



Howard Springs Campus

Middle & Senior Years

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News



Term 1, Week 9 2023

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Senior Years

It has been a big few weeks in the Senior School with a number of students representing the College at recent TERIS Events (previously PARRS). We have had MS/SS Netball, SS Volleyball and SS 3x3 Basketball with some fantastic results! The College was well represented in both sportsmanship and skill – we appreciate the staff that assisted our students on these days, in particular our new Sport Coordinator Ahna Hawkett.

We commenced what will be the first of many Senior School Workshops. We were fortunate to have a number of staff assist this evening, with 30 min presentations around Understanding the NTCET, Assessment Policy and Criteria, Understanding ATARS and University Entry, SEQTA Engage, Effective Study Strategies and Building Academic Confidence, Understanding your child's unique learning needs and a Mental Health Forum. We were blessed that Dr Chris Vladcoff generously gave his time for this forum. A big thank you must also go out to the teachers who presented – Julie Hearnden, Anita Synnott, Paulo Abrantes and Jo Cochrane. It was a great turn out with 49 families attending. We hope to have more workshops in Term 2 – watch this space!

Our Senior School Leaders did a brilliant job in bringing Harmony Week together in Week 7. We had a number of activities throughout the week during recess, lunch and CG time. The Language Department ran the first Good Shepherd Multicultural MasterChef which had an excellent turnout and an abundance of food and treats to try.

Most recently we saw the first of our House Days – Strauss Day on Friday, Week 8. It was great to see so many smiling faces out and about - being involved in the fun and games that the House Captains organised. Well done to Mackenzie Lynch and Ashley McDonald.

We also celebrated during a special Senior School Assembly with Gerard Maley MLA, Member for Nelson. We awarded students for achieving 95% and above in attendance. There is a direct correlation between attendance and academic performance. We hope that the new initiative of the Senior School Traffic Light System for subjects will assist students and families in Years 10, 11 and 12 to be able to recognise and understand where they are sitting in their subjects and how to gain support if required. It is an efficient way to be in communication with your child's teacher; however, it is a work in progress and feedback is most welcome.

As we look to Term 2, we will continue to work on restorative practices as a school, learning and developing strategies to assist our students in gaining skills in team-building, coping, resilience and grace. It is also worth noting that we will continue to monitor and challenge students on their uniform and the amount of jewellery that our students wear as per our uniform policy. The new mobile phone and smart watch policy still stands and I thank those students who are working with us in that space.

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Senior Years - continued

I hope you have a wonderful Easter and term break and I am looking forward to seeing you fresh and ready for Term 2.

Peta Trahair - Head of Senior Years

Middle Years

As we conclude the first term of the 2023 academic year and head into the Easter break, it is an opportune time to reflect on what has been. While it has been a short term it has indeed been a busy one where we all hit the ground running.

It was wonderful to see our Year 6 students settle into the routines of Middle School and joyous to see them head off to the nation's capital for their long anticipated Canberra Trip. They have come so far in such a short time and we are all very proud.

I'm pleased to see other new students, particularly in Year 7 settle well and be welcomed so warmly by other students. We look forward to Term 2 as we begin our camp program - which is always a highlight for staff and students.

I encourage all students to maintain and further develop their habits and goals in relation to learning as well as to be open minded as we introduce more elements of Restorative Practice across the College. These processes are working successfully in various situations, both in and out of the classroom. Our students have been incredibly willing participants in the process of restoration, and are taking proactive measures to avoid such issues. I am very proud of them. Well done everyone!

At this time I also encourage parents and caregivers to access our College documents through the 'Documents' link on SEQTA. Please familiarise yourself with College expectations, in terms of uniform, mobile phone policy, SEQTA, behavioural and academic expectations.

As a College we aim to work together as a community. An integral part of this is communication and engagement with the families of our students. To assist with this, in Term 2 the Middle School will be offering several workshops for parents and caregivers to attend. These will be aimed at areas such as the use of SEQTA, Restorative Practices, Wellbeing for Teens and Pre-teens and Cyber Safety - just to name a few. Please keep an eye out for these great opportunities.

