



Howard Springs Campus Junior School News

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Upcoming Events

**Tues 21 March: Harmony Day****Wed 15 - Fri 17 March: NAPLAN****Weeks 6 - 9: Yr 3, 4 and 5 Swimming Lessons Gold Fish Bowl on Tuesdays and Wednesdays****Mon 27 March: Three-way**

Conferences 3:00 – 7:30

Tues 28 March: Three-way

Conferences 3:00 – 7:30

Wed 29 March: Top End Region

Soccer Yr 4 and 5

Thurs 6 April: Last Day of Term 1**Fri 7 April: Good Friday****Sun 9 April: Easter Sunday****Mon 10 April: - Easter Monday****Mon 17 April - First Day of Term 2**

CAMPS

Term 2 Week 5: Yr 4 to Riyala**Term 3 Week 7: Yr 5 to Adventure Bound**

Over the last five weeks our school has come to life!

10 March 2023

It was lovely to have the opportunity to meet many members of our Good Shepherd community this year around the school and through the parent information evening. Investing into private education for the ones you care for is something we, as teachers, don't take lightly. We hope the night informed you of some of the numerous ways our educators go above and beyond to provide the Good Shepherd family and learning experience.

The newsletter is an important way we communicate upcoming events, some of these have already been celebrated such as Shrove Tuesday in Week 3 where the smell of pancakes and maple syrup filled the classrooms. House Activities, assemblies, chapel and the specialist subjects of German, Physical Education and Music are all underway. The classrooms have been calm and orderly – setting the scene for successful learning in the weeks ahead for Term 1!

It has been exciting to meet with our new House Captains and Student Council Representatives for the upcoming academic year. They are an integral part of our school leadership team. They are responsible for setting a positive example for their peers, leading school-wide initiatives, and fostering a sense of community among students. We are proud to have students who are willing to give up their time at recess and lunch to serve their school community and lead by example.

At this phase of the term, we've established some core routines with students around starting the day, managing our belongings (bags, diaries, water bottles, other class materials) and working together in our lessons. In the weeks to come we build on these routines with specific age-appropriate learning habits, which for an ELC class might be transitioning between tasks or for older age groups, how they review and implement feedback. My point for sharing this is to highlight the value of routines for children, but indeed for all of us actually.

Establishing routines consumes energy and time initially, but in the long run they save us energy and time, which is definitely worth the initial investment. I welcome families to talk with their children around the daily routines they are building at school, this will help reinforce their value and build student agency which is their ability to act with independence and purpose.

Reminder

We love having our students eager to come to school in the morning, but a gentle reminder that students are welcome on campus without parental supervision only after 7:45 am where they are to head straight to Area 1 and staff are on duty. At the end of the school day any students not collected by 2:50pm will be seated at the front office and need to be collected by 3pm.

If you are needing supervision for your children outside of these hours Camp Australia offer before and after school care and be contacted on 0447044584.

With warm regards Joanne Pulsford



A message from our Primary Years Programme Coordinator

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



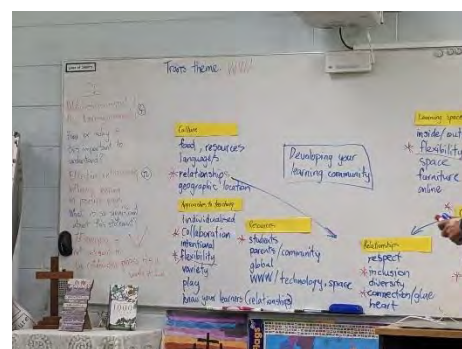
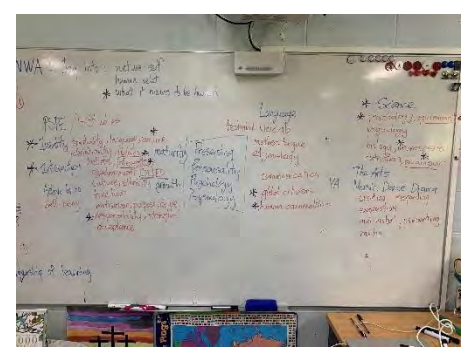
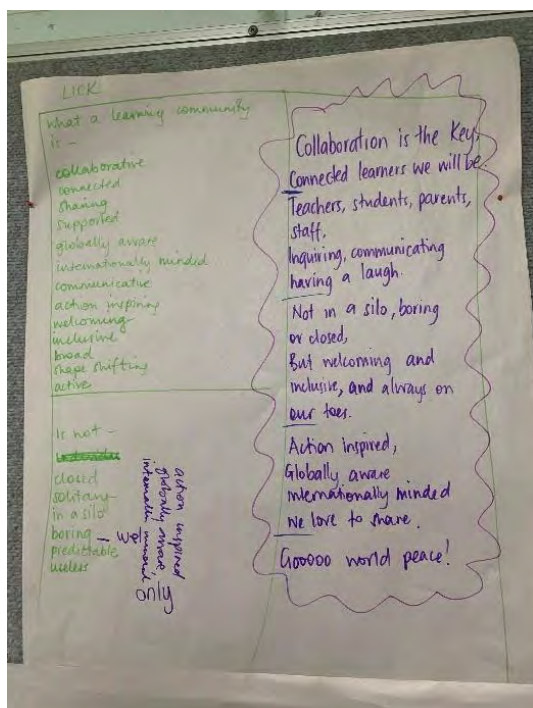
To **5MS** for receiving Howard Bear Caring Class!



