Middle/Senior Newsletter



Howard Springs Campus

Term 3, Week 10

Upcoming events

Fri 22 September

Last day of Term 3

Sat 23 September - Sun 7 October

School holidays

Mon 9 October

First day of Term 4

Mon 9 - Fri 13 October

Year 12 trial exams

Fri 13 - Sat 14 October

Year 12 retreat

Fri 20 October

Swimming carnival (Years 3-12)

Fri 20 October

TERIS - MS squash

Fri 27 October

Year 12 last day of classes, House farewells and fun assembly

Mon 6 - Fri 17 November

Year 12 final exams

Thurs 9 November

ARTiculate

Fri 10 November

TERIS - MS basketball

Fri 10 - Sun 12 November

2024 Senior Leaders camp

Sat 11 November

Remembrance Day

Senior Years

It's the end of Term 3! Term 3 has been such an action-packed term. We have seen so many fabulous excursions, sports, camps, House Days and lessons occur.

Our Year 9-12 students were fortunate enough to attend the Careers Expo in Week 5 at CDU Stadium. It was a wonderful occasion for our students to talk to stakeholders from a number of trades and businesses.

Our Year 12s were heavily invested in assisting in the running of House Days this term. The most recent was the Hughes House Day, which included activities such tug-o-war and the staff vs. students netball game. Pink Day was also driven by the Year 12 Christian Studies students. It was a wonderful initiative from the students and was very well supported by our students and staff.

Year 9 students have also been participating in their weekly 'Thrive - Step up to Senior School' sessions. They are participating in a Year 9 Thrive Year Level Day in Week 10 to continue building connections, relationships and resilience.

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.



Peta TrahairHead of Senior Years









Middle Years

Greetings to all from the Middle School!

It's hard to believe that we are so close to beginning the final term for the academic year. It has been a very busy term and we very much look forward to Term 4 and all the great opportunities and experiences that it holds.

Term 3 has seen our camps program conclude. It has been wonderful to see the Year 7 students step out of their comfort zones and have such positive learning experiences in Litchfield National Park. We are blessed to have such an amazing wilderness area available for us to explore and enjoy. Special thanks go to all the staff who were involved and who gave up their time to accompany students and develop great relationships amongst the groups.

Our students have also been heavily involved in TERIS sports activities this term, including orienteering, touch football, volleyball, squash, AFL and table tennis. They have made their mark on the competitions through much success – it is clear we do indeed have a great degree of talented athletes at the College!

The Art and Design Department have been particularly busy this term with our musical "The Jungle Book." The production was fantastic and testament to not just the great skills of our teachers and staff who led the process, but the talent and ability of our students in Arts and Design. They have gone above and beyond with such an amazing and entertaining display.

In Week 6 it was great to see such a great turnout and involvement of parents and caregivers at our 3 Way Conferences. Meeting with teachers on these evenings is a key opportunity to engage with student learning and progress and is definitely beneficial to their development.

Term 4 is just around the corner, and it will be a very busy and exciting one. 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!



James Faraone Head of Middle Years



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 here.

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.



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.



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.

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

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.

College Captains Pitch

On Monday 21 August, six shortlisted Year 11 students addressed the students and staff at a whole school assembly at our Middle/Senior campus, putting forward their arguments as to why they should be named as one of the 2024 College Captains.

NT Opposition Leader Lia Finocchiaro MLA and all Heads of School from all Good Shepherd campuses were in attendance to hear what Grace J., Syed, Charli, Lucas, Grace R. and Doug had to say.

Each student outlined what the College means to them, as well as what they would aim to implement if they were appointed. At the conclusion of the assembly ballot papers were supplied to students and staff so that they could vote for their preferred candidate.

All six candidates spoke incredibly well and, regardless of the results, all have fantastic leadership potential.











On Saturday 2 September, Good Shepherd Lutheran College attended the NT Training Awards to support our two Year 12 student nominees, Megan and Declan.

