



Newsletter 01 Week 1 Term 1

5 February 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is with sadness that I inform our broader school community that we received news last week regarding Ms Claire Goldie who was due to commence teaching Year 2 this year. Claire's family have informed us that sadly she died suddenly while at home prior to the school year commencing. We do not have any further details regarding her death at this point in time, however, Claire's family have given us permission to communicate this news to you. We have communicated this with the families of the Year 2 class last Monday and have supports in place for the students and staff impacted. Please pray for Claire, her family and friends and those school communities impacted during this very sad time.

We are fortunate to have Brittany Smith, our most recent Year 2 teacher with us for the first few weeks of the school year before she goes on Maternity Leave. Brittany will be able to coordinate the teaching and learning in Year 2 to start the year off (for the first 3 weeks) before we set up a more long-term solution for the 2025 school year for our Year 2 students.

Welcome to 2025

A very special welcome back to everyone in our Good Shepherd community, I am sure the Christmas holiday break was an enjoyable time and a great opportunity for you to spend valuable time with family and friends.

I would especially like to welcome all the Kindy children who are commencing their journey in 2025. Many of them have been part of our Pre-Kindy program in 2024, but they now begin their 3 day a week program in the Good Shepherd community. A special welcome also to 4 new students in different classes throughout the school:

Year 1 – Joseph

Year 3 – Phoenix and Isabella

I am sure the children in the different classes will make these new students feel welcome and support them as they settle into the Good Shepherd community.

2025 – The Year of Jubilee

As we embark on the 2025 year, I would like to highlight this year being the Year of Jubilee, a wonderful celebration for our Catholic Church throughout the world. The Year of Jubilee takes place every 25 years. There is an anticipated 32 million people participating in a “pilgrimage” to Rome throughout the year with some special “opening of doors” to encourage people to visit special places as a way of renewing their faith. You will be hearing a little more about the Year of Jubilee as 2025 unfolds.

Staffing Change for 2025

On the last day of the school year, Penelope O’Brien, our Italian teacher was offered an Italian teaching position at Corpus Christi College. This is a great opportunity for Penelope in a community very close to home for her. So, while it is unfortunate for us, a great professional move for Penelope to be part of a K-12 College, working 3 days a week. As we congratulate Penelope and wish her well for her new role, on behalf of our community, I would like to sincerely thank her for all the contributions she has made over the past 6 years.

Replacing Penelope in the Italian teaching role will be Daniel Siciliano. Daniel has had some experience as a Year 3 classroom teacher in another Catholic school, we welcome Daniel into our community as our new Italian teacher.

New staff

Mikayla Adams – Pre-Primary teacher

Daniel Siciliano – Italian teacher

Genevieve Arnold – Year 3 teacher on Tuesdays

Paige Baker – Education Assistant in Kindy

Andrea Draper – Education Assistant in the Year 1 and 2 area on Thursdays and Fridays

We welcome our new staff members and look forward to the contributions they will make to our community.

School Advisory Council Plan for 2025

Since our Annual Community Meeting towards the end of 2024, I am pleased to announce that Anna Tomeo has offered to join us on the School Advisory Council along with April Hunter who has offered to be the P&F representative on our School Advisory Council, ensuring a strong link between the 2 parent groups in our school. Enormous thanks to the ladies for offering to contribute to our community in this way and we look forward to their contributions.

Members of the School Advisory Council include:

Yolandie McDade (Secretary)

Yvonne Power

Isaiah Maji

John McNess

Dannielle Paraha

Anna Tomeo

April Hunter - P&F representative

Paul Hansen – Ex Officio (Principal)

Rev Fr. Pavol – Ex Officio (Parish Priest)

P&F Plan for 2025

I would also like to thank all the P&F members listed below, our P&F Executive remains the same as it was in 2024 and that continuity will be very beneficial. I have also listed the parents who have offered their services as Class Representatives. As you can see, we still have a few gaps so if you are able to assist, please let us know.

P&F Executive Members:

President – Stephanie Kingston

Vice-President – Fiona Daly

Secretary – April Hunter

Treasurer – April Hunter

Class Representatives:

Kindy

Pre-Primary Lara Miller

Year 1

Year 2 Anna Tomeo

Year 3

Year 4 Vicky Hassall

Year 5 Kylie Richards and Christine Kohler

Year 6 Danica Smith and Rochelle Hall

We have confirmed our P&F Meeting dates for 2025, the meetings will be held in the staffroom, starting at 6pm:

Term 1 - Wednesday 26/2/2025

Tuesday 1/4/2025

Term 2 - Wednesday 14/5/2025

Tuesday 24/6/2025

Term 3 - Wednesday 6/8/2025

Tuesday 16/9/2025

Term 4 - Wednesday 29/10/2025

Annual Community Meeting 26/11

Parent Information Evening – Wednesday, 19 February

Parents are asked to please **save this date**, for our annual Parent Information Evening, a chance for parents to come in and spend time with the teacher/s of their child/ren to learn more about the programs and processes which will unfold in the classroom this year and also some information pertinent to whole school focuses and priorities for 2025. Further details will be sent to all families from PP-6 in the coming days with the times and format for the evening.

