



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRE-KINDERGARTEN to YEAR 6

LEARNING THROUGH FAITH LOVE & LAUGHTER

Newsletter 18 Week 5 Term 4

8 November 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have enjoyed many highlights in our school community over the past fortnight including our recent whole school mass to celebrate All Saints Day, the Year 6 Camp and the P&F Colour Run last Friday. We have lots of things to celebrate in our Good Shepherd community.

Year 6 Camp

We enjoyed a great time away with the class group on the Year 6 camp. The children participated fully in a large range of challenging activities throughout the four days and all achieved a significant degree of success along the way. I recall reflecting on the camp with the class on the Monday following the camp, and the children listed 18 different activities that they had enjoyed, which highlights just how busy it was for the four days we were away. As we discussed prior to camp, the key to a successful camp is getting an appropriate amount of sleep to allow us to recover from the busy days. We ticked that off as a success, with the children all getting 6-7 hours sleep each night, which put them in a good position to tackle the following day's activities with the energy and endeavour required to be successful.

Congratulations to all the children who contributed so positively towards their camp experience and enormous thanks to Renee Guazzelli, Diana Newman and Sarah Cooper for everything they did to support the children throughout the four days, and also to Brent Johnson who assisted on the first day of camp. It was a really valuable experience for the children.

All Saints Day Mass/Commissioning Altar Servers

Last Wednesday was All Saints Day, an important day for all Catholic people as we reflect on and pay homage to all the saints in our Church who have contributed so much to our Church and provided examples and role models for others to aspire to. Following the celebration of the Eucharist, we were also able to commission seven new altar servers from Year 4 and 5 as part of the Mass, which was a great achievement by the children who have committed to being trained and willing to serve our community by assisting Fr Pavol during Masses. Congratulations to Rhys Nazareth, Sully Dubier, Max Pilot, Tanky Karena, Michelle Okeke, Duke Hyland and Link Mare.

P&F Colour Run

What an awesome event last Friday afternoon coordinated by our Year 1 class reps – Nicola Teicher and Leonie Handgraaf. The children had a wonderful time and the community got right behind the event by attracting sponsors and raising a huge amount of money which will go directly towards the Nature Play space we are designing for the playground area adjacent to the amphitheatre near the shade sails between Ward House and the basketball courts. Money continues to come in this week, but we have already collected over \$8,000 which is a wonderful

community effort which the children will reap the benefits of through a more extensive Nature Playspace. The landscape architect has been back at our school today to share the progress made with the concept drawing.

Academic Assessments

It is this time of the year that we need to carry out clinical assessments of the different cohorts of children across the school to tangibly identify the level of progress made. This information will be analysed and measured along with a number of other data collection methods including the School Climate survey and recent School Review process to pinpoint specific areas of focus for us as a school community to ensure we continue to develop all aspects of student development to achieve the best outcomes for the children. As a leadership team, we will be spending the day at CEWA tomorrow with a range of educational consultants formulating our plan for the next 12 months, which will be shared with parents at a couple of upcoming forums – our community AGM and the Parent Information evening at the start of next year.

Staffing for 2024

I am continuing to work through a process to finalise staffing here at Good Shepherd for 2024. Hopefully, I will be in a position to share the staffing for next year across the school in the next newsletter.

Science Week

Science Week seems to have started very well, a reminder to all families that we have a STEM dress up

day as part of the Science week activities tomorrow, Thursday 9th November.

Fathering Project Camp

A reminder to all families in our community that our annual Fathering Project camp will be held on the weekend of 18 and 19 November, so please save the date if you are interested. The plan will be for the camp to begin late afternoon, from 4pm on the Saturday afternoon and concludes after breakfast on the Sunday morning, before 10am. Please see the poster attached which outlines all the information.

Community AGM

A message to all families in our community, we have our 2023 Community AGM later this month, the details include:

Event – Community AGM

Date – Wednesday 29 November 2023

Time – 6pm to 7pm

Venue – Ward House

This meeting will be a great opportunity for us to celebrate the successes we have had throughout the 2023 school year, thank the people in our community who have contributed towards these successes and share some plans for us moving forward as a school community. We also have two positions available on our School Advisory Council for parents who may be interested in joining us and the positions of President and Vice-President remain vacant on our P&F.

Nomination forms for these positions are available at the front office. We also like to conclude the meeting with some refreshments and an opportunity for socialising, so please come along and join us if you are available.

Finally, a reminder that our school is closed on Friday 10 November, it is Catholic day in our community here at Good Shepherd.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal





Colour Run 2023

COLOUR RUN

A reminder to all families to please return your donation envelopes to the classroom teacher, even if they don't contain a donation. The winner of prizes will be announced on Friday, 17 November at the Year 2 Assembly starting at 2pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**9 November - Science Dress-up day, Year 5 Mass
9am**

**Friday, 10 November - Catholic Day - NO STAFF OR
STUDENTS AT SCHOOL**

**Monday, 13 November - Remembrance Day Liturgy
11am**

Wednesday, 15 November - SAC Meeting 6pm

Thursday, 16 November - Year 4 Mass 9am

**Friday, 17 November - Year 5 Excursion to
Parliament House, Year 2 Assembly 2pm**

**Saturday, 18 4pm to Sunday 19 November 10am -
Fathering Project Camp Out @ School**

**Monday, 20 November - Kindy 2024 Orientation
Meeting 3.15pm**

**Thursday, 23 November - Year 3 Liturgy 9am,
Instrumental Showcases 1.30pm and 6pm**

Friday, 24 November - Year 1 Assembly 2pm

Wednesday, 29 November - Community AGM 6pm

Friday, 1 December - School Fees to be finalised

[Click for the Current Calendar](#)



[Term 4 2023 Canteen Roster](#)

[Canteen Menu](#)

CANTEEN

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

Wendy, Canteen Manager

[Order Canteen Here](#)

Dear Parents
The St Vincent de Paul food collection will run from
Wednesday, 1 November to Thursday, 23 November 2023

Below is a list of food ideas that would be lovely to have in the
St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hamper boxes in the library, to help local families.
Any non-perishable food items that are Use by end Feb '24
would be very much appreciated.

