



## Newsletter 10 Week 9 Term 2

12 June 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Good Shepherd has continued to be a busy place as we provide a broad range of activities for the children in our care, many of these activities go beyond the classroom based teaching and learning which engages the majority of the children's attention at school. Some of these other activities recently have included: sacramental programs, winter sports activities, tree planting, the Lifelink launch and the upcoming school disco.

### **Sacramental Celebrations**

We have had 2 wonderful sacramental celebrations in our community over the last few weeks. Our Catholic faith is the cornerstone of the building of school culture here at Good Shepherd and sacramental celebrations are times when our children reach significant liturgical milestones along their journey of being young Catholic people. We were privileged to have Bishop Sproxton in our community back on Saturday, 18 May to confirm a number of young people in our Good Shepherd parish. It was a very special occasion for the children and their families.

Our Holy Communion celebration last Sunday was also a beautiful occasion for so many families in our community. To look around the Church and see so many different people in our community contributing to make it such a special occasion was wonderful to see. We had a number of Year 4, 5 and 6 children providing the singing to support Diana Newman, Year 5 children altar serving, and a significant number of staff members present to support the children and staff directly involved and the parish catechists who do such a good job preparing the catechist children. It really is a team effort and a great celebration for the Good Shepherd community, underpinning what we stand for.

### **Staff Professional Development**

Last Tuesday, 4 June, our staff joined the staff at 3 other Catholic schools – St Maria Goretti, Redcliffe, St Jude's, Langford and Matthew Gibney, High Wycombe to commence the Berry Street Education model course. It was the first day of a 4 day program which will be completed over a 2 year period, designed to develop the staff's understanding of the importance of emotional well-being and some strategies to enhance emotional well-being as a contributing factor towards academic success.

### **Networking with St Jude's, Langford**

I have recently initiated a professional opportunity for our staff to meet with the staff at St Jude's, Langford for a curriculum meeting once a term after school. A number of the dynamics within the two school communities are quite similar including our current academic focuses so an opportunity for staff to engage with a different group of people in professional dialogue will have some positive benefits for our school community.

### **Semester Reports**

The staff are currently finalising their grades and comments for the Semester 1 reports which will provide a formal summary of the development and progress demonstrated by each child at our school (K-6) since the start of the 2024 school year. The reports will be distributed electronically and in hard copy form, please spend time with your child/ren commending them on the progress they have made and identify a couple of areas of focus on for the coming semester. Our hope is to distribute the semester reports on Wednesday, 26 June, two days before the end of the semester.

### **P&F Update**

We had a very productive P&F Meeting last night with some of the key items discussed listed below:

- Congratulations to one of our parents, Dylan Teicher who won an award last Friday evening at the Catholic School Parents of Western Australia (CSPWA) awards evening for an award of "Excellence" in the parent category. Dylan's nomination was one of 13 nominations in this section from across our system. This reflects a nomination put forward by the P&F executive at GSK demonstrating all the contributions Dylan has made to our community here at Good Shepherd. Thanks and congratulations to Dylan! (see below).
- Nature Play update – we have confirmed the 3 major items to be professionally installed over the coming weeks. We have also devised a plan to build some log bridges which will go across the creek bed and "line" the perimeter of the nature play area with other logs collected from our property from marri trees that have died as a result of the extreme summer we have recently experienced.
- The details are being finalised for the upcoming P&F Disco this Friday night, the children are looking forward to it.

### **Fathering Project Lego Night**

We have a Lego Masters evening planned by the Fathering Project group in our community which will take place next week. There is a flyer attached to this edition of the newsletter for your information, I have also included the key information below:

**When** – Thursday, 20 June

**Where** – Ward House

**Time** – 5:30pm – 7pm

**RSVP** – please email the school on [admin@gsk.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@gsk.wa.edu.au) or phone on 9496 9200

The evening will be limited to 20 fathers/father figures and their children so please contact us soon if you are interested, it will be “first in best dressed!”

### **Pre-Kindy Interviews for 2025**

Interviews for the Pre-Kindy program will take place in the first half of June to ensure “Letters of Offer” will be distributed, signed and returned before the end of Term 2, which is Friday, 28 June. Please ensure your paperwork has been submitted if you are hoping to have a child in Pre-Kindy next year!

