# Middle/Senior Newsletter



# Howard Springs Campus

# Seabreeze Festival



Last Friday we enjoyed an incredible night at the Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival 2024! The Banyan stage was alive with the soulstirring performances of the Good Shepherd Choir, amazing bands, talented soloists, and mesmerising Year 12 ensembles. The energy was electric, and the audience was absolutely captivated! A huge shoutout to all the performers who made the night unforgettable.



# Term 2, Week 5

# **Upcoming Events**

## Mon 20 May:

Years 9, 10,12 Dance Performance

# Mon 20 May:

Big Day In

# Wed 22 May:

TERIS Yr6-9 Indoor Beach Volleyball

# Thur 23 May:

Year 11/12 Drama Performance (Creative Arts)

# Fri 24 May:

TERIS Yr10-12 Indoor Beach Volleyball

### Fri 24 May:

Year 12 Trivia Night

### Sat 25 May

Freds Pass Rural Show

Mon 27 - 31 May

**Reconciliation Week** 

Tue 28 May

Stage 1 & 2 Music Performance

Fri 31 May

Year 6-12 Combined House
Day

# **Head of School 6-12**

As we reach the midpoint of Term 2, I am pleased to share with you some of the exciting achievements within our school community. Our students continue to showcase the College with their engagement in various events both within the college and out in the wider community.

The term started in a very reflective way with the Whole College ANZAC Day Service held on our Middle/Senior Campus. An event where our Army Cadets paraded in full uniform with artillery, our Choir sang beautifully, our Leaders spoke eloquently and all made us proud with their part in what



Mrs Peta Trahair Head of School Yr 6-12

was an amazing Service. We appreciated the involvement from many members of the Defence community, and College Defence families. Further to this we had a small group of Student Leaders represent our College at the various ANZAC Day Services around Darwin/Palmerston/Litchfield which is always an honour.

Year 6 Canberra Camp was a long-anticipated trip for our Year 6's as they headed off to our Nation's capital earlier in the term. From all reports our students fully enjoyed their trip away!

Our Art/Music students have been busy with fabulous performances at the Seabreeze Festival along with our entry of our cow – 'Beyond the Berrimah Line' which is a piece of art to behold! Photos to come!!

Middle School Leaders recently attended the GRIP Leadership Conference which concentrated specifically on training student leaders for their role as school leaders. A worthwhile day developing new skills.

Our students represented the College admirably at our Athletics Carnival at Marrara Stadium last week, their skills and sportsmanship and their efforts across the day and in the lead up with the practice of House War cries made the day a full spirited success. As we were unable to finish all relays on the day, the House Shield is yet to be determined. House Relays will be run on the upcoming Combined House Day during school in Week 7.

The recent Year 11 Immersion Day was essential to reflect on the progress and plans for the future of our Year 11 students as they navigate the rest of their educational journey and prepare for the transition to post-secondary education or the work force.

We understand the importance of mental health and wellbeing, especially during these challenging times. Our students have been actively engaged in workshops provided by the Pat Cronin Foundation and their 'Be Wise' and 'Rethinking Anger' program and further with Dolly's Dream for age-appropriate Digital Literacy Workshops. I encourage any student feeling overwhelmed to reach out for support. Seeking help is a sign of strength!

The Pat Cronin workshops have provided the students with the understanding to explore choices, consequences and violence prevention strategies while also empowering students to be equipped with the self-reflection skills and knowledge they need to 'Be Wise' and make wise life choices. The Dolly's Dream Workshops have educated our students by addressing the impact of bullying, anxiety, depression and youth suicide, through education and direct support to young people and families.

# **Upcoming Events (cont.)**

# Sat 1 June

College Open Day (10.00am-11.30am)

### Mon 3-7 June

Year 11 Exams

# Mon 3-5 June

Year 8 Camp - Group 1

# Tues 4-6 June

Year 8 Camp - Group 2

# **Tues 4 June**

Year 10 Elective Music Performance

# Wed 5 June - 6 July

Year 10-11 German Trip

# Thur 6 June

Year 12 - Street Smart High

# Mon 10 June

King's Birthday Public Holiday

### Wed 12-14 June

Year 10 Exams

# Wed 12 June

TERIS MS Football(Soccer)

## Thur 13 June

Year 11 Excursion "PARTY"

# Fri 14 June

Immunisation Program





A small group of students have recently returned from their Geography and Modern History Singapore Fieldtrip armed with new found knowledge for their assessment task. A mind-opening experience where students gained first-hand experience of sustainable urban practices and were able to explore the city state's national identity and the impact of significant individual groups and movements.

