



Palmerston Campus News

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Term 1 Week 5 2023

Upcoming Events



TERM 1

March

Monday 13, Thursday 16

Monday 20, Thursday 23

Monday 27, Thursday 30

Monday 3, Thursday 6

Years 3-5 Swimming Lessons



Wednesday 16 - Monday 27

Naplan



Friday 24 March

HARMONY DAY



Continued

We are already five weeks into the 2023 school year and we are thankful that we have had a smooth start to the year. I trust that our new families are feeling part of our community and all our new students are developing their friendships.

We welcome the following families to our community:

Bowman, Burger, Cobban, Doyle, Duggirala, Earl, Hodgetts, Marsden, Norton, Rossborough, Tengis, Madden, Watt, Cendo, Harvey, Patel, Walker, Griffiths, Muir, Vogl, Sani, Taylor, Audet and Wills.

This week we welcome Mr Sam Ajisafe our new Junior School PE teacher and Mr Maxime Desjardins our new French teacher. We welcome Sam and Maxime to the Palmerston Campus family.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Information Nights to find out what your children will be learning this year and to connect with your children's teachers. It is really important that we work in partnership to support your children's learning.

It has been great to see the learning taking place during the first half of Term 1. The students have settled in beautifully. It is great watching them interact across year levels in the playground.

Earlier this week we had our school photos for 2023. Thank you to everyone for remembering the right school uniform it certainly assisted in the day running so smoothly.

The remainder of this Term and Term 2 will be very busy with lots of events and public holidays. Please keep an eye on the 'dates' section of your newsletter and especially on Signmee.

It is really important to regularly check Signmee as all information for what is happening at school and any permission forms are sent via this platform.

If anyone is having trouble accessing or using Signmee or SEQTA please come into the front office, I am more than happy to help.



Years 3-5 Swimming lessons commenced on Monday 13 March. Students are welcome to wear their sports uniforms on Monday and Thursdays to make it easier to change into their swimmers. They may also wear sandals however we ask that they do not wear thongs for safety reasons.

Year 3 and 5 will begin NAPLAN testing on Wednesday 15 March and will go through until the 27 March. We wish them the best.

Vicki Trathen
Head of Junior School
Palmerston Campus



Upcoming Events



**Monday 27-Thursday 28
March**

Three-way Conferences



Thursday 6 April

Easter Service run by 5RK



Thursday 6 April

Easter Hat Parade/Disco



Friday 7 April

Friday 7 - Friday 14



Continued

Awards

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

Palmie Bear

Kaiden Henriques



House Awards

Strauss

Jesse Norton

Lily Lugg

Livingstone

Emmett Muir

Dimitri Audet

Hughes

Logan Slarks

Arabella Watt

Jesse Madden

Jaydra Vogl

Sofia Kassiou

Fenton

Teiane Staines

Emerson Earle



At Assembly, which is held every even week at 8:20am, the House Cup is presented to the House Team who were awarded the most point for the fortnight.

Congratulation Fenton for winning the cup in Week 4

House Points Current Totals

Fenton 146

Hughes 133

Livingstone 107

Strauss 81



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Upcoming Events



Monday 17 April

FIRST DAY
OF
TERM 2

Monday 24 April

Anzac Day Chapel Service



Tuesday 25 April

Anzac Day Public Holiday



Monday 1 May

May Day Public Holiday



Friday 12 May

Mothers Day Stall



Friday 12 May

Mother's Day High Tea



Continued

Year 5 Leaders

It was great to have so many parents join us in Assembly as the Junior School Captains and House Leaders received their badges. I know our students were very excited to receive their badges and share a Morning Tea with their families. In the next few weeks we will be presenting our Gardening Leaders, Technology Leaders, Stem Leaders, Chapel Leaders and Event Leader with their badges.

Junior School Captains

Layla Di Toro



Annie O'Keefe



House Leaders



Strauss House Leader
Leeland Barba



Livingstone House Leaders
Cooper Wills
&
Aiden Muir



Hughes House Leaders
Cobalt Pickering
&
Sophia Kassiou



Fenton House Leaders
Adele Blou
&
Telanne Staines



Events Leader: Charlie Trouchet

Library Leader: Owen Anderson

Gardening Leaders: Jimmy Hewitson, Hermione Penning

Chapel Leaders: Stephanie Hickey, Tracy Tran

Stem Leaders: Will Hore, Dimitri Audet

Harmony Day

On Friday 24 March we will be celebrating Harmony day. This year the students have the option of either dressing in Orange or Wearing Cultural Dress of your family origins. More information regarding Harmony Day will come out in a Signmee next week.



