



Howard Springs Campus

Wishing our families a safe and happy mid-year break!

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

HOWARD SPRINGS MIDDLE/SENIOR

MON 24/6 - FRI 12/7 8AM - 1PM
MON 15/7 CLOSED

HOWARD SPRINGS JUNIOR

MON 24/6 - MON 15/7 CLOSED

PALMERSTON JUNIOR

MON 24/6 - FRI 28/6 8AM - 1PM
MON 1/7 - FRI 5/7 CLOSED
MON 8/7 - FRI 12/7 8AM - 1PM
MON 15/7 CLOSED

LEANYER JUNIOR

MON 24/6 - MON 15/7 CLOSED

We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 16th July

UNIFORM SHOP
OPEN FRI 12/7
9AM - 1PM

Term 2, Week 10

Upcoming Events

Mon 24 June - Mon 15 July

Mid-year break

Mon 15 July

Staff Professional Development

Tues 23 July

Twilight Curriculum Expo (includes Yr 9 camp info)

Thurs 25 - Sat 27 July

Darwin Royal Show

Fri 26 July

Public Holiday (Darwin Show)

Mon 29 July

Year 9,10 & 12 Dance Performances

Fri 2 Aug

T for Thomas Rugby Match

Tue 6 Aug & Thurs 8 Aug

Parent Teacher Interviews

Fri 9 Aug

Cross Country / Wellbeing Day

Sat 10 Aug

College Open Day

Mon 12 Aug

Yr 9 Rite Journey Camp

Cap Interviews for 2025

From our Head of School

As the end of Term 2 comes quickly to an end, it is timely to reflect on the academic and extra-curricular events that have led us to this point in what has been an extremely busy year so far.

Our recent Combined House Day saw events for MS/SS Athletics Carnival completed and Strauss was victorious!! It was fantastic to see students at both Arafura Stadium and our House Day fully immersed in the Spirit of their Houses. A huge thankyou to all Staff involved.

The Arts/Design Faculty and students have showcased the array of talent at Good Shepherd at a number of events, including the Seabreeze Festival, Fred's Pass Rural Show, our own 'Like a Version' music performance and Year 11/12 Drama performances. The support and celebration of these students from Staff and Families alike helps to foster their growth and passion and it is inspiring to see them their talents out into the community.

Reconciliation week brought activities throughout the Year Levels with our Year 7 music class writing their own song. All of these events highlight the rich learning environment our students have available to them.

Year 12 Students have switched gears from raising funds through the well-attended and fun Year 12 Trivia Night to taking part in AANT Street Smart High - a day that while eye-opening was extremely educational for all.

Our Year 8's returned from Camp where students were able to step out of their comfort zones, challenge themselves and solidify relationships with their peers outside the classroom environment.

We have our Year 10 students experiencing Endeavour Week, with trips to Sydney for Arts, Skiing on Mount Hotham, an adventure to East Arnhem and Darwin-based activities. Some Senior students have been lucky enough to travel to Germany for the last weeks of school and into the school holidays, immersing themselves in language and culture. We can't wait to hear all about their differing experiences when they return.

Weeks 8, 9 and 10 have seen our Senior School students participate in their end of semester exams. For Year 10 it was an introduction into how exams work as well as getting used to the stress they can bring. Year 11 students had their first NTCET semester and for Year 12 students, their exams are leading into trials and final exams.

As the first semester of the academic year concludes, it is timely for students to reflect upon report grades and their learning journey throughout this time. I congratulate all students who have performed to the best of their abilities and received excellent grades. I encourage those students who do not feel they have achieved their very best to look at ways in which they can improve in specific areas such as preparedness for class, punctuality, attention paid during lessons and diligence in completing classwork, homework and planning in relation to completing assessments.

If students or parents feel they could benefit from some guidance here, our Learning Area coordinators and Year Level Coordinators are always available to assist. I also remind parents that our Homework Club runs on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in the library should they feel this may help in keeping up with their studies.

I am sure everyone is looking forward to the upcoming break to recharge, refresh and come back on Tuesday 16 July in Term 3 ready to re-engage with their learning and the College Community.

