



Newsletter 11 Week 11 Term 2

26 June 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Week 11 means a longer term than normal, and staff and students are starting to look like they need a break, so we are all looking forward to a break from the school routine for the coming fortnight. Following the end of Term 2 this Friday, we welcome everyone back on **Monday, 15 July**.

Winter Sports Carnival

We had a wonderful day back on Friday, 14 June at the Winter Sports carnival. The sun was shining which ensured a very pleasant day weather wise and the Year 5 and 6 students seemed to have very positive experiences competing against 6 other schools across the 3 different sports – Netball, Football and Soccer. Apart from the staff that attended, I would also like to pass on my thanks to Rhys Naughton (Asher's Dad) who assisted with the Football team and Rochelle Hall (Rita's Mum) and Danica Smith (Emma's Mum) who both assisted by coaching the very successful Year 5 Netball team. This was another great opportunity for the children to experience interschool sport in a relatively competitive environment.

Sacramental Celebration – Reconciliation

We had a very meaningful afternoon at the Church last Friday with our Year 3 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There was a lovely reflective and prayerful atmosphere in the Church, the children were beautifully prepared which ensured a very memorable occasion for everyone involved. Special thanks again to Diana Newman for coordinating this sacramental celebration, Keiron Throssell and Nicola Burns for preparing the children so well and the parents of the Year 3 children for supporting their children.

Semester Reports

The children across the school (K-6) will bring home End of Semester reports which provides a good summary of the academic progress of each child based on their performance in the first half of the year. Parents will also receive the reports electronically for the convenience of parents as well. It is really important for parents to use this opportunity to reinforce the many positive aspects of each child's report and also pinpoint some areas of focus for the coming semester.

P&F Update

Nature Play update – while it may not look like we have made too much progress, there is a significant amount of work being done behind the scenes to a point where we have ordered and confirmed the installation of:

- The concrete slide on Tuesday, 2 July
- Log bridges over the creek bed will be created and installed over the holidays
- Synthetic grass has been ordered and will be installed early next term
- The Vine Run and Rope Walk Stirrup on Monday, 5 August

P&F School Disco - huge thanks to a large group of parents who coordinated the annual P&F School Disco, again, on Friday, 14 June. It is always a favourite event for the children and from all reports, the children had a great time and were very easy to manage throughout the afternoon and evening. Thanks again to all the parents who “dressed up” the undercover area for the event and assisted in the afternoon and evening and a special thanks to our resident DJ, Mr T!!

Fathering Project Lego Night – a number of families enjoyed a Lego Night experience last week, which involved families working together to create catapults and bridges between tables. We definitely have some budding engineers in our community, it seemed to be an enjoyable evening for the families in Ward House.

Fathering Project Dad’s catch up at Byford Country Club – the fathers and father figures in our community are invited to an “8 ball night” at the Byford Country Club on Thursday, 25 July between 5:30pm and 7:30pm. Please come along and enjoy each other’s company as we continue to build connections in our community.

Thanks again to Dylan Teicher for coordinating these two events.

Pre-Kindy Interviews for 2025

A final reminder that our Pre-Kindy interviews have been happening for the past two weeks and we are expecting to send out the Letters of Offer by the end of this week as we prepare for next year. Please ensure that the paperwork is submitted as soon as possible if you would like your child to be considered for a position in our 3 year old program.

Finally, just confirming that Term 3 begins on Monday, 15 July for all staff and students.

Best wishes for the holiday break.

Paul Hansen, Principal

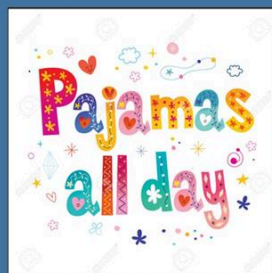


Fathering Project - Lego Masters





LifeLink — PJ Day @ GSK



When: Friday, 28 June 2024

Cost: Gold Coin Donation



NAIDOC Day

On Wednesday 17 July, the third day of Term 3, we will be recognising NAIDOC Day at our school.

