



5 March 2021

Vision Statement: Good Shepherd Catholic School is an inclusive community growing together in faith by living our Catholic values and beliefs. We are guided by catholic Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ, in partnership with parents, caregivers, parish and the wider community. Our school is dedicated to fostering life-long learning through educational excellence encapsulating the spiritual, cognitive, emotional, social and physical development of the child.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Good Shepherd Catholic School

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)



This week I have had the pleasure of spending the week with the Year 6 students as they embark on their camp. Although the weather has been a little tricky, the students have really enjoyed the time away. They have had the opportunity to get out of their comfort zone as well as experience new things, especially food! They have also had the opportunity to get to know each other better. They are a credit to themselves and their families. I would like to thank Mrs Smith-Webb and Mrs Caridi who have organised this wonderful opportunity for their students. I would also like to thank Mr Blatchford, Miss Donisi and Miss Tori for so generously giving up their own time to help supervise the students. I am sure you will hear lots of stories when they return home.

Early in Term 2, I will begin interviewing families who would like to have their children join our school community in Kindergarten in 2021. We are very fortunate that many local families choose Good Shepherd as the place they would like to have their child educated. Therefore, I encourage all our existing families to make certain they have filled in all the appropriate applications for enrolment so that their child's place is guaranteed. Last year, a few of our families forgot and were in the anxious situation of waiting to see if a place became available. Please see our school administration staff if you have any questions around this.



It has been so pleasing to see our students properly attired in their school uniforms. Our uniform shop staff do a great job making certain that the uniform shop is well stocked with items. We are currently experiencing delays in the delivery of items, so we appreciate the patience of families as they wait for the items to arrive. Please be aware that this is beyond our control and we are doing everything we can to rectify this situation.

Many of our Year 3 students are currently preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. A workshop for parents and children has been organised for March 16th. I encourage all our families of students who will be receiving the sacrament to participate in the workshop. The students will be receiving the Sacrament on Saturday 27th March. Please keep the students and their families in your prayers.



Stay safe and stay well in the week ahead.

Mark Powell

Principal



School Values



Our Catholic Values underpin all of our 6 school values. This year our School is focusing on our school value...



Diversity

We celebrate diversity by accepting the uniqueness of individuals through their multi-cultural heritage, their varying abilities and many gifts.

Faction Points

Maali House:	78
Foley House:	57
Francis House:	37
Noonan House:	34



Birthday's



The following celebrated a birthday this week.

We wish them a very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

These will be acknowledged at our Monday assembly



Vihaan Bangra Kulur 2W
Rudraksh Sharma 4B
Alexander Supatan 2B
Mrs Lornie

Luke Scanlon 3B
D'arcy Borg 6B
Stephanie Jose 5B

Wesley Abbott 2B
Reanna Bijaudhur 5W
Mrs Michaelson

Term Dates 2021



TERM DATES

Term 1	Monday 1 st February – Thursday 1 st April
Term 2	Tuesday 20 th April – Friday 2 nd July
Term 3	Monday 19 th July – Thursday 23 rd September
Term 4	Tuesday 12 th October – Friday 10 th December

Pupil Free Days

Monday 19th April

Monday 16th August

Monday 8th November

Important Dates to Remember

Subject to change, based on Covid-19 advice

Reconciliation Workshop	16 th March
Reconciliation	27 th March
Parent/Teacher Meetings – Early Close	29 th March
Last Day of Term	1 st April
Good Friday	2 nd April



School Fees

School Fees 2021 NOW DUE



The first instalment was due on Friday 5 March 2021. Thank you to all the parents who have made payment.

It is a school requirement that each family has an approved, up to date, payment plan in place. Every family is required to complete and submit a new Payment Option form each year. Please complete and return the Payment Option Form via email finance@gsl.wa.edu.au or direct to the office.

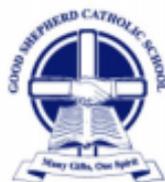
In justice to families who pay their school fees regularly and on time, the school will rigorously follow up all overdue school fee accounts.

Good Shepherd Catholic School is supportive of families who find themselves in difficult circumstances and early contact should be made with the Principal to enable assistance to be given.

Families paying via direct debit from a nominated bank account please ensure the amount is enough to cover the total outstanding amount prior to 30 September 2021.