Both students were finalists in the 'VET in Schools Student of the Year' category. This award is presented to a school student who has proven their commitment to being the best they can be in their Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Schools program.

Megan, who studied Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care, developed a keen interest in early childhood care and schooling after babysitting her younger sister and cousins. She did a one-week work placement at Sattler Christian College Early Learning Centre for her Personal Learning Plan (PLP) in Year 10, and will now complete a work placement at Berry Springs Primary School while she continues her studies in School-based Education Support.

Declan, who studied Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management, would love a career in Parks and Wildlife. On completion of his current course Declan plans to learn about land care such as treating weeds, creating a safe farming space, recognising native flora and fauna and safely using and maintaining machinery to effectively manage the land.

Congratulations to Megan, who was awarded Runner Up!

The College is incredibly proud of both Megan and Declan for the commitment and dedication they have demonstrated to their chosen pathways. We can't wait to see where your careers take you.



Careers Expo

Many of our Middle and Senior School students attended the NT Careers Expo on 16 August. They explored tertiary study/training options and were presented with possible career paths and job opportunities from a wide range of exhibitors. It was a great opportunity to help our students plan their pathway from education to employment.







Book Week - Read, Grow, Inspire

We had all sorts of Library activities happening this year for Book Week! Throughout the week, students were invited to the Book Fair to snag some best sellers. They also voted for their favourite CBCA shortlisted books, and wrapped up the week with the annual Book Week Costume Parade.

Our Middle/Senior students showed off their costumes on the basketball courts during lunch, where special guest Gerard Maley assisted with the 'best costume' judging and awarded the prize he generously donated. We thank Gerard for his continued support of our great school.

Massive thanks go to our library staff for the effort they put in to making Book Week as special as it was.





















Spotlight on Science

At Good Shepherd science has a reputation for pushing and promoting critical and creative thinking. We create opportunities for students to consider how science works in context which helps them to better understand the world in which we live. This term has been quite eventful with National Science Week celebrating the importance of our subject as well as the wind up to the Territory Young Scientist Competition. Using these milestones, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the amazing teaching and learning shown in the Sciences at Good Shepherd.

This term, Year 7 students have been working in conjunction with Power and Water, tasked with investigating how water could be used more sustainably in the Northern Territory. Students have investigated where water is used, wasted or impacted by human activity and as such what can be done to manage the situation. This has sparked creative practical investigations and homework sharing. Students are presenting these ideas to Power and Water's Head of Education and Engagement, Patrick Naughtin and Patrick Gray (Big Pat and Little Pat) during Week 10.

Year 9 Science students have started their discrete Sciences journey, learning about each of the Sciences we offer in Year 11 and 12. Each term through to the middle of Year 10, students will undertake units helping them to understand the opportunities for learning in Psychology, Physics, Biology and Chemistry. This leads them to where our current Year 10s are, choosing their own electives for Science. Year 10 Students have chosen their Science classes this semester allowing them to develop skills necessary for pre-Stage 1 Sciences, or electing to undertake Scientific Studies which allows them to choose their own adventure and develop skills for life.

Not to be left out, Year 6 and 8 students have been investigating energy this term - Year 6 looking into sustainable renewable energy, and Year 8 looking into conservation of energy and energy transfer. Both year levels have been undertaking research and practical exploration to identify how energy can be captured or controlled. These hands -on experiences have provoked curiosity and allowed students to explore areas of their own personal interest. This is unique to our College, as many other schools control or dictate practical experiments for learning, but at Good Shepherd our teachers are flexible in both supporting students to consider new perspectives as well as encouraging innovative and creative ideas that will lead to new understandings.



















Spotlight on Science (cont.)

Science Week 2023 ran from 12-20 August with the theme 'Innovation: Powering Future Industries'. During that week of school the Sciences staff had the labs open every lunch time offering up challenges and learning opportunities. Students from Year 6 to Year 10 came along to work individually and collaboratively as they competed to filter dirty water to make it the cleanest, raced rocket balloons, used Lego for innovations and inventions, re-purposed egg cartons to grow seeds and explored the possibilities of Makey Makeys which allow an incredible range of objects to become computer controllers.

