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GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRE-KINDERGARTEN to YEAR 6
LEARNING THROUGH FAITH LOVE & LAUGHTER

Newsletter 20 Week 7 Term 4

25 November 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we move into the season of Advent this week, we are reminded as a Catholic community of the importance of "giving" and taking the opportunity to provide some Christmas cheer to some people in our local community.

Some good examples of this at Good Shepherd include:

· The St Vincent De Paul food drive, coordinated by Carrie Archibald. It looks like it will be a big success again this year, so thank you to all for all the contributions from families over the past few weeks. Hampers will be made up by the local chapter of St Vincent De Paul who will ensure they are provided to needy families to provide them with some support at this special time of the year.

· The Year 5 Christmas Markets which will take place on Wednesday, 9 December is a wonderful fundraiser for the St Vincent De Paul, thank you to Renee Guazzelli, the Year 5's and their families for providing this opportunity.

· The small entry fee for the annual Talent Show on Thursday, 10 December is also collected and passed onto the St Vincent De Paul.

· Our Year 5 and 6 children will also be visiting Mercy Care in Kelmscott to spread some Christmas spirit as they sing a number of Christmas Carols for the elderly members of our local community on Tuesday, 1December.

Christmas is a special time of the year, a time for giving as well as receiving and these special events present opportunities for that.

Science Week

The children seemed to really enjoy the extra STEM activities a couple of weeks ago, there was a real buzz around the school with the extra opportunities offered at lunchtime, the buddy activities and of course the dress up day on Thursday. The children at our school continue to enjoy a dress up, there were many very creative outfits fitting in with our Science theme. Thanks again to Fiona Redden for coordinating the week and all the staff who supported the extra opportunities for the children. The photos I have seen depicting some really interesting experiments looked great!

Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6's had a very busy week last week when they participated in their long-awaited camp at Point Walter. It was great to see the level of engagement from the children with all the activities, many really challenged themselves getting out of their comfort zones to achieve their goals, particularly with the 10M high abseiling platform and the challenging high ropes course. The night activities were also a lot of fun, no doubt the children needed to spend some extra time over the weekend catching up on some missed sleep! Special thanks to Sarah Cooper and Sam Anton for putting their family commitments on hold and joining the children on this important experience.

Instrumental Showcase

Yesterday the children enjoyed showing the progress they have made through our Instrumental Music Program this year with so many of them performing at the annual Instrumental Showcase. The children were split into 2 sessions, one at 1:30pm and the other at 6pm. We currently have 68 children learning a musical instrument at our school which has proven to be another extra opportunity for the children as they aim towards joining some of the more proficient musicians in the top half of our school in the school band.

Semester Reports

The teachers are in the process of completing the End of Year reports for the children with the intention of them being distributed both electronically and in hard copy form on Wednesday, 9 December. The reports

will provide an excellent summary of the children's achievements throughout the second half of the year.

Staffing at Good Shepherd for 2027

Staffing has been finalised for 2027, below is a description of our staffing, please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to chat about any of our programs, there are some changes for 2027 with some staff members circumstances changing:

Teachers and Education Assistants

Pre-Kindy – Deborah Glorie assisted by Jenny Marion-Clark

Kindy Semester 1 – Fiona Redden assisted by Gail Player and Sue Deckert

Kindy Semester 2 – Sabrina Roberts assisted by Gail Player and Sue Deckert

Pre-Primary – Mikayla Adams assisted by Thalia Munyard

Year 1 – Lauren Schoppe (0.9) and Nicola Burns (0.1) assisted by Andrea Draper

Year 2 – Genevieve Arnold assisted by Sam Anton (0.8)

Year 3 – Keiron Throssell (0.9) and Nicola Burns (0.1)

Year 4 – Harrison Turner (Georgia Curulli assisting in Years 3 and 4)

Year 5 – Renee Guazzelli (0.8) and Michelle Robins (0.2)

Year 6 – Sarah Cooper (0.8) and Michelle Robins (0.2) (Sue Deckert assisting in Years 5 and 6)

Music – Diana Newman

Sport – Brent Johnson (0.4) and Paul Hansen (0.1)

Italian (3-6) – Penelope O'Brien

Perceptual Motor Program (PP-2) – Nicola Burns

Science – Fiona Redden

Maths Extension (4-6) – Nicola Burns

Literary Support – Deborah Glorie and Georgia Curulli

IT Coordinator – Keiron Throssell

EAL/D Coordinator – Lauren Schoppe

School Counsellor – Kate Vandamme

Library – Carrie Archibald

Canteen – Wendy Lazzari

Grounds and Maintenance – Clayton Rickman

Finance Officer – Jenny Marion-Clark

Secretary – Rose Bridges

Assistant Principal (PK-2) – Deborah Glorie

Assistant Principal (3-6) – Diana Newman

Principal – Paul Hansen

Some staffing changes include:

· Ethan Dias will be taking Leave in 2027 to pursue some personal and professional interests. He has been replaced by Harrison Turner, a mature-aged graduate coming into Year 4.

· Renae Pankhurst has recently accepted a full-time classroom teaching position at Mater Christi Catholic Primary School in Yangebup. Part of her role has been taken by Michelle Robins, a very experienced teacher with a background in school leadership as well. Michelle comes to us from the government school sector.

