ELC/Junior Newsletter



Howard Springs Campus

Upcoming events



Friday Sept 22 School Holidays begin

Monday Oct 9 School resumes for Term 4

Friday Oct 20 Year 3-5 Swimming Carnival

Friday Oct 27 Grandparent's Day and World Teacher's Day

Saturday Nov 11 Remembrance Day

Thursday Nov 16 ELC and Transition Parent/Guardian Information Evening

Tuesday Nov 28 Year 5 Exhibition

Monday Dec 11 & Tuesday Dec 12 Year 5 Step Up

Wednesday Dec 6 Year 5 Graduation - Rydges Palmerston

Tuesday Dec 12 HSJS Orientation

Wednesday Dec 13 HSJS Farewell to Year 5 - final assembly

Thursday Dec 14 Final Day Term 4.

Term 3, Week 10

Wow! It has been an action-packed five weeks of Term 3 here at Howard Springs Good Shepherd Junior School. A heartfelt thank you is due to our dedicated staff who have gone above and beyond to provide dynamic learning experiences for our students. Within this whirlwind of activities and opportunities, we've uncovered truly remarkable moments that bring us all together, often marking significant milestones in the lives of our students and their families. I extend my sincere gratitude to our families, colleagues and students for their unwavering support and contributions to all our events and activities.

Our Year 5 students, representing all three of our Junior School Campuses, recently concluded their final camp. What an amazing experience it was! They immersed themselves in a wide array of activities, including archery, flying fox, bike riding, and team games. Moreover, they had the privilege of participating in their last 'Campus of Origin' match for the series, with soccer as the chosen sport. In an exhilarating finale, Howard Springs secured victory by scoring the winning goal in the closing minutes of the match. With this result, the series scoreboard now stands at Howard Springs: 2, Leanyer/Palmerston: 1, making Howard Springs the official winners of the 2023 Campus of Origin competition! We couldn't be prouder of our Year 5s for their tremendous effort and exceptional sportsmanship throughout this exciting journey. The camp was an enormous success, enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough to be part of it. Congratulations to our Year 5 students for their remarkable achievements!

Tournament of the Minds is a program that challenges our students to think creatively and divergently by solving open-ended challenges in teams. This year, we witnessed the dedication of two exceptional teams who invested countless hours, both in and out of school, to prepare for their challenges. A special thank you to Mark and Sara Spring for their guidance throughout the term, as well as to the staff who provided support and encouragement to the students leading up to the competition. Your commitment is deeply appreciated!



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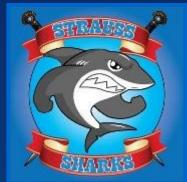
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One of the much-anticipated events every year is Book Week, and this year's theme from the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) was "Read, Grow, Inspire." From ELC to Year 5, our students celebrated their love for reading throughout the week, culminating in an exciting Friday where they dressed up as their favourite book characters or as someone they aspire to become in the future.

Father's Day remains a significant occasion on our calendar, and this year was no exception. Our students eagerly welcomed their fathers and father figures to school for a special breakfast together. The Father's Day Breakfast was well-attended and the joy on the faces of our students as they shared this moment with their Dads was heartwarming. These cherished memories will stay with both children and their fathers for years to come.

In Week 9, our Year 3 students had a blast during their sleepover at the Middle School. They enjoyed pizza and ice cream for dinner and showcased their talents in an entertaining talent show.

Student-led conferences, also in Week 9, were a resounding success. We had a strong turnout of parents and guardians and our students wholeheartedly appreciated the chance to showcase their learning to their families.

Meanwhile, Year 4 and 5 students had the pleasure of attending the Jungle Book Musical put on by our talented Middle School students. This mesmerising performance highlighted the vibrant and valued presence of the Arts at Good Shepherd Lutheran College, inspiring all who attended.

We concluded our term with a truly significant and momentous 'Wellbeing Day'. During this event, our students engaged in a variety of activities, rotating through their class groups, each carefully selected to enhance various facets of wellbeing. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Mrs. Hanton for her outstanding efforts in organising this inaugural even at our Junior School.

Once again, thank you for your continuous support this term. Your involvement in all that we do is invaluable and plays a pivotal role in making our events successful and enjoyable for everyone. As we approach the holiday break, I wish you all the best, and I eagerly anticipate an exciting term ahead for all of us.

Warm regards and sincere appreciation,



Joanne Pulsford Head of Junior School Howard Springs Campus



Strategic Plan Launch

Following a 12-month consultation process, the 2023-2026 College Strategic Plan has now launched! You can view the Plan on the College website <u>here</u>.

Some of the key elements that have come about from the strategic planning process include updates to our College purpose statement, values and setting out the strategic actions for the next few years.

Due to the update of our values, the College logo has required revisiting to include 'Community', as this was a recurring focus that came through very strongly from all stakeholders. This has provided the opportunity to refresh the logo with some minor colour and font changes that better meet online industry accessibility standards.

The colours used are already within our College colour palette and the new font is closely aligned with the logo already used on uniforms. The logo changes will not have any impact on uniforms or any other purchased items.

