

Howard Springs Campus News

Middle & Senior Years

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Term 1, Week 9 2022

Upcoming Events



- **Fri 22 April** - ANZAC Day Services
- **Mon 25 April** - ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- **Fri 29 April** - MS / SS Athletics Carnival
- **Mon 2 May** - May Day Public Holiday
- **Mon 9 - Fri 20 May** - NAPLAN
- **Sat 14 & Sun 15 May** - Fred's Pass Show
- **Fri 20 May** - Strauss House Day
- **Tues 24 - Fri 27 May**, Year 9A Camp
- **Tues 31 May - Fri 3 June**, Year 9B Camp
- **Tues 7 - Fri 10 June**, Year 9C Camp
- **Tues 14 - Fri 17 June**, Year 9D Camp
- **Fri 8 April** - Last Day Term 1
- **Fri 15 April** - Good Friday
- **Sun 17 April** - Easter Sunday
- **Mon 18 April** - Easter Monday
- **Tues 19 April** - First Day Term 2

Senior Years

As I write this, our Year 10 students are out learning on the job at Work Experience. A focus is building Year 10 students in hard skills (the academics and specific skills) and soft skills (communication, self-regulation, etc). Work Experience is a traditional means of building and exposing students to new things which is why our program runs so early in the year. No doubt students will come back to school next term with renewed energy and see school, hopefully, as one of the important tickets for future success. I want to wish our school community a Happy Easter and I hope you enjoy this short break.

Dean Cummins - Head of Senior Years



Middle Years

As Term 1 comes to a close, it's good to reflect on how far we have progressed in 2022. Some activities were postponed due to COVID protocols but it has been heartening to see activities, including Chapels and Assemblies return to a live format. There is no substitute for being together and physically part of a community. We have seen more involvement on a student level in Chapels and also the running of assemblies. These gatherings enable students to feel more connected to each other and the College community. I congratulate the students for assisting; stepping out of their comfort zones in service to one another.

This term I visited Middle School classrooms and am heartened to see how well our Year 6 students have transitioned into their new learning environment as well as our new Year 7 students. It is such an important time in their learning journeys, and in their lives as they move towards becoming teenagers and young adults.

While the Middle School years can be difficult as students grow, explore, challenge and learn, it is vitally important for young people that they are part of a solid community where there are staff dedicated to guiding and supporting them on this journey. The College logo contains the words Identity, Service and Respect which are paramount to all we do. We aim to enrich the lives of our students who go out into the world as open-minded, balanced, principled and caring individuals. 'Identity' - as a Christian school which uses Christ's teachings as our guiding philosophy, 'Service' - looking after those around us selflessly and considerately, and 'Respect' for all the people around us and the different aspects of the environment in which we interact with on a daily basis.

I am very much looking forward to an exciting Term 2 with so many planned activities going ahead as the dry season commences. A very Happy Easter to all.

James Faraone - Head of Middle Years



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GPUFCA/](https://www.facebook.com/GPUFCA/)



'Come and Try' Sessions

Greater Palmerston United Football Club ran coaching / 'come and try' sessions during lunchtime on Monday 14 and Monday 21 March. Thank you Albert Krause from FFNT (Referee and Pathways Manager), GPU coach Salim and Mel (Club President) for organising this.



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Early Learning Centre – Year 12

