



Newsletter 04 Week 7 Term 1

19 March 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We start and finish this fortnight with some significant community events, with the P&F Welcome Back event last Friday evening and our upcoming Commitment and Commissioning Mass weekend.

Congratulation to the Johnson family

It is with great excitement and joy that I announce to our broader community that Brent Johnson and his wife, Steph welcomed a baby daughter, Hallie into the world last Tuesday, 11 March. Both Steph and Hallie are going very well as they develop new routines as she adapts to a family with 2 caring big brothers, Harvey and Hunter. Congratulations to the Johnson family!

Interschool Swimming Carnival

We had a team of 26 students who represented our school at the Interschool Swimming Carnival as one of 6 schools, at the Bayswater Waves complex. The children competed really well with a number of stand out performances from children in our community.

Congratulations to:

Sophia – Champion Year 4 Girl

Stellan – Runner-Up Year 5 Boy

Ivy - Champion Year 6 Girl

Finn - Champion Year 6 Boy

for their outstanding performances throughout the carnival against some really strong competition. As a team, we finished fourth out of six schools, so our next

task is to continue to build the depth of swimmers at our school. I have no doubt, we also had the largest group of supporters at the carnival cheering their children on, so thank you to all the parents and grandparents who joined us on the day.

Final School Standings

1. Mary's Mount – 1,586 points
2. St Augustine's – 1,417 points
3. St Michael's – 1,385 points
4. Good Shepherd – 1,301 points
5. Matthew Gibney – 1,256 points
6. Sacred Heart – 1,097 points

P&F Welcome Back Event

We had an awesome P&F Welcome Back event last Friday evening between 5pm and 7pm. The food trucks and ice-cream van seemed to be a big hit and we had more than 200 students and their parents assembled down towards the new Nature Play area enjoying each other's company. Huge thanks to our P&F executive for organising such a great event for the families in our community.

The P&F would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the families who attended the "Welcome Back Sundowner". The event was overflowing with joy and positive community spirit, which was its exact purpose.

Special mention to our amazing staff who attended and assisted throughout the evening.

We would like to congratulate Rachel Lindau, parent of Roger in Preprimary, on winning the "attendance" prize on Friday. Rachel was handed her winning prize this morning!! (picture below)

Commitment and Commissioning Mass Weekend

This weekend has been set aside for all the children and families from the sacramental Years 3, 4 and 6, to pledge their commitment for the respective programs

of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Families are welcome to attend any of the masses throughout the weekend, either 6pm on Saturday evening, 10am on Sunday morning or 6pm on Sunday evening. We have identified the 10am Mass on Sunday morning as the Commissioning Mass for all Staff, School Advisory Council members and P&F Executive members to pledge their commitment to our community for the 2025 school year. Please come along and join us if you are able to.

Uniform Shop Update

Please refer to the information regarding our uniform shop in this edition of our newsletter. Jenny has organised a range of second hand items for sale, priced between \$5 and \$20 per item. Also, a reminder that our Uniform shop is open on Friday mornings from 8am – 9:15am.

Coffee Van Fridays

We are starting a plan this Friday to have a coffee van at school between 8am and 9am as a way for us to offer this service for staff and parents who would like to partake as we finish the week with a little kick start. The coffee van will be positioned in the last bay adjacent to the shed at the drop off and pick up area. Please use the service if you have some time on Friday mornings and it would be a good opportunity to network with other parents.

Pre-Kindy and Kindy Enrolment Interviews

It is that time of the year when we start preparing for the 2026 Pre-Kindy and Kindy enrolment interviews throughout the months of May and June with the intention of offering all spots to families and receiving the offers of acceptance to confirm the spots before 30 June. A reminder for all current families who may have a younger child of Pre-Kindy or Kindy age in 2026, to please ensure that the application forms have been forwarded to our school office for processing as the initial stage for being invited in for an enrolment interview.