Early Close – Monday 29 March

In Week 9, Monday 29 March we have an **EARLY CLOSE of school at 12:30pm**. This is to give all class teachers an opportunity to meet as many parents as possible during their Parent Teacher Meetings from all year levels from Kindy to Year 6. It is expected that ALL parents make an appointment with their class teacher/s either on that Monday or Wednesday after school during Week 10. In addition, Kindy parents can come any time on Thursday 25th March 9am – 3pm. The Parent Teacher Meetings will be of 10 minutes duration and will give class teachers the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and any school based assessments and observations. It is essential that you attend and support the school's efforts to communicate your child's progress, development and transition to their new year level. School finishes for all children at 12:30pm on Monday 29th March. Please see the information below for our Online Booking System.



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

BOOK YOUR INTERVIEWS NOW BY FOLLOWING THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Week 9 on Monday 29th & Wednesday 31st March. In addition, there will be interview opportunities for Kindy parents only in Week 8 on Thursday 25th March. Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on 6278 9500. If you do not have internet access please contact your classroom teacher to arrange an interview time.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au click on the MAKE A BOOKING tab at the

top of the page and enter the code : **bwmhww**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by Friday 26th March at 3pm

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

Good Shepherd School Website

Our website is currently being redesigned and we are hoping to be able to launch it soon. We will be phasing out the use of the Smart Link App and utilising the features of the new website platform including submitting online absentee forms and live calendars to ensure we are up to date with school events. Please refer to the current website for any information or correspondence. Thank you for your patience and support while we await the launch of the new website.



A message from Year 5



As the Year 6's are on camp the Year 5's have been doing their jobs this week and as substitute leaders of the school. We have loved it and we would be quite happy to have the year 6's stay at camp as we thoroughly enjoyed the extra responsibilities. Other than the year 6's being away it was a short and quiet week with the rain causing us to be stuck inside to eat lunch and recess some of the week.

Eco Warriors - Sustainability



Clean up Australia Day

Clean up Australia Day is on Sunday the 7th of March. If you would like to participate in a Clean up Australia Day event, click on the link below. Remember to take precautions due to COVID-19.
<https://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/join-a-clean-up>

Project Compassion



This week through Project Compassion we learn about 39-year-old Margret, a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment. Apart from the difficulties the students all have, the school also faced water shortages, with not enough to supply staff and students with safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables.

Then Tropical Cyclone Harold damaged the school and its vegetable garden, amidst the threat of COVID-19. Staff and students rely on the vegetable garden to provide food for their meals.

With Caritas Australia's support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures. Margret's school now has enough water for its students and the capacity to cater for more, with plans to boost food security, through increased agricultural production.

Around 60% of people in rural areas in the Solomon Islands don't have access to piped water, while about 80% don't have access to latrines or toilets. (UNICEF, 2019)

Watch a short film about Margret's story here.

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." Please support Project Compassion:
lent.caritas.org.au

Book Club



Book club brochures have been sent home this week for students and parents to purchase some fantastic books. This is a great way to foster the love of reading for your child as they get to choose what they are interested in! Orders can be made through Loop by following the instructions on the brochure. Alternatively, you can place an order form with the correct money in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class clearly labelled. Please ensure that correct amount is sent in as no change will be given.

Book Club orders are due: 12/03/2021



Uniform Shop



Uniform Shop Trading Hours	
Tuesday	8:15am – 9:15am
Friday	2:15pm – 3:15pm



<http://web.gsl.wa.edu.au/stewardship/school-uniform/>

Canteen

Recess orders will be accepted from all students in Kindy to Year 6. We ask parents to write their order on an envelope and place the correct money to avoid handling change. The Canteen Menu is available on our Website.

<http://web.gsl.wa.edu.au/our-families/debbies-deli/>

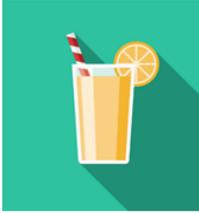


WEEKLY SPECIAL

\$5.00

WEEK 6




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Hot dog and sauce

Juice

(Apple, Blackcurrant or Orange)

Facebook Page

Good Shepherd Lockridge has its own Facebook Page. Please like our page and follow us as we begin to use this social forum to update you on information and current events happening within our wonderful school. Search @GoodShepherdLockridge



OSHC Camp Australia

Your OSHC.