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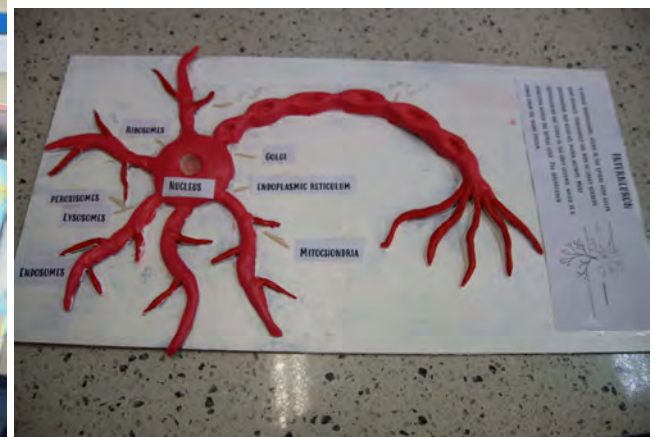
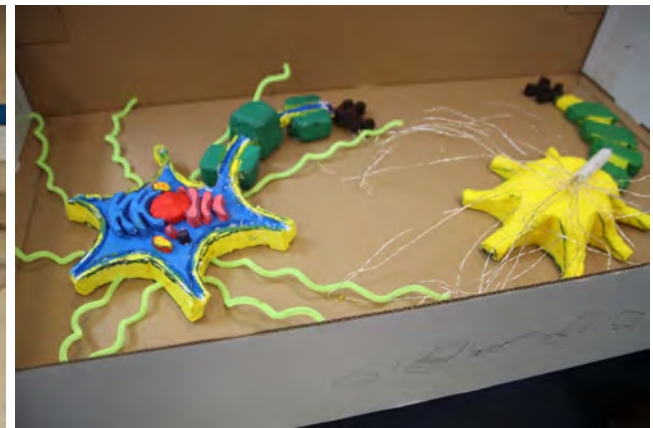
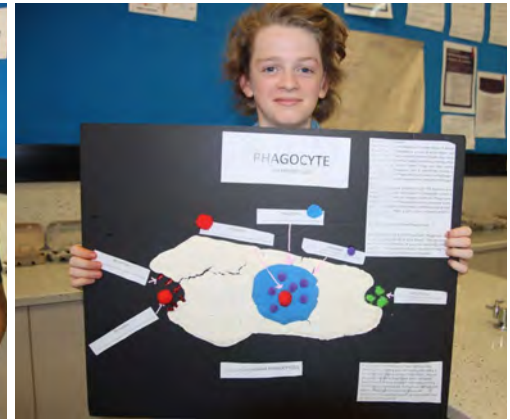
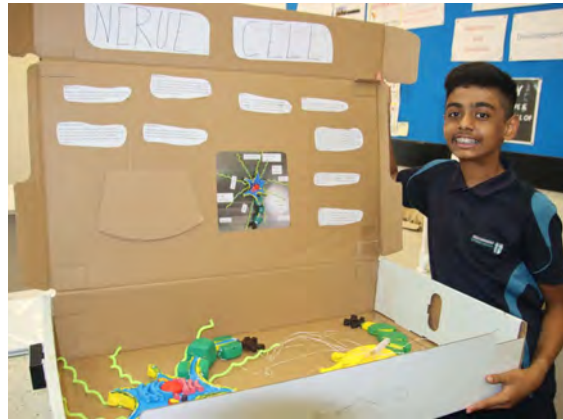
Harmony Day - Friday 21 March



Year 8 Science Students ExCELL

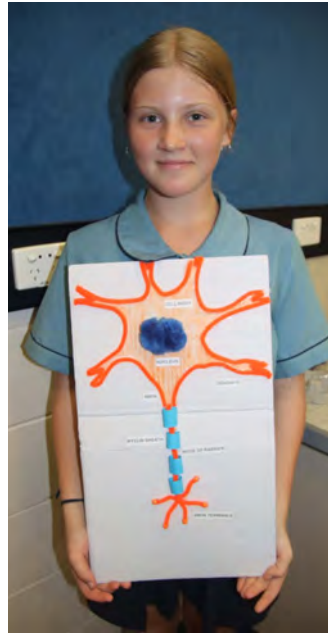
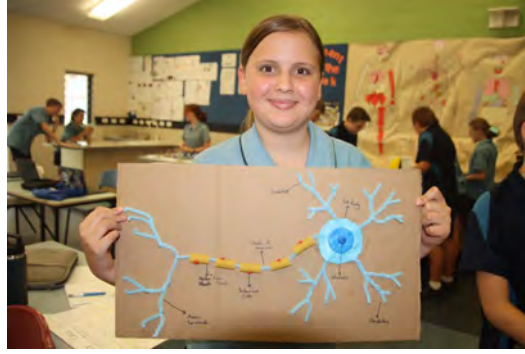
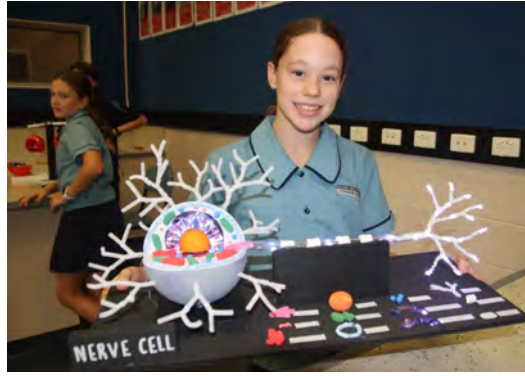
Here are some amazing cell models, created by Mrs Neilsen's Year 8 Science students. Well done everyone, terrific work. This is on another 'cellular level'.