Best wishes for the next fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal



The GSK P&F presents

# THE RAINBOW DISCO

Friday 14th June 2024

Pre Kindy- Yr 2: 4.30pm- 5.30pm

Sausage sizzle from 5pm

Parental supervision is required.

Yr 3- Yr 6: 5.45pm- 7pm

Sausage sizzle from 5.45pm

Parental supervision is encouraged.

Tickets \$5

To be purchased via quickcliq  
or scan QR code.

(includes hot dog & juice box)



DRESS IN RAINBOW COLOURS

## School Disco 14 June 2024

**Kindy-2** - 4.30 to 5.30pm

**Years 3 - 6** - 5.45 to 7.00pm

To purchase tickets for the Disco, parents/caregivers need to:

1. Log into to Quickcliq  
<https://app.quickcliq.com.au/>
2. Select "Event"
3. Choose Disco group and number of tickets required
4. Select "Pickup" for Shipping, and then enter Parent details
5. Pay and Place Order

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Friday, 14 June** - Lightning Carnival Yrs 5 & 6, P&F Disco 4.30pm onwards

**Tuesday, 18 June** - SAC Meeting 6pm

**Friday, 21 June** - Year 3 Reconciliation Retreat Day, then  
Sacrament at 4pm at Good Shepherd Church

**Friday, 28 June** - Last day Term 2

**Tuesday, 16 July** - First Day Term 3 Students 8.30am

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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**

[Order Canteen Here](#)

## 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.**

Signed acceptance forms for Kindy 2025 must be received by Wednesday, 19 June.

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](mailto: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](#)

[Camp Australia Term 2 Newsletter](#)

## [Uniform Shop](#)

### [Opening Hours](#)

**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

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## Attention all fathers and father - figures Lego Masters

Come along and enjoy quality time with your child while making some creations with Lego.

**When: Thursday 20th June**

**Where: Ward House**

**Time: 5.30pm to 7.00pm**

**This activity is LIMITED to 20 dads and their children.**

While not excluding all our amazing mums, aunts, grandmas and carers, we would love to see as many dads, granddads, father-figures and significant males take part in this activity.



Lego Masters is supported by the City of Armadale Libraries.

If you would like more information about The Fathering Project at your school, please contact  
Principal - Mr Hansen on 9496 9200

To RSVP - Please email the school on [admin@gsk.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@gsk.wa.edu.au) or phone on 9496 9200



The Fathering Project supported by:



## 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.*

Spending time away from the kids and family for work can be challenging, especially when it happens on a regular basis.

FIFO parents face unique challenges, from maintaining strong family connections to managing stress and time effectively.

This week we will share our top tips on preparing to go away and staying connected with your family if you are a FIFO/DIDO parent.

### Top Tips

#### 1. Open communication

With your children about your work and where you will be so they can feel you are safe and will be back.

## **2. Explain what you do**

Show them some pictures of your work site and where you are staying.

## **3. Send them videos and messages while you're away**

Send regular text messages and stay in touch. Consider setting up a family Whatsapp group chat and share updates while you're away.

[Read More](#)

As we move through Men's Health Week, it's a perfect time to remind all the amazing dads out there about the importance of looking after their health.

Being the best version of yourself means you can be there for your kids and family.

Here are some essential tips to use in your day to day life to better support your health.

### **Top Tips**

#### **1. Look after your physical health**

Make the time to get out and exercise. It doesn't have to be strenuous, just something that gets you moving!

#### **2. Prioritise mental health**

Take time to regularly check in on your mental health. It's just as important as your physical health!

#### **3. Quality time**

Building strong relationships with your kids requires time and effort. Engage in activities together, listen to them and create lasting memories. This not only benefits your kids, but your own mental and emotional wellbeing.

[Watch Now](#)

## **Lumen Christi College - Instrumental Program**

**For information and enrolment, please click on the button below**

**Lumen Christi Instrumental Program**

## Community News

**Southern Districts Netball Association** - [July Holiday Netball Clinic 5 - 13 Year Old](#)

**Sprinting Fast** - [July Clinic](#)

**Western Australian Marathon Club** - [Kids Marathon](#)

**Murdoch University** - [School Holiday Program](#)

**Communicare** - [Parenting Program Term 3](#)



### **Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavol Herda**

**Parish Office:** 42 Streich Avenue, Kelmscott

**Parish Website:** [www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com](http://www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com)

**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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