Middle/Senior Newsletter



Howard Springs Campus

Term 3, Week 10

Upcoming Events

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Mon 23 Sep - Fri 4 Oct WEEK 1 Mon 7 Oct Students return Tue 8 Oct Yr 6 - Museum Excursion WEEK 2 Wed 16 Oct College / House Captains Pitch Fri 18 Oct Yr 6 - Arts Performance WEEK 3 Thu 24/10 Interschool AFL Gala Day Fri 25/10 Combined House Day Yr 12s Final Day of School WEEK 5 Mon 4 Nov

Year 7 Camp (Batchelor) Year 11 Geography Excursion **Thu 7 Nov** ARTiculate

WEEK 6

Mon 11 Nov Year 7 Camp 1 (Batchelor) Remembrance Day WEEK 7

Thu 21 Nov Yr 12 Graduation and Awards Sat 23 Nov Yr 12 Formal WEEK 8

Wed 27 Nov Middle School Info Evening WEEK 9 - STEP UP WEEK 10 - STEP UP

Wed 11 Dec Student last day of term



Wishing our families a safe and happy term break! We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 7th October

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS MON 23/9 - FRI 4/10

> HOWARD SPRINGS MIDDLE / SENIOR 8AM - 3.30PM

> > PALMERSTON 8AM - 1PM

HOWARD SPRINGS JUNIOR & LEANYER CLOSED

> UNIFORM SHOP OPEN FRI 4/10 9AM - 1PM



From our Head of School

It's hard to believe we are at the end of Term 3 already, and what a jam-packed Term it's been. We have had so many fabulous excursions, sporting events, music events, camps and lessons occur and Term 4 looks to be filled with more great opportunities and the experiences they may hold.

The Term held many community engagement experiences with our Twilight Expo, Three-way Conferences, College Open Day, Year 5 into 6 Interviews, Book Week and T4Thomas events. Our recent Twilight Expo was a great opportunity for students and families to gain information for their future potential pathways and as always, we thank the wider community for investing their time into our students.

It was great to see such athleticism and outstanding effort in our Cross Country and Wellbeing Day with so many external providers coming into the college to engage with our student body for the wellbeing rotations – so much puppy love!!



Peta Trahair Head of School (6-12)

Our Music and Dance Students have been ever so busy with public performances at the Parap Markets, Darwin Show, School Sport Australia's Opening Ceremony, Years



9/10/12 Dance Performance and the Stage 2 Music Performance. An amazing array of talent being showcased.

Year 9's experienced time out at Edith Falls and Nitmiluk engaging in activities to challenge their thinking to support the development of self-aware, responsible and resilient adults. An anticipated and revered aspect to the camp was a solo night which was ultimately enjoyed by all.

Year 8's and Year 11 students have embarked on exploring Leadership opportunities with the onset of applications and interviews for College Captain, Middle School Captains and Middle/Senior House Captains for 2025. Student Pitch Speeches and Voting will take place on Wednesday 16 October!!

I hope all of our students and their families have a relaxing holiday and we will see you back in Term 4. Good luck to our Year 12s as they get ready for their trial examinations in Week 1.

I encourage all students to embrace the opportunities available to them and always strive to perform to the very best of their ability in all areas at school and beyond as the year quickly draws to an end!

Peta Trahair

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Kyle Cantrill College Chaplain

College Chaplain

If you wish to contact our College Chaplain, Kyle Cantrill, you can email <u>kyle.cantrill@ntschools.net</u>

"You are God's children whom he loves. So try to be like God. Live a life of love. Love other people just as Christ loved us."

Ephesians 5:1-2 ICB

Book Fair and Book Week

We are thrilled to share the success of our recent Scholastic Book Fair and Book Week Parade! These events have always been a highlight of our year, and this time, it truly surpassed all expectations.

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a wonderful celebration of literature, with an incredible selection of books for all ages ranging from ELC to Middle School. From the latest bestsellers to funky diaries and stationery, there was something for everyone. It was heartwarming to see so many students, parents, and teachers exploring the wide array of books, sparking conversations about new authors, genres, and literary adventures. We are proud to announce that this year's Book Fair broke previous records for both attendance and sales. The proceeds from the event will go directly to enhancing our Resource Centre, ensuring that our students continue to have access to a diverse range of reading materials.