Upcoming Events



Monday 15 - Tuesday 16 May
Year 4 Camp Riyala



Wednesday 24 May
Junior School Years 3-5
Athletics Carnival Marrara

Wednesday 24 May
National Simultaneous
Storytime



Saturday 3 June
Principals Tour

Monday 12 June
Kings Birthday Public Holiday



Friday 23 June
T-2 Sports Day



Friday 23 June
Last Day Term 2

LAST DAY
OF
TERM 2

Continued

Year 3 introducing their buddies

Last week our our assembly our Year 3 students confidently introduced their Transition buddies to the rest of the school.

We learnt lots of facts about our newest and littlest members of our school.

Here are just a few:

- ◆ Marlee Jean loves pink, yellow and orange and has a dog named Tinky
- ◆ Hayley's favourite shop is kmart and her favourite animals are kittens
- ◆ Joy has 1 cat, 2 dogs and 5 guinea pigs and she loves to eat spaghetti
- ◆ Emerson's favourite food is pasta and her favourite animal are horses
- ◆ Luca loves pasta and he has a brother and a sister
- ◆ Logan's favourite shop is Big W and he has 2 pet fish
- ◆ Braxton's favourite book is Mario and his favourite toys are monster trucks
- ◆ Jesse's favourite colour is green and his favourite food is peas
- ◆ Oliver's favourite food is broccoli and his favourite animal is a tiger
- ◆ Mahlia's favourite animal is a giraffe and her favourite shop is Gateway
- ◆ Noah has 1 dog and 1 cat and his favourite show is the Minions
- ◆ Jordan's favourite colour is gold and his favourite animal is a duck
- ◆ Rueben's favourite food is oranges and his favourite animal is a crocodile
- ◆ Jamie's favourite shop is the supermarket and his favourite animal is a tiger
- ◆ Thanarika has a baby brother and her favourite animal is a giraffe
- ◆ Breanna's favourite colour is pink and her favourite TV show is Bluey



Upcoming Events



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Save the Date
Family Camp - 28 October
Grandparents Day - 25 August



Family Camp SAVE THE DATE – 28 October

The Annual Palmerston Campus Family Camp will be held on Saturday 28 October at Howard Springs Big 4. They can't secure any cabins or camping spots for us but when you call to book if you reference the school they will try as much as possible to group everyone together. Book your spot or cabin now to avoid disappointment. Further information about the weekend will be sent out closer to the date.

Last year was a huge success and our families greatly enjoyed their time together; sharing meals, relaxing by the pool, riding hired carts, bikes and scooters and finishing the night with a scavenger hunt. A fantastic night was had by all – kids and parents! We would love to have as many families as possible join us for a weekend of fun, an opportunity to meet new families and fellowship.

ELC Update

Over the next few weeks you will start to notice building works being started on our Palmerston Campus ELC.

- ⇒ The scope of the works include:
- ⇒ New fencing
- ⇒ Painting inside and out including Junior Primary toilets
- ⇒ New toilet bowls
- ⇒ Kitchen bench installed
- ⇒ Sink and plumbing installed
- ⇒ Hot water system installed
- ⇒ New bubblers
- ⇒ Changes to the current caged area at the back of rooms 3 and 4
- ⇒ New toilet block installed on back verandah of rooms 3 and 4 (Staff toilet, student toilets and disabled toilets)
- ⇒ Entrance Way
- ⇒ Pigeon Holes for student bags
- ⇒ Storage

I am in the process of starting to fit out the ELC with toys, books and furniture.

If anyone has some good quality items they would like to donate we would love for you to bring them in.



RECYCLING



We are continuing to collect a number of recycled items to continue to build on our recycling program.

We are collecting cans and bottles - envirobank orange bags will be sent home over the next few weeks. If you are not interested in collecting please let your child's teacher know or return the orange bag to the front office. Once they are full please return to the front office for collection. A new orange bag will be given to your child in exchange for the full bag. We have also continued to partner with Wondersoft again this year to help reduce soft plastic waste in our environment.

Did you know?

