



# Palmerston Campus News

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Term 3 Week 5 2023

## Upcoming Events



### TERM 3

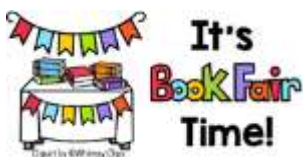
**Monday 21 - Friday 25**

**August: Book Week**



**Wednesday 23 - Friday 25**

**August: Book Fair**



**Friday 25 August:**

**Book Parade**



**Friday 25 August:**

**Grandparents Day**



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Can you believe it is already halfway through Term 3? We have had such a busy start to the term. It's great to see the exciting learning taking place throughout our campus.

Transition have been learning about living things. They made their own grass heads to observe and discover how plants grow.

Year 1 had the opportunity to make crystals and are enjoying observing and watching them grow.

Year 2 has been learning about products and their processes. They have been doing lots of cooking and creating and even learnt how to make butter.

Our Year 3 students have been training to be astronauts and are thoroughly enjoying learning about space. I am super impressed with the space projects they have been working on at home.

Some of our Year 4 students are designing and creating a frog hotel with Mrs De Castro. They have drawn their design and they have started collecting the items they need to build their hotel and garden.

In Year 5, our students have continued to develop their leadership skills. Our Junior School Captains Annie and Layla worked with Mrs Sansom to organise and run activities for Science Week. Our Library Leader and Events Leader Owen and Charlie are busy planning activities to run during Book Week, and our House Leaders are doing a wonderful job leading House Games this term, teaching the students the skills required for different sports. It has been great seeing them step up and take on the responsibilities of being a leader.

During the mid-semester break, we had our Service Approval visit from QECNT for our ELC. They were very impressed and we received our Service Approval at the end of the holidays. We are now waiting on our CCS approval before we can officially open. We look forward to welcoming our ELC children to our campus very soon.

### Reminders:

A reminder that water bottles are essential at school, especially as the weather is heating back up. Please ensure your child has a named water bottle and hat every day.

We are still collecting bread bags (any brand) and 10 cent bottles and cans as part of our fundraising. Please continue to bring them into the Front Office.

**Vicki Trathen**

**Head of Junior School  
Palmerston Campus**



## Upcoming Events



**Monday 28 - Wednesday 30 August:** Year 5 Camp  
Adventure Bound



**Weeks 7 -10 (Starting 28 August):** T-2 Swimming  
(Days TBC)



**Friday 1 September:**  
Fathers Day Stall and  
Fathers Day Twilight BBQ



**Sunday 10 September:**  
Working Bee



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## 2024 Enrolments

### NOTICE TO CURRENT FAMILIES & POTENTIAL FAMILIES

If you have siblings who are ready to start school or are currently attending another school and you haven't yet lodged an Enrolment Application for 2024 intake, please do so ASAP.

Enrolment interviews for the 2024 school year will commence in the coming weeks. The College is currently accepting enrolment applications for 2024 for all years including our brand new ELC.

Thanks very much for your assistance. For further information, please contact our College Registrar, Rebecca Carpenter - 8983 0300 / [enrol@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au](mailto:enrol@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au)

## Awards

Congratulations to the following students for receiving awards over the last 5 weeks.

### House Awards

#### Strauss

Kaiden Henriques

#### Fenton

Jack Inglot

#### Livingstone

Oliver Bowman

Jethro Gotts-Roberts

#### Hughes

Thanirika Dugirala

Romain Thielemans

Christopher Lugg

Brighton Jones

### House Point Current Total

**LIVINGSTONE- 1132**

**HUGHES – 1103**

**FENTON—1073**

**STRAUSS—882**





## Upcoming Events



**Monday 11 - Tuesday 12  
September:** Student Led  
Conferences



**Friday 22:** Wellbeing Day



**Friday 22:** Last Day Term 3



## TERM 4

**Monday 9 October:**  
Student return to school



**Family Camp - 28 October**

## Possum Magic

In Week 2 Palmerston Campus Transition and Year 1 students went to the live stage performance of Possum Magic.