· Sabrina Roberts will be taking some time away from school during the first semester and we look forward to her returning to her role as our Kindy teacher in the second half of the year. Fiona Redden has kindly agreed to teach our Kindy class in the first semester as well as 2 days of her Science teaching role with Nicola Burns teaching Science on Wednesdays to allow Fiona to be in Kindy for all 3 days.

· Penelope O'Brien has accepted a job in another school so has needed to reduce her role at Good Shepherd to 1 day a week, which will focus on Year 3-6. Our PP- 2's will change their focus from Italian to a PMP (Perceptual Motor Program) focus taught by Nicola Burns.

Annual Fathering Project Camp Out

Under the coordination of Ciaran Shannon and Greg Hall, we will be enjoying our annual Fathering Project Camp Out this weekend starting at 4pm on Saturday, 28 November, finishing before 9am the following morning. This event seems to provide some peace and quiet for some of the Mums in our community too! We have had 19 Fathers and 30 children book in for the event so we are looking forward to an enjoyable evening.

Important Dates for 2027

Please find below the important dates for the 2027 school year at GSK:

Term 1 (Thursday, 28 January – Friday, 9 April)

Monday, 25 January – First day for staff

Thursday, 28 – First day for students

Monday, 1 March – Labour Day public holiday

Friday, 26 March – Tuesday, 30 March the school will be closed for the Easter weekend

Term 2 (Tuesday, 27 April – Friday, 25 June)

Monday, 26 April – ANZAC Day public holiday

Tuesday, 27 April – Staff PD Day (pupil-free day)

Wednesday, 28 April – First day of Term 2 for students

Monday, 7 June – WA Day public holiday

Tuesday, 8 June – Staff PD Day (pupil-free day)

Friday, 25 June – Last day of Term 2 for students

Term 3 (Monday, 19 July – Friday, 24 September)

Monday, 19 July – First day of Term 3 for students

Friday, 24 September – Last day of Term 3 for students

Term 4 (Monday, 11 October – Friday, 10 December)

Monday, 11 October – Staff PD Day (pupil-free day)

Friday, 12 November – Staff PD Day (pupil-free day)

Monday, 15 November – Catholic Day (pupil-free day)

Friday, 10 December – Last day of the year for students

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

Calendar Term 4 2026

Thursday, 26 November - Kindy Orientation Afternoon Parent Session 1.45pm - 2.45pm

Friday, 27 November - Kindy Constable Care Incursion

Tuesday, 1 December - Mercy Care Visit - Year 5 & 6 Choir

Thursday, 3 December - Thanksgiving Mass @ church 9.30am, Year 7 St Norbert College Orientation

Friday, 4 December - Year 1 Liturgy 9am. Parish/School Christmas Picnic @ church 6-8pm

Monday, 7 December - 2027 Transition afternoon

Tuesday, 8 December - Year 6 Graduation Ceremony & Dinner

Wednesday, 9 December - Kindy - Year 3 Christmas Concert, Year 5 Christmas Markets

Friday, 11 December - Canteen Closed, Christmas Assembly 9am, Year 6 Excursion, Last Day Term 4

Current Term Calendar

END OF YEAR FUNCTIONS 2026

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

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.

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS 1977-2027

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US

CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF GOOD SHEPHERD

ANNIVERSARY MASS

10am, Sunday 14 March 2027

Good Shepherd Church
Streich Ave, Kelmscott

Following the Mass, we invite you to join us for morning tea.

ANNIVERSARY PICNIC

2-5pm, Saturday 1 May 2027

Good Shepherd
Catholic Primary School
15 Arbuthnot St, Kelmscott

Celebrations include:

- School tours
- Time capsule reveal
- Food trucks

Scan the QR code to RSVP
by 12 February

"Learning through Faith, Love and Laughter"



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

Starting School - Parent Booklet 2027

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

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.

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Changing Children's Lives

Dads have an important opportunity to influence what the next generation sees as normal – from how men express emotions and build relationships to how they treat others, share responsibilities and support those around them.

You don't need to make grand gestures to create change. It starts at home, with the example you set every day.

5 Ways Dads Can Help Shape a Better Future

1. Challenge outdated ideas about being a man

Show boys that being strong isn't about hiding emotions or always having the answers. Encourage them to be kind, empathetic, respectful and confident in who they are.

2. Share the load at home

Model equality by sharing household responsibilities, caring duties and family decisions. Show your children that looking after others is everyone's responsibility.

3. Make conversations part of everyday life

Talk openly about friendships, relationships, emotions and challenges. Create a space where your children feel safe to ask questions, share their perspectives and be themselves.

4. Show respect in the way you treat others

Children learn by watching. Model respect, inclusion and empathy in your interactions with family, friends and the wider community. Small actions can help shape how the next generation treats others.

5. Be part of your community

This International Men's Day, consider the legacy you want to leave and the role you can play in building a better future for the next generation.

Click here to explore more fathering tips and resources.

Fathering Project website:
thefatheringproject

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of lost property in the school office. Please come and collect your missing items. They include hats, jumpers, jackets, water bottles, lunch boxes etc. All unclaimed uniform items will be donated to the Uniform Shop.

Community News

The Record - Magazine

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

Bricks for Kidz - Lego and Coding Summer Programs 5-12 year old

Code Camp - Summer Flyer

Empress Rising - Helping Girls Find Their Voice



Parish Priest - Fr Kenneth Acosta Garcia

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Web: www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com

Office Phone: 9495 1489 (Wed-Fri 8.30am-12.30pm)

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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