



**Good Shepherd**  
**Catholic Primary School**  
**PRE-KINDERGARTEN**  
**TO YEAR 6**

*Learning through Faith, Love and Laughter*

## Newsletter 5 Term 1 Week 9

**30 March 2022**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is amazing to think that we are in the final fortnight of the first term. It has continued to be a very unpredictable landscape which has required a strong level of agility to adapt to the changes at very short notice. The community here at Good Shepherd has been fantastic at adapting to the different challenges placed upon us and continuing to maintain the strongest level of normality possible for the children.

Parents are asked to continue to report results of COVID testing on their child/ren to the self-reporting portal at: <https://cewa-collections.powerappsportals.com/COVID-19-Self-Reporting-Form/>.

### **Harmony Day Focus**

Last Wednesday in our community was a beautiful day for everyone to focus on their own cultural background and celebrate the differences across our school. It was great to see the children proudly wearing clothes that reflect their family heritage and enjoying some conversation with class members about the cultural background of their family. The highlight of the day for the children was a Harmony Day reflection held in each classroom celebrating diversity among people in the world and the positive impact it has on us in our community here at Good Shepherd.

**Replacement Priest – Monsignor Tim Corcoran**

We welcomed Monsignor Tim Corcoran into our school community last Thursday, he spent some time with our Year 4 students. Monsignor Tim or another visiting priest will be returning this Thursday as well and will continue to visit our school and work with our students while Fr Pavol is unable to come into our community. The focus for visiting priests will be with the older students at our school and their preparation for Easter.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Speaking of preparation for Easter, our school community will be participating in a Stations of the Cross reflection on Wednesday, 6 April. We will not be able to include parents and grandparents in this Easter reflection unfortunately in the current COVID climate. This is always a special part of the lead up to Easter, simulating and developing the children's understanding of the path Jesus walked prior to being crucified on the cross on Good Friday.

### **Parent – Teacher interviews**

Unfortunately, we are not able to facilitate Parent-Teacher interviews in its traditional format at the conclusion of Term 1. Teachers have been asked to contact parents individually, via email initially, some in the last couple of weeks of Term 1 and others in the first couple of weeks of Term 2, to potentially have either a phone conversation or an online meeting to discuss your child's progress. A significant number of parent-meetings have already taken place since the start of the year, so there may not be the need for another conversation at the moment. Parents are encouraged, at any time, to initiate conversation with teachers via email to discuss their child's progress.

### **Sacramental Program preparation**

As far as our Year 3, 4 and 6 children receiving their respective sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation is concerned, our aim is to work towards the planned dates for these celebrations:

**Confirmation** – Retreat Day on Friday, 3 June and Mass on Saturday, 4 June at 6pm

**Holy Communion** – Retreat Day on Friday, 17 June and Mass on Sunday, 19 June at 10am.

**Reconciliation** – Retreat Day and Sacrament on Friday, 24 June

However, in the current climate, we felt it was appropriate to delay the preparation meetings until early next term, in case the dates need to be pushed back. We are conscious of not having an extended period of time between the preparation meetings and the children receiving the Sacraments. I ask the parents of children in the Year 3, 4 and 6 cohorts to look out updated information as the COVID restrictions continue to evolve over the coming weeks.

### **Swimming Update**

The proposed Interschool Swimming carnival scheduled for Friday, 1 April has been cancelled as the result of a significant number of schools choosing not to attend, due to the current COVID situation across WA.

We have also locked in Friday, 4 November for our second school swimming carnival day at St Brigid's College to provide more exposure to a competitive swimming environment, particularly considering that a significant number of children did not attend our original carnival day a few weeks ago. Please put this date in your diary as we aim for a successful day in our school community. It will involve children from Years 1-6.

### **Upcoming P&F Meeting**

A reminder to all members of our P&F Executive, P&F Committee and Class representatives, that we have an on-line P&F meeting on Tuesday, 5 April at 6pm. Unfortunately, we need to restrict the meeting to the parents who have taken on the roles mentioned above, to keep the on-line forum manageable. If anyone would like to add to the agenda, please send me an email at: [Paul.Hansen@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Paul.Hansen@cewa.edu.au). An invitation to the Zoom meeting will come out before the end of the week.

### **Staff Changes for Term 2**

We have some staff changes for Term 2, with Phyl Greaves and Yvette Hargreaves going on Long Service Leave and Nicola Burns going on Maternity Leave.

Phyl Greaves will be replaced by Mr Bruce White every Tuesday throughout Term 2. Bruce has worked in Catholic Education here in Perth for many years and we look forward to the contributions he will make in Year 3 throughout Term 2. Ramone Glasgow (who has done a significant amount of relief at GSK) and Jenny Marion-Clark will be covering Yvette Hargreaves role in Year 1 and 2 between 27 April and 27 May. We have also asked Kristy Maher to cover Nicola Burns' role on Thursdays and Fridays in Year 5 for the remainder of the year and look forward to Kristy's contributions in Year 5.

