



Good Shepherd
Catholic Primary School
PRE-KINDERGARTEN
TO YEAR 6

Learning through Faith, Love and Laughter

e-Newsletter 2 Term 1 Week 3

16 February 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thanks again to all families for your support and compliance as we navigate our way through these complex times. I have included a significant amount of information on specific upcoming events here at Good Shepherd. The regulations seem to be changing regularly and are a little blurred at times, but I will continue to endeavour to keep families as informed as I possibly can. There is no point looking too far ahead because of the rate at which things are changing, but I have included some specific information on: Remote Learning Packages, Assemblies, Swimming Lessons and our School Swimming Carnival.

Parent Information Night Information

Our COVID restrictions do not allow us to have large gatherings at school and it is unfortunate that parents do not get the opportunity to engage with class teachers in the traditional Parent Information Night format. The alternative we have chosen is to send home a copy of the class teacher's presentation for parents to read and we encourage parents to initiate communication with teachers if they need information clarified. This information will be distributed tomorrow so please look out for it when the children arrive home.

New Programs for 2022

We have introduced some new programs and focuses for the start of the 2022 school year including:

English – the Sound Waves program has been implemented in Years 2-6 to replace the Spelling Mastery program as our whole school spelling program. There is a significant focus on the “medial” sounds in words within the program which is the largest point of error for this age group of children. This program is quite rigorous and provides good opportunities for children to be extended but can also be modified where necessary to support children.

English – we are also in the process of introducing the Sounds Write literacy intervention program which will support children throughout our school who are still building their foundational skills and knowledge in literacy. The identified children throughout our school will participate in 4 X 40 minute sessions per week, facilitated by Darlene Min. Parents will be notified over the next week or two, following details assessments, if their child has been identified for this program.

Mathematics – after trialling the PR1ME Maths program in Year 3 last year, we have chosen to facilitate the program in Years 2, 3 and 4 in 2022. This is an explicit teaching program which has the potential to ensure the children build a very strong foundation of maths skills and knowledge as they venture through primary school.

Sport – as previously mentioned, we have introduced a second sport session for the children in Years 3-6. This sport session will be aimed at preparing the students for the Interschool sports carnivals that the Year 5 and 6 children will participate in. The focus will change as the year unfolds with sports including: cricket, cross country, football, netball, soccer and athletics. We also encourage the children in Years 3-6 to come and join us on Monday and Tuesday mornings before school from 8am – 8:30am. Monday’s focus will be specific sports as the year unfolds and the Tuesday morning session will be designed to develop children’s level of fitness.

School Fee Statements

Families will receive their school fee statements for 2022 tomorrow. In preparation for that, I would ask that any families who have a Health Care Card or the

blue pensioner card who have not contacted the school office to please do so to ensure that the appropriate discounts are allocated to the school fee statements. The cards need to be in the name of the person responsible for paying the school fees and must also show the child's name. Unfortunately, children who have a Health Care Card for medical reasons are not entitled to the school fee discounts. If parents have any concerns regarding the payment of school fees, please book an appointment with me and we can discuss your specific situation and provide support if necessary.

COVID Update

There have been some queries about parents being able to assist in our canteen or attend our uniform shop. At the moment parents are able to assist Wendy in the canteen and parents can attend the uniform shop as per normal. The best way to explain it is that visitors who come into these venues on an "ad hoc" basis are welcome to and do not need to show proof of vaccination, but are not allowed to attend on a regular basis. If assisting in the canteen you must sign in at the office first.

As far as the ventilation audit is concerned, it took place yesterday, a report was completed and sent to CEWA who will be contacting us to ensure that the ventilation around the school is appropriate in our current COVID climate.

Remote Learning Packages

Each child from Kindy to Year 4 has brought home a remote learning package to accommodate the children in the event of year level cohorts needing to go into isolation. My understanding is that approximately 30 schools have been affected across the state at this point, so it is important that we are prepared. Please keep the packages in a safe place and we ask that they are not accessed until they are required.

Assemblies

Assemblies are not allow to take place at the moment due to the regulations around whole school gatherings. Our response to this will be for me to walk around to the classrooms and present Honour Certificates during the normal assembly times, for

Term 1 that will include: Friday, 18 February (Friday week 3), Friday, 25 February (Friday week 4) and Friday, 18 March (Friday week 7). The presentation of the Honour Certificates in the classrooms will be photographed or video recorded and forwarded onto parents.

Swimming Lesson Preparation

The preparation for swimming lessons, due to begin on Monday, 28 February is well underway. At this stage we are expecting them to continue as planned. If any parents have not returned the required paperwork for the swimming lessons, they must do so before the end of this week, when the documentation will be taken over to Armadale Aquatic Centre.

School Swimming Carnival

We are continuing to prepare for our school swimming carnival at the St Brigid's College indoor swimming pool. We have chosen this venue because it will be able to accommodate all children from Years 1-6, both swimmers and non-swimmers to ensure it is a strong community event. There are some concerns at the moment about the venue being indoors in this COVID climate, but we will do everything we can to ensure the event takes place. I will continue to provide updates as things develop.

