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Newsletter 19 Week 5 Term 4

11 November 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Music Night

What a highlight for our school community back on Thursday, 29 October. The performances of our Year 3-6 students, both individual and group performances were outstanding. Congratulations to the children and of course, Diana Newman who continues to provide these outstanding opportunities for the children at our school. It was a wonderful evening of celebration for our community!

Interschool Cricket Carnival

It was a busy end to the week for our older students with a group of boys and girls in Years 5 and 6 representing our school at the annual cricket carnival on Friday, 30 October. Both teams performed very well on the day against a number of other single stream Catholic primary schools. My thanks to Dylan Roe and Rob Hassall for assisting the staff and the 2 teams with the coaching and umpiring and contributing to what was a great day.

St Vinnie's Christmas Hamper

One of the special times of the year for us in a Catholic primary school is celebrating the coming of Christmas. Part of our focus is teaching the children about it being a time of giving as well and a traditional way of demonstrating this as a community is the creation of Christmas Hampers for the needy families in our local area compiled from food donations from our families. My thanks to Carrie Archibald for coordinating this program again this year and all the families who have donated goodies to support some less fortunate families in our local community. We are collecting

donations from Monday, 2 November to Wednesday, 25 November, thanks everyone!

All Saints Day Mass

It was lovely to start the day last Friday celebrating the Eucharist together with a whole school Mass for All Saints Day. The saints of our Catholic church inspire us and in many cases are heroes for us and last Friday was a great opportunity for us to reflect on that through the guidance of Father Kenneth who led the Mass.

Italian Week

The children seemed to really enjoy the range of extra activities provided by Penelope O'Brien last week, particularly the Gelato! Italian Week is always a great celebration of the Italian culture and the extra time and energy Penelope puts into experiences for the children really brings the Italian culture to life, my sincere thanks to Penelope.

STEM Week

Speaking of special weeks, this week is Science Week, facilitated by our STEM teacher, Fiona Redden. I believe "dry ice" will be a major attraction this week in STEM, a special dress up day is scheduled for tomorrow, as well as some interesting activities facilitated at lunch time by some of our Year 6 students. Thank you to Fiona Redden for bringing STEM alive for the children in our community this week.

Annual Fathering Project Camp Out

Ciaran Shannon has informed me that the annual Fathering Project Camp Out will be held in the late afternoon and evening of Saturday, 28 November, finishing at 9am the following morning. Further details are contained in this edition of the newsletter, we encourage as many fathers and/or father figures to attend with their primary school age children. It is important to note that we ask children older than primary school age siblings to refrain from attending. Looking forward to an enjoyable evening.

Upcoming Pupil-Free Days

Finally, a reminder that we have 2 upcoming pupil-free days that families need to be aware of:

- **Friday, 13 November**
- **Monday, 16 November**

Our school will be closed for students on both days.

Planning for 2027

While Term 4 is a very busy term, it is the time of the year when we also need to keep an eye on 2027. If there are any families in our school who are relocating and not returning to our school, I ask you to notify me in writing via email at admin@gsk.wa.edu.au.

In preparation for 2027 School Fee billing, if you have a Centrelink-issued Concession Card, please contact Jenny Marion-Clark as soon as possible to discuss your eligibility for fee discounts on 9496 9292 or email at jenny.marion-clark@cewa.edu.au.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

Calendar Term 4 2026

Friday, 13 November - Catholic Day - No School

Monday, 16 November - Staff PD - Pupil Free Day

Tuesday, 17 to Friday, 20 November - Year 6 Camp

Friday, 20 November - PP & Year 1 Excursion Whiteman Park, Lumen Christi Year 7 Orientation Day, Year 4 Class Mass 9am

Tuesday, 24 November - Instrumental Showcase Concerts 1.30pm & 6pm

Thursday, 26 November - Kindy Orientation Afternoon 12pm, Parent Session 1.45pm

Friday, 27 November - Kindy Constable Care Incursion

Current Term Calendar

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GSK CAMP OUT 2026



Objectives;
- To provide an opportunity for dads or father figures to spend quality time with their kids
- For dads to meet other dads or father figures and to hear about support opportunities through the fathering project and school community

Date & Time;
- From 4pm Saturday 28th November 2026 - GSK School Oval
- Upon arrival, set up your sleeping arrangements. Don't stress if you arrive late, the oval is well lit until lights out. There will be plenty of room



Cost;
- $20 per Dad (father figure)

Activities Include;
- Campsite games - Prizes to be won

Dinner / Breakfast;
- Dinner includes BBQ and a small dessert
- Breakfast includes cereal or bread with juice box

Bed time;
- When it's the right time for you!! We will be securing the GSK main gate from about 7.30 pm