The Junior Book Week Parade themed "Reading is Magic" was a vibrant display of creativity and imagination. Students and staff came dressed as their favourite book characters, turning our school into a magical world of stories. From classic characters like Alice in Wonderland and Harry Potter to contemporary favourites like Dog Man and The Gruffalo, the parade was a delightful showcase of the characters that have captured our hearts.

I was incredibly proud of our Middle and Senior students this year for their enthusiastic participation in the Book Week Parade. Their creativity, spirit, and love for reading were truly inspiring! It was also impressive to see the Middle and Senior teachers get up and dance around the courts supporting our students.

A special congratulations to all our costume winners, who wowed us with their attention to detail and creativity; although everyone who participated made the day special, and we appreciate the effort and enthusiasm from all. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to making this event a success—our supportive parents, enthusiastic students, and of course, our wonderful teachers and staff. A special mention goes to Deb, who worked extremely hard to create a fun and successful Book Week. Your collective efforts made the Book Fair and Book Week Parade not just possible, but memorable for all.

As we continue to nurture a love for reading in our community, we look forward to more events like these, where we can come together to celebrate the joy of books and the endless worlds they open up for us.

Happy Reading!

Kaleena Slaviero

Teacher Librarian – Howard Springs Campus



Book Week Parade

























Queensland University Trip

Senior school students recently explored potential universities in Southeast Queensland and Cairns for future studies postgraduation. They gathered valuable information about various courses, entry requirements, scholarship opportunities, and were able to experience first-hand the university lifestyle, campuses, facilities, and accommodation options.

Universities toured include:

- JCU: James Cook University Cairns
- Bond University Gold Coast
- Griffith University Gold Coast
- CQUniversity Brisbane
- QUT (Queensland University of Technology)
- University of Queensland St Lucia
- University of the Sunshine Coast
- Australian Catholic University (ACU) Brisbane

One of the highlights of the trip was meeting past students who are now pursuing their studies at these universities. They were more than happy to catch up over coffee and share their uni experiences!

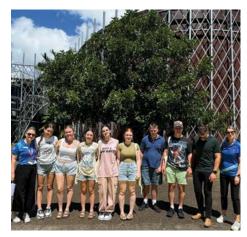
A big thank you to each university for providing our students with such valuable insights.













Individuals and Societies





Students had the opportunity to partake in the Australian History and Geography Competitions during Term 2. Overall as a school we scored well, with lots of students receiving credits and distinctions. A special congratulations to year 10 student Isak Pollock who took out the Northern Territory State Prize – meaning he was the best in the Northern Territory for year 10. Additionally, Isak also scored in the top 1% of Australia for the Geography Competition. Well done Isak, and all students who partook in the competitions.

Year 8 Coast excursion

This term the Year 8s have been studying landforms and coastal processes. On Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th August, all Year 8 classes travelled to Nightcliff to undertake fieldwork. They did a field sketch, took photographs and answered questions at different locations along the coast between the Nightcliff jetty and the pool. Upon returning to school, all students completed a field report for an assessment.

Sharna Condran

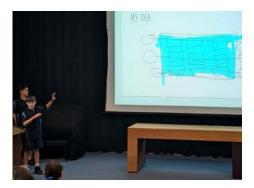
Humanities Learning Area Coordinator







That's My Water!





As part of their World Studies, Year 7s were visited by Power and Water as part of the 'That's My Water' program at the beginning of term to discuss Darwin's current water usage and future sustainability. They then had the term to investigate issues around water consumption in the Territory, and come up with innovative ways to save water.

This week, Power and Water returned and students presented their findings. Areas of exploration included evaporation, filtration systems, water leaks, desalination plants and water usage around the home.

Year 7s outlined some amazing ideas for water conservation, including covers for large bodies of water to reduce water loss caused by evaporation, the use of water tanks to store rainwater, and water saving hardware including taps and shower heads.

Great work Year 7s!

Walk My Way

On Friday 6 September, Good Shepherd Lutheran College students, families and staff stepped out to bring love to life through Walk My Way! The twilight event involved completing 26 laps of the Howard Springs oval to raise money so that refugee children in East Africa can step into education.

What is Walk My Way?

