



# Palmerston Campus News

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Term 4, Week 5 2022

## Upcoming Events



### Term 4

**Wednesday 9, 16, 23, 30**  
Tennis Workshops



**Saturday 19 November**  
Christmas pageant



**Wednesday 23 November**  
2023 Transition Parent  
Info Session

Thursday 24 November  
Awards & Year 12  
Graduation - Darwin  
Convention Centre



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Welcome to a very busy Term 4.

This term I would like to offer a warm welcome to the McKeown and Henriques families. Jim, Bill and Kaiden have joined us in Transition, Year 2 and Year 3 and have quickly become valued members of our community. If you see these students and families around the campus, please welcome them to our community.

We have some exciting events coming up this term so please make sure you have entered the dates in your diary. Please also keep an eye on Signmee for all event details.

Over the past few months, the College has been exploring how we develop positive behaviour in our community. To help, leaders have been looking at "Restorative Practices," which is a whole school teaching and learning approach that encourages behaviour that is supportive and respectful. It puts the onus on individuals to be truly accountable for their behaviour and to repair any harm caused to others as a result of their actions. A restorative approach focuses on building, maintaining and restoring positive relationships, particularly when incidents that involve interpersonal conflict or wrongdoing occur. There is much evidence that when a restorative approach to relationships across the school community is prioritised, and adequate staff training and support for implementation is provided, schools can reduce the frequency of behaviour incidents and improve school culture. This approach to behaviour development and relationships is internationally renowned for its effectiveness and staff are very excited and looking forward to further work towards implementing Restorative Practices into our work on a daily basis both across the school and on an individual basis. <https://www.thorsborne.com.au/>

We have now begun the process of interviewing our new students for next year. If you have any younger children or friends still yet to enrol, please contact our registrar Kath Dunlop 89830300

**Vicki Trathen**  
Head of Junior School - Palmerston Campus



## Upcoming Events



**Friday 25 November**

Year 2 Stay Up

**Wednesday 30 November**

Year 5 Exhibition



**Friday 2 December**

Year 5 Graduation Dinner,  
Free Spirit Resort



**Monday 5 December**

Year 5 Step Up

**Tuesday 6 December**

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Orientation Day for 2023  
new students Transition to  
Year 4

**Friday 9 Dec ember**

Christmas Concert



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## Primary Years Programme

### PYP Evaluation

Good Shepherd Lutheran College recently undertook the Evaluation self-study process and had a virtual visit from an International Baccalaureate (IB) team in August this year. The IB recognises that this process requires considerable time and effort from the entire school community. They appreciated the effort that all stakeholders had made and hope that the insights gained along the way will be valuable in further developing your programmes. IB programme evaluation is built on the premise that IB programmes, when implemented with fidelity, ultimately lead to the achievement of the IB mission. The primary aim is to support schools in continuously developing their capacity to implement IB programmes to have a greater impact on student outcomes through the development of teacher and leader practice. The IB hope that through this process school leadership will gain a deeper understanding of both the aspects of the programme that are being implemented effectively and the aspects that need further development. The process supports the school—as a learning community—to develop the capacity to work intentionally and strategically to develop its IB programmes and enable school leaders and teachers to better direct their efforts and resources.

The visiting team reported that ‘Good Shepherd Lutheran College is a co-educational, independent college operated by the Lutheran Church of Australia. The school commenced in 1998 and has developed an excellent reputation in a relatively short time, as providing high-quality learning experiences and individual care and attention to its students. The college provides world-class education opportunities from the beginning learning experiences in the early learning centres (ELC) through to Year 12. With the IB Primary Years Programme from Transition to Year 5, and the IB Middle Years Programme from Years 6 to 10, students then transition into the local Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) for Years 11 and 12.’

A strength reported by the IB visiting team was that ‘the IB mission serves as an important driver for our school in all aspects of implementing the IB programmes. The concepts of community, diversity, inclusion and compassion (essential to nurturing inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people) permeate and frame the work of all members in the school community.’

Thank you to all of our wonderful college community members (students, parents and staff) for a successful Evaluation visit and for supporting us in continuing to strive for excellence in all that we do.

**Rebecca Fletcher**  
**PYP Coordinator**



## Upcoming Events



### Friday 9 December

Salvation Army Appeal  
2022 Collection Day at  
Chapel.

### Tuesday 13 December

PC Awards & Final  
Assembly.

Tuesday 13 December

Year 5 Farewell and Family  
Breakfast

### Thursday 15 December

Last Day of School for  
student



### Friday 16 December

Staff Professional  
Development Day

### Monday, 6 February 2023

First Day of School.

Term 1 2023

## Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received awards in the past 5 weeks.