For those who asked; the models are made from a variety of materials: polystyrene, plasticine, play-doh, pipe cleaners, wire, pasta, straws, fairy light cables, cardboard, plaster, cashew nuts (yes, cashew nuts), googly eyes, tin foil, paper mache, pom poms, tissue paper, even fruit, veg and jelly! How ingenious!



ExCELLent Year 8 Science Students

Ms Frida Xu and Ms Jana Adamovskas' Year 8 Science students also produced some marvellous cell models. Congratulations to you all; they are outstanding!



Installation and Awards Service

It was wonderful to be part of a very special, whole campus Chapel Service on Friday 1 April. Sincere thanks to Mr John Proeve, Executive Director Lutheran Education SA, NT and WA (LESNW) for attending and installing our student leaders and new College staff - including Ms Heather Vogt, Principal and Mr Jason Mustin, Assistant Principal.

The following staff members were recognised for their many years of dedicated service to Lutheran Education:

- Darren Boyce - 30 Years Service Award
- Anita Synnott - 20 Years Service Award
- Sean Synnott - 20 Years Service Award
- Tara Errity - 20 Years Service Award
- Debbie Boakes - 20 Years Service Award
- Suzanne Otto - 10 Years Service Award
- Peta Trahair - 10 Years Service Award
- Jose De Castro - 10 Years Service Award
- Barry Kirkham - 10 Years Service Award
- Troy Bradshaw - 10 Years Service Award
- Melinda Williams - 10 Years Service Award
- Kristine Laube - 10 Years Service Award
- Michelle Marshall - 10 Years Service Award
- Shona Ford - 10 Years Service Award
- Sarah Mott - 10 Years Service Award

Congratulations to these wonderful staff members and to all students and staff on their installation.

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*Installation is a funny word; it sounds like having more to do with software on your computer!

An Installation Service for new College staff and student leaders is a special service to formally recognise and acknowledge their responsibilities and duties within our community, in the presence of students, other staff and visitors.



Good Relationships

Everybody knows that good relationships are important in a healthy life. Many would even know that **healthy relationships are an important part of our wellbeing**, perhaps including words like 'connectedness' and 'belonging' to describe what good relationships are like...but what does it actually mean to be connected and why is it important? We would all say that good relationships, being connected and feeling like we belong, make us feel good, loved, secure, cared for, protected and supported, and good relationships do all these things...but **their impact is much deeper.**

Being connected, and more specifically **believing we are connected** to others is one of the three Basic Psychological Needs that **underpin human mental health and positive psychological growth**. The other two needs are *autonomy* (having a personally meaningful reason for the things we do in life) and *competence* (believing that we can have an influence in our lives). When all three of these needs are in place, we are

naturally motivated to learn and grow but without any one of them we begin to become dependent on the influence of others. **Not having our Basic Psychological Needs met can make us feel helpless, hopeless and can lead ultimately to depression...serious stuff.**

Feeling connected in healthy relationships is the foundation upon which our mental health is built. They support our sense of *autonomy* by valuing our personal identity, strengths, values and passions which gives us confidence and trust in those around us. We are encouraged to be ourselves in healthy relationships and we are valued for who we are, and this can give us a **bigger sense of purpose in life.**

Healthy relationships also encourage our sense of *competence* by providing us with the encouragement and security to take risks (necessary for growth) and the support to overcome challenges when we encounter them. **We are valued and safe even when we fail.**

Yes, relationships make us feel good, but they are so much more. They are the safe, loving, caring, supportive and forgiving places in which we explore, learn about and practice being who we are, and who we can become.

Darren Boyce
Head of Positive Education





Approaches to Learning Skills

The principle focus from our Three-way Conferences for all students, is centred around the **'approaches to learning' skills**; often referred to in classrooms as the **ATL's** in the MYP.

Sometimes these are called the **21st-century skills** or the soft skills. They are the skills that are needed across all disciplines whose development is **essential in building independent and self-directed learners** who can achieve success beyond the bounds of the classroom.

We categorise the ATL skills into 5 key areas:

- **Communication skills:** such as reading, writing, using language, and interacting with others effectively.
- **Social skills:** such as collaboration;
- **Self-management skills:** such as organisation, time management, affective skills including emotional management and reflective skills;
- **Research skills:** which includes both information and media literacy;
- **Thinking skills:** which includes both critical and creative thinking as well as the ability to transfer that thinking from one context to another and between disciplines or ideas.

The **end of Term 1 is a perfect time** for students to intentionally activate their reflection skills to consider the effectiveness of their learning approach and decision making, so that they can start Term 2 with a clear direction and intention.

