



Newsletter O8 Term 2 Week 5

24 May 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we reach the middle of Term 2, there has been a definite change in the weather with “shorter days” as far as daylight is concerned and very cold mornings and evenings. The change of weather has resulted in a massive increase in head colds and flu like symptoms, particularly in the lower part of the school. Parents are asked to be conservative when it comes to bringing their child/ren to school when they are not feeling 100% well. We all need to take some responsibility in reducing the spread of colds and flu like symptoms at this time of the year.

Staffing Change in Kindy

At the end of our recent school holiday break, Lee Maxfield, our Finance Officer resigned from her position at our school, effective immediately. Jenny Marion-Clark has accepted the offer of stepping into the Finance Officer role for 4 days each week, while maintaining her role in our Leapfrogs program on Thursdays. This has created a position in our Kindy program and after a few weeks we have offered Jenny's Kindy position to Hannah Lake. Hannah is studying primary teaching and is able to work 3 days each week in our Kindy program, please make Hannah feel welcome.

Confirmation

The culmination of our Confirmation program takes place this Saturday evening at 6pm Mass when we join together as a community to witness the children from our school and parish receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Good Shepherd church. The preparation has taken place all term during Religious Education lessons with the Retreat day this Friday signifying the end of the preparation for the children.

This will be a wonderful community celebration and all families from our school community are welcome to join us for this special occasion.

P&F NEWS

Mother's Day Stall

Thank you again to our Year 5 parents who coordinated the Mother's Day Stall (particularly Arti Pandya) on Wednesday, 10 May. There was a nice buzz in Ward House all morning as the children came through the building and took up the opportunity to purchase something for their Mum. I hope all mothers and grandmothers in our community felt very special throughout the Mother's Day weekend.

Interschool Cross Country Food Stall

The P&F Representatives in Year 2 had a very successful day last Friday at the Interschool Cross Country carnival. Enormous thanks to the Year 2 parents (particularly Vicky Hassall and Kelsey Roe) who coordinated the food stall and the large range of families who donated food, both sweet and savoury to be sold to the parents of the 8 schools who attended the event. The sausage sizzle was a big success and the coffee van was appreciated by everyone as well.

P&F Survey

I would like to share the results of our recent P&F survey identifying the preference of the families in our school in relation to the spending of P&F money for 2023. You would remember we provided 3 options, and the families were asked to identify their preference. We had 66 respondents and I have cut & pasted information straight from the survey results which can be seen below.

The results are very clear, we will be putting together a plan to design a "nature play" space among the trees between the shade sails at the end of Ward House and the sport shed. This information was shared at our recent School Advisory Council meeting with the intention of developing a sub-committee to work together with 2-3 different companies to come up with the best plan for the children in our community. I am looking for at least one representative from our P&F to form part of that sub-committee to work through the

process with us. Please let me know if you would be interested in being part of this process.

P&F Book Swap

Our Kindy parents (particularly Fiona Daly and Hollie Summers-Johnson) are coordinating a Book Swap which will take place in our community on Wednesday, 28 June. The ladies are hoping for donations of pre-loved books to be dropped off at school and arranged for sale from .50c to \$2. We are hoping the books will be donated up until Wednesday, 21 June which will allow the Kindy parents a week or so to sort through all the books to prepare them for sale. We will be providing a table and drop off service at our Kiss'n' drop off area very soon.

Please see the flyer below promoting this event in our community.

School Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to all students who participated in our school Cross Country Carnival on Friday, 12 May. Some children find the event physically challenging, but generally speaking, we had a strong level of participation across the school which was pleasing. All children participating on the day contributed to the result for their team on the day, well done to Ward House who were victorious! Thanks also to all the parents who attended on the day.

Interschool Cross Country Carnival

The increased level of participation mentioned above in our school carnival, along with the extra sport session in Years 3-6 and the Tuesday morning fitness sessions from 8am – 8:30am has contributed to an improved performance at the Interschool Cross Country Carnival. With 32 competitors in each race, (4 runners from each of the 8 schools) we had 10 runners finish in the top 10 places in their respective races which is really pleasing and contributed to a “top 4” finish as you can see from the results below. Special congratulations to Preston Handgraaf who came first in the Year 4 boys race, well done Preston! It is great to see the improvement of fitness levels across our school in the past 12-18 months or so. Congratulations to all the students involved.

Interschool Cross Country 2023 Results:

Friday, 19 May 2023

1st - Mary's Mount Catholic Primary School - 830 points

2nd - St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School - 807 points

3rd - St. Michael's Catholic Primary School - 755 points

4th - Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School - 592 points

5th - Matthew Gibney Catholic Primary School - 526 points

6th - St. Jude's Catholic Primary School - 408 points

7th - Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School - 342 points

8th - Santa Clara Catholic Primary School - 272 points

Camp Australia - Before and After School Care Program

Paige, our coordinator, finishes her role here at Good Shepherd on Wednesday, 31 May as she goes on Maternity Leave. The program will continue in its current form. Camp Australia are in the process of restructuring the staffing to accommodate our program here at Good Shepherd, more information to follow.

School Climate survey

Finally, our school community has been asked to complete a School Climate Survey which allows parents, staff and students the opportunity to provide feedback on how we can further enhance and refine the services we provide to our community here at Good Shepherd in Kelmscott.

If you haven't already done so, can I ask you to click on this link <http://www.nsipartnerships.com.au/> and enter the code: GSCPSPACS to complete the survey. This survey remains open from Wednesday, 17 May to Wednesday, 31 May.

Best wishes for the for the next fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

2. Where would you like the money spent?

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GSK P&F BOOK SWAP 2023

WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE

We invite all families to participate in our book swap.

Any donations of children's books will be greatly appreciated so we have books for the swap.

Donations can be made from the 7th of June to 21st June in the boxes in the Kiss and Drop shed in the morning or boxes in Ward House.

The Book Swap will be held for children from Kindy to Year 6 on Wednesday 28th June.

Books will range from 50c to \$2.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, 25 May - Sorry Day Liturgy 9am

Friday, 26 May - Confirmation Retreat Day

Saturday, 27 May - Sacrament of Confirmation
Mass @ church 6pm

Tuesday, 30 May - Science Incursion - Water Corp

Wednesday, 31 May - Science Incursion - Water Corp

Thursday, 1 June - Year 2 Liturgy 9am

Friday, 2 June - Year 1 Assembly 2pm

Monday, 5 June - WA Day Public Holiday - No School

Tuesday, 6 June - Staff PD - Pupil Free Day

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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 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

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School Fees

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

Jenny Marion-Clark - Finance Officer



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 your kids become teenagers, setting boundaries gets trickier. Parenting teens means finding the right balance: enough guidance and rules for healthy choices, while allowing them to explore and trust their own judgement.

Trusting your child is a powerful motivator for them to prove themselves.

Mistakes are part of learning, so sometimes you'll need to step in for their safety. They should know you're there to support them, even as they take the reins.

Every teen is different—some need more independence, others need more guidance. You'll know how ready they are to make decisions and how much support they require.

So, dads, strike that balance, trust them, and let them shine!

Top Tips

1. Praise their efforts. When your teenager displays good self-management skills let them know you have noticed and are proud of them.

2. Be clear and consistent. Teenagers gain strength and self-respect from parents who are clear and consistent in their expectations and willing to discuss reasons for their decision.

3. Step in if you need to. You can show respect for your teenager's feelings and opinions but should reserve the right to limit some of their actions if you feel they may be at risk.

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Lumen Christi College - Instrumental Program

For information and enrolment, please click on the button below

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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

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 in any way unwell.

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