Looking ahead, we have several key events on the calendar where will finish the term in a flourish of activity.

**FRED'S PASS SHOW -** Where we will be hosting a promotional stall and various music performances by our students will take place.

**COLLEGE TOURS -** Following the Fred's Pass Show, we hold College Tours across all of our Campuses.

**TRIVIA NIGHT** – The Year 12's have their Trivia Night coming up on the 24 May at Cazaly's - a great night which you are all encouraged to attend.

**Big Day In -** Week 6 is a National ICT Careers Conference designed by students for students, with opportunities to learn about courses, degrees, work experience, internships, apprenticeships and engage with hands-on demonstrations of awesome technology.

**P.A.R.T.Y** - Sounds like a fun time, but in Week 9, a group of Year 11 students attending this excursion will spend a full day following what happens to an injury survivor at Royal Darwin Hospital. This is an interactive injury prevention and health promotion program for high school students.

**Year 8 Camps -** in Week 8 down at Nitmiluk/Katherine Gorge the camps hold a promise of adventure with outdoor activities, team building experiences and personal growth for the students.

**AANT Street Smart High -** This is an eye-opening and confronting event. Some of the content involved witnessing a simulated crash scene, including pre-and-post-crash analysis, hearing from people whose lives have been affected by road trauma, interacting with leading community, Territory Government Police, Fire and Ambulance personnel and industry organisations and programs that aim to keep young people safe and learning road safety skills and knowledge. Our Year 12 students will be attending this important event.

Moving into the end of semester assessment period, we continue to challenge students to strive and achieve their best, supporting them in their learning journey. Our Year 10, 11 and 12 students are involved in exams at the end of the term.

Year 10 students have Endeavour Week to look forward to in Week 10 with students dispersing to their respective Endeavour experience. We can't wait to hear back from them!!

I congratulate students on their resilience and encourage them to continue to work to the best of their abilities as we move into the second half of the Term. I want to thank our dedicated teachers and supportive parents for their ongoing commitment to our students' growth and success.

Together, we are creating an environment where each student can thrive. Wishing everyone a productive and positive second half of the term.

Peta Trahair

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# **Prize Winning Cow for GSLC Art Students**

Congratulations to the 86 talented artists from Years 6 to 12 at Good Shepherd Lutheran College for their remarkable contribution to the artwork titled "Beyond the Berrimah Line," affectionately known as THE COW. This creative masterpiece was proudly showcased at THE JETTY art competition, an event organized by Bendigo Bank as part of the vibrant Seabreeze Festival, and won second prize in the Middle/Senior Schools category!

Our young artists' dedication and creativity have brought this bovine artwork to life, capturing the essence of our rural living. The excitement now builds as we eagerly await the results of the People's Choice Award in our section.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our artists, whether by attending the festival or sharing photos of themselves with the GSLC COW. Your encouragement and enthusiasm have made this artmaking journey even more special.

Stay tuned for updates and keep celebrating the incredible artistic talent and community spirit at Good Shepherd Lutheran College!





# **Fred's Pass Show Performances**

# Join us at Fred's Pass Show this coming weekend!

Exciting performances await at the Amateur Music Talent Quest! Featuring the String Ensemble and Howard Springs Junior Choir, this event promises delightful musical moments for all.

Friendly judging ensures a positive experience for young performers.

Join us on Saturday, 25th May at 11:30am to support these talented students!





**Kyle Cantrill**College Chaplain

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If you wish to contact our College Chaplain, Kyle Cantrill, you can email him using the address below.

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"Be kind and loving to each other. Forgive each other just as God forgave you in Christ."

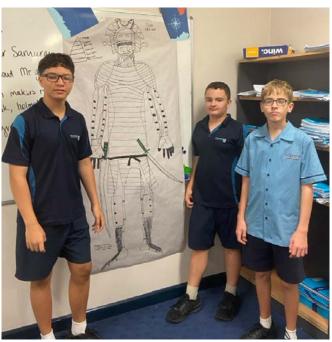
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# **Year 8 Individuals & Societies**

Students in 8A have been studying **Japan Under the Shogun** in Individuals and Societies this term.

As part of our exploration, they have delved into the world of the Samurai, with students working in small groups to create their own life-sized Samurai. Students had to name their Samurai, and create a Haiku poem capturing the failed invasion attempt by the Mongols. It was a great opportunity for the students to engage with their learning.