Tailored before and after school experiences that children love.

Dear Families,

We are excited to be partnering with your school to provide our *Your OSHC* service.

Your *OSHC* is Camp Australia's brand for our tailored experiences - Before School, After School and on Pupil Free Days - that aim to inspire your child and help them grow.

Our *Your OSHC* program is tailored to your child, driving curiosity and wonder, whilst creating a unique place where children can practice real-life skills in a fun, exciting environment that challenges them to succeed. Every program is varied, with experiences centred around STEM, Outdoor Play, Sports, Group Games and Imaginative Play - no two programs are the same!

Download the Parent Portal app



Experience Your OSHC

To attend *Your OSHC*, you first need to register your child and book. Even if you don't plan on experiencing *Your OSHC* right away, we recommend that all families register for free, so that if you ever need us, we have all the information and documentation we need to best care for your child.

To register and start booking, click the link below or download our Parent Portal app - available on the App Store and through Google Play.

[Register free and book](#)

Virtual Info Sessions

To make the process easier for you, and to answer any questions you may have about Outside School Hours Care, we are also hosting free virtual parent information sessions.

These virtual, informative, and interactive sessions will provide insight into how OSHC at Camp Australia operates. The team presenting will discuss programs that are offered, registration and booking process, billing, Child Care Subsidy and more.

[More information](#)

Session 1

Tuesday 16 February

9.30am (AWST)
11.00am (ACST)
11.30am (AEST)
12.00pm (ACDT)
12.30pm (AEDT)

[Register](#)

Session 2

Thursday 18 February

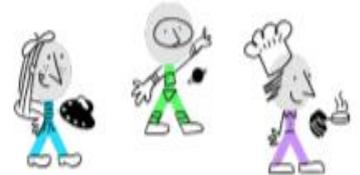
5.00pm (AWST)
6.30pm (ACST)
7.00pm (AEST)
7.30pm (ACDT)
8.00pm (AEDT)

[Register](#)



Enriching programs

As we start Term 1, we also want to ensure you that we're here to help you and your children settle into school. Our teams have been busy designing the perfect program to kick off the new year, focused on welcoming children into service, strengthening friendships and building confidence for the year ahead.



If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 who are available 5am - 9pm, 7 days a week - except National Public Holidays.

We look forward to seeing you at *Your OSHC* soon!

Kind Regards,
The Camp Australia Team

The P&F Page!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friend Raising	Fund Raising	Meetings
Dad's & Kids Camp Out Saturday, 20 th March	2020/21 Digital Entertainment Book	P&F Meeting Tuesday, 16 th March

DAD'S & KIDS CAMP OUT



It's Camp Out Time!

Saturday, 20th March 2021

The cool Dad's and Kids Camp Out has been growing from strength to strength every year. This friend-raising event is designed to bring Fathers and father figures (Mums are welcome too) together for a relaxed evening and building on that special bond between you and your children. It's exciting for the kids to camp with dad at the school for the night. It's also a chance for the grown ups to meet other families at the school and just have some fun!

To secure your camp site booking & payments can be made now via <https://www.trybooking.com/BPBAU>

If you have any questions or concerns please contact, John Arendt on 0433 132 402 or via email gsl.pnf@gmail.com

We hope you join us for another great Camp Out!

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is back and commencing on 11th March 2021.

We would like to welcome our School Banking Coordinator, Holly Vecchio. To our new volunteers, Chantell Abrahams and Rhianna Kaeding, thank you for giving up your precious time in supporting the School Banking Program, it is very much appreciated.

The Parents and Friends of Good Shepherd is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. School Banking is a fun, interactive, and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youth Saver account through School Banking earn Dollarmite tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online – Visit [School Banking - CommBank](#) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account
2. In Branch – Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmite deposit wallet.

