smith
6	Tanky Karena	Duke Hyland	6	Alessandra Doust	Rose Richards

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, 14 March - Year 4 Reconciliation 9.00am

Friday, 15 March - Year 4 Assembly

Wednesday, 20 March - National Young Leaders Day Year 6,
URSTRONG Parent Information Evening 6.00pm

Thursday, 21 March - Harmony Day @ GSK, Harmony Day
Liturgy 9.00am

Friday, 22 March - Interschool Swimming Carnival, P&F
Welcome to School Sundowner

Tuesday, 26 March - Parent Interview Afternoon 1.00 - 5.00pm -
School Closes at 12.40pm

Friday, 28 March - Stations of the Cross, Last Day Term 1

Tuesday, 16 April - First Day Term 2 Students

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[Term 1 2024 Canteen Roster](#)

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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

[Order Canteen Here](#)

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 early next term. Families with siblings are also required to submit an enrolment form. Places are filling up quickly.

Enrolments in other Year groups are also available

Your child's journey starts **HERE**



School Fees

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

Jenny Marion-Clark - Finance Officer

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.

School Holiday Program - Bookings Open

Camp Australia Information

Uniform Shop

In Term 2 we will be moving into the Winter Uniform. If you require uniforms please see Linda in the Uniform Shop.

The girls winter uniform is made-to-measure so it is important that you see Linda as soon as possible to be measured up.

Opening Hours

Monday afternoon 2.00 - 3.15pm

Friday morning 8.00 - 9.15am

[Click here for the Uniform Policy](#)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Orders are due today Wednesday, 13 March 3.00pm.

Orders are online only through Scholastic Loop at scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Jenny Marion-Clark - Co-ordinator

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

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.

Playing with your kids is a game changer!

Father-child playtime is an important aspect of their development.

Play is not only fun for kids, it positively impacts their development, allows for critical bonding time and strengthens their relationship with you.

Top Tips

1. Engage in physically active play

Opt for activities such as chasing, spinning around and dancing, or even gentle play wrestling on a safe, soft surface.

2. Provide your full attention

Get down to their level and let them guide you to be involved. Having your child lead the way gives them confidence and provides you an understanding in what they are interested in.

3. Ask questions

Ask your child what they are doing for example if they are a toddler, "What are you and Teddy doing, can I come too?"

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[Men of GSK - Fathering Project Page](#)



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.



ThinkUKnow Online Safety Presentation

South East Metro Parenting Support Services

For Parents and Carers of children 3-12 years

1-session program (Online)

Comfortable talking to your kids about technology and the internet?

As parents and carers, you play an important role in protecting your child from harm.

We aim to support you in preventing and managing safety challenges that your child may face, as well as guiding your child to understand these and feel empowered to take action.

The Session will cover:

- What young people SEE, SAY and Do online
- The challenges they may face
- How to report and get help if things go wrong

Visit www.thinkuknow.org.au for more information about online safety and security.

BOOKING DETAILS

📞 08 9251 5777

✉ parenting@communicare.org.au

🌐 <https://www.trybooking.com/CNXYD>



📅 DATES

Tuesday

19 March 2024

🕒 TIME

6.00pm - 7.30pm

📍 LOCATION

Online
(Link will be forwarded after registrations close)

💰 COST

Free

👶 CRECHE

Not available





Lumen Christi College Tour

Thursday, 14 March at 9:15am

Our student-led tours are an excellent opportunity for families to view our expansive campus, speak with College staff and meet members of our Student Leadership Team.

Everyone is welcome, simply register online at lumen.wa.edu.au.

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Lumen Christi College - Instrumental Program

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Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavol Herda

Parish Office: 42 Streich Avenue, Kelmscott

Parish Website: www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com

Parish Email: 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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