



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRE-KINDERGARTEN to YEAR 6

LEARNING THROUGH FAITH LOVE & LAUGHTER

Newsletter O6 Term 2 Week 1

26 April 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was great to greet the children in the carpark this morning as they came to school to begin Term 2. They looked refreshed and ready to embark on the new school term. There seemed to be a few parents with smiles on their faces this morning too and some breathing a sigh of relief that school will again provide some routine and structure for their children as they re-acquaint themselves with their friends in the classroom.

You may have seen some photos on our school Facebook page, Bella took a 2 week vacation too, to the property of Sarah Cooper who has her own pet miniature horse. It seems like Bella has developed a new special friend!

Before we launch into details for upcoming events in Term 2, it is important to recap on a couple of important events that took place right at the end of the first term: the Dad's of GSK event and the Parent-Teacher interviews.

A number of fathers in our community took their children along to the lawn bowls evening back on Thursday, 30 March. Thanks again to Dylan Teicher for coordinating this opportunity for the Dads and their children, there are a number of photos in this edition of our newsletter depicting the fun and quality time spent at the event.

Thank you to all parents for taking advantage of the opportunity to meet with teachers at the formal Parent-Teacher meeting organised back on the afternoon of Tuesday, 4 April. It is always important for parents and teachers to work towards building a positive rapport with their child/ren's teachers as families and school staff working together for what is

in the best interests of the children and these meetings go a long way towards building this positive relationship. It is also a good forum for staff to share some clinical information about how children are progressing after settling into the new routines and procedures since the 2023 school year started. Parents are encouraged to initiate conversation with school staff if they require information or support regarding the progress of their child/ren.

Sacramental Celebrations in Term 2

Term 2 is always a special time in our community when our sacramental programs come to fruition as our:

- Year 3 children receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday, 16 June
- Year 4 children receive the sacrament of First Communion Sunday, 11 June
- Year 6 children receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 27 May

These are very special occasions in our community and significant liturgical milestones in the lives of the children and their families. We look forward to coming together as a community to celebrate these occasions.

ANZAC Reflection

Yesterday, being ANZAC Day, is always a very special and proud day in our calendar as respectful people who take the opportunity to show our gratitude towards the many people who have fought to protect our country and those who are currently on peacekeeping duties. We had a short but meaningful reflection at school this morning to ensure we provide the chance for our children at Good Shepherd to continue to develop their understanding and appreciation for what has gone before us to enable us to enjoy the quality of life we do here in Australia.

Kindy Enrolment Interviews for 2024

I will be completing the Kindy Enrolment Interviews for 2024 over the first month of Term 2, so if any families have children born between 1/7/2019 and 30/6/2020 please ensure you have completed your application form and we will contact you for an interview. As well

as looking towards next year as far as our Kindy 2024 cohort is concerned, I am also looking at the potential to start a Pre-Kindy program all day on Thursdays for the second half of 2023. This question will be asked at the Kindy interviews and hopefully we will be in a position to reignite the Pre-Kindy program at Good Shepherd, Kelmscott. If any of our school families have extended family or friends who may be interested in Kindy, 2024 or even Pre-Kindy in the second half of this year, please encourage them to complete an application form and submit it to our school office.

Spending P&F Money in 2023

There has been some conversation with the P&F during Term 1 about our plans to allocate some money from the P&F towards a project to benefit the children at our school. We have come up with 3 potential projects that the money could go towards. Over the next week or two, a survey will be sent out to our community providing an opportunity for each family to provide their thoughts on the best way to spend this money for the benefit of the children. I will confirm the final wording of the survey with the P&F at our first meeting for Term 2 on Wednesday, 3 May, before the survey is sent out. Please come along and be part of the conversation if you can. The meeting will start at 6pm and will be held in the staffroom.

Cross Country Season

Term 2 is accompanied by the Cross Country season. We have the perfect natural environment at our school to develop our cross country running skills and this began a couple of weeks before the end of Term 1. We will continue preparing the children for our School Cross Country Carnival on Friday, 12 May and the Interschool Cross Country Carnival will be hosted by our school again on Friday, 19 May.

More details will follow but what I can confirm is:

Friday, 12 May - School Cross country carnival will begin at 12noon with the Pre-Primary, Year 1's and Year 2's races taking place on the school oval between 12noon and 12:40pm before we break for the normal lunch break. Following the lunch break, the Year 3-6 races will take place around the school cross country track, starting with the Year 3's and concluding with the Year 6's, finishing before 3pm.