As part of their literacy program, students have focused on narratives and retelling of familiar stories, including the classic Australian children's story 'Possum Magic' by Mem Fox. The book was adapted for the stage by the Monkey Baa Theatre Company and the children loved watching the characters and story come to life.



## Campus Of Origin

In Week 3 this term the Year 5s from all campuses came together for the annual College 'Campus of Origin' AFL competition. Leanyer/Palmerston battled it out against Howard Springs in a very competitive first game. Well done to all who played, cheered, and coached. This week the Year 5 students came together again for Game 2, this time with a game of basketball. The third and final game will be a game of soccer at their combined Year 5 camp in Week 7. What a great way to connect across the three campuses.



## Science Week

In Week 5 we celebrated Science Week. The theme for this year was 'innovation'.

There were a variety of activities that happened across the week including a Science Quiz, a T - Year 2 'Design a Playground' competition, and a Year 3-5 'Design a School of the Future' competition. Thank you to our Junior School Captains Annie and Layla for running science experiments each recess and a Lego Masters Competition each lunch time. Thank you to our Year 3 astronauts for sharing space facts with us each day after recess.



Verse of the week:

Term 3, Week 5



Lord, there is no one like you. You are great. Your name is great and powerful.

Jeremiah 10:5 IBC

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Trusting Jesus, Repent

## College Chaplain

If you wish to contact our College Chaplain, please call:

8983 0300 or email:

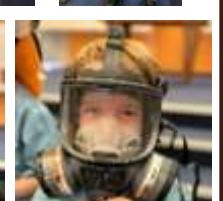
[kyle.cantrill@ntschoools.net](mailto:kyle.cantrill@ntschoools.net)



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## Smart Sparx Program

On Monday Transition, Year 1 and Year 2 participated in a fire safety demonstration. They learned about the importance of a smoke alarm, how to be safe around matches, and how to evacuate a building in a safe manner. Some students were lucky enough to wear fire protection gear!





## Zooper Dooper Fundraising

Icy Poles are sold every Friday afternoon after school in front of the Admin building.



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## Teddy Bears Picnic

Last Sunday the Palmerston ELC held their first annual Teddy Bears Picnic for all students enrolled and eagerly waiting for the ELC to officially open.

Children brought along their teddies and enjoyed getting to know each other in the ELC. They loved playing in both the indoor and outdoor spaces.

They also had some yummy morning tea, decorated teddy biscuits, had their photos taken as a teddy bear and had the opportunity to name our ELC class teddy. The winning name for our Teddy is Johnny.

Before the ELC children went home they chose a teddy to take home and received an adoption certificate so they could name their teddy.

A wonderful morning was had by all. We hope our brand new ELC will be open soon.





# T - Year 2 Wildlife Park

On Wednesday the T - Year 2 students visited the Territory Wildlife Park as part of their 'Sharing the Planet' Unit of Inquiry.







# Book Week

This week we have been celebrating Book Week at the Palmerston campus. There are lots of exciting activities happening throughout the week.

## Book Week Scavenger Hunt

Mon 21 Aug and Tue 22 Aug there was a special scavenger hunt held during class library time.

## Book Fair

8 am - 3 pm

Wednesday 23 - Friday 25 August

Come on into the library and check out what's on offer this year!

## Year 5 Reading

Each day at lunchtime the Year 5 students will be in the library running story sessions for the younger students.

## Book Week Parade

8.20 am Fri 25<sup>th</sup> August

Students come dressed as their favourite book characters and put on a parade in the hall for all to see! Prizes are on offer for 'Most Creative' costume! Our 'Read, Grow, Inspire' Colouring Competition winners will also be announced during the parade.

## Grandparents and Special Friends Day

We will also be holding our Grandparents and Special Friends morning tea on this day after the Book Week parade.

## Guess the staff members favourite book

This competition is running all week. The students are to guess which favourite book belongs to each staff member. We can't wait to see which book belongs to which staff member.



## Working Bee

SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of September we will be holding a working bee at the Palmerston Campus. More information will come out closer to the date via Signmee.

## Palmerston Campus Wellbeing Day

On Friday 22 September we will be holding our first annual Wellbeing Day. We will begin the day with a Cross Country race. The students will then rotate through a variety of activities and finish the day with a water play afternoon. Further details outlining activities and times will be sent out via SignMee. Parents are welcome to attend.