James Faraone - Head of Middle Years



Harmony Day - Tuesday 21 March



Integrated Learning - Outdoor Education @ Robin Falls



Strauss Day - Friday 31 March

So wonderful celebrating 'Strauss Day' at our Middle and Senior School campus on Friday 31 March. Thank you so much to local member, Gerard Maley MLA for sponsoring the BBQ and applying some great BBQ skills. The sausage sizzle is always a hit, as are paper planes. Well done everyone!



Strauss Day

Strauss Day was a wonderful event on Friday 31 March; celebrating all things Strauss, sharks and blue! The day began with a special Easter Egg hunt surprise for our Strauss students during Care Group time. Our wonderful leaders, Ashley McDonald and Mackenzie Lynch had been busy organising this day for weeks and the grand opening went down a treat, excuse the pun! Strauss students were rewarded with mini chocolate eggs for their hunting efforts, a good breakfast indeed!

At recess, a paper plane competition was open to all students and lunch was packed full of activities from the basketball courts to the courtyard. Thanks to all the leaders who helped with the running of the events, they really put on a great show. And, by popular demand, our sausage sizzle sold out! It was a huge hit. Thanks to Gerard Maley MLA, member for Nelson for providing the sausages and coming down to help cook them for us. There certainly were smiles all round! **Christina McCarthy - Strauss Coordinator**



Year 10 Work Experience - Leo Chen

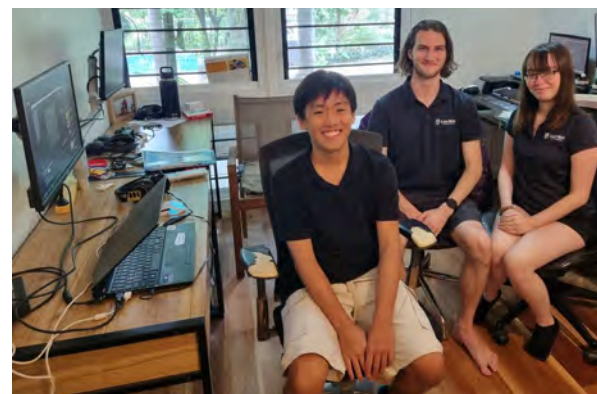
Leo is a keen game designer and is working on the lead character for a new game designed by 'Larrikin Interactive', owned by Dylan Bennett.

Dylan has led game design workshops at Good Shepherd, introducing students to UNITY; a powerful game coding and design program.

Leo was on work experience at Larrikin Interactive in Week 9 of Term 2, which he described as "his dream job".

Working with two of Larrikins lead designers, Leo was in his element when visited by College staff on his very first day of work experience; Monday 3 April.

Well done Leo and thank you Larrikin Interactive!



Senior Student Awards

A huge congratulations to Senior School students who were presented with attendance awards during their assembly on Monday 3 April. Students who obtained High Distinctions and Distinctions for their 2022 Research Project were also acknowledged. These seven students recently presented their findings to a panel of Charles Darwin University (CDU) lecturers and will receive advanced credits to their university course; if they choose to study at CDU. Absolutely incredible - well done everyone!

Keep up the amazing efforts that are putting you in great positions to perform superbly this year. Thank you very much to Mr Gerard Maley MLA - member for Nelson for attending our assembly and presenting the special awards.



'Foundations for Life' Open Day

Congratulations to Foundations for Life ELC, part of St Andrew Lutheran Congregation, on their fantastic open day and dedication of their newly developed sensory garden. College Principal, Mr Qualischefski, was there to represent the College at this important event on Saturday 18 March.