SOME FOOD IDEAS

Bonbons
Candy canes
Cereal
Chocolate
Chocolate biscuits/Cream biscuits
Christmas cake
Christmas pudding
Cool pops
Crackers
Custard powder/Long life custard
Dried fruit
Gherkins/Pickled onions
Gravy mix/ cranberry sauce
Jams/Spreads
Jelly
Lollies
Long life cream/Tinned cream
Long life juice
Long life milk
Mince pies
Nuts
Olives
Pancake mix
Paper plates/Serviettes/Tablecloth
Pasta/ Pasta sauce
Popcorn
Potato chips
Salad dressings
Salsa
Soft drink/ cordial
Tea /Coffee/Milo
Tinned beetroot/Tinned asparagus
Tinned fruit
Tinned ham
Tinned vegetables
Tomato sauce/Cheese sauce





Good Shepherd Parish & School Christmas Picnic

When: Friday, 1 December 2023

Time: 6.00 - 8.00pm

Where: Good Shepherd Parish 44 Streich Ave, Kelmscott

We will be having a picnic on the grass, please bring rugs and chairs.
You can BYO your own picnic or there will be food for sale on the night.

Highlights of the evening include a pantomime/nativity play,
music and... prepare yourself for the finest in entertainment
as the School Band performs and you are stunned by the unique
vocal talents of the students!

All students from Years 1 - 6 will be performing.

Families are invited to bring a gift, marked with age and gender, to donate to a child in need.

Special Guest Appearance from the Three Wise Men

Enrolments 2024

If you are seeking a place for your child in Kindergarten 2024 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 for the 2024 Three Year Old Pre-Kindy Program have started. Please submit your enrolment forms into the school office as soon as possible as places are filling up.

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



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](#)

LOST PROPERTY

There is an ever increasing amount of lost property in the office. Please collect your items by the end of this month. All leftover uniforms will be donated to the Uniform shop.

Uniform Shop

Opening Hours

Monday afternoon 2.00 - 3.15pm

Friday morning 8.00 - 9.15am

Orders for Uniforms for 2024 are open now. If you require items please order them now with Linda in the Uniform shop to ensure availability of stock. Orders Forms are available in the school office.

The Uniform shop will be open on Monday, 29 January 2024 9-11.00am for pick-up of orders only.

[Click here for the Uniform Policy](#)

School Fees

School fees should be finalised by Friday, 1 December 2023.

Please contact me as soon as possible at accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au or 9496 9292 if you have any queries or concerns about finalising your fees.

Jenny Marion-Clark - Finance Officer



GSK CAMP OUT 2023



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

Date & Time;

- From 4pm Saturday 18th November 2023
- Upon arrival, set up your sleeping arrangements. Don't stress if you arrive late. We have the oval under lights. 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 its the right time is for you!! We will be securing the GSK main gate from about 7.30

Responsibilities.

Parent/Carer are 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 if you like
- Bring some sporting gear you would like to play with. Perhaps put a surname on it.
- Bring a board game or deck of cards (incase the weather changes)
- Torches.
- 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

**RSVP to your P&F class
rep by 13th Nov 2021**

For further info contact
Dylan Teicher 0412 279123

ANY New Dads? Join our WhatsApp Group. Send Text Message to Mat Hyland 0460843137 or Dylan Teicher 0412279123. All Fathering Project information is communicated in this group. Please join.



**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.

Grief is one of those complex emotions that can knock us off our feet. Whether it's your own journey through grief or you're there for a friend or family member going through it, it's an inevitable part of life.

If you are currently moving through the waves of grief, it's crucial to acknowledge your own grief and give yourself permission to go through that rollercoaster of feelings. We know it's not easy, but it's important.

If you're on the other side - supporting someone in their grief, remember that sometimes, just being there is the most significant thing you can do! Your presence speaks volumes and can provide comfort like nothing else.

So, as we move through the week, let's remember to be kind to ourselves and those around us. Grief may be tough, but we're tougher when we face it together.

If you or someone you know is struggling, call Lifeline on 131 114, Beyond Blue on 1300 224 636 or Mens Line Australia – 1300 789 978.

Top Tips

1. Be there. Don't shy away or avoid the person and their loss.

2. Listen. Let the person confide in you, vent and share their emotions. Whether they pour their heart out or share very little, what matters is you are a listening ear.

3. Involve them. Although it can be difficult to attend social activities during this time, it's important to involve them whenever possible to ensure they are staying connected and getting out of the house.

Lumen Christi College - Instrumental Program

For information and enrolment, please click on the button below

[Lumen Christi Instrumental Program](#)

Community News

WA Young Salesians - [Summer Camp](#)

Armadale Junior Cricket Club - [Blasters Open Day](#)

City of Armadale - [Twilight Celebration Soiree for Volunteers 5 December](#)



Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavol Herda

Parish Office: 42 Streich Avenue, Kelmscott

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.

 **Share**

 **Forward**

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