One of my favourite things about teaching Science is the moment students realise how much they have to offer the scientific world - students who think that because they don't achieve the highest marks in Science, they are not 'good' at it. But then they realise that their tinkering, curiosity and creativity has shown their excellence in learning, understanding and modelling science. These golden moments are captured by our Science staff and these gems are celebrated and some are submitted into the Territory Young Scientist Competition where they are continued to be celebrated by our wider community.

I would like to give a big thanks to all of our Science staff. Just like so many teachers at Good Shepherd, they go above and beyond to provide support and opportunities for our students. A special thanks to Miss Georgia Dunstone for the support and encouragement she has provided to her senior Chemistry students entering the Australian National Titration Competition 2023 this term. Congratulations to Maisie Davis, Kellie Ronnfeldt, and Hannah Gornall for making it through to the finals. We were proud to see their learning on display under pressure during the finals at CDU. Another thank-you to our laboratory technician, Shiran Mellawa, for his constant flexibility and support in providing equipment and advice for the titration competition as well as the vast array of student directed practical investigations over this past term.

Jessica Neilsen

Science Learning Area Coordinator





Jungle Book - The Musical

In Week 9 our fabulous School Musical was performed at Brown's Mart Theatre. Brought to life by the incredible talents of the Middle and Senior School performers, the audience was taken on a wild adventure through the jungle. Through the magic of song and dance, Mowgli, Baloo and Bagheera captivated the hearts of the crowd and reminded them of the timeless lessons of friendship, courage and belonging found in this classic tale.

The cast and crew of the production rehearsed for countless hours. The spectacular result is a testament to their hard work and passion, as well as the unwavering support of teachers, families and the community. Special mention must go to five of our fabulous staff for the immense effort they put in to bringing the show to life: Balin Powardy, Harmony Chambers, Laura Llewellyn, Cassandra Holland and Maree Blomeley. Thanks must also go to the Year 11/12 Creative Arts students and the Year 7 Visual Arts classes for their assistance with making costumes and props. Well done to everyone involved - you have all done our College proud.







Mindil Beach Sunset Markets Choir Performance

Both our Leanyer Junior School and Howard Springs Middle School Choirs lit up the Mindil Beach Markets with their enchanting performances on Sunday 27 August.

Our Leanyer students were accompanied by our very own talented Learning Support Officer Mr Black on the acoustic guitar, and conducted by the fantastic Mrs Beukes.

The Howard Springs students were led by music extraordinaire, Mrs Llewellyn.

Both choirs delivered absolutely beautiful performances against a picturesque beach backdrop – a memory to cherish forever!





Pink Day

On 8 September the MS/SS staff painted the Staff Room pink in appreciation of two very special ladies: Mrs Slaviero and Frau Aryan.

Both of these incredibly strong women have been directly affected by breast cancer. In honour of them and all others who have been touched by breast cancer, the Campus held a 'Pink Day' fundraiser.

Students and staff were encouraged to wear pink and began the day with a staff morning tea, followed by a whole-school lunch time bake sale, spearheaded by the Year 12 Christian Studies students.

We are very proud to have Mrs Slaviero and Frau Aryan as part of the Good Shepherd family and we are in awe of the resilience they demonstrate each and every day.

For more information and resources relating to breast cancer in Australia, please visit this link: https://www.bcna.org.au/







Hughes Day

The final House Day for the year was Hughes Day; and what a day it was! Mr Smith led the green team in a Hughes vs. 'The World' tug-o-war match at recess. Then, at lunch, the staff put on their sporting kit and played off against the students in a netball round robin. Word on the street is that there was an ex-state netballer on the staff team... can you guess who?

























College Chaplain

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

kyle.cantrill@ntschools.net

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: defence-school-mentor-program

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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GSLC Careers

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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: darwinlutheranchurch.org.au



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.