To do this, **students can reflect on their goals** from the beginning of term to identify the specific actions they have taken to support themselves in achieving these goals, identify barriers and challenges to address, and to identify the 'what next?' in their journey to success. **Discussing this with family members, peers and teachers** all supports their commitment, determination, and perseverance towards achievement.

I wish all students a relaxing break so that they may refresh, refocus, and return with enthusiasm and optimism towards the second half of semester.

Katie Cummins
MYP Coordinator



EXIT ART Exhibition

Congratulations to Emily Davis, 2021 Visual Art / Year 12 student and College Captain, whose artwork is on display at the EXIT ART Exhibition, 12 March – 26 June 2022.

'Exit Art' celebrates the talents and creativity of the next generation of artists and designers, presenting the very best contemporary art and design from Northern Territory Year 12 students.

This exhibition is presented by the Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory in partnership with the Northern Territory Department of Education. 'Exit Art' reflects the diversity of the Territory's artistic practice and practitioners, expressing universal themes of identity, place and environment.

Well done Emily, this is an incredible accomplishment. Wishing you all the very best for your future studies - may all your dreams and artistic endeavours come true!



Monsoon Year Books



* 2021 Monsoon year books have arrived. We are loving the cover!

Thanks so much to Year 12 student (2021) Rose for the fabulous croc inspired artwork.

Copies are \$10.00 and can be ordered via the Signmee notice sent in Week 3 or over the phone with credit card.



Farewell Mrs Sarah Mott

On Monday 4 April we farewelled Sarah Mott who has been with Good Shepherd since 2002! Sarah commenced as a primary school teacher at our Palmerston Campus but was soon involved with the developing Middle School, moving to the brand new Howard Springs Campus in 2008.

Sarah taught Music, Woodwork, Visual Art, Drama and Christian studies in the Middle School. A highly accomplished teacher, jack of all trades and most certainly, a musical virtuoso.

Sarah has been involved with numerous College musicals and coordinated many music recitals for both primary and secondary students, which have been amazing. She has been a music tutor and taught herself to play the violin, just so we could continue to offer it in the music program! Sarah is a very gifted piano player; having played for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for most of her 20 years here. She is also a talented guitar player.

Most recently, Sarah has been a relief teacher at the College. She is highly respected by students and staff and has been a most wonderful blessing to us all at Good Shepherd.

We would like to wish Sarah, David, Mitchell and Leah all the very best for this exciting chapter in their lives - undertaking new adventures in Atherton, QLD. We will miss you all very much. Sarah's favourite Bible verse is Psalm 37:4 - "Take delight in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart".



Little Lambs Play Group

Every Wednesday at our
Palmerston Campus.
9.00am - 10.30am

All welcome.



Mums & Bubs Event



Thank you to Vicki Trathen, Head of Junior School, Palmerston Campus and Learning Enrichment Teacher, Catherine Sansom for attending this special event in Palmerston on Thursday 17 March. Celebrating new born bubs in Palmerston - and of course, we know it's never too early to start thinking about Play Groups and schooling for your precious bundle. The Little Lambs Play Group at this campus is a wonderful opportunity for little ones to get together and have some fun, and grown ups to relax and meet others.

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German Language Diploma I Accreditation

We are delighted to announce that Good Shepherd is now officially accredited as a school offering German Language Diploma I!

DSD I and DSD II examinations are held in over 65 countries, with about 75,000 participants every year worldwide. The DSD offers an official certificate with centralised exams and aligned with school-leaving certificates in Germany. DSD I is the preliminary stage to the DSD II, which follows in the upper level and serves as proof of language proficiency for admission to German universities.

Please visit our College Website - Languages section for more information. Thank you so much to Olga Aryan (Language Acquisition Coordinator) and all staff involved in establishing this incredible opportunity for our German Language students.

<https://www.goodshepherd.nt.edu.au/our-schools/senior-years-program/ntcet-subjects/languages>



PARRS Volleyball

Senior students enjoyed their PARRS Volleyball day in Week 7. Teachers enjoyed their staff match too. Well done everyone!



Managing Gamba Grass

<https://nt.gov.au/environment/weeds/weeds-in-the-nt/A-Z-list-of-weeds-in-the-NT/gamba>

How well is Gamba grass managed in your area? Our Geographers could help. Students spent the day on Tuesday 15 March learning about the threat of Gamba and the huge task we face as Territorians to manage it.

They leap-frogged their way through different parts of Howard Springs to observe and collect field data on the extent of Gamba in our local area to determine fire risk. Thanks to Ms. White and our Year 11 Geography students.