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Early Learning Centre – Year 12

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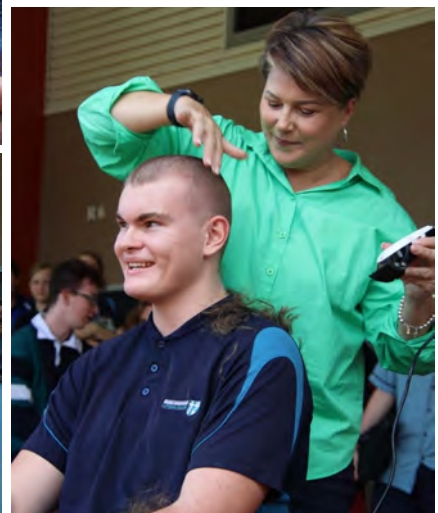
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Thank You Harper!

Well done Year 12 student Harper on your very brave shave on Friday 17 March - raising \$1,400 for the World's Greatest Shave. It was fabulous to see a most encouraging audience, with donations continuing to come in.

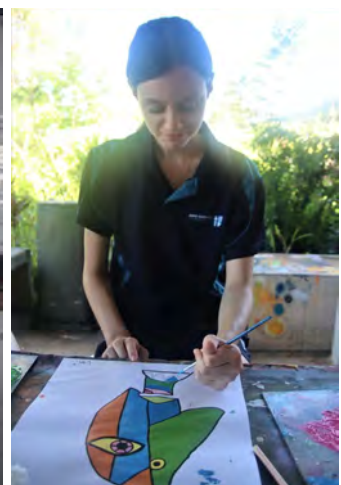
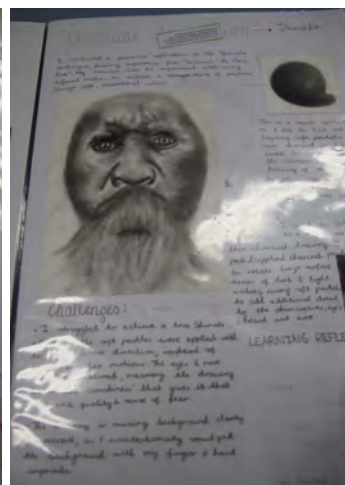
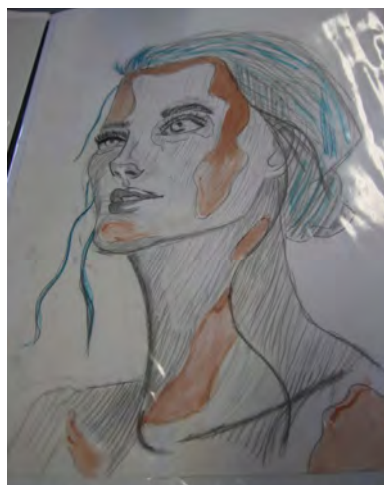
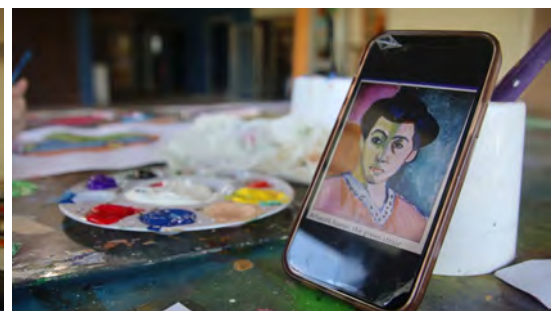
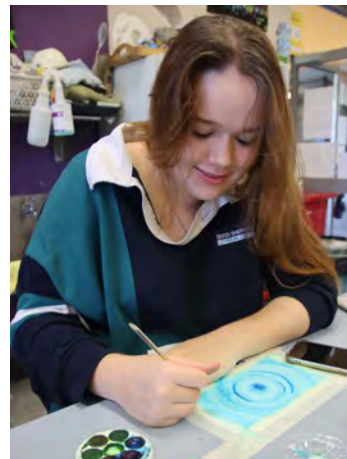


Getting Creative in Senior School

Creative Arts is the newest Arts subject at Good Shepherd. It offers students more of an ability to focus on practical work compared to Visual Arts which focusses on both practical and conceptual understandings of the Fine Arts world.