School Swimming Carnival

Finally, I would like to share some information about our school Swimming Carnival for 2025. For a number of reasons, we have chosen to have our school

Swimming Carnival day in Term 4 this year. One of the reasons for this is that our swimming lessons are not booked in until the last 2 weeks of Term 3, so our thinking is that the swimming lessons prior to the carnival will give the children across the school the best opportunity to perform well.

With this in mind, we still need to prepare our Interschool Swimming Team for their carnival scheduled for Friday, 14 March. To do this, Brent Johnson has booked some lanes at Armadale Aquatic Centre on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 7:30am – 8am in:

Week 2 – 10 and 11 February

Week 3 – 17 Feb and 18 February

Week 4 – 24 Feb and 25 February

(Week 5 is a public holiday on Monday and pupil-free day on Tuesday)

Week 6 – 10 March and 11 March

This program is offered to children in Years 4, 5 and 6 and any child hoping to be considered for our Interschool team is encouraged to attend. Parents please be aware that every person going into Armadale Aquatic Centre, whether they are swimming or not will be charged \$4.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal

Uniform Shop

Our New Uniform Online ordering is now live via www.quickcliq.com.au !

Orders can be placed each week from Saturday through to Wednesday, ready for collection from our Uniform Shop on Friday mornings, between 8:00am – 9:15am. Please note online ordering is not available on Thursday or Friday.

Walk-in sales will still be available on Friday mornings from 8:00am – 9:15am.

School Fees 2025

Tuition Fee Statements will be sent home on Friday, 14 February 2025, along with Payment Options Forms which must be returned to the office as soon as possible to allow all payment plans to be set up.

If you have a current Centrelink issued Concession Card – HCC or PCC – please present your card to the Office by Monday, 10 February 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Jenny Marion-Clark

Finance Officer

Administration

Update Details

As we start a new school year, it is important that all families update their contact details if they changed eg: phone numbers, address, email, emergency contact details. If any of your details have changed please contact the office.

Absences

Absence notes can be done either through your Seqta App at gsk.engage.cewa.edu.au or the school website at www.gsk.wa.edu.au. Absences should be advised by 8.30am.

Calendar of Events

**Thursday, 6 February - Whole School Mass 9.30am
Ward House, 3YO Pre Kindy begins**

Monday, 10 February - Kindy Parent Morning Tea 9-10.00am in the Staffroom

Thursday, 13 February - Year 3 Liturgy 9.00am

Friday, 14 February - Year 6 Assembly 2.00pm Ward House

[Click for the Current Calendar](#)



Carpark Safety

For the safety of our whole School community, please remember to slow down and adhere to the 8km speed limit whilst using our carpark.

Your co-operation is appreciated.



[Canteen Menu](#)

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 2026](#)

Enrolments are now open for 2026 Kindergarten and our 2026 Three Year Old Pre-Kindergarten Program.

Please contact admin@gsk.wa.edu.au for an enrolment form.

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. 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](#)

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



Fathering Project website: [the fathering project](http://thefatheringproject.com)

Lumen Christi College

Instrumental Program 2025

Enrolments for Music lessons 2025 are now open for Drums, Guitar, Piano, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone and Trumpet.

For information and enrolment, please click on the button below

[Lumen Christi Instrumental Program](#)

"Kickstart the School Year with the Better Health Program

Give your family a healthy start to the year with the Better Health Program! Learn how to pack nutritious lunches, keep your kids active, and build lifelong healthy habits—all for free.

🌟 What's included?

📞 10 free calls with a health professional

🏠 Support from a health professional at your local BOUNCE! Trampoline Park

Join thousands of WA families making healthy changes today!

📍 Term 1 starts this February at BOUNCE! Cannington, Osborne Park, and Joondalup.

💻 Prefer online? Free spots are available all year—start whenever you're ready, but be quick, spots are filling fast!

👉 [Signup - Better Health Program— it's free!](#)

Community News

Girl Guides - [Registrations](#)

Record Magazine - [Perth Archdiocese](#)

Communicare - [Little Sprouts - understanding your baby's development \(0-9 months\)](#)



Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Kelmscott - Fr Pavol Herda

Parish Office: 42 Streich Avenue, Kelmscott

Parish Website: www.goodshepherdkelmscott.com

Parish Email: kelmscott@perthcatholic.org.au

Phone: 9495 1489 Office (Wed - Fri 9am-12pm)

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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