We appreciate your patience as the revised logo is gradually rolled out and updated across the various online platforms, documents and signage around our campuses.



Purpose

We inspire and equip students to flourish as compassionate, highly capable people who enrich the lives of others, guided by Christian values.



Community

We nurture a community of belonging, built on relationships and support for one another through love, empathy, care and kindness. We are open-minded and welcome differences as opportunities to learn and grow.

Romans 12:5

So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others

Respect

We care for others, ourselves and God's creation, treating everyone fairly, with genuine concern for people's rights and well-being. We accept responsibility for our actions, impacts on other people and the world around us.

Matthew 7:12

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.



Service

We reach out to help each other and care for those in need. We use our God-given talents to make a positive difference in the community and the world.

1 Peter 4:10

Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well.



Katherine Peberdy and Isabella Kliess representing Good Shepherd Lutheran College in Top End Regional Interschool Sports (TERIS) in Orienteering. They received first place! Well done girls.









A number of our classes across the Junior Schools have recently undertaken their Unit of Inquiry with the Transdisciplinary Theme of "Sharing the Planet". Many year levels were able to connect their Unit of Inquiry with our Christian Studies unit 'Christian Living', as the Key Idea was about how Christians have a responsibility in and for the world. This is one demonstration of transdisciplinary learning occurring in our Primary Years Programme.

ELC students explored how people can reduce, reuse, recycle and refuse waste to care for our planet.

Transition and Year 1 students inquired into how all living things have requirements to help them grow and stay healthy. Some of the resulting actions from this Unit of Inquiry was plants grown and cared for, and some chickens were hatched in one of the classrooms!

Year 2 students will continue their learning about how people make choices to support the sustainability of resources when they return to school after our holiday break. You may even notice at home that our students start to take action by considering their choices and the impact of these choices that they are making in their everyday life.

Year 3 students are also continuing on after the break their investigation into how living things adapt to their environment. Students are exploring the idea of factors that endanger living things and we notice that they often become crusaders in the cause against endangered animals.

Year 4 students inquired into how communities are affected by the distribution of resources in our world. It was eye-opening to consider how wealth is distributed around the world, especially understanding that wealth could mean resources other than money!

We love to celebrate any action that our students take from their learning and are always happy for parents to let us know of any examples that they have seen at home that they are willing to share.

Rebecca Fletcher Primary Years Programme Coordinator







To **TMP** for receiving Howard Bear Caring Class!



To **TNW** for receiving Cleanest Class Keep Australia Beautiful Award!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COLLEGE CHAPLAIN.

If you wish to contact me my email is kyle.cantrill@ntschools.net



Chapel every Wednesday 0945am in the senior school Chapel

Assembly every second Friday even weeks 0830am Cornerstone Church



From the ELC

A few weeks ago we finished learning all the letters and their sounds in the alphabet! As a class we wanted to celebrate this big achievement, so we came up with a dress up day. We got very creative and dressed up in a costume that started with the first letter of our first or last name. It was a fun-filled morning of letter themed activities, finishing with some yummy letter themed treats brought in by our wonderful parents!

This term we also had a wonderful classroom visit from Lisa who works at Northern Territory Recycling Solutions. She came to discuss with us how our recycling gets collected, sorted and processed. We even got a chance to sort through some recycling ourselves! This was a wonderful way to consolidate our learning for our Unit of Inquiry, Sharing the planet.

Miss Langridge























































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Year 4

It's an exciting time of the year as the students take confidence in the skills they have broadened. Year 4 has recently completed the unit Sharing the Planet where we investigated the distribution of resources. Currently, we are beginning our new unit, How the World Works. This unit delves into the Earth's natural processes and human's responses to the changing Earth. Some of the students have wondered: What is the cause and effect of why the world is changing and what happens to it? Is the cause of the earth changes natural or manmade? I wonder what would happen if natural processes were interrupted. I wonder what would happen if the world didn't change. I wonder if people still live in places that have changed. I wonder how the world can change so quickly. Do man made things interrupt natural changes? We hope you enjoy the ensuing conversations.







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Reminder

We love having our students eager to come to school in the morning, but a gentle reminder that students are welcome on campus without parental supervision **only after 7:45am** where they are to head straight to Area 1 where a staff member is on duty. At the end of the school day any students not collected by **2:50pm** will be seated at the front office and must be collected by 3pm.

If you are needing supervision for your children outside of these hours, <u>Camp Australia</u> offer before and after school care and can be contacted on 0447 044 584.

Defence School Mentor

Our Defence School Mentor, Mrs Ray-Taylor, is available to meet with children of Defence families at Good Shepherd Lutheran College.

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 for more information or to utilise this service. Alternatively, you can visit the ADF website: <u>defence.gov.au/adf-members-families/family-programs-services/support-for-children/defence-school-mentor-program</u>

Mrs Ray-Taylor is available as follows:

Howard Springs Campus 8:30am - 2pm every Friday

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

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



Thank the Lord because He is good. His love continues forever.