In Australia, only 18%* of plastic packaging is recycled. Which is why wonder recycling rewards was created. This is a fun and easy program for Aussie schools to recycle bread bags that might otherwise go to landfills and earn rewards points in the process.

Students are asked to bring in bread bags (any brand does not have to be Wondersoft) and place them in a box that will be kept in the front office.



Once collected, Wonder is going to turn the plastic into wonderful things like school play equipment. All registered schools can earn reward points to spend on new sports equipment, simply by collecting the bread bags and sending them to wondersoft.

Sporting Schools

This term we have been fortunate to have both Tennis and Hockey lessons sourced through a Sporting Schools NT grant. Over the past 4 weeks each student has improved control, technique and hand-eye coordination. A huge thankyou to Liam from Tennis Palmerston and Hayden from Hockey NT. The students have loved their lessons. The students had their final sessions Week 5. We will go back to wearing our formal uniforms on Monday 13 March except for students in Years 3-5 as they commence their swimming lessons





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



Shrove Tuesday

On Tuesday 21 February we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with a Pancake Lunch. Shrove Tuesday - marking the beginning of Lent in the Church calendar.



Shrove Tuesday



Zooper Dooper Fundraising

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



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Primary Years Programme

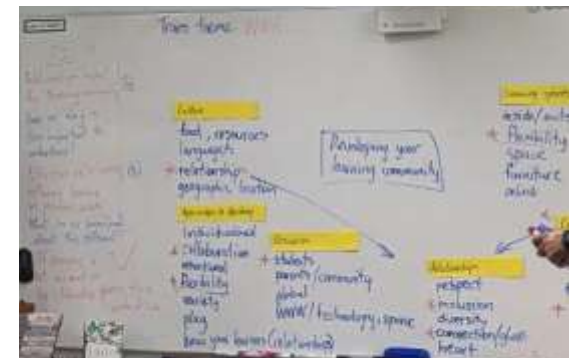
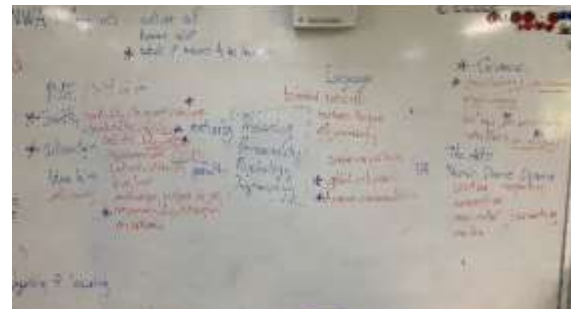
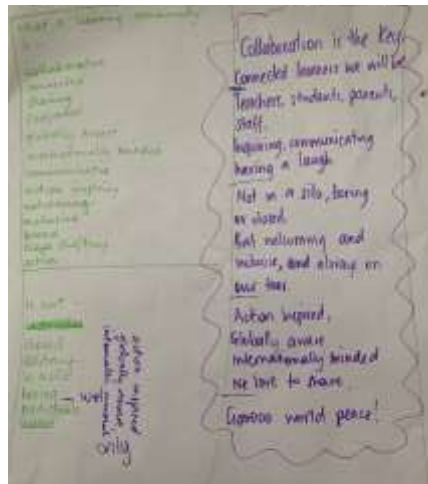


It was lovely to have the chance to meet parents at the Parent Information Evenings held at each of the Junior School Campuses at the beginning of the year, as our college gladly welcome many more opportunities for parents to attend events at our sites again, very different from this time last year! The information session is an opportunity for parents to understand what is happening in their child's classroom, along with meeting their child's teacher and other parents in our school community.

Staff were also fortunate to undertake *face-to-face* workshops from experienced International Baccalaureate Workshop Leaders over two days as a part of our Professional Learning week. Staff were engaged in growing their understanding of the Primary Years Programme if they are new to the PYP, or if staff have been at our college for several years, they were asked to consider our learning community needs as a means of deepening their own practices in the classroom. We saw staff designing ideal physical learning spaces or planning learning experiences that would positively impact our student learning. It was fantastic to see the staff excited to implement this learning into their own classroom.

Parent workshops will be held over the year as another means of open communication, keeping parents informed of relevant college procedures and policies, encouraging more face-to-face interactions, and supporting student learning between school and home. Our first workshops will be in early Term 2 so please keep an eye out for further information and an invitation to follow.