Walk My Way is a fundraising walking challenge, raising money to help refugee children in East Africa go to school. Organised by ALWS (Australian Lutheran World Service), the Lutheran church's aid and development agency, each \$26 raised can help a refugee child go to school for a whole year. Since 2019, Walk My Way has helped more than 62,500 refugee children go to school. Education is a powerful way to change the future for refugee children and it is a gift that cannot be taken away.

The Good Shepherd Lutheran College community raised over \$4000, which will provide education to more than 150 students. Thank you to all who donated to this worthy cause, and to all who participated in this event!















Students join the Stage 2 Digital Technologies Pilot Program

Students Luke and Leo have been selected to participate in the prestigious Stage 2 Digital Technologies pilot program, an exceptional opportunity for our students to dive deep into cutting-edge technology fields.

The Stage 2 Digital Technologies program, supported by a collaboration between selected independent schools, The Array, Adelaide 42, and the Department of Education (DoE), is designed to immerse students in intensive learning blocks. Over the course of four terms, starting this term, Luke and Leo will engage in distinct "intensive blocks" of learning, including Web Development, AI & Machine Learning, Cyber Security.

During these blocks, Luke and Leo will travel to The Array to gain hands-on experience in each block outlined above that will increase their employability in an industry crying out for local NT employees. Stay tuned for more updates as we follow Luke and Leo's journey through this amazing new program.



Photo – Dylan Bennet owner of Larrikin Interactive and manager of The Array with Luke, Leo and Mrs Holland.

Year 9 Rite Journey Camp

At the Year 9 Rite Journey camp, students immersed themselves in a range of outdoor activities, including canoeing, hiking, and swimming. They also experienced their biggest challenge yet: solo night, where each student faced a night alone in nature, fostering self-reliance and self-reflection.

A truly unforgettable experience for all involved!







Year 8 Leadership Day

Last week, Year 8 students participated in a leadership workshop to help prepare them for Year 9. Mrs Synnott, Miss Chambers and Mrs Trahair ran information sessions and activities, including understanding students' personalities and how these traits influence their behaviour toward learning and interacting with their peers in a school environment. Through a series of interactive and reflective activities, students gained valuable insights into their personal strengths and areas for growth.

The day was both educational and enjoyable, and a big thank you goes to our staff for organising such an enriching experience!









Language Fest 2024 Winners!



Congratulations to our talented students who placed at the recent Language Fest 2024 Competition!

The competition had entries from 21 Northern Territory Schools in 8 languages. Language Fest aims to encourage learners who are studying a language to showcase their language skills. Students were able to enter speaking or written categories (or both), which involved talking about or designing a poster with the theme being the Olympics. Well done all!

Our Winners:

German - Speaking Category E - Middle Years - Year 7-9 Individual Speeches

1st Harlow Linn

2nd Mackenzie Dutton

Tamil - Speaking Category E - Middle Years - Year 7-9 Individual Speeches

3rd Kamalee Ramachandran

German - Poster Category C -Middle School – Year 7-9

1st Natalia Lyons

2nd Lily Elber

3rd Dhanvi Kandasamy

Celebrating the achievements of our students and families!



Our very own Yr 8 Lachlan has been nominated for the NRL NT Junior Referee of the Year, and has been selected to travel to Townsville to referee an interstate rugby league competition at the end of term! Congratulations on this amazing achievement Lachlan, we wish you well!



If you would like to share the exciting achievements of your child or family, please reach out to us on Facebook, or email admin@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au. We'd love to hear from you!

2025 Enrolment Intentions

We are now in the advanced stages of planning for 2025. To assist us with our forward planning for next year we ask for your assistance with understanding our enrolment numbers for next year.

Should your child not be returning in 2025 please complete an Enrolment Cancellation

form and return it to enrol@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au by Friday 4th October 2024

Please note Good Shepherd Lutheran College's Enrolment Policy states that one term's notice must be given or the family will forfeit the enrolment acceptance bond and the full fee for the term will be charged (i.e. Term 1 2025). Completion and returning of the Enrolment Cancellation form by the due date will serve as satisfactory notification and the term fee will not be charged. Save the Date