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Head of School (6-12)





Kyle Cantrill
College Chaplain

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

Ephesians 4:32 ICB

Inaugural Physical Literacy Summit

On May 15th, three of our exceptional Year 12 students, Carla V, Caytlin S, and Charli P, had the opportunity to attend the first-ever Physical Literacy Summit held at the Tennis Centre in Marrara. Accompanied by teachers Ahna Hawkett and Gemma Cusack, our students immersed themselves in discussions and presentations from an array of local and interstate keynote speakers.

The summit provided an in-depth exploration of Physical Literacy, a comprehensive approach that integrates physical, physiological, social, and cognitive development to enhance movement proficiency and overall well-being in our society. This holistic perspective is increasingly important as recent statistics reveal that 40-80% of Australians are not meeting the recommended physical activity levels outlined in the Australian Guidelines.

The implications of these statistics extend beyond physical health. The summit highlighted that insufficient physical activity not only affects mental and social health but also has significant repercussions on academic performance and school attendance. The insights gained from this event underscored the critical need to promote Physical Literacy to foster healthier, more active, and academically successful communities.

Our students returned inspired and informed, ready to advocate for the benefits of Physical Literacy within our school. We are proud of Carla, Caytlin, and Charli for their participation and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will undoubtedly make in promoting active, healthy lifestyles.



Push for Better

During the month of June from the 5th to the 28th, 20 Year 12 students and 4 Teachers will be participating in the 'Push-Up Challenge' with the aim of completing 3249 push-ups. The aim of the challenge is to raise awareness for mental health in Australia and our Good Shepherd community team will be aiming to raise \$4000 to support Lifeline.

If you'd like to know more or would like to donate please click [here](#).

In addition to this, on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th of June during recess and lunch the Good Shepherd push for better community team hosted a 'Push-Up Challenge' on the school deck area. It was a gold coin to enter with all funds going towards Lifeline. During this challenge students completed as many push ups as possible with the top three male and female students winning a prize. Well done to everyone who participated!



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2025 ENROLMENTS
INTERVIEWS HAVE COMMENCED

**Please contact the enrolments team if you
are wishing to enrol a sibling for 2025**

**PALMERSTON
CAMPUS**

Early Learning - Year 5

**HOWARD SPRINGS
CAMPUS**

Early Learning - Year 12

**LEANYER
CAMPUS**

Early Learning - Year 5

Good Shepherd Lutheran College Shines at City2Surf Event

On Sunday, June 2nd, a group of dedicated volunteers from Good Shepherd Lutheran College rose early to support runners in the City2Surf event.

Manning a water station, our staff members exemplified the college's values of service and community. Their enthusiasm and encouragement provided much-needed motivation to the participants as they tackled the challenging course.

Among the volunteers were Gemma Cusack, Luke Bray, Kylie O'Keefe, Georgia Dunstone, and Ahna Hawkett with daughter Elouise Hawkett, who all gave their time and energy to ensure the event's success. Their commitment to supporting the wider community is a testament to the spirit of Good Shepherd Lutheran College.

In addition to our outstanding volunteers, two of our college students placed in the 4km distance, with Brodie Highland taking 1st place and Jack Rowe coming in 2nd. This impressive achievement highlights the dedication and talent of our students.

Inspired by the event, we are excited to announce our plans to form a school team for next year's City2Surf. We aim to run the 4km distance together, further fostering our sense of unity and school pride. We look forward to seeing many students, staff, and families join us in this exciting endeavour.

Thank you to our amazing volunteers for their hard work and dedication. Together, we continue to build a strong, supportive community both within and outside the college.



Image source: Facebook



Subject Focus: DESIGN TECHNOLOGY MATERIALS



The study of Design Technology Materials supports students in learning that materials are the basic ingredients of technology. Students learn that materials are used to make products, and all products begin with innovative prototypes based on real-world problems or the needs of the target audience. Throughout history, the evolution of technology has been largely determined by the availability of materials. The strong historical links between materials, design, and technology remain significant in society today.

Our Design Technology Materials course is a practical one that encourages students to journal a solution as part of the design process. The course allows our teachers, Ms Bonacina and Mr Holland, the choice to explore and use materials such as wood, textiles, or metal to manufacture prototypes that communicate creative solutions.