In the return to more face-to-face opportunities for parents and staff to work in partnership, as well as the usual email correspondence, we are moving to a termly overview or newsletter from the teacher to share the learning taking place in their classroom instead of weekly overviews. I look forward to seeing you around the campuses this year as we share our wonderful learning with you.



Rebecca Fletcher
PYP Curriculum Coordinator

Bombing of Darwin Commemoration

Thank you College leaders for representing Good Shepherd at the Bombing of Darwin commemoration on Sunday 19 February.



T-2 Stay up

On Monday 6 March the T-2 had their annual stay up. The children had lots of fun with water play, inside activities, pizza and a movie.



Meet the Teacher

Jasmine Cendo

My name is Jasmine Cendo and I am excited to be the Transition Teacher at the Palmerston campus this year.

I am a Darwin local, having moved here from Queensland with my family when I was eight years old. I grew up in the northern suburbs and now live in Palmerston with my own family.

After completing school, I studied a Bachelor of Communication and worked for several years within the NT Government. I then completed a Graduate Diploma to become a Teacher. I have taught most year levels throughout primary school between The Essington School and Good Shepherd Lutheran College.

I am married with two children; Harrison is seven years old and Charlotte is nine. We also have a much-loved red heeler named Chilli.

When I am not in the classroom, I enjoy being outdoors and spending time with family and friends.



Dana McDonald

Hi. I'm Dana McDonald and this is my third year at Good Shepherd and my twenty third year as a teacher. I grew up in many places internationally and within Australia. I moved to NT from Melbourne in 2007. I have two children who were born here in Darwin and they, too, attend Palmerston Campus in years 3 and 4.

In 2023, our learning journey will be continuing to expand our understanding of the SoundsWrite program, improving our spelling, reading, and writing. We will work on agency by creating plans together of what we want to learn within the Units of Inquiry. Through our 'Who We Are' Unity of Inquiry, we have been learning about how to be a good friend and treat each other kindly. We have focused on how our decisions and behaviour have an impact on others and how to have relationships that benefit us all.



Lochlan Godber

Welcome families of 2023! I am excited for another new year at Good Shepherd Year 2 students. My name is Lochlan Godber (as you probably already know) and this year I will be teaching the wonderful Year 2s. This is my fifth year at Good Shepherd and I have been working in education since 2015 and have loved the challenges and opportunities that have presented themselves.

I enjoy a variety of hobbies but don't really stick to one. I am somewhat of a jack-of-all-trades. I am a qualified pilot (recreational) but have not really flown in the past 2 years. Throughout the year I volunteer with NT Sports Education where I manage state teams in a variety of sports, I am also an active Board Member of Palmerston and Regional Basketball Association which I enjoy.

On my weekends I enjoy spending time with my pup Lylah, family and friends and enjoy watching a good TV series on Netflix to relax. I look forward to this new year and the opportunities and personalities it brings.



Meet the Teacher

Chelsey Tolhurst

Hi. I'm Chelsey Tolhurst. This is my seventh year at Good Shepherd but my first with Year 3. I have previously taught Transition, Year 5 and Year 2. I grew up in Coffs Harbour on the NSW Mid North Coast and moved to the NT in 2017. I love everything about the Territory lifestyle and am often enjoying the outdoors - camping, hiking or swimming in a waterfall. Some of my other favourite things include history, geography, travel and indulging in murder mysteries.



In 2023, our learning journey will be agency focused, allowing each student an opportunity to follow their interests and build their skills. Through our six units we will explore ourselves, the world around us and the choices we make. I am looking forward to the new challenges that await in Year 3.

Jessica Keogh

My name is Mrs Keogh and I am very excited to be teaching Year 4 at Palmerston Campus this year. My family and I have lived in Darwin for almost 8 years and have called the Northern Territory home since 2007. Despite having lived here for so long I am not at all used to the heat and am a terrible fisherwoman. I do love the dry season in Darwin for all the markets and camping. I enjoy cooking and creating, watching movies with my family and hanging out with our pets (a dog, a cat, a rabbit and two fish). I couldn't get by without coffee or chocolate. I love being a teacher for many reasons, the students being top of the list, every single time.



Rowena Kalikajaros

Welcome back parents and guardians to a new school year!

Many of you know me from when I taught your child in Year 1 and Year 3. This will be my ninth year at Good Shepherd Lutheran College and my seventh year at the Palmerston campus.