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN COLLEGE PRESENTS



ARTiculate

A SHOWCASE OF STUDENT ARTS AND DESIGN WORKS

SAVE THE DATE | 7th NOV 2024 5.30pm

Graduation and Awards Night

Thursday 21 Nov, 6.00pm

Darwin Turf Club Buntine Drive, Fannie Bay NT

Middle / Senior Awards Assembly

29th Nov 2024

Years 6-8: 10.50am Years 9-11: 1.50pm Cornerstone Church

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Saturday 23 November | Darwin Turf Club



Community Notices

Top End Lutheran Parish

We welcome you to come and be a part of our community. **Our Sunday morning church service starts: 9:30am** 14 Trower Road Milner NT

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Darwin September October School holidays guide 2024



Part Time or Casual Team Member position available. Apply via: careers.kfc.com.au

SCHOOL BUS TRAVELLING ALERT

School Bus Route 439 Howard Springs Primary School / Good Shepherd Lutheran College Tuesday 8 October 2024

What route is changing?

Route **439** (afternoon service) will change effective from **Tuesday 8 October 2024**.

What do students need to do?

Route **439** (afternoon service) will extend to the end of Compigne Road.

The bus will arrive at Gallacher Road at 3:40pm instead of the current time of 3:35pm.

Students who are currently catching this bus should not be affected.

Please see the **439** map on this flyer.

Why are we changing?

To improve the service for students who attend Howard Springs Primary School and Good Shepherd Lutheran College.

For more information, please contact Public Transport on 8924 7297 or email: public.transport@nt.gov.au



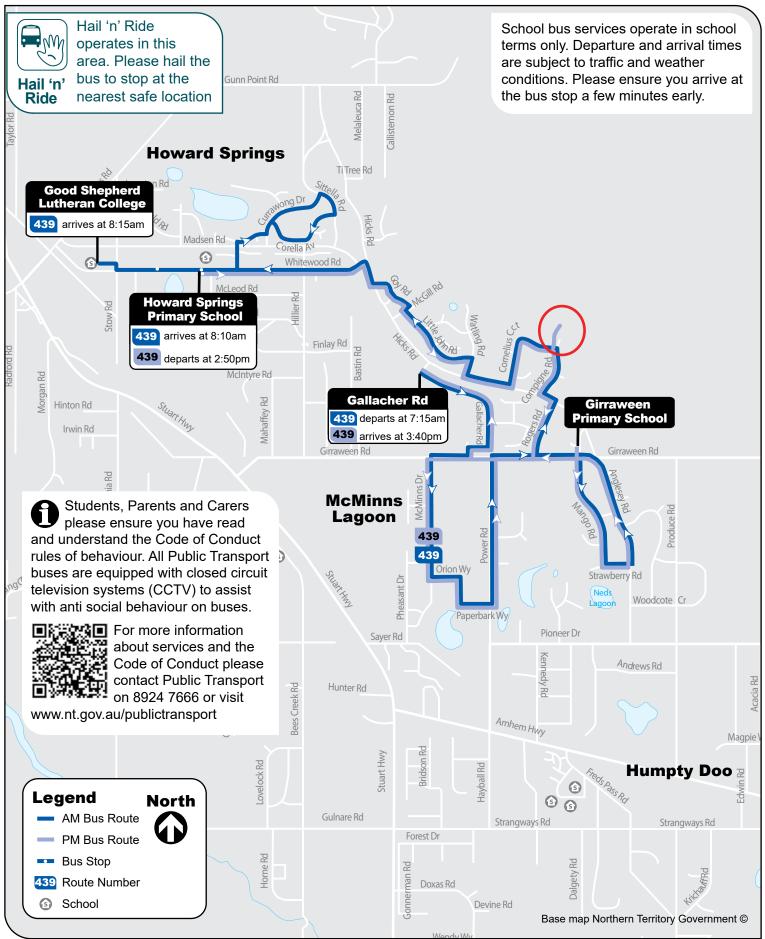


Howard Springs Primary School Bus Service

AM Service

439 Girraween to Howard Springs Primary School and Good Shepherd Lutheran College PM Service

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Careers Facebook page

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College Linkedin

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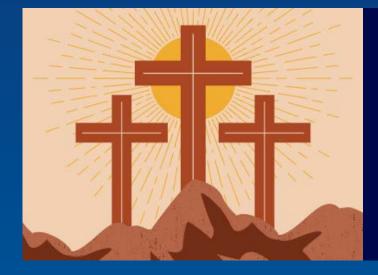
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