In Year 7, students create a lidded box, learning to use butt joints, sanding, and cutting techniques that ensure appeal for a target audience. In Year 8, they create desktop organisers using wood to learn about butt joints, cutting, staining, and finishing their prototypes. In Year 9, students create chart curie boards, which allow them to join wood using techniques like biscuit joints and concentrate on finishing techniques like sanding and waxing for food-grade product use. In Year 10, students design portable folding chairs that incorporate both wood and textiles while learning to shape, cut, drill, and plan for portability and moving parts.

The Design Technology Materials course aims to prepare all students for a future in a technological and material world by providing the foundation for lifelong learning about how products are designed and how materials are developed and used.



Subject Focus: THE ARTS

"The importance of arts for children has been recognized by the arts community and has led to an increase in arts events and activities aimed at children" (May 2014 Factsheet, Australiacouncil.gov.au).

This year our arts faculty has aimed to increase our connection to community art activities for the benefit of our students' creativity and their understanding of audiences.

This term, our arts faculty has involved our students in many community-organised activities, as we know this leads to an increase in their skill level and advanced awareness of practitioners who inspire them to aim high in their arts practice.

Selected Visual Art students in years 9, 10, 11, and 12 have participated in artist workshops with nationally renowned artists like Jasmin Jan and Erin Coates. This involvement has led to students producing artworks for assessment and exhibitions. Students like Jorja Page in year 12 have been inspired by Erin Coates and her use of tonal drawing of bones to express that dolphins in the Swan River, WA, have been found to accumulate heavy metals like lead, zinc, and copper in their bones at contaminant levels. Meanwhile, year 12 student Chloe Tomaszewski has been inspired by Jasmin Jan's watercolours of highly detailed animals created for the Territory Wildlife Park. Both students are now producing works of high skill due to attending these community-based workshops.

The art exhibition at The Jetty Artspace, as part of the Seabreeze Festival, saw more than 86 artists from years 7 to 12 work collaboratively to create a sculpture affectionately known as "The Cow," which communicated life beyond the Berrimah line in our beautiful rural setting. Many students attended this exhibition to see our cow on display at The Jetty Artspace and connect with other artists in this annual exhibition. Linking to community exhibitions is an important part of Visual Arts learning, as artists see the impact their works have on their audiences, leading to the production of artworks that communicate meaning and interest once young artists see the impact art can have on their viewers.

Our school's talented musicians have been showcasing their skills at a variety of events recently. The School Anzac ceremony featured moving performances by our combined choir and the HS Junior choir, as well as standout soloists. At the Seabreeze Festival, the combined choir and stage band delivered memorable performances, while Year 12 bands made a significant impact. The Fred's Pass Show saw impressive contributions from the HS Junior choir and string ensemble. Additionally, the Year 10 performance evening provided a wonderful opportunity for parents and families to enjoy the musical talents of our students.



The Palmerston Council's Live at the Lake event highlighted the exceptional abilities of the Year 12 band, and the same group also will have the chance to play their original music at the popular lunch on the Lawn series run by the NT Government and Activate Darwin. These events demonstrate the importance of fostering community links in the arts, allowing students to gain valuable experience and community recognition. Engaging in these community events not only showcases the students' hard work and dedication but also emphasises the significant role that arts play in enriching our community life.

GSLC represented at International Science and Engineering Fair



Our very own Science Learning Area Coordinator, Jessica Neilsen, attended ISEF (International Science and Engineering Fair) in Los Angeles recently as an AUSSEF (Australian Science and Engineering Fair) committee selected chaperone.

AUSSEF is a volunteer run committee committed to promoting student excellence in conducting quality scientific and innovative research projects. The AUSSEF Steering Committee is committed to strengthening the capacity and opportunities for all students to excel in STEM, regardless of their location or socio-economic circumstances.

"I was invited to join AUSSEF in January 2023. During this time, I have actively worked towards supporting Australian students to produce quality work to represent at the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) which is held in the US each year.

This year I was nominated by the AUSSEF committee to chaperone the 2024 Australian winners to represent Australia at ISEF. I travelled with the 11 students to Los Angeles where we spent 9 days preparing and presenting projects to judges and the public as well as listening to guest speakers such as CEO's, Company founders, Nobel prize winners and even Jeanette Epps on the International Space station.