Responsibilities;
- Parent/Carer is responsible for their children at all times
- There is no responsibility on the school or its staff for this event

What to bring;
- Bedding/mattress
- Tent or swag (let me know if you are struggling with a tent)
- Chair or picnic blanket and some torches
- Bring some sporting gear you would like to play with (put a surname on it)
- Bring a board game or deck of cards (in case the weather changes)
- Consider some chips or snacks
- Warm and spare clothes

What not to bring;
- No electronic devices for kids
- No alcohol; emphasis is to enjoy the time with your child
- No older siblings, primary age and younger only

RSVP by Mon 24th Nov 26

For further info contact Ciaran Shannon 0448 323 300. RSVP via WhatsApp group, QR code, link adjacent or SMS

Click here to register or scan QR code

GSK - 2026 Camp Out Registration

Any New Dads? Join our WhatsApp group. Send text message to Ciaran Shannon 0448 323 300 or Greg Hall 0413 030 077. All Fathering Project information is communicated in this group. Please join.

END OF YEAR FUNCTIONS 2026

Please find listed below the details for several functions that are occurring before the end of the year.

Instrumental Showcase Concerts
Date: **Tuesday 24, November 2026** Performance for parents and friends.
Time: **1.30pm** and **6.00pm**
Please advise Mrs Newman of the preferred performance time for your child/ren.
Where: Ward House – Good Shepherd School.
Performers: All students who learn an instrument through the Lumen Christi Instrumental Program.
Dress: Years 1 – 6, Summer uniform.

Mercy Care Years 5 & 6 Choir Visit
Date: **Tuesday, 1 December 2026**
Time: 1.30pm – 2.50pm
Participants: Years 5 & 6 Classes
Where: Mery Care - Clifton Street Kelmscott, students will be transported by bus.
Dress: Full Summer uniform

Thanksgiving Mass
Date: **Thursday, 3 December 2026**
Time: 9.30am
Participants: All students, Pre-Primary – Year 6 and families.
Where: Good Shepherd Church, Streich Avenue Kelmscott
Dress: Full Summer uniform

School and Parish Christmas Picnic
Date: **Friday, 4 December 2026**
Time: **6.00pm**
Participants: The whole school community is invited to attend.
Years 1 – 6 will be performing.
Where: Good Shepherd Church, Streich Avenue Kelmscott
Dress: Year 1 – 6 performers: free dress that reflects the spirit of Christmas.
BYO food and drinks, there will also be food and drinks for sale.

Kindergarten - Year 3 Christmas Celebration
Date: **Wednesday,9 December 2026:** Performance for parents and friends.
Time: 9.30am
Where: Undercover Area.
Performers: All students in Kindergarten, Pre-Primary, Years 1, 2, 3.
Dress: Costumes will be provided for all students.
Year 1 - 3 are requested to please wear sports uniform

Final Assembly
(Including the Year 2 & Year 6 Buddy Dance, 2026 Year Six Awards, 2027 Student Leadership Announcements)
Date: **Friday, 11 December 2026** (last day of school)
Time: 9.00am
Where: Undercover Area
The assembly will include the Year Two and Year Six Buddy Dance, the Year Six presentation of the
"Reindeer Rap", announcement of 2026 Year Six awards and 2027 Leadership



Parish/School Christmas Picnic
Friday, 4 December 2026

Performers:	All students in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.
Where:	Good Shepherd Church, Streich Avenue, Kelmscott.
Time:	6.00 p.m.
Dress:	Free dress that reflects the Christmas spirit.
Bring:	BYO picnic, picnic rugs and chairs. A selection of food will also be available to purchase.

Highlights of the evening include a nativity play, the finest in entertainment as the School Band performs and you are stunned by the unique vocal talents of the school choirs!

The Three Wise Men will be visiting during the evening.



Canteen Menu

Order Canteen Here - Orders can be placed up to two weeks in advance

CANTEEN

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who help in the canteen. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We currently need more volunteers. Please leave your details either at the canteen or the school office if you can spare a few hours to help out.

Wendy, Canteen Manager

Uniform Shop

Online Orders can be placed each week from Tuesday through to Sunday via QuickCliq, ready for collection from the Uniform Shop on **Monday afternoon between 2.30pm and 3.15pm.**

An alteration service is available.

Click here for the Uniform Policy

Order Uniforms here through to QuickCliq

School Fees 2026

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your fees, please contact me at accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au or 9496 9292.

Jenny Marion-Clark, Finance Officer

Enrolments 2027/2028

Please contact admin@gsk.wa.edu.au for an enrolment form or from the website: www.gsk.wa.edu.au.

Families with siblings are also required to submit an enrolment form.