Creative Arts' students are working on their Practical Skills Folio; a series of six skill explorations, inspired by artists they have chosen to focus on and research in a practical sense. They have focussed on techniques, materials, and processes.

Visual Arts' students are working on their Visual Study which is a visual and verbal essay written on an inquiry topic of their choice. Most students attend recess and lunch classes, Thursday after school classes or Saturday classes to work on their final artforms in a friendly and supportive environment. **Cassandra Holland - Arts / Design Coordinator**



Harmony Day - Multicultural MasterChef

The Languages department hosted their very first 'Multicultural MasterChef' contest, 'A Taste of Harmony', which was dedicated to Harmony Day on Tuesday 21 March. Students signed up to be either contestants or judges and staff were absolutely amazed with these dedicated MasterChefs and their delicious dishes from all over the world.

The winners of the Masterchef competition were, Sam - best overall dish. His German Käsekuchen made the top of the list with the majority of votes. The runner up was a chocolate cake made by Brodie. And an amazing Greek dessert made by Georgios received third prize! Well done everyone!



Well done everyone, and Mrs Llewellyn - how fabulous. We look forward to the performance on Monday 24 April.

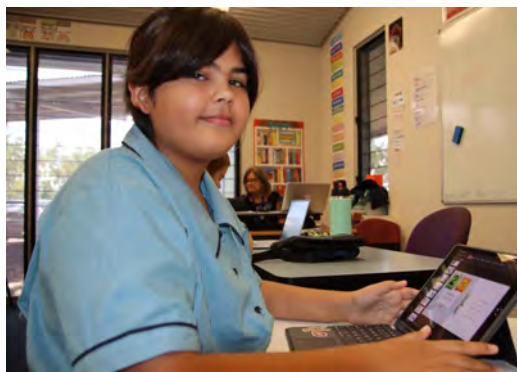
A'choir'ing Great Skills

Year 6 students had their first combined choir rehearsal with College music teacher, Mrs Llewellyn on Thursday 30 March. They are rehearsing for the whole school Anzac Day ceremony which we are very excited about. Students are learning the skills of singing in a group, including stage craft and musicianship skills. This activity contributes to their Criteria C assessment task for their Creator Space class.

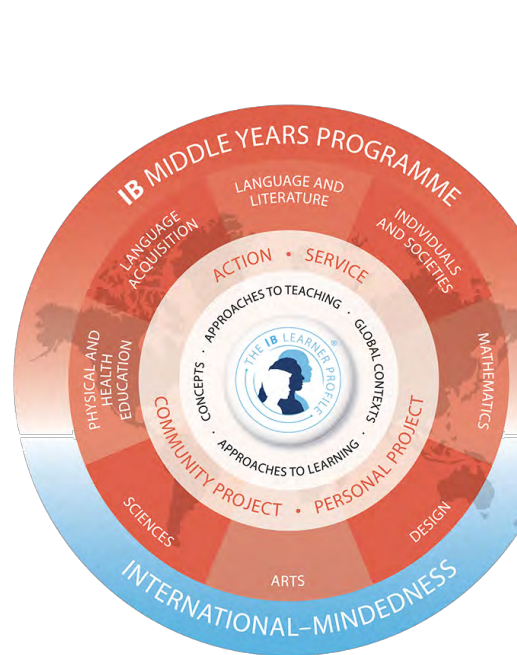


We Love French!

Year 6 students greatly enjoyed their French assessment task in Week 7 - translating a lovely French story in English, about a young girl named Sophie travelling in France. Students presented the story using Powerpoint while one group worked on a drawing of the Eiffel Tower. Well done everyone! nous aimons le français (we love French!)



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Happy Harmony Day

Congratulations to Abhishek (Year 8), Joseph (Year 10) and Aisha (Year 11) for winning the Harmony Day Library competition.

They recognised all flags and were then very fortunate to be drawn from the competition box. Well done everyone!