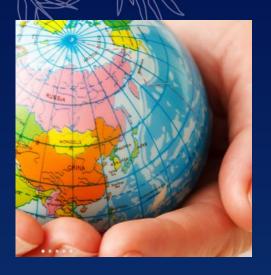
Visit the LEA website for more information: lutheran.edu.au



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





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 hosted by organisations such as Baseball NT, City of Darwin, City of Darwin Libraries, Corrugated Iron Youth Arts, Flight Standards and Wicksees Educational Technology. Check out the flyers on the following pages for more information.







8.30am - 4.00pm Casuarina Library 17 Bradshaw Terrace, Casuarina

Are you wanting to pursue employment in the events, trade or construction industry? Come along to this school holiday workshop to gain your White Card accreditation. We will cover safe work practices, risk management principles, safety signage, personal protection equipment and more.

15-25 years

Places are limited, book now at launchdarwin.com.au

More info? Call 8930 0429







EXCLUSIVE SESSION FOR AGES 12 - 20 ONLY

Wednesday 27 September | 5.30PM -7PM

Darwin Ice Skating Centre | Osgood Dr Eaton

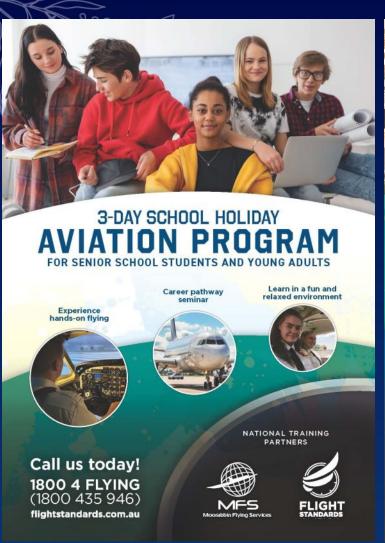
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL | BYO SOCKS AND WARM CLOTHES

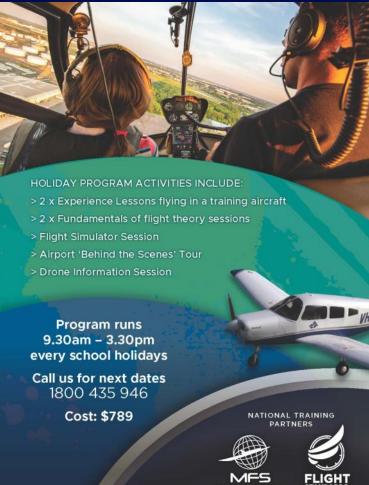
ALCOHOL & DRUG FREE INCLUDING TOBACCO & VAPES

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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





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Organizer

Darwin Squash Centre

Location

Darwin Squash Centre

9 Marrara Drive, Marrara NT

Course 1

26th of Sept - 28th of Sept

Course 2

3rd 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 manager@squashnt.com.au or hand into Reception.



JUNIOR PROGRAM



- 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@squashnt.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



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CREATIVE HOLIDAYS

COMING UP AT CORRO...

Corrugated Iron YOUTH ARTS

MON

25 SEP

TUES

26 SEP

WED

27 SEP

WED

27 SEP

Specialist workshop:

AERIAL SKILLS

6:00PM - 8:30PM

9+ yrs

Participants must be in either High Flyers or Zero Gravity to attend.

PLAY IN A DAY

9:30AM - 4:00PM

10-14yrs

JUMP INTO CIRCUS

10AM - 12:00PM 7 - 12yrs

FLY IN THE AIR

1:00PM - 3:00PM 9 - 16yrs

THRU

28 SEP

MON

2 OCT

TUE

3 OCT

CREATIVE LAB: CIRCUS & DRAMA

9:00AM - 3:00PM 10+ yrs

Specialist workshop:

WORKING WITH **SCRIPTS**

6:00PM - 8:00PM 13+ yrs

FLIP THE SCRIPT

9:30AM - 4:00PM

9 - 13 yrs

MORE INFO AT <u>WWW.CORRUGATEDIRON.ORG.AU/SCHOOL-HOLIDAYS</u>