Enrolments in some 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. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 qualify. 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

Rockateers - Summer Holidays Program

Government Subsidy

Ideas for St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers

Christmas Cake, Christmas Pudding, Candy Canes, Corn Chips, Potato Chips, Chocolate, Lollies, Popcorn, Mince Pies.

Cereal, Chocolate Biscuits, Cream Biscuits, Nuts, Olives, Rice, Dried Fruit, Pasta, Crackers.

Jams, Spreads, Muesli Bars, Lunch Box Snacks.

Tinned Beetroot, Tinned Asparagus, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Ham, Tinned Vegetable, Gherkins, Pickled Onions.

Long Life Cream, Long Life Juice, Long Life Milk, Soft Drink, Cordial, Tea, Coffee, Milo.

Custard Powder, Long Life Custard, Jelly, Pancake Mix, Tinned Cream, Cool Pops.

Barbeque Sauce, Tomato Sauce, Cheese Sauce, Pasta Sauce, Gravy mix, Cranberry Sauce, Salad Dressings, Salsa.

Dental Therapy Services

The Dental Therapy Van is located at Roleystone Community College, 90 Raeburn Road (van is located off Brooks Rd), Roleystone. Our phone number is 0428 304 970 .

Click here for more information

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Changing Children's Lives

Every boy needs someone in his corner. As a dad, the role you play in your son's life can have a lasting impact on the person he becomes.

Raising boys in today's world comes with its own

challenges. Beyond providing and protecting, boys need encouragement, connection and the confidence to express themselves, navigate challenges and build healthy relationships.

The good news is that you don't need to have all the answers. It's often the everyday moments, conversations and actions that make the biggest difference.

5 Ways Dads Can Help Their Boys Thrive

1. Make time to connect

Regular one-on-one time helps boys feel valued and supported. Whether it's kicking a footy, going for a walk or simply chatting, prioritise moments where they have your undivided attention.

2. Encourage them to talk about their feelings

Help boys understand that showing emotion isn't a weakness. Create an environment where they feel comfortable talking about what's on their mind, expressing their feelings and asking for help.

3. Lead by example

Boys learn a lot by watching the men around them. Model kindness, respect, empathy and healthy relationships through your own words and actions.

4. Build their confidence

Celebrate effort, not just achievements. Encourage boys to try new things, take on challenges and learn from mistakes. Let them know you believe in them, even when things don't go to plan.

5. Help them build positive connections

Encourage friendships, involvement in sport and community activities, and connections with positive role models. Having a strong support network helps boys develop a sense of belonging.

Click here to learn more.

Fathering Project website:
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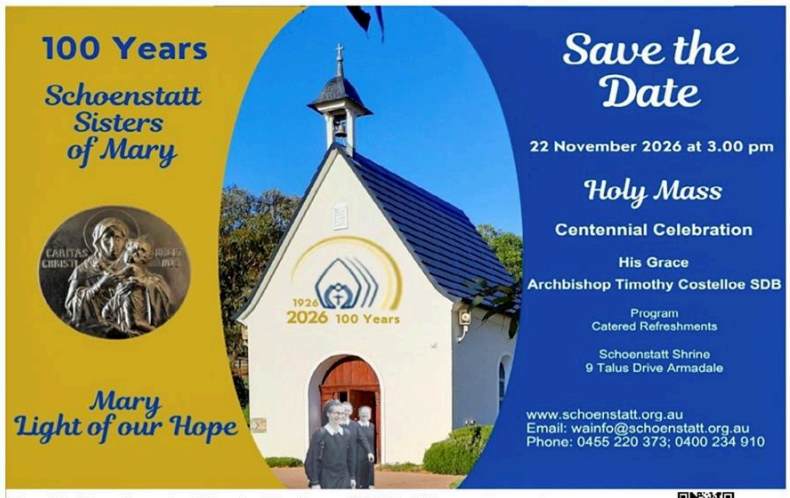
Community News

The Record - Magazine

Australian Sports Camps - Summer Camp Flyer

Child and Parent Center Westfield Park - Speech Pathology Drop-in Clinic

Catholic School Parents WA - Term 4 Newsletter



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https://www.trybooking.com/DQFPU





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Presbytery: 9495 1204

Confession: Saturday 5.00-5.30pm

Baptism: Second Sundays at 11.15am

Mass Times

Saturday

8am - Mass on First Saturdays of Month and Solemnities

5.30pm - Evening Mass

8.00pm - Neocatechumenal Way

Sunday

8.30am - Karragullen Parish

8.30am Latin Mass - Kelmscott Parish

10am & 5.00pm - Kelmscott Parish

Monday - No Mass except on **Solemnities**

Tuesday - **6.30pm**

Wednesday & Friday - 8am followed by Adoration**,** then by Benediction at **9.30am**

Thurs - 6.00pm - Adoration followed by Mass **6.30pm**

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