



Newsletter 09 Week 7 Term 2

11 June 2025

Dear Parents / Guardians

It has been another busy fortnight in our community with the Confirmation Mass on Saturday night being a wonderful highlight for the Year 6 students, their families and the broader community. The spiritual development of children in the context of the world they are growing up in is definitely an essential ingredient towards success and the support of the families working with our school to ensure this, is very much appreciated. I would like to extend enormous thanks to Sarah Cooper for preparing the children so well and Diana Newman for her continued commitment towards coordinating these beautiful liturgical experiences for the children and families in the Good Shepherd community.

International Day of Play

Our Kindy teacher, Sabrina Roberts reminded us that today is the International Day of Play and also reminded us of all the benefits of a strong, structured play program can have for children, particularly the younger children in our primary school setting.

This year's theme is "Choose Play – Every Day".

This theme reminds us that play is essential for a child's development and overall well-being. It encourages us to prioritise play in daily routines and recognise the important role it plays in a child's life.

Remember these reasons why play is so important:

- **Supports brain development:** Play helps build connections in the brain, supporting memory, attention, and problem-solving skills.
- **Builds social skills:** Through play, children learn to share, take turns, negotiate, and manage conflict.

- **Encourages emotional growth:** Play allows children to express feelings, build confidence, and develop resilience.
- **Boosts language and communication:** Interacting during play helps expand vocabulary and improve communication skills.
- **Develops fine and gross motor skills:** Physical play strengthens muscles, balance, and coordination.
- **Fuels creativity and imagination:** Unstructured play allows children to explore, invent, and create freely.
- **Supports self-regulation:** Play teaches children how to manage impulses, follow rules, practice self control and patience.
- **Deepens relationships:** Playing with other children and adults builds strong, positive bonds and helps them feel secure and valued.

Sorry Day Liturgy

It is always a nice way to start the day with a whole school Liturgy or Mass and a couple of weeks ago on Friday, 30 May was one of these opportunities. We participated in a very meaningful Liturgy focussed on the broader theme across society on Reconciliation as part of our contribution towards restoring our relationship with First Nations people. It was an appropriately respectful and solemn occasion for the children and our school community. As a community, we are also working towards a NAIDOC Day focus early in Term 3, another experience for the children to learn a little more about the culture of First Nations people and celebrate the culture as an important part of our history and ongoing culture as Australian people.

Lifelink Day

On Wednesday, 4 June, Diana Newman took some of our student leaders to a system wide Lifelink Day where student leaders across our Catholic schools collaborated regarding the Archbishop's annual fundraising initiative. It is a really good chance for children from our school to gain a broader perspective of our school being part of the broader system that is Catholic Education Western Australia. It is not every day that children have the chance to be engaged with our Archbishop, getting to know him and the work he does in leading the Catholic church in our archdiocese.

Parent Forum

I am excited to again describe a new initiative at our school as a tangible way of engaging with parents and supporting them in areas that they identify as challenging as they navigate their way through the parenting process of primary school aged children in the current world. You may have read recently that we had 53 respondents to the on-line survey where parents identified the topic: **Managing Emotions in Primary School Children, particularly Anxiety** as the most pertinent topic for the parents to find out a little more about. So, our sub-committee has got to work and we are looking forward to presenting some research-based information to parents and facilitating a forum for some group discussion as a way of providing some support to parents in this area. The session is designed to be an hour or so, followed by an informal environment for sharing some refreshments afterwards in case the parents would like to carry on the conversations further. Please come along and join us if you are able to.

Paul away at QCESR panel process

I will be away on Tuesday, 17 June and Wednesday, 18 June as part of a QCESR (Quality Catholic Education School Review) panel reviewing a school in the southwest. This is a process all schools go through periodically and Principals are asked to contribute to these panels as part of the process. Please direct any questions or queries to Deborah Glorie (K-2) and Diana Newman (3-6) respectively in my absence.

Holy Communion

On Sunday, 22 June at 10am at Good Shepherd Church, our sacramental focus in Term 2 continues with the community coming together to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion with a group of Year 4's in our school and catechist children from our Parish community. This is a very important liturgical milestone and one the children are really looking forward to.

Winter Lightning Carnival

The sports focus across the school at the moment revolves around: Soccer, Netball and Football as the older children at our school prepare for the Winter

Lightning Carnival on Thursday, 26 June. The Carnival is designed to be a Year 6 Carnival, ensuring that those children get first choice as to the sport they play on the day and the Year 5 children are asked to “plug the gaps” to ensure we field full teams on the day. These are always enjoyable days for the children and a great opportunity to meet some children from other schools and potentially build some connections in preparation for secondary school.

Dates for the Fathering Project activities

A reminder to the Dads in our community that we are planning a couple of activities in the second half of the year as part of our Fathering Project focus:

- Lego Night on Wednesday, 20 August
- Camp Out on the weekend of 15 and 16 November

More details to follow closer to the events.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, 11 June (tonight) - Parent Forum
Session 6.00pm Ward House**

Friday, 13 June - Pre-Primary Assembly 2.00pm

Wednesday, 18 June - SAC Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday, 19 June - Year 2 Liturgy

**Friday, 20 June - Year 4 First Communion Retreat
commencing @ Church 8.40am**

**Sunday, 22 June - Holy Communion Mass @ church
10.00am**

Tuesday, 24 June - P&F Meeting 6.00pm

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

On-Line Orders can be placed each week from Saturday through to Wednesday, ready for collection from the Uniform Shop or the office on Friday morning, between 8:00am – 9:15am. Please note online ordering is not available on Thursday or Friday.

An alteration service is available.

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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 canteen.

Wendy, Canteen Manager

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Enrolments 2026

Enrolments are now complete for 2026 Kindergarten and our interviews for the 2026 Three Year Old Pre-Kindergarten Program will commence 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](#)

[Free Parenting Webinar - Unplug Childhood](#)

[Rockateers July School Holidays Program](#)

[Bookings for Rockateers](#)

[Employment Opportunity](#)

[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](#)

Scholastic Book Club

Orders are [online only](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

Orders are due by Friday, 13 June 2025.

Jenny Marion-Clark Co-ordinator



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](#)

Camp Australia - [Rocketeers July School Holiday Program Bookings](#)

Camp Australia - [Free Parenting Webinar](#)

Sprinting Fast - [July School Holiday Clinic](#)

Armadale Markets - [Every Sunday 8.00am to 12.00pm](#)

Bricks4Kids - [Lego Holiday Workshops](#)

Westfield Park Child & Parent Centre - [Speech Drop In Clinic](#)



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

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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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