



Newsletter 06 Week 1 Term 2

17 April 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to all families for the start of Term 2. After working our way through a 9 week term culminating in our Easter break, we are preparing for an 11 week term for Term 2, finishing on Friday, 28 June.

As we begin the new school term, parents may be aware of the industrial action in the government schools at the moment with proposed strike action on Tuesday, 23 April. To avoid any confusion, I just wanted to clarify that this will not affect our Catholic school sector at all. Our teachers signed off on their new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement late last year and manage their industrial conditions quite separately.

Punctual Starts to the School Day

As we begin a new term, a reminder to all families of the importance for the children to arrive at school on time ready to start the school day. We currently have too many children arriving after the 8:40am bell. The classrooms open at 8:30am and the lessons begin at 8:40am. That 10-minute period is for the children to settle in and feel organised for the day and is critically important to ensure they begin the school day in the right frame of mind.

Winter Uniform Transition

In line with the unusual weather patterns at the moment, we have decided to push the winter uniform transition back a little until the start of week 4, being Monday, 6 May, meaning that the children can wait some extra time until they need to be in their winter uniform. We just seem to have some warm weather staying around for at least the next couple weeks so hoping that this decision assists to accommodate for that.

Good Shepherd Feast Day

We begin Term 2 by celebrating Good Shepherd Feast Day, a significant day of celebration with the children. Our plan was to design the entire day for Friday, 19 April, but with Fr Pavol not available to celebrate Mass for us on that day, we will be taking the children to the church for a whole school Mass on Thursday, 18 April at 9:30am before enjoying some whole school activities on Friday, 19 April.

So our plan our Good Shepherd Day activities include:

Thursday, 18 April from 9:30am – 10:30am – Mass at the Church

Friday, 19 April from 11:40am – 12:40pm – Buddy activities in classrooms

Friday, 19 April from 1:30pm – 2:45pm – Tabloid Sports afternoon on the oval

Parents are welcome to join us for the Mass on Thursday or the tabloid sport afternoon on Friday on the oval, to conclude the week.

P&F News

A reminder to all families in our community that the next P&F meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 30 April at 6pm in the staffroom. The upcoming Mother's Day Stall will be topical during the meeting as it is fast approaching, on Friday, 10 May.

It will also be an opportunity to learn a little more about the developments in the Nature Play project where a significant amount of P&F monies has been allocated in the next short period of time. We have started the process of constructing the Nature Play development, it will take us a little while but certainly hoping to have this project completed in the middle part of the year. Please come and join us for the meeting if you are able to.

Kindergarten Interviews for 2025

We are about to commence the Kindy enrolment interviews for 2025. We currently have more applicants than positions available and we are still only in the first half of this year. Preference will be given to younger siblings of existing families in the school and children who have been baptised Catholic before the new families of children who have not been baptised. It is crucial that the paperwork for all applicants, including siblings, for next year's Kindy cohort is submitted to the school office as soon as possible. All Kindy positions for 2025 will be allocated in early June this year so to avoid missing out on a place, please ensure we have received your paperwork.

Best wishes for the next fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

[WA Student Assistance Payment](#)

As parents may be aware, the Hon. Roger Cook MLA and the Minister for Education, Hon. Dr Tony Buti MLA announced the WA Student Assistance payment. This is the State Government's response to the cost of living pressures on families currently. All Western Australian school students in Kindergarten to Year 12, with a valid WA student number (WASN), are eligible for this cost-of-living payment. You can claim \$250 for students

attending a secondary school and \$150 for students attending primary school or kindergarten.

Eligible students must be enrolled in Kindergarten to Year 12 at a WA public school, non-government school or registered for home-schooling. Parents have been notified via Seesaw on how to access their child's WASN in Seqta.

The payment will be available through the ServiceWA app (available through the App Store or Google Play), with parents and carers encouraged to set up or update their ServiceWA account and have an active digital identity. **Claims opened on Monday, 15 April 2024. All claims must be received by Friday, 28 June 2024.**

[Click her for WA Student Assistant Payment FAQ](#)

[Claim Form](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, 18 April - *Good Shepherd Feast Day - Whole School Mass 9.30am @ Church*

Friday, 19 April - Good Shepherd Feast Day

Thursday, 25 April - ANZAC Day Public Holiday - no school

Friday, 26 April - Year 3 Assembly 2pm

Tuesday, 30 April - P&F Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday, 2 May - PP Liturgy 9am

Friday, 3 May - Year 2 Assembly 2pm

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Canteen Menu

CANTEEN

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

Parent Helpers must sign in at the office before going to the canteen.

Wendy, Canteen Manager

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Enrolments 2025

If you are seeking a place for your child in Kindergarten 2025 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.

Interviews will take place shortly. Families with siblings are also required to submit an enrolment form. Places are filling up quickly.

Enrolments in other Year groups are also available

[Your child's journey starts HERE](#)



[School Fees](#)

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

Jenny Marion-Clark - Finance Officer

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

In Term 2 we are moving into the Winter Uniform with a 4 week turnaround. If you require uniforms please see Linda in the Uniform Shop.

Opening Hours

Monday afternoon 2.00 - 3.15pm

Friday morning 8.00 - 9.15am

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Scholastic Book Club

The Latest catalogue has been sent home. [Online ordering only](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP).

Orders close on Friday, 3 May.

Jenny Marion- Clark, Co-Ordinator

Dental Therapy Van

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



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.

You know you have a huge impact on your child's self-esteem, right?

Never underestimate just how important you are!

Encouraging your child, building their resilience and speaking with positivity all has an effect on their self-esteem and how they show up in the world.

Top Tips

1. Use compliments

That are positive and believable! Help them think about their abilities and what they are capable of in a realistic way.

2. Love them unconditionally

Create a safe and open environment where your child feels comfortable expressing themselves without fear of judgment. Listen actively to their thoughts, feelings, and ideas, even if they differ from your own.

3. Encourage them to have-a-go

This will provide your child with a balanced view of their strengths, give them resilience and things to work on.

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Lumen Christi College - Instrumental Program

For information and enrolment, please click on the button below

Lumen Christi Instrumental Program

Community News

The Record Magazine - [Issue 43](#) - Hard copies are available in the school office.

Murdoch University - [After School Programs](#)

Corpus Christi College 2024 Production - [Chitty Chitty Bang Bang](#)



Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavol Herda

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Parish Website: www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com

Parish Email: gskp@iinet.net.au

Phone: 9495 1489 (Office Wed-Fri) **Presbytery:** 9495 1204

Sacred Heart Parish - 1643 Canning Road, Karragullen -
Sunday Mass: 8.30am

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 unwell.

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