



Good Shepherd
Catholic Primary School
PRE-KINDERGARTEN
TO YEAR 6

Learning through Faith, Love and Laughter

Newsletter 6 Term 2 Week 1

27 April 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to school from Term 2, I hope everyone had an enjoyable break from school routines and a wonderful Easter with family and friends. We had beautiful weather over the school holiday break topped off with some much-needed rain in the last couple of days.

For the start of Term 2, we welcome Beau (Year 4) and Hayley (Year 2) Molson back to GSK after spending 12 months or so up north and we also welcome Imella Boyo, a new student into our Pre-Primary class.

COVID Update

As you would have heard, The Minister for Health, Amber Jade-Sanderson announced yesterday that public health measures in Western Australia will be eased to what is now being called, "baseline settings", effective from Friday, 29 April.

Our plan is to maintain the same COVID guidelines for the first week of Term 2, I will be meeting on-line with all the Principals across our system on Friday morning in preparation for providing the updated COVID protocols to all families by the end of this week, in preparation for week 2, Term 2. This continues to be a continually evolving space and we will continue to keep families informed of changes when they arise.

Arrival time at school

A reminder to all families that staff begin supervising children outside the classrooms from 8:15am with the classrooms opening at 8:30am. There is a small degree of leniency after 8am, as long as the children remain seated outside the classroom adjacent to the shade sail area between the STEM room and Ward House. Any students arriving at school before 8am will need to be booked into the Camp Australia out of school care program. Thank you for your support.

Parent – Teacher Interviews

We were notified at the end of Term 1 that we can recommence face-to-face parent-teacher meeting from the beginning of Term 2. I would encourage any parents who have not caught up with their child's class teacher to ensure they do so as we move towards the formal reporting period at the end of Term 2.

Good Shepherd Feast Day

On Friday, 6 May, we will be celebrating Good Shepherd Feast Day, starting with a whole school Mass at Good Shepherd Church 9.30am. The Mother's Day stall (thanks to the P&F) will be incorporated into the time between recess and lunch on the day, as well as the children enjoying some time with their buddy classes. After lunch, the children from PP-6 will be participating in a tabloid sports afternoon to round off the festivities on the day.

NAPLAN

Term 2 is our NAPLAN term for the children in Years 3 and 5. The testing will begin on Tuesday, 10 May and the final assessment is scheduled for Monday, 16 May, allowing a couple of days for "catch ups" if children are away. Can I ask all parents to ensure their children are at school if at all possible during this NAPLAN assessment period by avoiding any appointments, if possible.

School Cross Country carnival

Our school cross country carnival has been scheduled for Tuesday, 17 May. Our broad plan is for the children in PP-2 to participate in a "race" around the oval from 12noon to 12:40pm. The children from Years 3-6 will participate in separate year level and boy/girl races around our cross country track starting with the Year

3's from 1:15pm, working our way up to the Year 6's later in the afternoon prior to the 3pm bell. Come and join us if you are able to, we are hoping to have a great afternoon out on the oval with the children.

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, we have now confirmed the planned dates for these celebrations:

Confirmation – Parent Information Meeting on Wednesday, 4 May at 6pm, Retreat Day on Friday, 3 June and Mass on Saturday, 4 June at 6pm

Holy Communion – Parent Information Evening on Wednesday, 18 May at 6.00pm, Retreat Day on Friday, 17 June and Mass on Sunday, 19 June at 10am

Reconciliation – Parent Information Evening Wednesday, 1 June 6pm @Parish centre Retreat Day and Sacrament on Friday, 24 June

These are special times in the Catholic journey for our children and special celebrations for their families and the broader community.

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 which needs to be completed and returned to the office in preparation for an interview early in Term 2.

ANZAC Day Commemoration

Our school community gathered together this morning to participate in a short commemoration service to acknowledge and show our respects in a meaningful way, to the people who contributed to ensuring we live such a fortunate and privileged life here in Australia. We do not need to look too far in today's world to see the trauma caused by war, as we keep the people from Ukraine in our thoughts and prayers.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen - Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, 4 May - Confirmation Parent Information Evening - at the Parish Centre, Confirmation Mass will be on Saturday, 4 June at 6pm

Friday, 6 May - Good Shepherd Feast Day - whole school Mass - at the church

Thursday, 12 May - Pre-Primary Liturgy 9am

Tuesday, 17 May - School Cross Country Carnival - P & F Meeting 6pm

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



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

Order Canteen Here

Pre-Primary Science

In Science, Pre-Primary learnt about germs. We played a game with paint and glitter to discover how germs can spread and listened to a story called "A Real Handful" that taught us how washing our hands with soap kills germs and keeps us healthy. We discussed lots of other ways to keep ourselves healthy and then we made our own germs by blowing paint with a straw. It was fun!

Find more information and activities about germs on the Dettol website:

<https://www.dettol.com.au/hygiene-quest/>



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 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.

Uniform Shop 2022

Opening Times

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

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 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](#)

We are fundraising with


Get **EGGCITED!**

Show your support, buy an
Entertainment Membership & get a

Bonus eGift Card

SUPPORT US & BUY NOW



**Support Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School
Kelmescott and purchase your Entertainment
Membership from us today!!**

[Click here to purchase](#)



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.

4. Take other children along with your own children and take part in activities together like football, camping, dinner or movies.

[Read more tips](#)

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

Community News

Catholic Archdiocese of Perth - [Employment Opportunity](#)

Mazenod - [Virtual Open Day](#)

Auskick - [Junior Registrations](#) - PP to Year 2

Corpus Christi College - [Applications Year 7 2023](#)



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.

[Click here for the Latest Bulletin](#)

 **Share**

 **Tweet**

 **Forward**

Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School Kelmscott
15 Arbuthnot St Kelmscott WA 6111
9496 9200
admin@gsk.wa.edu.au

You are currently subscribed to receive the school newsletter.

[Preferences](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)