## Father's Day BBQ



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR  
**FATHER'S  
DAY BBQ**



Join us on Friday 1 September  
for a Father's Day BBQ  
6:00 – 8:00 PM  
on the Basketball Court.



Sausage Sizzle and Drinks provided by the school.  
Please fill out the SignMee for catering purposes.



This is a Family Event – Mums, Dads, Grandparents,  
and any other special family members welcome.



Bring along a chair or picnic rug to sit on.

## Father's Day Stall

The Father's Day stall will be open in the library on Friday 1 September from 9 am – 12:30 pm. Prices range between \$2 and \$15. Children will be taken by their class teacher to purchase gifts from the stall throughout the day.





## TRANSITION

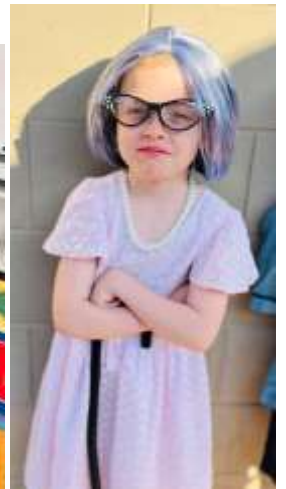
TJC have had a wonderful start to the second half of the school year. We have celebrated 100 wonderful days of school together by dressing up as 100 year olds and reflecting on the amazing progress of our youngest learners.

TJC have enjoyed learning about living things in our current Unit of Inquiry, 'Sharing the Planet'. Students have researched animals of interest and written information reports and showcased their understanding of their animals' habitats and needs by building impressive dioramas.

After focusing on Mem Fox's classic children's story, Possum Magic, in Literacy, we loved visiting the Darwin Entertainment Centre to watch the live stage performance. This excursion was made possible by the Free Bus Transfer Program run by CDC NT Buses. As a class, TJC then researched and wrote about real possums found in Australia. More recently, we also visited the Territory Wildlife Park in Berry Springs to explore natural habitats, see a range of native animals and learn even more from the park's rangers. TJC also learnt that living things include plants, such as grass. We are currently observing and recording the growth and needs of our 'very hairy' grass heads.

Amongst all of our exciting ventures in TJC so far this term, our class art project won second place at the Royal Darwin Show! Students have also been reading to their big Buddies in 3CT and have enjoyed learning about 3D shapes.

During Science Week, TJC participated in the Smart Sparx Program. The program aims to educate young people about how to stay safe around fire. Finally, as part of our campus' Science Week activities, TJC opened their doors to families and the rest of the school to present their animal dioramas and information reports.



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# SPACE

This term, **Year 3** have been learning about space. To introduce us to the unit, we completed a scavenger hunt around the school where we had to find the planets and collect information.

Then we began our physical training and tested our bodies to be an astronaut. We stretched and ran and jumped and caught things.

We learnt the order of the objects in our solar system - the sun, the planets and the asteroid belt - and Miss Boyce made up a fun game to help us.

We have been engineers and have created rovers, space stations, rocket ships and space colonies. We thought about the important features that need to be included for each one to function.

We participated in an escape room to save Astronaut Benson. After solving the clues and finding him on Mars, we all got mars bars.

We are excited to share this with you after our Week 7 Chapel on Friday 1 September.





## Year 3 continued





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# Year 5

Our current UOI is 'How the World Works'. We've been exploring different types of energy; such as solar and electrical. Last week the students were given a project to do that required them to source the materials and then construct a way of cooking a marshmallow using only solar energy. The different groups used materials such as black paper, aluminum foil, paper plates and magnifying glasses. One group got inventive and used a glass bowl, to trap the heat inside. Another group used a cake tin in order to heat up the marshmallow faster. Everyone wrote up their own science experiment notes, covering the hypothesis, the materials, method and results. In the end, they noticed that the inside of the marshmallow had started to go gooey but the outside stayed firm. Another aspect of this unit has focused on technology, innovation and sustainability. Each student built their own dream house. They calculated the area and perimeter of it. Then they added renewable resources to their house. We have created a town. So far, the town has wind turbines, and each house has solar panels. We'll keep adding on to our town, as we continue to learn about different types of sustainable technology that help us in our everyday lives. Maybe they'll come up with some new kind of innovation that no one has thought of yet...