A Night With Darwin Symphony Orchestra

Darwin Symphony Orchestra's stunning performance on Saturday 18 March, was an absolute delight for some of our Year 10, 11 and 12 music students.

The Darwin Entertainment Centre's audience was treated to a range of classical works, including pieces by Barber, Kodaly and Brahms. Not only did the orchestra impress with their skill and precision, but the performance also featured some familiar faces from the students' music classes.

Music teacher, Mrs Laura Llewellyn featured as a Clarinet soloist and Mr Benjamin Bradtke on piano, performed alongside the orchestra, much to the excitement of their students. The performance featured the talents of tutors David Py (trumpet) and Stephanie Arnold (cello). For many of the students, it was their first experience seeing a live orchestra, and the atmosphere was electric. Some of the students commented:

"Going to the symphony was a great experience to see my teachers play and see the orchestra together."

"I loved the climax sections of each song and how clear the instruments were. It was fascinating to apply my class knowledge when listening and analysing the music."

"Being able to see each section at work, all coming together to form a wall of sound is something I have never experienced before. I highly recommend it."



Top End Region Volleyball

Well done to our Senior School students who attended the Top End Region Volleyball event on Friday 17 March. Students performed extremely well and showed tremendous sportsmanship. A special congratulations to:

Pool A - GS4 3rd

Pool B - GS1 1st

Pool C - GS2 5th GS3 2nd



Top End Region Basketball

We love sport at Good Shepherd and are so proud to have many students participate in Top End Region - Sport Education. Senior School students recently the 3x3 basketball event held at the Palmerston Recreation Centre. A great day of sport, fun and sportsmanship. Well done everyone. Thank you to supervising staff, Ashley Doncon and Ahna Hawkett.





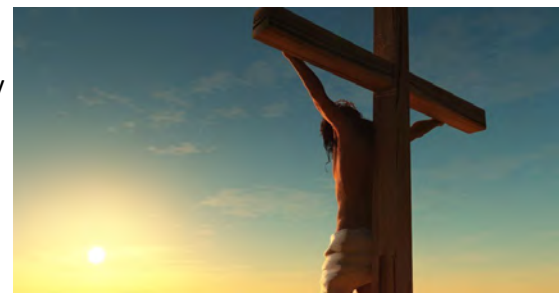
Chaplain Kyle's Easter Message

This term in Chapel, we have reflected on the times in scripture where Jesus was **countercultural**. We focused on the challenges of His time and how they can still be challenging for us today. We explored topics such as Jesus seeing **value in children** when others didn't, Jesus seeing value in all people and wanting to share meals with outsiders. The challenge of **loving your enemies** and the ability to **forgive people** who hurt you.

Leading up to Easter, we have also explored the question, 'why is Good Friday called **Good Friday** if it's a time used to reflect on the terrible torment that Jesus faced?' There seems to be nothing good about that, right? The simple response to this question is; while we do reflect on the horrible things that happened to Jesus on Easter Friday, it is called Good Friday; not because Jesus suffered but because of what his suffering means for us. Because Jesus died on the cross, **we don't have to do anything to be right with God**. We don't have to follow a 'perfect' person check list and gain his favour through good deeds. **Jesus has done the work on the cross**. He is the sacrifice that was required for our wrong doings. It is only through him that we now can have a relationship with God.

This Easter when you have your hot cross buns and your hollow Easter eggs, use them as a reminder of what the **true meaning of Easter** is really about. The hot cross buns represent Jesus' death on the cross and the hollow Easter eggs represent the tomb that was empty - **Jesus is no longer dead but risen!** My hope and prayer this Easter is that God would bless each and every family over the break and that we would truly **reflect on what Jesus has done for us**.

Kyle Cantrill
College Chaplain



Thank You!

How lovely is this message on the Teachers of Darwin & NT Facebook page, where we had just advertised two new teaching positions. Thank you so much, that is gold and has made our day! And of course, we totally agree!

