



Newsletter O8 Week 5 Term 2

15 May 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A huge thank you to everyone in our community who has contributed to a number of events that have taken place here at Good Shepherd, with the 2 highlights being the Mother's Day Stall last Friday morning and the School Cross Country Carnival last Friday afternoon. We enjoy a really strong sense of community within our school, thanks to everyone who contribute towards that!

Winter Uniform Transition

Thank you to all families who have ensured their children have transitioned so smoothly into the winter uniform over the last week or so. The weather continues to be quite unpredictable and unseasonably warm but all children are asked to persevere with the winter uniform between now and the end of Term 3.

Cross Country Carnival

We enjoyed a great community event on the oval last Friday afternoon, the School Cross Country Carnival. As I described to the children on the day, this event has the reputation of being the most gruelling event on our sporting calendar. I thought our children across the school acquitted themselves really well and the results across the board were very pleasing, congratulations to all concerned but particularly to the first, second, third and fourth placegetters in each race, who will represent our school at the upcoming Interschool Cross Country Carnival (Years 3-6) here at Good Shepherd on Friday, 24 May. The only variation to the names below may be if a student was unable to attend the School carnival for unforeseen circumstances, in that case, they would be considered for the Interschool carnival.

As you can see from the results below, it was a keenly contested event, particularly in the Year 3-6 carnival where the difference in team scores from second place to fourth place was only separated by 2 points. Once the younger children's races were included, the final results spread out a little more, as you can see below.

P&F News

Our P&F have been very busy with a very successful Mother's Day Stall held last Friday for all the children from Kindy to Year 6 being given the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mothers. Events like this not only provide the children with an

opportunity to show some gratitude towards their mother or mother figures in their lives but also builds the buddy connections with the younger children being accompanied by their buddies as they participated in the Mother's Day Stall. My thanks again to the parents of the Year 1 and 5 classes who coordinated the event.

Please support our P&F as they prepare to cater for the representatives from 8 different Catholic primary schools who will be joining us for the Interschool Cross Country Carnival on Friday, 24 May. There will be a cake stall (donations from GSK families), coffee van here from 9am and a sausage sizzle for the adults at the event too. This event will be coordinated by the P&F, the contributions from the broader community will be very much appreciated as we host this important event for the children across the region.

Our Nature Play development is moving a little slower than anticipated, dealing with companies who supply some of the bigger items to be installed in our Nature Play area. We will continue to work through the process aiming to get the best final outcome for the children and the best price but in the meantime, the area will continue to remain out of bounds for the children.

Community Confirmation Mass

This Saturday night will be the culmination of the Confirmation program in our community with a number of our Year 6 children and the catechist children from the parish being confirmed by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe. We are very fortunate to have the Archbishop of Perth in our community to celebrate this important occasion, please come along and join us for the 6pm Mass on Saturday night for what will be wonderful community celebration.

A Day at Lumen Christi

I will be spending the day at Lumen Christi with the Year 4 students and Ethan Dias on Monday, 20 May after being invited by Lumen Christi College. It will be a great opportunity for the children to gain an insight into a secondary school campus and participate in a range of activities at the school in areas such as: Design and Technology, Sport and Performing Arts.

Kindergarten Interviews for 2025

I am currently halfway through the Kindy interviews for 2025. We already have more applicants than spots available and it is still only May which reflects well on how Good Shepherd school is valued in our catchment area. While we do prioritise younger siblings of existing families, it is important that the paperwork has been received so that all interviews are completed before the letters of offer are distributed before the end of Term 2. Kindy positions will be locked in from the middle of this year, so if you know of any potential applicants in our community, please check with them to ensure we have received their paperwork.

Best wishes for the next fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

Faction Cross Country Carnival - 2024		Faction Cross Country Carnival - 2024	
	Forrest 187		Forrest 216
	Ward 165		Xavier 200
	Canning 164		Ward 196
	Xavier 163		Canning 187

2024 Faction Carnival – Top 4 runners in Years 1-6			
Y1 Boys	Y1 Girls	Y2 Boys	Y2 Girls
1 Samuel S	Nicole E	Benson H	Kaley T
2 Connor H	Ava M	Samuel K	Natalie T
3 Oliver G	Therese S	Jason R	Angel A
4 Ricardo G	Matilda K	Michele G	Hannah F
Y3 Boys	Y3 Girls	Y4 Boys	Y4 Girls
1 Aiden T	Amelia H	Stellan E	Hayley M
2 Eli R	Mia R	Jude M	Annabelle M
3 Preston T	Ayeza R	Leonard P	Amelie L
4 Eli F	Jolyn D	Zac D	Ashley D
Y5 Boys	Y5 Girls	Y6 Boys	Y6 Girls
1 Preston H	Ivy R	Beau M	Alana C
2 Flynn H	Crystal S	Max P	Ella P
3 Ari F	Rita H	Asher N	Talia M
4 Finn P	Harper W	Mattia S	Kanishka B

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, 17 May - Confirmation Retreat Day Year 6

Saturday, 18 May - Confirmation Mass 6pm at Good Shepherd Church

Monday, 20 May - Year 4 "A Day at Lumen Christi College"

Thursday, 23 May - Year 2 Liturgy 9am

Friday, 24 May - Interschool Cross-Country Carnival, P&F Stall

Thursday, 30 May - Sorry Day Liturgy 9am

Friday, 31 May - Year 1 Assembly 2pm

Monday, 3 June - WA Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, 4 June - STAFF PD - NO STUDENTS

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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

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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.

Interviews have started. Families with siblings are also required to submit an enrolment form. Places are filling up quickly.

Enrolments in some other Year groups are also available

[Your child's journey starts HERE](#)



School Fees

If you have any queries or concerns about your fees, 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.

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[Camp Australia Term 2 Newsletter](#)

[Uniform Shop](#)

[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



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.

Building a strong family foundation for children helps them to feel safe and supported as they grow.

When families are tight-knit, children learn how to trust, communicate and solve problems.

Having a strong family also helps children to navigate life's ups and downs with more resilience and confidence.

As we celebrate National Families Week this week, try some of these tips below for family time.

Top Tips

1. Establish a regular family time

When everyone is available to focus on the family.

2. Include activities

Choose fun family activities that everyone can contribute to. Spending time taking part in shared activities is a great way to connect.

3. Block out the time

Avoid scheduling other activities during this time or cancel on plans.

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

Lumen Christi College - Instrumental Program

For information and enrolment, please click on the button below

[Lumen Christi Instrumental Program](#)

Community News

Better Health Programs - [Free Program for 6-12 Year Old](#)

Women's Health & Wellbeing Service - [Girl Power Workshop 9-12 Year Old](#)

Southern Districts Netball Association - [July Holiday Netball Clinic 5 - 13 Year Old](#)

Hungry Jacks Gosnells - [West Coast Eagles Meet & Greet](#)



Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavol Herda

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Parish Website: www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com

Parish Email: 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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