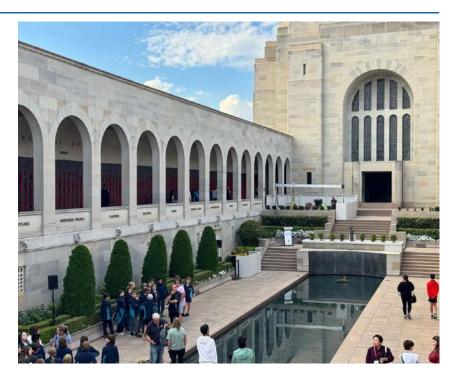
# **Year 6 Canberra Trip**

In an exciting venture that blends education with adventure, our Year 6 students recently embarked on a journey to Australia's capital — Canberra. The trip was not just a leisurely excursion but a deeply enriching experience aimed at fostering a profound understanding of Australia's history, culture, and democratic principles. Read the full article on our website.

### **Student Testimonies**

"I learnt about the history of Canberra, the history of voting, and also the name of the city. I saw New Parliament House, Old Parliament House, and the embassies. There was also lots of beautiful nature.

A place that left a lasting impression was the Australian War Memorial. It was a place that made me think about the world



wars and how there are some wars still going on right now. It was a place of respect. It also had a lot of the army stuff in it that they used in the world wars." – Skyla Orridge

"I found it interesting how the history of Canberra stretches further back than I thought. I loved the display of Canberra at the exhibition, and the different names that people came up with for Canberra. I loved the Captain James Cook memorial jet (a huge water fountain) balcony view." – Kezia Bensam

"I enjoyed the AIS because I have a passion for sport and I enjoyed doing the simulators and activities. I also really enjoyed seeing all the areas that the athletes get to train at how much some facilities cost and how much they use the facilities for sports." – Joel Shute

# **Defence School Mentor**

# What is The Defence School Mentor Program?

The Defence School Mentor Program is delivered in partnership with schools to support the wellbeing of children of ADF members. The program connects children with their school community and enhances the schools ability to address the impacts of the military lifestyle. Defence provides funding to eligible schools to assist with the employment of Defence School Mentors (DSMs).

The program has 4 objectives:

- 1. Provide families with information about the school environment and the support available relevant to their child's development needs.
- 2. Support children to access school based social and emotional support, aligned to school policies.
- 3. Facilitate opportunities for children to build relationships and connections through events and other initiatives.
- 4. Raise awareness amongst the school community about the impacts of the Defence lifestyle on children and families. <u>Defence School Mentor Program</u>

With the dry season now upon us, we are coming into the peak period of Defence deployments and activities, and this can impact some of our families with parental absences for periods of time.

If you feel that we can support your child through these times, please speak to the classroom teacher and the DSM.

If you have any other concerns or would like to discuss supports, please feel free to contact me at, <u>DSM@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au</u>

# **ANZAC DAY**

All of the Good Shepherd Lutheran School campuses came together for a special Anzac Day Service on the 24th April. As a school community we commemorate and show respect to all of those who have served and lost their lives serving our country.

Thank you to those Defence parents who were able to attend our whole school Anzac Day Service and lunch. It was great to be able to meet some of you and have you as guests at our service.

Thank you to the staff and students for putting together a special service that we can be proud of!









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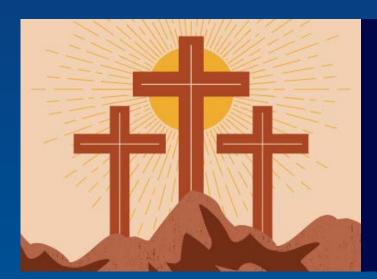
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"Anyone who asks the Lord for help, will be saved."

Romans 10:13 ICB

# College and Community Notices







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# **COLLEGE OPEN DAY**

**SATURDAY 1 JUNE, 10:00AM-11:30AM** 

PALMERSTON CAMPUS

Early Learning to Year 5 HOWARD SPRINGS CAMPUS

> Early Learning to Year 12

LEANYER CAMPUS

Early Learning to Year 5

Good Shepherd provides quality education for students aged 3-18 / Early Learning to Year 12.

Join us to experience the excellent facilities and programs that set Good Shepherd apart.

Meet the Principal, Heads of School and key staff and find out more about the enrolment process.

Register your interest



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# **HOWARD SPRINGS MIDDLE/SENIOR CAMPUS**





Tuesday 23 July 4:30pm - 7:00pm



# 2024 TWILIGHT CURRICULUM EXPO

An enlightening evening for future Year 9-12 students and their families.

Engage with faculty, explore curriculum options and gain insight into future pathways. A chance to ignite inspiration and chart a course for academic excellence and personal growth.