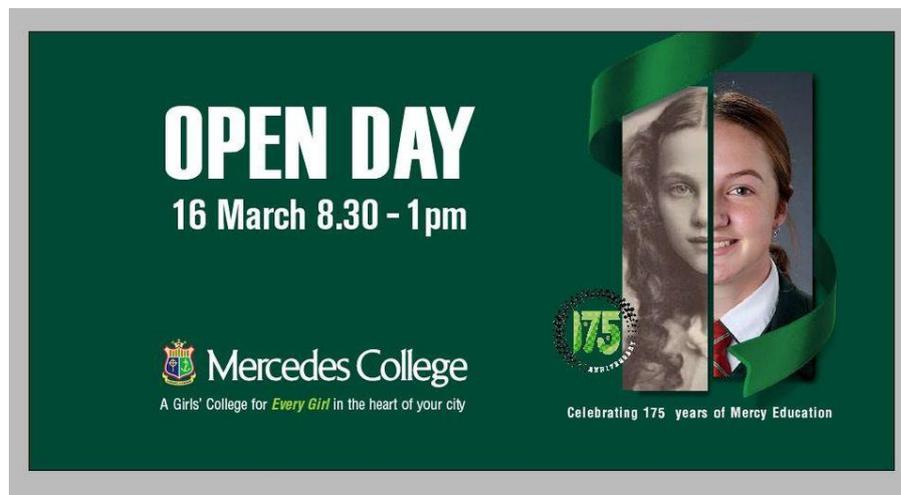
SCHOOL BANKING DAY – EVERY Thursday – 8.20am till 8:40am – School Canteen

If you would like to know any more information regarding School Banking please contact Holly Vecchio on 0424 520 329.



Mercedes College

Sunday 21 March The Mercedes College Fete is a way to bring the community together and celebrate the College's 175th Anniversary. There's fun for the whole family! Check the Fete Facebook page (@mercedescollegefete2021) or email fete@mercedes.wa.edu.au for more details!



Chisholm Catholic College

CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE
CHARACTER · LEARNING · COMPASSION

2021 IMPORTANT DATES

OPEN DAY
Thursday 11 March
Guided Tours: 8.45am, 11am and 1.15pm
Bookings close on **Wednesday 3 March**
www.trybooking.com/687825

2022 SCHOLARSHIPS
The Principal invites applications for Academic Scholarships, Indigenous Bursaries and Music Scholarships.
Applications close on **Friday 5 March 2021**
Please contact Mrs Anne Balmer 9208 2516 or visit <http://www.chisholm.wa.edu.au> for more information.

2023 ENROLMENT
Enrolment interviews for 2023 Year 7 placements will commence shortly. The first round of applications (including siblings) will close on **Friday 19 March 2021**.
Interviews and offers continue throughout Term 1 and Term 2 for new families. Sibling interviews will occur over two evenings on **Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 March 2021**.
More information available at www.chisholm.wa.edu.au/enrolments




La Salle College Open Day



EXPLORE YOUR OPPORTUNITIES AT LA SALLE COLLEGE

2021 COLLEGE OPEN DAY
Tuesday 16 March
9.30am and 11.40am
Join our student-led tours where prospective students and families will gain an insight into College life.
For more information or to register, visit our website.
www.lasalle.wa.edu.au

Altone Comes Alive

CELEBRATE HARMONY WEEK AT
ALTONE COMES ALIVE!
11AM-4PM SATURDAY, MARCH 20
ALTONE PARK OVAL, BEECHBORO
FREE EVENT!
www.swan.wa.gov.au/altonecomesalive
city of swan

CELEBRATE HARMONY WEEK IN THE CITY OF SWAN AT
ALTONE COMES ALIVE!
This much loved celebration of culture and community is back for another huge year of fun filled activities including:
ONSTAGE PERFORMANCE SHOWCASE
COMMUNITY INFORMATION & MARKET STALLS
CAMEL RIDES AND CUDDLY ANIMALS
DELICIOUS INTERNATIONAL FOODS
CARNIVAL RIDES, INFLATABLES AND GAMES
BODY ART
THE BEST BIT: ENTRY, RIDES AND ACTIVITIES ARE ALL COMPLETELY FREE!
Help us make Altone Comes Alive a sustainable event by bringing your coffee cup and refillable water bottle (water station provided) and by walking, taking public transport or cycling (bike parking provided) instead.

f For more information, head over to the City of Swan Events Facebook page.

Altone Comes Alive is a COVID Safe event. Please follow all required precautions at the event and do not attend if you are feeling unwell.