# Wellbeing



This Term the Year 5 students are developing their leadership skills by engaging with Journey Early Learning. For Science Week Layla and Annie took some science experiments to the Pre-School class and confidently explained these to the children. The children enjoyed the different experiments and interacting with the older students. For Book Week some students will be visiting to read to the children. These experiences enable the students to develop their communication skills and give them joy.



Catherine Sansom  
Learning Enrichment Teacher  
Wellbeing Coordinator





# Primary Years Programme

## Junior School Student-led Conferences

Part of our comprehensive reporting framework at Good Shepherd Lutheran College is our Student-led Conferences that takes place in Term 3. These conferences offer a fantastic opportunity for students to take the lead in showcasing their progress, learning journey, and growth to their parents and guardians.

This term in Week 9 on Monday, September 11th, and Tuesday, September 12th, we will be holding our Junior School Student-led Conferences. This event allows students to guide their parents through a 25-minute conference slot, sharing their learning experiences, achievements, and aspirations.

Good Shepherd Lutheran College empowers students as leaders as they lead the conversation, sharing their learning goals, progress, and reflections with their families. These conferences build upon the foundation laid during the Three-way Conferences in Term 1, where students, parents, and teachers collaboratively discussed growth and development areas.

Personalised learning goals are established, tracked, and discussed among students, families, and teachers. These goals serve to encourage self-reflection and focused feedback.

At Good Shepherd Lutheran College, we believe that celebrating success is essential. Student-led Conferences are a special occasion where families come together to celebrate the learning achievements of their children. It's a moment to acknowledge the hard work, dedication, and progress made throughout the year. We look forward to witnessing the joy and pride that our students and families will experience during these conferences.

The process for booking a conference slot is simple and convenient. Information on how to book your preferred time will be provided through Signmee within the next week, with instructions on securing your slot.

We are eagerly anticipating the valuable conversations the Student-led Conferences will facilitate between students, parents, and teachers. This event reinforces our commitment to student-centred learning and our belief in the power of collaboration to drive educational excellence.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Good Shepherd community. We can't wait to celebrate the remarkable learning journeys of our students together!

Rebecca Fletcher

PYP Curriculum Coordinator





## Defence School Mentor

The College is pleased to welcome on board our new Defence School Mentor (DSM), Mrs Margaret Ray-Taylor. Mrs Ray-Taylor 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 the College, providing assistance and catering to the unique needs of the military lifestyle.

Please contact the College using the details below for more information or to utilise this service.

Mrs Ray-Taylor is available as follows:

### **Leanyer Campus**

8:30am - 2pm Thursdays on even weeks (weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10)

### **Palmerston Campus**

8:30am - 2pm Thursdays on odd weeks (weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9)

### **Howard Springs Campus**

8:30am - 2pm every Friday

## Stay Up To Date

### College Website

[goodshepherd.nt.edu.au](http://goodshepherd.nt.edu.au)

### LinkedIn

Good Shepherd Lutheran College NT  
[au.linkedin.com/company/good-shepherd-lutheran-college-nt-incorporated](https://au.linkedin.com/company/good-shepherd-lutheran-college-nt-incorporated)

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### Howard Springs Campus (ELC - Year 12)

Cnr of Whitewood Rd and Kundook Pl  
Howard Springs NT

### Leanyer Campus (ELC - Year 5)

94 Leanyer Dr  
Leanyer NT

### Palmerston Campus (ELC - Year 5)

Cnr of Temple Tce and Emery Ave  
Palmerston NT

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**Don't forget to get your tickets to the Jungle Book Musical Production!**

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**YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY DINNER FUNDRAISER**

**FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER**

**GREAT PRIZES AND A FANTASTIC AUCTION**

**CAZALYS**  
PALMERSTON CLUB

**6PM FOR A 6:30PM START**  
**EFTPOS AVAILABLE**

**POSITION VACANCY**

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Sundays at 9:30am

For further information please contact Noel Due:

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