Three-way Conferences

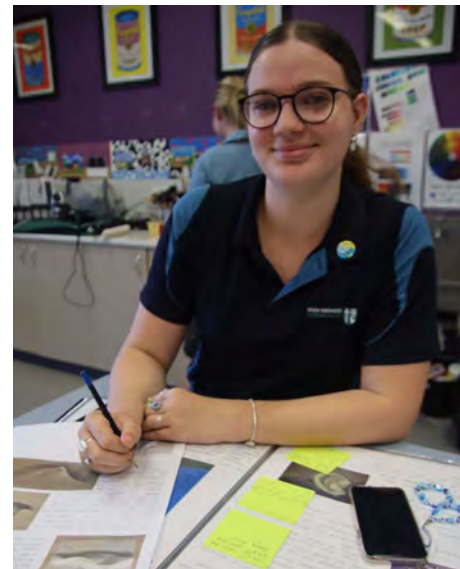
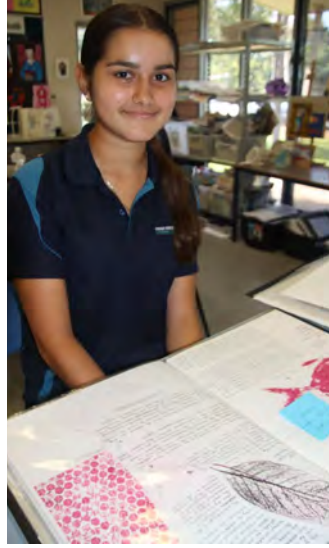
Three-way Conferences

Thank you to our Middle and Senior School families for attending Three-way Conferences on Monday and Wednesday in Week 6. We greatly appreciate the time taken to meet your child's teachers and assist in relationship building - an integral component of effective learning and achievement.

Thank you!



Some very talented artists again in Year 11 and 12 Visual Art.



Year 10 Individuals & Societies

On Monday and Tuesday of Week 8, our Year 10 Individuals and Societies' students embarked on a journey through time. The Military Museum at East Point is a wonderful place to learn about Darwin's past. Students experienced the exhibits and learnt about a significant part of our history. Thanks to all teachers and students involved.

Our wonderful students wrote: "Today we went to the Military Museum and learnt about the significant events that happened between 1939-1945, the focus being the bombing of Darwin. These photos show our appreciation and acknowledgment towards the soldiers and nurses that put others before themselves to protect us".

Lest we Forget



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Updated College App

Our College App has had a makeover! Be sure to download from the App Store if you haven't already. Many functions improved and a new, snazzy design. A handy App for Absences, Events, Contacts, links to documents, our website and so much more! [Good Shepherd Lutheran College NT](#)



Research Projects Presented to CDU

Congratulations to Year 12 students, Ada Thomas, Abby Bentley and Jocelyn Mayger who successfully presented to Charles Darwin University lecturers about their 2021 Research Project. Students received a certificate during a special awards presentation on Thursday 10 March. Students, parents and teachers were present from five Darwin schools.

We are very proud of our students who achieved Distinctions and High Distinctions. If they decide to study at CDU they do not need to undertake one of the first year subjects (saving their parents around \$1800)! If they decide to study in South Australia, their Research Project results are also recognised and taken into account.



College Website, App, Facebook & Instagram

Don't forget to check these sources of information from time to time. Events and news articles are added to the College website and App regularly:

www.goodshepherd.nt.edu.au

College App

Good Shepherd Lutheran College NT

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdNT/>

Careers Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/gslccareers/>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/goodshepnt/>



Good Shepherd and St Andrew Lutheran Church

- Worship Services -

* St Andrew Lutheran Church, Nightcliff - Sunday, 8.30am

* Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Howard Springs Campus Chapel - Sunday, 10.30am

For further information, please call: **8932 4444** or visit the Top End Lutheran Parish website:

<http://darwinlutheranchurch.org.au>

*We warmly welcome Pastor Noel Due and his wife Kirsten to the Top End. Pastor Noel has commenced in a new role as 'Intentional Interim Pastor', working part-time as a Pastor for the Top End Lutheran Parish (TELP). He will conduct services at St Andrew and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church every second week. He is very keen to work with our College as well, and we were thrilled that he could attend some of our LESNW Award Services in Week 8. We are absolutely delighted to have Pastor Noel and Kirsten amongst us and wish them all the very best as they settle into a new, exciting chapter of their lives. Welcome to the Top End Pastor Noel and Kirsten!

Easter Services

*Good Friday - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Friday 15 April - 10.30am

*Easter Sunday - St Andrew Lutheran Church, Sunday 17 - April 8.30am (Easter breakfast at 7.00am).



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