### House

#### Strauss

Georgie Woldseth  
Kaiden Henriques  
Christopher Lugg  
Jimmy Hewitson

#### Hughes

Jim McKeown  
Azahla Eaton  
Romain Thielemanns  
Elijah Trease  
Bill McKeown  
Alexis Trease  
Cobalt Pickering

#### Fenton

Logan Trathen  
Sean Staines  
Chloe Fraser  
Hope Carne  
Ricardo Tshuma

### Awards



Hughes were awarded the trophy for  
earning the most house points for  
both fortnights in Term 4.



## House Points Current Total

Hughes - 1124

Fenton - 1061

Strauss - 959

Livingstone - 871



## Tennis

The students are enjoying learning the skills of playing tennis every Wednesday.



## Welcome Mr Qualischefski

What a wonderful first day of Term 4! Our new Principal, Mr Matthew Qualischefski visited each campus and many classes. He was introduced by each Head of School and we were very impressed with our students who welcomed him, pronouncing his name with aplomb! There were many delightful questions and conversations within the classrooms.

We wish Matthew all the very best as he settles into not just a new school and role but a completely new part of Australia and interesting climate - and many of us recall how unusual it can be. He is enjoying all the storms and rain at the moment.

For reference, this may assist: Qualischefski = quala-shef-ski (not so tricky after all).



## Principal's Installation

Last week Mrs Trathen and our Junior School Captains James O'Keefe and Charlotte Thielemans went to the Howard Springs Campus for Mr Qualischefski's installation. There were lots of special guests and they even got to meet his mum and dad who were visiting from QLD. It was a very special service. The event was live streamed into the Palmerston Campus assembly.



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## Palmerston Campus

Cnr Temple Tce & Emery Ave  
Palmerston NT 0830

### Front Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

**7:45am to 4.00pm**

Friday

**7:45am to 3:15pm**

### Front Office Email

[admin.pcjs@ntschoools.net](mailto:admin.pcjs@ntschoools.net)

Please contact the  
College to report your  
child's absence:

T: **8983 0377**

E: [absent@goodshepherde.lutheran.edu.au](mailto:absent@goodshepherde.lutheran.edu.au)

# Wellbeing

This term I have been facilitating groups for some students. Some students have been learning skills to manage anxiety and have positive self-talk using the program Mind Ninja. This program is centered around managing anxiety and teaching skills to overcome challenging situations using different key phrases. One of these is 'What is wrong right now? Nothing!' which is focused around looking at things right now and not the past or future. This is a great way to have your child focus on the now and not worry about the past or future.

Mind Your Paws has been visiting our campus this term to support some students with communication and Zones of Regulation. The boys and girls have enjoyed learning how to have a calm, clear and confident voice when asking Harlow and Scout to complete some tricks. Last week we started looking at how our body feels in different zones and how the dogs change zones as well.



**Catherine Sansom**  
Wellbeing Coordinator





**Australian Government**  
**Department of Defence**

More information about the program as well as Defence Member and Family Support can be found here:

<https://defence.gov.au/members%2Dfamilies/>

### College Chaplain

If you wish to contact our College Chaplain, please call: 8983 0300 or email: [kyle.cantrill@ntschoools.net](mailto:kyle.cantrill@ntschoools.net)



## Family Camp

Palmerston Campus families had a great time at the Howard Springs Big 4 Caravan Park on Saturday 29 October for our annual Family Camp. What a wonderful afternoon and evening had by all. Around 19 families came along. They played in the pool followed by a shared dinner. It was amazing to see the Palmerston Campus Kids no matter the year level playing together and having a great time. We finished the night with a scavenger hunt. It was the best sleepover party ever!!!



# Zooper Dooper

Icy Poles are sold every Friday afternoon - after school in front of the Admin building.



## Darwin Christmas Pageant.

A huge thankyou to Belinda Di Toro, Dianne Prest, Naomi McKeown and also Amy Drahm from Leanyer Campus for your hard work in helping to design and create the college float for the Christmas Pageant. Thankyou to the families who have nominated to take part in the pageant. We hope everyone can come down and watch the parade.

## Palmerston Campus Christmas Concert

Please save the date for our Second Annual Campus Christmas Concert. Each class will be performing on the night. There will be a BBQ dinner prior to the concert. More details will be available through Signmee closer to the date.

## Year 5 Events

The Year 5 Graduation Dinner will be held at Free Spirit Resort on Friday 2 December. Tickets are available for purchase from the front office. We will also have a farewell breakfast for Year 5 and their families on Tuesday 13 December.



