



Good Shepherd
Catholic Primary School
PRE-KINDERGARTEN
TO YEAR 6

Learning through Faith, Love and Laughter

Newsletter 8 Term 2 Week 5

25 May 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope everyone is staying safe as WA continues to record high COVID numbers. The common head cold completely unrelated to COVID seems to be quite prevalent too, with the change in weather at the moment which is also contributing to significant absentee numbers at school. All children are encouraged to bring a jumper to school to wear outdoors, particularly in the mornings, to ensure they are more comfortable and increase the chances of keeping themselves healthy.

Safety in the Carpark

A reminder to parents to drive slowly and cautiously as they enter the school carpark in the mornings and afternoons. The speed limit is **8kph** at all times. I would also like to reinforce to parents the importance of leaving the row of bays opposite the drop off and pick up shed for staff parking. It creates a safety issue when cars pull into those bays and then need to reverse out of the bays when cars are moving through the drop off and pick up area adjacent to the shed. Parents are also asked to use the footpaths and crosswalks at all times, rather than walk across the carpark with the cars moving continually, during that busy time in the morning and busy time in the afternoon. All of these processes contribute to keeping the children in our community safe, thanks to everyone for your assistance with this.

Student Leadership Conference

Next Tuesday, 31 May, I will be taking 4 student leaders to a Student Leadership conference at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. We will be joining student leaders from a range of other primary schools across the 3 sectors of the Catholic, Independent and Government sectors. It will be a great opportunity for the children to gain a deeper insight into leadership and a world far beyond Good Shepherd, Kelmscott. We will make sure we provide a snapshot of the day for the community at our next assembly.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN testing process has been very challenging right across the state to a point where the assessment window has been extended to 3 weeks as opposed to the original 1 week. Darlene Min has done an enormous job catching the children up if they have been away for different reasons. We would anticipate getting the results back by late August or early September to consolidate our own school-based assessments across the Mathematics and English domains.

Swimming Lesson Reimbursement

All families will be reimbursed 50% of the swimming lesson levy paid through the school fees, a \$45 credit per child as a result of the school needing to close due to COVID cases in each class for the second week of the swimming lessons last term. If you would like an updated statement, please contact Jenny Marion-Clark at: accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au

Sacramental Celebrations

We are in the final stages of preparing the children in Year 6 to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 4 June at 6pm. We encourage families to come along and enjoy the community celebration, this is a significant milestone in the spiritual journey for the children. Thank you to all the parents of the First Holy Communion children too for their commitment at the recent parent meeting as part of the preparation process for the children and their families as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, 19 June.

COVID Update

COVID continues to be a challenge in the community, reflective of the number of cases in the broader society here in Perth. Since the protocols were reduced regarding household contacts and the wearing of masks, staff have been impacted significantly. Again, the impact on our school seems to be similar to what other schools are experiencing and the challenges are accentuated with a very low supply of relief teachers available at the moment. Our staff have been very flexible and accommodating in supporting the school Leadership team in covering classes to ensure we maintain as much normality for the children as possible.

Please find below the CEWA and WA Health reporting link if you and someone in your family test positive, we ask you to report it by accessing both links.

Self-reporting Link: <https://cewa-collections.powerappsportals.com/COVID-19-Self-Reporting-Form/>

WA Health Reporting: <https://datalibrary-rc.health.wa.gov.au/surveys/index.php?s=WDLLNTW4RDX8AWPH>

School Cross Country

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the school Cross Country Carnival last Tuesday, we had a beautiful day for it. Cross Country has the reputation of being the most physically demanding of all the school sporting events, so to watch so many of the children challenge themselves physically was really good. We have been running around the track with the children for the past 2 months or so, not only during their phys-ed lessons, but also their second sport session on Tuesday afternoons and the before school session on Tuesday mornings as well. Since the start of Term 2, we were timing the children in Years 3-6 as well to enable them to compete with themselves to aim to beat their own time running around the track. As we mentioned out on the oval on the day, we clearly need to acknowledge and congratulate those children who came first, second and third but also those children who improved their time each time they ran the course.

Congratulations to Forrest as well who won a very close tussle with the other Houses to win the Carnival on the day.

Interschool Cross Country

We are looking forward to hosting the annual Interschool Cross Country Carnival here at Good Shepherd, Kelmscott on this Friday, 27 May. We welcome 7 other schools to Good Shepherd so it will be a busy day. The races begin at 10:30am with the Year 3 girls Cross Country race followed by the Year 3 boys. The Year 4 races begin at 11am, Year 5 races at 11:30am and the Year 6 races will commence at 12noon. Each school will be represented by 4 children in each race.

Many thanks to the Year 5 parents who have coordinated the coffee van and P&F cake stall to provide refreshments for the spectators and ensure an opportunity for fundraising.

P&F Treasurer and President

These 2 executive positions have recently become vacant so if there is anyone in our community who would like to become part of our P&F Executive, please do not hesitate to approach me for a conversation. We have a significant number of parents willing to assist in many different ways, but not many willing to take on a leadership position. The potential to delegate is very strong, we have a wonderful band of helpers in our community.

Sorry Day Liturgy

Tomorrow our community will join together for our Sorry Day Liturgy, commencing at 9am. Our plan, weather permitting, is to spend a proportion of the liturgy outside in the Bidjarra Garden so that it is a significant opportunity for us to reflect on the hardships endured by the aboriginal people who have gone before us and offer our apologies as a community

Paul Hansen - Principal

Thursday, 26 May - Sorry Day Liturgy 9am

Friday, 27 May - Interschool Cross Country Carnival @ school

Wednesday, 1 June - Reconciliation Parent Information Evening 6 to 7pm @ Parish Centre

Thursday, 2 June - Year 4 Liturgy 9am

Friday, 3 June - Confirmation Retreat Day

Saturday, 4 June - Sacrament of Confirmation 6pm @ Good Shepherd church

Monday, 6 June - **WA Day Public Holiday - no school**

Wednesday, 8 June - Life Link Day

[Click for the Current Term 2 Calendar](#)



Andrew Chinn Visit

Andrew Chinn will be visiting our school again on Friday, 1 July 2022. He will be running workshops with the students all day. At 1.30pm there will be an all school concert in the Undercover Area showcasing a fabulous afternoon of music. All parents are warmly invited to attend.



[Term 2 2022 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

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Enrolments 2023

If you are seeking a place for your child in Kindergarten 2023 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. **Families with siblings are also required to submit an enrolment form.** Interviews will take place this term.

Enrolments in other Year groups are also available

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



Camp Australia - Before and After School Care

Bookings now open for 2022

2022 bookings for Your OSHC program are now 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](#)

[Camp Australia - Upcoming Incursion 1 June 2022](#)

Uniform Shop 2022

Opening Times

Monday afternoon 2.00-3.30pm and Friday morning 8.00-9.30am

Linda, Uniform Shop Manager

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School Fees

Please direct any enquiries to the accounts email: accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au or call 9496

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Lee Maxfield - Finance Officer

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Mercedes College - [Enrol With Us](#)

Sprinting Fast - [Athletics Clinic 5 & 6 July 2022](#)



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.

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



Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavol Herda

Parish Website: www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com

Phone: 9495 1489 (Office Wed-Fri)

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

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

Any person aged 16 or over visiting the church and/or attending Mass must complete the mandatory Covid-19 contact register.

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