### **Uniform Shop Open - Winter Uniform**

In preparation for the change of uniform as we move into Term 2, our Uniform shop will be open on Friday, 22 April between 9am and 11am for pick-up of orders only. Parents should place orders with Linda in the Uniform shop by this Friday to ensure availability of stock. The Winter dress is made-to-measure, so please see Linda.

### **Kindy enrolments for 2023**

It is that time of the year again, where I begin the process of interviewing families of prospective Kindy children in 2023. If you have a child who is of age to begin their Kindy journey next year, please drop into the office for the appropriate paperwork in preparation for an interview at the start of Term 2.

### **Reminder for Pupil-Free day**

Finally, a reminder that we have 2 pupil-free days coming up, the final day of term 1, Friday, 8 April and also Tuesday, 26 April, we welcome the children back on Wednesday, 27 April for the start of Term 2.

### **SeeSaw**

Please **do not** use SeeSaw for notification of absences. The only accepted absence notifications are to the emails: [admin@gsk.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@gsk.wa.edu.au) or [attendance@gsk.wa.edu](mailto:attendance@gsk.wa.edu) or a phone call to the

Attendance line 9496 9200 Option 1. You can also send one through the school website.

Best wishes for the upcoming holiday.

Paul Hansen - Principal

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1

**Thursday, 31 March** - Year 5 & 6 Reconciliation

**Thursday, 7 April** - Year 4 Reconciliation, Yr 5/6 Cricket Carnival, Last Day Term 1

**Wednesday, 27 April** - First Day Term 2 8.30am

[Click for the Current Term 1 Calendar](#)



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## 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.**

**Enrolments in other Year groups are also available**

Your child's journey starts **HERE**



### **Parent and Caregiver Correspondence: CEWA Self-Reporting Portal for COVID-19**

It is vitally important that parents and caregivers inform the school if their child tests positive for COVID-19.

To support our planning for your child's classroom attendance, please continue to notify Good Shepherd, Kelmscott, if your child returns a negative PCR/ RAT result, after:

- being identified as a close contact (Day 1 test to return to school as an asymptomatic close contact), and/or
- being identified as a household close contact (Day 7 test to conclude quarantine).

To help streamline this process a [COVID-19 Self-reporting Form for Students and Staff members](#) has been developed by Catholic Education WA (CEWA). Parents and caregivers can now inform the school of their child's positive or negative COVID result via this [LINK](#). The information will go directly to the Principal, prompting our COVID response.

The link will also be available on the Good Shepherd, Kelmscott website.

Please do not underestimate the importance of informing Good Shepherd, Kelmscott of a positive COVID case. Your actions will ensure the risk to others is minimised and that we do our very best to limit the spread of the virus across our community.

## Camp Australia - Before and After School Care

### Bookings now open for 2022

Families can prepare for the new school year as **2022 bookings for Your OSHC program are now open**. Registration is **free** for 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 log in and register through our [Parent Portal](#), also available as a smartphone app, and start booking.

[Camp Australia Information](#)

## Uniform Shop 2022

**Opening Times are changing in 2022:**

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

***The Uniform Shop will be open on Friday, 22 April from***

**9.00 to 11.00am for pick-up of orders only**

**Linda, Uniform Shop Manager**

**Click on the button below for the Uniform Policy**

**Uniform Policy**

## **School Fees**

**Please direct any enquiries to the accounts email: [accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au](mailto:accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au) or call 9496 9200 Option 3**

**Lee Maxfield - Finance Officer**

## **Lumen Christi College - Instrumental Program**

**For information and enrolment, please click on the button below**

**Lumen Christi Instrumental Program**



## **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.**

**Father figures are equally as important for children, especially for those who don't have a biological father**

in their life.

### Top tips for father figures

**1. Be positive and intentional with your communication.**

Intentionally make your interactions with nephews, nieces or your children's friends encouraging.

**2. Seek out other father figures for your own children.** It's always good for your child to have other positive male role models in their life. Whether it's your mate, a sports coach or teacher.

**3. Be a role model.**

Children look up to positive male role models, each having a different impact on girls and boys.

[Read more tips](#)

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

## Community News

**Armadale Library** - [Living Well with Asthma Session - 6 April 2022](#)

**Australian Parents Council** - [Newsletter](#)

**Catholic School Parents WA** - [Schoolzine Newsletter](#)

**City of Armadale** - [Parent Information Session - eSafety](#)



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**Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavol  
Herda**

**Parish Website:** [www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com](http://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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