One of the teams representing at ISEF included an NT team. Good Shepherd provided these students with the location for their data collection during the school holidays, which means all of their resulting data is directly related to the buildings at our school. It was this extra data which supported these students to be so successful, earning them 3rd place in their category.

Photos of our classrooms were on display in LA to the 1600 students competing from across the world along with the hundreds of judges, chaperones, and to the public who came to see them.

This year my focus is on supporting rural and remote teachers and students through NT and SA to increase their contacts and opportunities to support students to reach the AUSSEF quality, particularly our own Good Shepherd Lutheran College staff and students.

The most important advice I have for students interested in science is to be open to opportunity, follow your passion now, but be prepared to pivot when things change. Use your unfair advantage, what traits do you have that others don't? Cultivate that. And remember that stumbling is not falling, stumbling makes you walk faster."



Senior School Geography Singapore Trip

Earlier this term 16 Senior Geography and History students had a busy and exciting visit to Singapore. The Geography students focused on how Singapore is using innovations such as mass rapid transport, city greening and planting for more sustainable living. The Modern History students looked at the impacts from the WWII and the road to nationhood. But it wasn't all hard work! Students enjoyed visiting the Marina Bay Sands (Boat), Gardens on the Bay, and more, and not to forget the food...!



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Twilight Curriculum Expo

TUESDAY 23 JULY | 4.30PM - 7.00PM
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INFORMATION SESSIONS
PANEL INTERVIEWS
LEARNING AREA DISPLAYS
GUEST SPEAKERS
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SUBJECT SELECTION ASSISTANCE
YEAR 9 RITE JOURNEY CAMP INFORMATION

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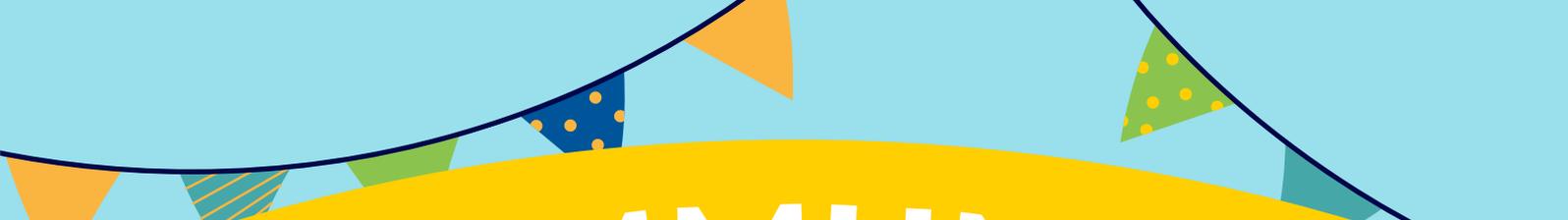


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COMMUNITY FUN DAY!



Saturday 10th August
10am to 2pm

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ALL WELCOME – JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN!



- Animal Encounters
- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting
- Arts & Crafts
- Entertainment
- Yummy Food
and much more!



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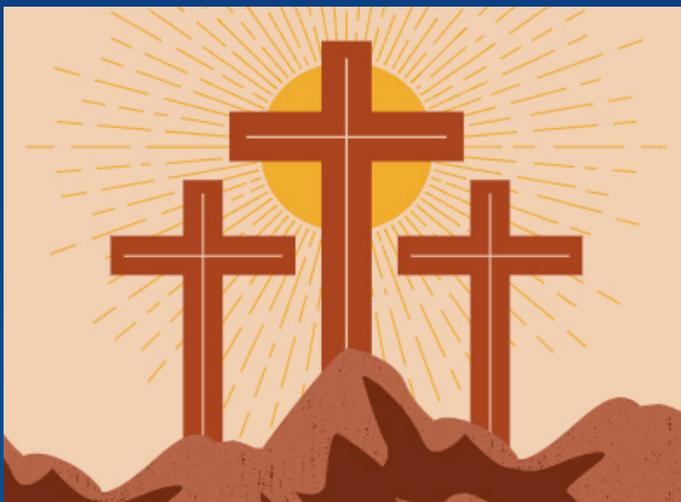
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“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.”

Colossians 3:12 ESV