Speed Limit in School grounds

Just a friendly reminder that the speed in the school grounds **at all times is 8km**. Please keep to the limit as the wellbeing of our students, staff and school community is of utmost importance. It is also important that parents and students use the crosswalk and footpaths to get to and from classes and do not cross the road incorrectly.

Bella's Back

The children have enjoyed having Bella back at Good Shepherd, she seems to have slotted straight back into routines with Coconut and Nugget. Thanks again to Linda Aldworth and her daughter, Lisa for providing the opportunity for Bella to join a group of other horses on a 15 acre property in Capel over the Christmas break.

Finally, we are preparing to move into the Lent season when we celebrate Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, 2 March. Our original plan was to have a whole school mass at our Church, but that is currently contrary to the WA Health advice, so we are developing an alternate plan to celebrate the beginning of the Leant season with the children.

Best wishes for the next fortnight,

Paul Hansen - Principal

ADMINISTRATION

Family Detail Forms

1. Your Full Family Details form is due back by this Friday, 18 February.

3. If your child has received any new vaccinations an updated Immunisation History Statement must be provided to the office.

Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1

Thursday, 17 February - Year 2 Liturgy - **students only**

Tuesday, 22 February - SAC Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday, 24 February - Year 3 Liturgy - **students only**

Monday, 28 February - Swimming Lessons begin

[Click for the Current Term 1 Calendar](#)

Bug Hotel  A row of five colorful bug icons: a ladybug, a green caterpillar, a brown worm, a brown ant, and a blue spider.

The Year 6 Environment Team are collecting materials to make a BUG HOTEL.

What is a bug hotel? A bug hotel is a collection of small hollows that can be used by native insects and small invertebrates looking for a place to rest, lay eggs and seek shelter. This habitat stimulates a diversity of insects and can improve a garden's ecological balance.

Materials we are seeking:

- Wooden crates
- Old bricks, pavers or tiles
- Terracotta or clay pots
- Corrugated iron, hardwood sleepers
- Logs, large stones, pine cones
- Bamboo or pieces of pipe
- Chicken wire

If you can help with any of the materials listed, it would be greatly appreciated. Items can be brought to the Science room or left on the back courtyard of the STEM block.

Kind regards,

Mrs Maher and the Environment Team



Term 1 2022 Canteen Roster

Canteen Menu

CANTEEN

Thank you to the parent volunteers who help in the canteen.

Wendy, Canteen Manager

Order Canteen Here

Enrolments 2023

If you are seeking a place for your child in Kindergarten 2023 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. **Families with siblings are also required to submit an enrolment form.**

Enrolments in other Year groups are also available

Your child's journey starts HERE



Camp Australia - Before and After
School Care

Bookings now open for 2022

Families can prepare for the new school year as **2022 bookings for Your OSHC program are now open**. Registration is **free** for 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 log in and register through our [Parent Portal](#), also available as a smartphone app, and start booking.

[Camp Australia Information](#)

Uniform Shop 2022

Opening Times are changing in 2022:

Monday afternoon 2.00-3.30pm and Friday morning 8.00-9.30am

(If there is a Public Holiday, the Uniform Shop will open on Tuesday afternoon)

Linda, Uniform shop Manager

Click on the button below for the Uniform Policy

[Uniform Policy](#)

School Fees

Please direct any enquiries to the accounts email: accounts@gsk.wa.edu.au or call 9496 9200 Option 3

Lee Maxfield - Finance Officer

Scholastic Book Club

Orders due by 21 Feb 2022

Online orders only

Any queries plus contact Rebecca Boardman
on 0409 995 079

Lumen Christi College - Instrumental Program

For information and enrolment, please click on the button below

Lumen Christi Instrumental Program



Helping your child have a positive attitude towards learning

Did you know that fathers and father figures not only have a direct impact on their child's social, emotional and cognitive development, but academic outcomes and attitude towards learning too?

Even if you didn't have the best experience at school when you were younger, it's important to allow your child to develop their own attitudes towards school, and help to positively influence them wherever possible.

Top Tips

- 1. Praise your child for their efforts.** Notice and recognise their approach and commitment to learning and effort in their homework and assignments. Praise from dad goes a long way!
- 2. Be positive.** Send a note to the teacher or write in your child's diary your appreciation of them.

3. Take interest in your child's homework and assignments. Assist where possible and talk over any issues they might have.

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[Girl Guides - Registration](#)

[City of Armadale - Multisports Program](#)

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[Champion Lakes Boat Club - Come and Try Kayaking](#)

[City of Armadale Library - Learning English Through Story Time \(Ages 3-4\)](#)

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Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavol Herda

Parish Website: www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com

Phone: 9495 1489 (Office Wed-Fri)

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

When attending Mass you are strongly encouraged to maintain physical distancing where possible and not to attend Mass if you are feeling in any way unwell.

Any person aged 16 or over visiting the church and/or attending Mass must complete the mandatory Covid-19 contact register.

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