Friday, 19 May – Interschool Cross Country Carnival is a morning event for the Year 3-6's and is usually finished by 12:30pm, starting with the Year 3's and concluding with the Year 6's.

School Climate survey

Our school community will be notified in the middle of May about a School Climate survey which provides the key stakeholders in our community with the opportunity to provide some feedback about the management of our school. This is a process which is undertaken every 2 years under the direction of CEWA as we continually look for ways to refine our processes as we aspire to manage the best school community we can for primary school aged children and their families. More information will be forwarded as the date approaches.

Best wishes for the for the next fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

Bella's Holiday





GOOD SHEPHERD FEAST DAY

Friday, 28 April 2023

**9.30am – Whole School Mass at Good Shepherd Church
All Parents welcome to attend.**

**1.20pm – Tabloid Sports
All Parents welcome to attend.**

**Free Dress Day - In the Good Shepherd
colours of Red, White & Blue**

**(Please wear sports shoes and clothes
suitable for the Tabloid Sports)**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, 26 April - First Day Term 2 - Students

**Friday, 28 April - Good Shepherd Feast Day - Whole
School Mass 9.30am @ Church, Tabloid Sports
1.20pm**

Tuesday, 2 May - SERCUL Science Incursion

Wednesday, 3 May - P&F Meeting 6pm

**Thursday, 4 May - Year 1 Liturgy 9am, SERCUL
Science Incursion**

**Friday, 5 May - School Cross Country Carnival, Year
2 Assembly 2pm**

Wednesday, 10 May - Mother's Day Stall

Thursday, 11 May - Year 5 Mass 9am

Friday, 12 May - Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30am,
Interschool Cross Country Carnival

Wednesday, 17 May - SAC Meeting 6pm

[Click for the Current Calendar](#)

Mother's Day Breakfast Celebration

To our dearest mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and other significant women who are part of our school community. You are warmly invited to attend our Mother's Day Breakfast Celebration. Come along and enjoy a special breakfast with your children.

Date: Friday, 12 May 2023

Time: 7.30am to 8.30am

Venue: Ward House



Please RSVP by Friday, 5 May 2023 to

Email: admin@gsk.wa.edu.au or

Phone: 9496 9200

We look forward to seeing you there!



"God could not be everywhere so he created mothers"

To celebrate motherhood, Good Shepherd Catholic Primary
School P & F Association proudly presents our

Mother's Day Stall

On Wednesday - 10th May 2023

For all classes - Kindy to Year 6

Gifts available from \$1 to \$5



[Term 2 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

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GSK BASKETBALL CLUB

Armadale Winter Basketball Season

When: Friday evenings Terms 2 & 3 2023
Where: Armadale Arena & Training at GSK (1 session a week).
Cost: \$170.00

Email – gskbasketballclub@gmail.com

Endurance

Teamwork

Social Sport

Fundamental Movement Skills

Does your family have a health care card?
Your child may be eligible for up to \$150 towards club fees.

Apply online www.kidsport.wa.gov.au/kidsport

KIDSPORT

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.

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](#)

Uniform Shop

[Opening Hours](#)

Monday afternoon 2.00 - 3.00pm

Friday morning 8.00 - 9.00am

[Click here for the Uniform Policy](#)

School Fees

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

Jenny Marion-Clark - Accounts Officer

Dads of GSK - Lawn Bowls & BBQ Evening



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

As kids grow into teenagers, it might feel like they aren't talking to you as much and might focus more on their friends.

But that doesn't mean they don't want to talk to you at all!

It's important to keep checking in and having conversations with them regularly. Asking for their opinions and listening to their ideas shows that you respect them as they mature.

If you often find it difficult to connect, talking while doing something together, like driving or cooking, can

be a good way to have a casual conversation. It's less intimidating than sitting face-to-face and can make it easier for them to open up.

Top Tips

1. Be open and available. Let your children know you want to talk with them regardless of the topic. Always show them that you enjoy talking with them.

2. Stay up to date with what's going on in their life on a daily basis.

3. Talk about things that interest them. To get the conversation going, ask them about something they are interested in (sport, music, a video game, a movie or series they have watched).

[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

Communicare - [Term 2 Programs](#)

Murdoch University - [Afterschool Programs \(Mathematics and Physical Science\)](#), age 10 and up



Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavol Herda

Parish Website: www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com

Phone: 9495 1489 (Office Wed-Fri) Presbytery: 9495 1240

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.

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