To **4DS** for receiving Cleanest Class Keep Australia Beautiful Award!



To Mrs Karen Weier on receiving the kindness cup this week!





A MESSAGE FROM OUR COLLEGE CHAPLAIN.

If you wish to contact me my email is kyle.cantrill@ntschoools.net

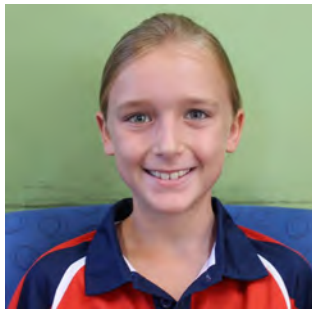


Student Council Representatives

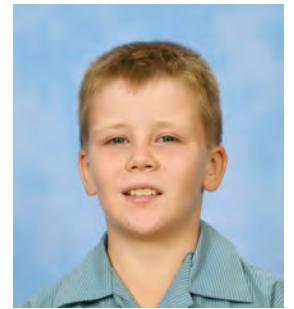


2023 School Captains

Miah Clarke



Willard McGregor-Shaw



2023 House Captains

Levi Yates



Neave Jonas



Cleo Mortlock



Charlotte McKay



Zoey Fenwick



Aran Hammond



Ava Costello



Ava Jeremiah



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Early Learning Centre – Year 12

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Here in the **ELC** we have begun our alphabet learning journey together this term! This has been wonderful to see us all engaging and being excited about the letters in the alphabet. We have done many things throughout our week to help us become aware the relationship between oral, written and visual representations. Supporting children at this early stage in their learning and development and providing a safe learning environment, children are able to engage with content in a natural way, have the chance to ask questions and transfer what they have learn from one context to another.

Through our mat times, table top activities, songs and crafts, we have become inquirers and curious learners! We can't wait to learn all the letters and get all the way to the end!

From Miss Langridge and the ELC team



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Rachael Cross

Administration Officer:
Tara Davis

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Defence School Mentor

Good Shepherd warmly welcomes Defence School Mentor (DSM), Mrs Kathleen Cobban to our wonderful community.

Mrs Cobban has four children at Good Shepherd and her husband is a current serving member of the Royal Australian Navy.

The DSM is a defence-funded position, aimed at supporting children of Defence families, enrolled at Good Shepherd. The DSM provides assistance for Defence students and their families, and raise awareness of unique needs of these families to the military lifestyle.

Mrs Cobban is based at the Howard Springs Campus every Thursday and alternates between our Palmerston and Leanyer Campuses every Friday.

Please contact the College if you would like your child to utilise these services or wish to know more about the program. 8983 0300 / admin@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au



Welcome Jack Tinapple!

Jack is one of the College's incredible music tutors this year. He is available for flute, saxophone and male vocals private tuition at the Howard Springs Campus.

Jack is a performer, producer and multi-instrumentalist. He works as a musician, audio engineer, sound designer and music teacher - as well as managing Powerfunk recording label and playing in and coordinating original bands: The NEO and Jigsaw Collective.

Jack has lectured and tutored at CDU since 2004 in music and digital media. He is also a teacher at the NT Music School. Jack completed a Bachelor of Music in classical vocals and flute performance. He has a keen interest and previous practice in theatre, circus and film.