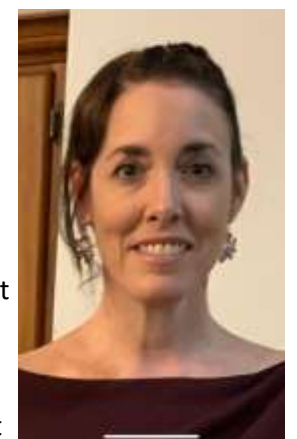
I have held the role of Christian Studies Key Teacher at Palmerston campus for the last four years. As part of this role, I assist in the development of teaching Christian Studies at the College and also assist Lutheran Education Australia with familiarising new staff to the Christian ethos of our college.

In my spare time, I have been teaching myself piano. This was a skill that I learned as a child, and it has been fun revisiting reading music and playing tunes.

This will be my first year not having any of my own children at home. My oldest is studying a nursing degree here in Darwin, my middle child is studying Medicine in Adelaide and my youngest is also moving to Adelaide to be with his big brother. I'm excited about their individual journeys and where it will take them. We have a 21st to look forward to in April. So that means a trip to Adelaide during the holidays is likely.

I hope you and your child are excited about the year ahead. I am feeling very blessed that I get to share their last year of junior School with them.

I look forward to a fantastic year of teaching with your children, reconnecting with old families and getting to know new ones as the year progresses.



Meet the Teacher

Catherine Sansom

My name is Catherine Sansom, and I am the Learning Enrichment Teacher and Well being coordinator at the Palmerston Campus. I have been part of this amazing community since 2008 and taught Year 1, Transition and Year 3 before moving into the Learning Enrichment role. In addition to my role, I coordinate the Little Lambs Playgroup which occurs each Wednesday morning.



My husband and I have a 4-year-old girl who enjoys the weekly visits to big school for Playgroup. In my spare time I enjoy watching sport (particularly netball) cooking and getting into the garden. I am an active member of the netball community in the NT and currently Chair of Netball Northern Territory.

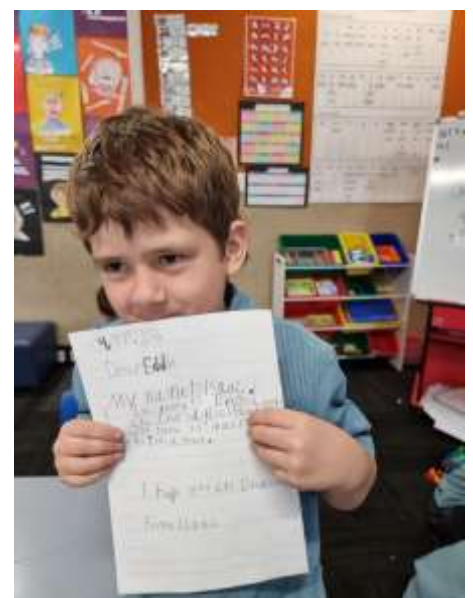
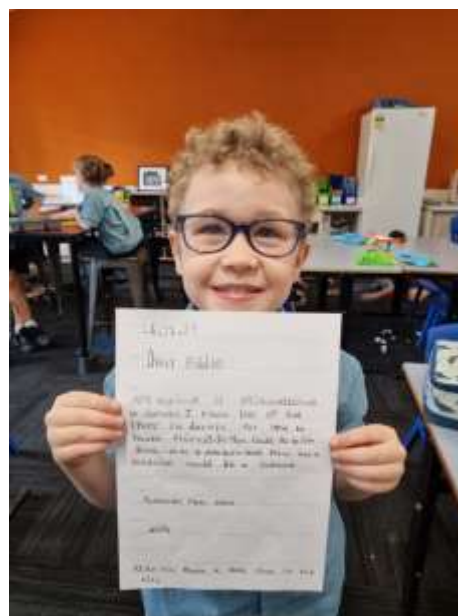


This Monday Afternoon we had an exciting time! Transition, Year 1 and 2 combined to have out stay up together. The rain came over at the perfect time – as we were playing on the water play. We threw water filled sponges at each other and even Mr Godber. After that we ate PIZZA then watched a movie and played outside. A big thank you to the teachers, LSO's and parents for taking time out of their day and joining us to make an amazing time!



In 2LG we have been busy writing letters as part of our Unit of Inquiry into Who We Are. The learning behind this is to form and foster relationships within and outside of our classrooms. We have written to each other and to Year 2 students Howard Springs. We have enjoyed writing, publishing, posting and delivering our mail.