We will gather as a school community at 10.00am for a presentation of Aboriginal dance by students from Cecil Andrews High School, which will lead into a NAIDOC Liturgy.

Starting at 11.30am, students will participate in a number of activities that will help to enhance their understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander culture.

Parent help with the activities, that will run from 11.30 - 2.45pm would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to spare some time to help out, please contact Diana Newman.

Administration - Update Details

If you have changed any contact details since the beginning of the year it is important that you notify the office so that the details are updated on our records. These include: change of address, change of phone numbers, emergency contacts, changes to Visa / citizenship, Immunisations etc. Please contact the office as soon as possible if your details have changed.

When using the school website form for absences please make sure you are at the correct school website. Sometimes they have been mistakenly sent through the Good Shepherd Lockridge website and do not reach our school.

WA Student Payment - must be claimed by this Friday, 28 June. No late claims are accepted.

Thank you.

Performing Arts Festival

A hard copy of this year's dates has been sent home today and was emailed last week.

Please note that audience tickets for ALL PERFORMANCES must be pre - purchased online.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE. Please see the links available on the Spirit of the Arts website:

<https://www.spiritofthearts.com.au/>.

Entry will not be permitted without your scanned barcode. There will be no door sales – please book tickets online. Performers do not require tickets.

[Performing Arts Dates](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, 28 June - PP Assembly 2pm, Last day Term 2

Monday, 15 July - First Day Term 3 Students 8.30am

Wednesday, 17 July - NAIDOC Liturgy 10.00am

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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.

Three Year Old Program 2025 Interviews have commenced. Please contact the school office for an enrolment form as soon as possible.

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



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 - Holiday Program
(Rockateers)**

Your nearest Rocketeers service is [Armadale Primary School - 1 Carradine Road, Armadale](#). Bookings are open now. You can download the program at this location [here](#).

No two days are the same at Rocketeers! Discover unique experiences that will have children learning, exploring and having fun whilst growing their passions.

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.

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Monday afternoon 2.00 - 3.15pm

Friday morning 8.00 - 9.15am

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[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.

We want to remind you on the importance of mental health, especially if you're a new father, or about to become one!

Fatherhood is an exciting journey but it doesn't come without its challenges, which includes impacts on mental health.

1 in 10 new dads will experience anxiety and/or depression when they become a father and in the first post-partum year.

It's important we look out for one another, and prioritise mental health. If something seems off with a mate - check in. If you find something feels 'off' within yourself, we encourage you to seek support as soon as possible.

Top Tips

1. Have a variety of interests

Engaging in a variety of interests (work, family, sports, hobbies) and doing things you enjoy.

2. Learn skills

To cope with stress, anxiety, anger management and relaxation techniques.

3. You're not alone

You are never alone - don't ever think you have to tough it out on your own. Seek support from those close to you or from a professional.

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Do you have a toddler?

These years are their key developmental years! From the age of 1 to 5 children go through rapid social, emotional and cognitive development.

During this time, how you engage and interact with your child will have a significant influence on their development.

Spending quality time with your toddler not only strengthens your bond but also fosters their growth.

One effective way to connect and support their development is by nurturing their language skills.

Top Tips

1. Describe what you are doing

When you are with your toddler you can describe what you are

doing, this helps them to listen, learn sentence structures and match words to contexts. For example, while cooking, you might say, "Now I'm cutting the vegetables. Look, this is a carrot, and I'm chopping it into small pieces."

2. Read aloud to your child every day

Whilst you are reading you can stop and ask questions as you go. For example, "Pepper pig said she was scared, why do you think she's scared?"

3. Narrate your adventures

When you are in the car or on a walk, you can narrate what is happening which helps to build their language and put context to a situation. For example, "Look at that car that drove past! What colour is it? It's a yellow car!"

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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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