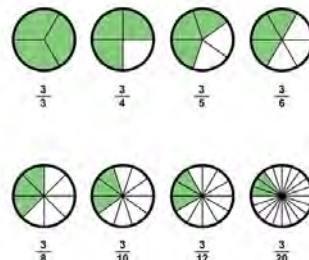
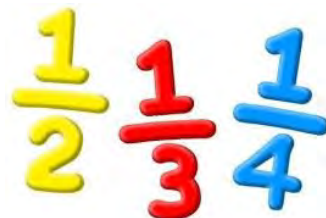
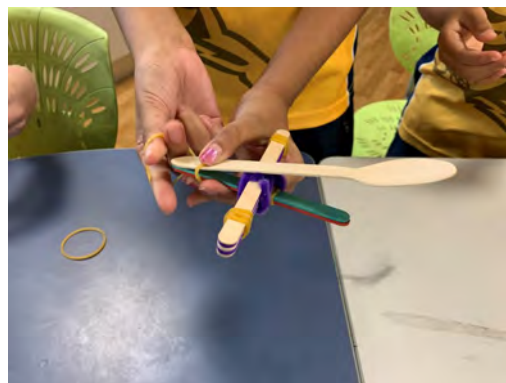
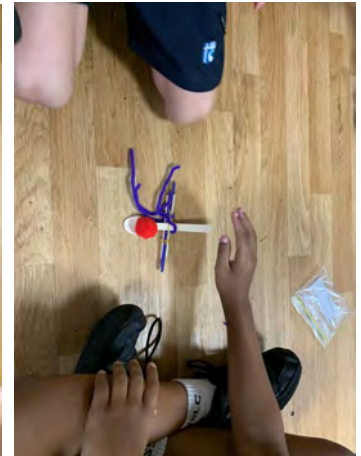


We are delighted to have you on board Jack and wish you all the very best for your time at Good Shepherd Lutheran College.

YEAR 4

It has been an exciting start to 2023.

So far this year we have delved into the world of Mathematics through number value and are currently participating in expanding our understanding of fractions. We are finalising our unit for autobiography where we are creating texts about ourselves and events in our lives. We are also wrapping up the first unit of the year: Who We Are. It has been interesting learning how there are interconnected factors that affect our well-being. We have engaged in other fun activities like soccer and whole house clubs. In the whole house clubs, we participated in Buddy Class activity, Whole house sports, and STEM challenges.



Year 5
Parliament
House
Excursion



Front Office Hours

7:45am to 3:15pm

Front Office Email

admin.hsjs@ntschoools.net

House Point Tally

Fenton: 29



Strauss: 61



Hughes: 35



Livingstone: 34



Shrove Tuesday – February 21

On Tuesday 21st February we remembered Shrove Tuesday which marks the beginning of Lent in the Church calendar. Lent marks the beginning of a 40-day period before Easter Sunday where Christians reflect on their relationship with God and remember the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Mrs Weier cooked over 200 pancakes for students and staff, and we shared the pancakes with some delicious toppings. During Christian Studies lessons students learnt about this celebration and its importance to Christians.



Bombing of Darwin Commemoration

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



Year 3

During the first 5 weeks of this term we have been working through the Inquiry Unit of Who We Are. We integrated measurement and data into the unit. Once we learnt about how to estimate and measure classroom item and each other, the students had the opportunity to measure items during a scavenger hunt outside.

Prior to the scavenger hunt, students were asked to rule up their maths book into 2 columns one titled Over 1m and the other titled Under 1m. Students then paired up and explored the playground to find and record different items. To measure the items students used a 1m piece of string.

Once the students returned to their class, they reflected on the experience and shared that they enjoyed being outside.



In 2LT and 1/2 HS we have been busy writing letters and postcards 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, to Year 2 students at Leanyer and Palmerston, and to our buddy classes at our Howard Springs Campus. We have made letterboxes for each class and have enjoyed writing, publishing, posting and delivering our mail.



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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>

Easter Worship Services

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

Sunday 9 April (Easter Sunday) - Dripstone Cliffs Sunrise Service



Pack a Healthier Lunch Box

In 3 easy steps.

Try these tips from Accredited Practicing Dietitians working with the NT Government.

Use the 5 Food Groups

1

Try adding one thing from each food group to each lunch box. That means 1 fruit, 1 vegetable, 1 dairy, 1 carb (like bread or rice) and 1 protein- in every lunch box.

Make Ahead

2

If packing lunch boxes in the morning works for you that is great! Some families find it is easier to make lunch boxes the night before or even in a batch on the weekend. Find a time that works for you.

Pack Water

3

Water is the best drink for children. If your child likes very cold water you could try freezing a bottle the night before.