Lochlan Godber
Year 2 PYP Teacher



Year 5



It's been a very busy start to the school year for Year 5. Well done to our school captains, Layla and Annie for representing Palmerston campus at the Bombing of Darwin ceremony on Sunday 19 February.

Bombing of Darwin ceremony

Continuing on with leadership roles, Year 5 hosted Shrove Tuesday otherwise known as Pancake Day. They wrote out the orders, made up the mixture, helped cook the pancakes and then served them to the rest of the school. It was a huge day and they all worked together to make the Shrove Tuesday a success. I had some very tired children afterwards.



Shrove Tuesday cooking



and serving



This was next followed by an excursion to Parliament House. Year 5 Palmerston was joined by the Year 5s at Leanyer Campus. This visit to Parliament House supported our inquiry into government systems and structures and our learning about democracies. The children visited the Chamber room and learned more about preferential voting as opposed to first past the post voting. The two classes took part in a mock election, by voting and counting the votes. They had the choice of voting for a big playground, sports centre, ICT upgrade or school farm. The ICT upgrade was the winner.

Since this excursion, 5RK have been learning about the three levels of government (federal, state/territory and local council) and the responsibilities of each. They were asked to show the information any way they chose. Stephanie and Leeland, were particularly creative and came up with different ways of showing their learning. Another part of government we have been exploring is the Australian Constitution. 5RK have created its own book on the Australian Constitution. For example, Will explored defence, Aiden looked at the police, Tracy wrote about schools and Hermione explored information on Parliament House. Well done Year 5 on a very busy and productive start to 2023.



Voting in the Mock Election



Counting the votes from the Mock Election



Explaining what to vote for in the Mock



Parliament House Excursion



The Three Levels of Government



Chicken and Corn Soup

With a few more weeks of this beautiful, rainy weather, let's get one last soup in. My favourite, fast, four ingredient chicken and corn soup is below. Packed with flavour and is healthy and amazing. Any time of the day. Feeds 4.

Ingredients:

1 can of creamed corn,
1 egg white
2 or 3 cups of roast chicken or leftover chicken
Bunch of spring onion (depend on how much you like)
1 Litre of Beef or chicken bone broth. (I buy the powder broth from Only one Earth or you can buy the liquid from Coles or Woolworths.) you can use water with powdered stock but broth taste amazing.

Method:

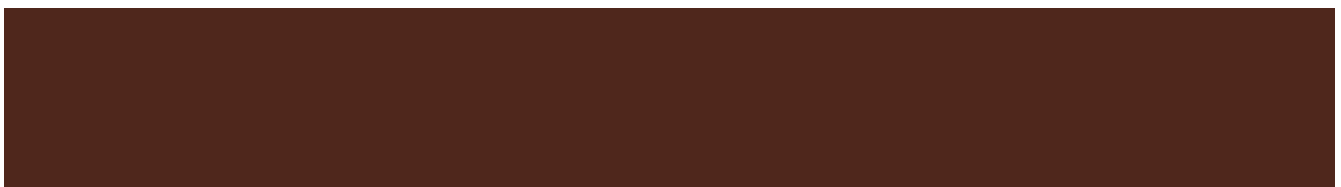
Step 1- In a big pot place, broth, creamed corn, spring onions and cut up chicken. Let that simmer for 20 minutes.

Step 2- Add Salt And Pepper to season.

Step 3 - Separate egg white. Slowly pour into hot liquid and stir slowly. Egg white will change colour and cook.

Walla. That's how to make an easy soup. If you would like it to be thicker, add a packet of two minute noodles. If you would like more liquid, add extra broth. This is also good to freeze if you have leftovers. Enjoy.

From Naomi McKeown



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>

Easter Worship Services

Friday 7 April (Good Friday) - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Howard Springs Chapel
10.30am

Sunday 9 April (Easter Sunday) - St Andrew Lutheran Church, Milner 8:30am



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*How good and
pleasant it is
when God's
people live
together in
unity!*

Psalm 133:1

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/>



LITTLE LAMBS PLAY GROUP

Little Lambs playgroup has started again for 2023. We have enjoyed seeing our old friends and welcoming new families.



Little Lambs Play
Group meet
every
Wednesday
from
9am to 10:30am

