



Newsletter 12 Week 1 Term 3

17 July 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the new school term which coincides with the world preparing for the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. At a time when the world is facing some challenges, sport has the opportunity to bring countries together and celebrate many talented and dedicated people, proudly representing their countries in the worldwide communal language we call sport. Reflecting on this international event every 4 years enables us to share some pertinent messages to children about identifying your talents, setting goals and striving to a level that reflects your potential on the world stage. I encourage all families to spend some time enjoying the Olympic Games starting next week.

Drop Off and Pick Up times

As we begin the second half of the year, parents are reminded of the Drop Off and Pick Up times. We ask that children are not dropped off at school before 8am and they need to be collected by 3:20pm in the afternoon. If parents cannot adhere to these times, they are asked to book their child into our Before and After school program with Camp Australia, thank you for your cooperation with this.

Staffing Update

As we begin the second semester for 2024, we have a staffing change at Good Shepherd. Kristy Maher has resigned from her teaching position at our school, effective from the last day of Term 2. Kristy has provided 19 years of service to our community, starting as a classroom teacher, having a couple of breaks for Maternity Leave with her 2 children and returning in a part-time capacity as our Science teacher for the past 11 years. As a community we thank Kristy for all the contributions she has made to our community, particularly as a Science teacher and wish her and her family well for the future.

Fiona Redden has taken on the role of Science teacher for the second semester this year and we will revisit the role as we design staffing for 2025 and beyond. Fiona has cut her 12 months Leave Without Pay short to accommodate us at short notice which is very much appreciated and we look forward to her being our Science teacher for at least the remainder of this year.

NAIDOC Day Activities

Diana Newman coordinated a range of activities for the children in our community today to celebrate NAIDOC Day. This is an important opportunity for us to continue to build the children's knowledge and appreciation of the Aboriginal culture and traditions. Our day began with a very meaningful liturgy, coordinated by Mrs Newman and led by Father Pavol. Following the liturgy, the children participated in a range of activities including: Aboriginal Dancing, Story telling, Damper Making and Art Activities. Enormous thanks to Diana Newman for coordinating the day and all the staff for their flexibility in accommodating what was a very different day compared to our normal routines. I would also like to thank Adrian and Chloe who joined us from Champion Centre in Armadale and Kyle Kallenberg and Lauren Conboy (Kyla's parents) who assisted us with the activities throughout the day, particularly the Damper making. Thanks also to Isabelle Wavre Kuebler who assisted with baking the damper, the children really enjoyed their extra treat!

NAPLAN update

We have been notified that the NAPLAN reports will be delivered to school over the next few days, which will result in them being distributed to the families in Years 3 and 5 next week. The results the children achieve in NAPLAN assessments should reinforce or validate the school-based assessments we have already collected, and in most cases this is exactly what we find. There are occasions where things can be different and if that is the case we delve a little deeper to investigate why that may be the case. If parents have any queries about the results that are sent home, they are encouraged to speak with their child's class teacher and/or our school leadership team if necessary.

Paul on LSL

I will be taking some Long Service Leave this term from the start of Week 5, Monday, 12 August to Friday, 20 September, coinciding with me attending the National Principal Conference in New Zealand at the end of Term 3. Our school community will be left in the very safe hands of Diana Newman as the Short-Term Principal in my absence, ably assisted by Deborah Glorie.

P&F Update

Nature Play update - we have continued to make some good progress on our Nature Play development over the recent school holidays with the installation of the concrete slide and the 3 log bridges that traverse the creek bed. We also moved a number of big logs as we "line" the perimeter of the new playground which will assist us to keep the wood chips and mulch in the designated area. Special thanks to Dylan Teicher and Clary Powell for their assistance in acquiring the large logs and assisting with their installation, their time and efforts were very much appreciated.

Over the coming weeks, Clayton Rickman will be completing some brick paving in this area and he and I will be constructing

some “rock battering” around the concrete slide. As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, we are planning to have 2 large climbing structures installed professionally on Monday, 5 August before we put the finishing touches on the new playground and hope to make it available to the children by the middle of Term 3.

New School Sports Tent

At a recent P&F Meeting, a group of parents expressed the need for our school to purchase a large 6M X 3M school tent to use at Inter-school events, with the tent personalised to Good Shepherd. This new sports tent arrived this week and will be available for use for the upcoming athletics carnivals later in the term. Huge thanks to the P&F for their contribution in purchasing the new large sports tent.

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.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

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.

Thank you.

Performing Arts Festival

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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, 18 July - PAF Opening Mass

Thursday, 25 July - PAF Year 6 Percussion Ensemble, Year 5 Mass 9am

Friday, 26 July - Year 6 Assembly 2.00pm

Monday, 29 July - Crazy Sock Day @ GSK - St Vinnies Winter Appeal

Tuesday, 30 July - P&F Meeting 6.00pm

Wednesday, 31 July - PAF Years 1 & 2 Choral Speech

Thursday, 1 August - Year 3 Mass 9.00am

Friday, 2 August - Year 4 Assembly 2.00pm

Tuesday, 6 August - SAC Meeting 6.00pm

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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.

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School Fees

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

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic catalogues have gone home today. Orders are on-line only through Scholastic Loop at **[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)**. Orders are due by Friday, 2 August.

Jenny Marion-Clark, Co-ordinator

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.

Engaging in interactive role play with your toddler helps to build on their creativity and language development.

As adults, we might not find it intuitive to engage in role play, but we encourage you to give it a go!

Like all areas of learning and development, the skills built in creative play are enriched through practise and experience. By being involved when they would like you to be and providing them with time, space and materials you can support your child's learning through creative play.

Top Tips

1. Be guided

Be guided by them in their role play. Try to go along with their story and not take over or control it.

2. Quiet time

Make sure your children have their quiet time to use their imaginations and be involved in creative play.

3. Encourage them to use language

You can do this by asking questions and getting them to explain things to you. i.e. "Could you please tell me how much this can of soup costs in your shop?" or "Can you tell me about the treatment you are going to give to my dog at your vet clinic please?"

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Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavol Herda

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Parish Email: kelmscott@perthcatholic.org.au

Phone: 9495 1489 Office (Wed & Fri 9am-12pm) (Thurs - 12 to 3pm)

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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