"This is the best school in Darwin to work at. The teachers and office staff are the most beautiful humans."





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/>

Defence School Mentor

The College's Defence School Mentor (DSM), Mrs Kathleen Cobban is available to meet with children of Defence families at Good Shepherd.

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 Monday and alternates between our Palmerston and Leanyer Campuses every Tuesday.

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



Year 7 German

Good Shepherd's new Year 7 German Beginners' students have just completed their first Middle Years Programme (MYP) Assessment Task in Listening Comprehension.

At the end of this task, students had a chance to reflect on their learning throughout Term 1 in relation to this assessment task and help their German teacher, Frau Aryan to identify the areas of improvement. How fantastic - learning at its best! Well done students, and teacher, Frau Aryan.





Wishing everyone in our community a very happy Easter and wonderful mid-semester break.

We look forward to seeing staff and students again on **Monday 17 April.**

YOU...

If every single person who has liked you in your lifetime, were to light up on a map, it would create the most **glitteringly beautiful network** you could imagine. Throw in the strangers you've been kind to, the people you've made laugh, or inspired along the way and that star-bright network of **you** would be an impressive sight to behold. You're so much more than you think you are. You have done so much more than you realise. You're trailing a **bright pathway** that you don't even know about. What a thing. What a thing indeed.

Donna Ashworth



AND WE HAVE SEEN AND TESTIFY THAT THE FATHER HAS sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

1 JOHN 4:14



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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

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Facebook

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Careers Facebook Page

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

Instagram

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



NT AFL Representatives

How's this for a great news story! Three Good Shepherd students who represented Top End Region AFL in Week 8 were selected to represent the NT in Albury, NSW in August. Congratulations Lane, Ava and Emily. What an achievement! Top End Region boys team finished equal first in the tournament whilst the girls team were second.



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) - St Andrew Lutheran Church, 8.30am



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IN HIM WE HAVE
REDEMPTION
through his blood
THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
RICHES OF GOD'S GRACE

Ephesians 1:7

Fred's Pass Show - Junior and Open Talent Quest

The Fred's Pass Rural Show is on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 May 2023. It is a great opportunity for locals to showcase their creative and productive endeavours and win great prizes.

Good Shepherd's amazing music students are strongly encouraged to enter. Please see Mrs Llewellyn for more details.

Entry Fee: \$5.00

Entries close: Friday 19 May

This amateur competition is a great opportunity for all aspiring performers young and old to perform on a large stage with a friendly audience. All you need is the desire to perform and have a love of music!

Whether you're a vocalist, an instrumentalist, a duo, trio or band, get your application in. Judging is friendly and positive, and it is such a treat to see performers of all ages get up and have a go!

The Junior Talent Quest (14 years & under) will commence at 4.00pm on Saturday at the main stage. The Open Talent Quest (15 years & over) will compete on Sunday at 12.45pm at the main stage.

Conditions of Entry

- Open only to amateur musicians – the definition of an amateur musician is one who has never been paid to perform music
- Contestants will perform one act / song for judging but should have two prepared
- Acts should be kept within a maximum of 4 minutes
- CD backing will be allowed in this event but must have no vocals on it if the performance is vocal. All backing formats to be presented on a flash drive.

Judging Criteria

- Entertainment value
- Stage presentation: confidence, delivery and attitude
- Quality of performance

Prize Money - Junior

1st Prize: Studio recording session valued to \$400 sponsored by Masters Studio

2nd Prize: \$100 sponsored by Colemans Contracting & Earthmoving

3rd Prize: 2 lessons piano, guitar or vocal valued at \$80 (or \$20 cash) sponsored by Amadeus Music School

Prize Money - Open

1st Prize: Studio recording session valued to \$600 sponsored by Masters Studio

2nd Prize: \$150 sponsored by Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price

3rd Prize: 3 lessons piano, guitar or vocal valued at \$127.50 (or \$50 cash) sponsored by Amadeus Music School.

<https://fredspassruralshow.com.au/competitions/>



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