## Year 5

On Friday, the Year 5's will be visiting Howard Springs Campus to practise and prepare for the Year 5 exhibition. They have been working solidly this term and are demonstrating some strong Learner Profile Attributes. As part of the exhibition process, the Year 5's will also participate in creating some wonderful artwork associated with their Central Ideas and Lines of Inquiry. These artworks will become part of their exhibit on the night.







# Walk My Way!

On Friday 28 October the Palmerston Campus students participate in different activities based on the number 26 to raise money for Walk My Way!

Walk My Way is a community event which gives the chance to join with people around Australia - and raise money to support refugee kids to go to school at the same time!

Just \$26 helps to provide...

- Teacher
- Textbooks
- Tables...for refugee children in East Africa.



Students brought in as many coins as they could to contribute towards their house coin trail to raise money for Walk my Way. The house with the longest trail and highest fundraiser received 10 house points each. And the team with the second longest trail and second highest fundraiser received 5 house points each. We raised a combined total of \$231.15.

Congratulation to Hughes who had the longest trail and raised the highest amount of money towards Walk My Way!



	Money Raised	Length of Trail
Hughes	\$109.70	13.5 Meters
Fenton	\$44.25	3.9 Meters
Strauss	\$43.00	4 Meters
Livingstone	\$34.20	2.95 Meters



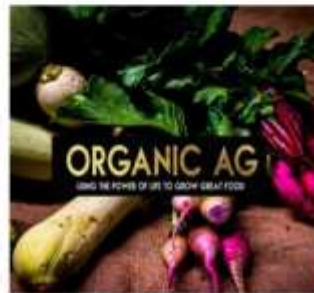
# Year 2 - UOI

In our Unit of Inquiry, How we organise ourselves, we have been learning about the **process** products go through using the Central Idea *Products go through different processes.*

After learning about the origins of our foods and fibers, we investigated the environmental impact of some products e.g. Palm Oil.

On Thursday 3 November, we visited Organic Ag and Farmer Bluey showed us how he grows his produce organically. We saw how he makes his own wood chip from the old mango trees and uses waste from the fish farm to build the health of his soil.

We loved seeing the big tractor, digging in the dirt and meeting Max the dog.



# Year 3

At the beginning of Term 4, Year 3 Palmerston and Leanyer campuses got together for the annual Year 3 sleepover. Great fun was had. They played spotlight, went on the waterslide, had a talent quest and got to watch a movie. It was great to see them mixing and making new friends. The talent show was a highlight that showed awesome acting skills and their funny side.



In Year 3 this term, we have been using science experiments with our devotions. We looked at the law of impassibility. This is when two opposing liquids cannot be mixed. This was related to truth and lies. In our discussion the students were relating ice to being clear and transparent and oil as murky. When we tell the truth we feel light. Ice floats. When we tell lies, our heart can feel heavy. We learned that molecules spread out in ice and this helps it float, hence be light. In oil, the molecules are closer together, which makes this liquid heavier. This photo shows Brighton trying to mix together an ice cube in oil.



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## Year 4/5 Excursion

On Friday 21 October, Anna Day from Central Queensland University visited Year 4 and 5 Palmerston Campus students. They started with an activity to recognise and brainstorm the agriculture farmed in the NT. Of course, mangoes were the biggest industry.

At 9.00am students hopped on the bus to Coastal Plains Research Farm. They were given a tour of the farm and learnt about current and future research projects. They met staff from NT Farmers and asked questions about mango farming and general agriculture. The students learnt how to use a refractometer to test the sugar levels in ripe and green mangoes and in mango nectar. They also used different tools to test the soil around the farm.

Students arrived back at school in time for ECO groups. They were asked to think of different uses for mangoes and created posters. They came up with some amazing ideas.



# 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>



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

## PSALM 34:18

THE LORD IS CLOSE TO  
THE BROKENHEARTED  
AND SAVES THOSE WHO  
ARE CRUSHED IN SPIRIT.

@strengthinverses

## 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](http://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/>



The  
*2022*  
Awards &  
Year 12 Graduation  
Service

**Thursday 24 November**  
6.30-8.00pm  
Darwin Convention Centre

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Please join us for a night of special awards and the  
Graduation of our Year 12 students.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet as an entire College  
community and share in our closing service for the year.

We hope to see you there.

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LUTHERAN COLLEGE**

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BYO rug  
or chair

Candles  
by donation

5:30pm  
Activities  
& BBQ

6:30pm  
Carols

FREE  
community  
event

# CAROLS

AT THE

# WATERPARK



**SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER LEANYER RECREATION PARK**

**WET WEATHER VENUE: ST JAMES ANGLICAN**

Brought to you by Darwin Chinese Christian Church, Casuarina Uniting Church,  
Top End Lutheran Parish, St James Anglican Church, St Peters Anglican Church  
and Scripture Union.