- 1 Chronicles 16:34 ICB



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College and Community Notices



Top End Lutheran Parish Worship Services

St Andrew Lutheran Church 14 Trower Rd Nightcliff Sundays at 9:30am

For further information please contact Noel Due: <u>darwinlutheranchurch@gmail.com</u> <u>darwinlutheranchurch.org.au</u>



Lutheran Education Australia

Lutheran Education Australia (LEA) represents the Lutheran schools and early childhood centres of the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA).

LEA is responsible for the leadership, theological formation and accountability of Lutheran education across Australia and for the future of the schools and early childhood services of the LCA.

Visit the LEA website for more information: <u>lutheran.edu.au</u>

POSITION VACANCIES

Good Shepherd is seeking exceptional educators at our Howard Springs Campus Early Learning Centre for the roles of

TEAM LEADER (ELC)

EDUCATOR (ELC)

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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN COLLEGE **Position Vacancies in Early Learning**

Good Shepherd is seeking two exceptional educators to fill the roles of Team Leader and Early Childhood Educator at our Howard Springs Early Learning Centre. If you know of anyone who may be interested and appropriate for the role/s, please encourage them to visit the Employment page on the College website for more information: goodshepherd.nt.edu.au/contact/employment

College and Community Notices



After School Language Classes

Term 4 enrolments are now open for the Darwin Languages Centre after school language classes. The Centre has places available for beginners and continuers in Greek, Japanese, Korean, German, Portugese and Spanish. Continuers are also able to study Auslan, French, Italian, Mandarin and/or Indonesian.

To find out more, visit <u>darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au</u> or contact: 8997 7000 <u>dlc.nt@education.nt.gov.au</u>



Indoor Cricket Competition

The Palmerston Indoor Sports Centre is hosting a junior indoor cricket competition throughout Term 4. Teams are made up of 6 players and age divisions include under 9s, under 12s and under 15s. The games are played on Saturday mornings.

If you would like more information or if you are interested in registering your child, visit <u>pisc.com.au</u> or contact:

0419 912 134 info@pisc.com.au



School Holiday Programs

There are a whole heap of fun activities happening in the community throughout the school holidays. Check out the flyers on the following pages for more information. A 'Super' fun Holiday Program Book Now!

Squash Centre

Darwin Squash Centre Location Darwin Squash Centre 9 Marrara Drive, Marrara NT

Organizer

Course 1 26th of Sept – 28th of Sept Course 2 3th of Oct – 5th of Oct

Time: 1pm - 4pm Cost - \$50/child/course Or - \$20/child/day

They will be able to play Squash, Racquetball, Indoor Hockey & Soccer, Table Tennis, Volleyball under supervision. Fruit & Refreshments are provided, please let staff know if any food allergies.

To register call 89457362 or send attached Registration form to manager@squashnt.com.au

Darwin Squash Centre

NEW

Junior Squash League

Starting Wednesday 18th of October

6pm Start

The first Junior League in Darwin

With 6 teams consisting of 3 players in each team.

Players will learn to play and referee in a competitive but friendly environment. This will be a new steppingstone into state and national competitions. Each player will play one match/night and will have the chance to play a finals day. One league season will be played over 6 weeks.

Cost will be \$50/child/season + a one time \$10 registration fee for the players who do not have a Players Pass.

If interested, please contact reception in Darwin Squash Centre on 89457362 or fill in the attached Registration form and send to <u>manager@squashnt.com.au</u> or hand into Reception.

Darwin Squash Centre JUNIOR PROGRAM

Saturdays during school terms

4 - 6 years: 08.30am to 09.15am (\$8 per lesson) 6 - 8 years: 09.15am to 10.00am (\$8 per lesson) 9 - 19 years: 10.00am to 12.00pm (see below) TERM 4: Saturday 14th of Oct - 2nd of December Cost: \$100.00/Term or NT Sports Voucher or \$15.00/lesson (Play Pass holders receive 50% discount) Register by emailing manager@squashet.com.au DARWIN BASEBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

1 week only

Monday, 2 October 2023 to Friday, 6 October 2023 8:30am to 3:00pm

New players and everyone aged 5-14 are welcome Includes all equipment, morning tea and sunscreen What to Bring: Packed lunches, hats and water bottles

Where

Tracy Village Sporting Complex 28 Tambling Terrace, Lyons NT (Northern Darwin)

Prices \$78 for the first day \$60 for each subsequent day OR

\$250 for the whole week





Minecraft school camps are a safe and fun environment to not only play Minecraft but learn new skills and socialize with other students from many schools.

If you are in Grade 3,4,5 or 6 then you are eligible to join us in the school holidays!

Venue: Larrakeyah Primary School

8:30am - 2:00pm

Camps are designed to:

- Encourage collaboration.
- Develop social and communication skills.
- Engage kids in group problem solving environments.
- Have enormous fun.

We have a limited number of places, please book your child's place to avoid disappointment. Bookings to be made via the website only **you can not book through the school.**

> https://www.wicksees.com.au/book-online Call Daniel 0412 144 404 with any questions