Parent-Teacher Interviews (PP-6)

On Tuesday, 8 April our school will close at lunchtime (12:40pm) for Parent-Teacher interviews. Similar to

previous years, a link will be sent out next week for families to book times in for the interviews. Again, we will send the link out to families with multiple children 24 hours before single child families to allow them to organise multiple meeting times before too many time slots get taken. Please look out for the link late next week.

Best wishes for the next fortnight.

Paul Hansen, Principal



Friday, 21 March 2025

Harmony - We all have a Role to Play

Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live.

Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

• **CULTURAL HERITAGE DRESS FOR THE DAY**

To celebrate Harmony Day, students are invited to come to school dressed in clothing from their cultural heritage or in the **colour orange**, which is the official Harmony Day colour.

• **HARMONY DAY LITURGY**

Students will gather in prayer at 9:00am in Ward House to celebrate the cultural diversity of our school community.

• **GOLD COIN DONATION FOR CARITAS**

Students are requested to bring a gold coin that will be collected for Caritas Australia who will use the donation to assist a culture in the world who is in need.

Calendar of Events

Friday, 21 March - Harmony Day - Whole School Liturgy 9am, Gold Coin Donation

Thursday, 27 March - Year 5 & 6 Reconciliation 9.00am

Friday, 28 March - Year 5 & 6 Cricket Carnival

Tuesday, 1 April - P & F Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday, 3 April - Pre-Primary Liturgy 9.00am

Friday, 4 April - Year 2 Assembly 2pm

Tuesday, 8 April - School Closes 1pm - Parent Interview afternoon 1-5pm.

Friday, 11 April - Stations of the Cross 9.30am Undercover Area, Last Day Term 1

[Current Calendar](#)

School Fees 2025

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

Uniform Shop

Don't forget our new uniform online ordering is now live via www.quickcliq.com.au !

Winter Dress sizing will be available on Friday, 4 April from 8.00-9.30am (please bring your daughter with you).

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.

An alterations service is still available.

[Click here for the Uniform Policy](#)



[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](#)



Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club is online ordering only at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP).

Orders are due by this Friday, 21 March 2025

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.

[Camp Australia Information](#)



Fathering Project website: [the fatheringproject](https://www.thefatheringproject.org)

Raising children today means more than just teaching them right from wrong - it's about understanding the world they're growing up in and being active participants in guiding them through it.

With the rise of social media, digital platforms, and shifting ideas of identity and respect, it's crucial to stay connected and remain curious about the influences affecting both our sons and daughters.

Stay Curious and Open with Your Kids

Try this: Make a habit of asking open-ended questions about what your child is experiencing online.

Ask about the shows they're watching, the people they follow, and the messages they're receiving. This helps create an open dialogue where you can guide them toward healthy values, self-respect, and respect for others.

For boys, it's about building their sense of self-worth and questioning outdated ideas of masculinity. For girls, it's about empowering them to stand strong in their identity, teaching them to navigate societal pressures, and reinforcing the importance of self-respect in the face of often harmful online narratives.

By staying curious and engaged, you can help ensure children feel supported and affirmed as they navigate an ever-changing world.

[Read More](#)

What do boys need from their dads?

Boys need unconditional love, affirmation and encouragement. They look up to their dads and

positive male role models for guidance.

[Read More](#)

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 .

School Dental Service (DHS) Enrolment. New Students to the school will receive an enrolment form to complete soon. This form should be returned to DHS in the reply paid envelope as soon as possible.

[Click here for more information](#)

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](#)



Enrol now for Year 7 2026 & 2027

**Enrolments for Year 7 2026 & 2027 entry
are now open.**

If you wish to enrol your child at Lumen Christi College,
please visit www.lumen.wa.edu.au or phone 08 9394 9300.

Please note enrolments for Year 7 2026 are
filling fast.

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2026 Scholarships Now Open

Applications for Academic
Scholarships at St Brigid's College
for Years 7 & 10 in 2025 are now
open. Registrations close at
3:30pm on Wednesday 9 April.

For details visit, sbcl.wa.edu.au/scholarships



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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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