

Palmerston Campus

Upcoming events

TERM 4

Thursday 23 November

Year 12 Graduation and Awards



Friday 17 November

Silly Sock Day

(Ronald McDonald House
Fundraiser)



Tuesday 21 November

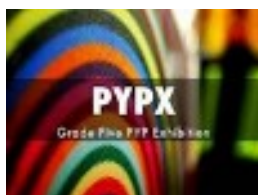
Step Up information evening
(Years 6 and 7)

Monday 27 November

ELC Information Night

Wednesday 29 November

PYP Exhibition



Continued

Term 4, Week 5

I hope this message finds you well and full of excitement as we approach the final stretch of the school year. I would like to take a moment to reflect on this term and celebrate our wonderful campus.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all the families who attended our annual Family Camp last weekend. It was a wonderful weekend filled with fun and laughter and most importantly the sense of community that defines our Palmerston Campus community.

It was a joy to see parents, students and siblings coming together and strengthening the bonds that make our campus community so unique. Each year our Family Camp continues to grow in attendance, and it was great to see so many new families join us this year. I hope to see more families join us next year. Your continued support and engagement in our school events play a vital role in nurturing the warm and inclusive atmosphere that defines our school.

Over the past few weeks some of our Year 4 students have had the opportunity to showcase their leadership qualities through the Junior School Captain application process.

The junior school captain speeches and interviews were held over the past few weeks, it was a pleasure to see the courage displayed by our young leaders. Their commitment to making a positive impact on the school and their genuine desire to serve as role models is truly inspiring. The interview process further highlighted their determination, and their ability to communicate effectively. The way they have presented themselves throughout the process and the way they supported, consoled and congratulated each other has shown what amazing leaders they will be. We are extremely proud of each and every one of them.

We are excited to announce the 2024 Junior School Captains during our upcoming assembly, we are confident they will continue to contribute positively to our school community.

We will now begin the House Leader application process over the next few weeks.

As we approach the end of the school year, we have a busy schedule filled with events and activities that we want to share with you. Please take note of these important dates, and be sure to check your Signmee notifications regularly for any updates and additional details.

Upcoming events

Tuesday 5 December

ELC Graduation & Christmas Party.

Friday 8 December

Christmas Concert

5:00 pm Dinner

6:00 pm Concert Starts



Friday 8 December

Year 5 Breakfast 7:30 am

Year 5 Graduation and Awards service (8:30 am – 9:30 am)

Saturday 9 December

Year 5 Graduation Dinner

Monday and Tuesday 11-12 December

Year 5 Step Up

Monday 11 December

T-4 Awards Assembly

Tuesday 12 December

Step Up T-4

New Student Orientation Day

Years 1-5

2024 Transition Student

Orientation Morning

2024 ELC Orientation

Morning

Thursday 14

Last day of school

Water Play Day



2024 Enrolments

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



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



Vicki Trathen

Head of Junior School

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal - 2023

While we are all thinking about Christmas, where we will be, what we will be eating, what gifts we will buy for our friends and loved ones, for many people, even in our own community, Christmas is just another day when they may not even be certain they will have anything to eat.



In response to this, we will now begin collecting non-perishable food, gifts and other items to donate to people in need in our local area through the Salvation Army. From now until the end of Week 7, Friday 24 November, the following items can be donated to the front office:

- * Non-perishable food items; this means items which don't need to be kept in the fridge. Chocolate items are unfortunately not able to be donated due to the weather.
- * Gifts, small toys, gift cards etc. These can be for children or adults. Only new items please.
- * 'Luxury' hygiene items - nice soaps, perfumes, shampoos, bath salts, etc. Many items we take for granted as necessities are a luxury for some people

During Week 9 we will invite Salvation Army officers to come in and we will hand the items over to them. They will then distribute them around the Top End.

Upcoming events



We have a lot of items in our lost property tub. All items not claimed by the end of Term are washed and sent to a Charity organization.

Please check the lost property table in the front of the Admin building to see if you recognize any items as yours.

Thank you.



AWARDS

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

House Awards

Strauss

Rueben Henriques
Erika Stewart
Ollie Penning
Lily Lugg
Jimmy Hewitson
Leeland Barba



Fenton

Mahlia Rossborough
Owen Anderson

Livingstone

Hayley Cobbin
Scarlett Griggs
Layla Di Toro



Hughes

Logan Slarks
Thanarika Duggirala
Eva Toll
Jack Trahair
Hayden Toll
Cobalt Pickering
Sofia Kassiou



House Point Current Total

FENTON 1416

HUGHES 1415

LIVINGSTONE 1364

STRAUSS 1076



IB Learner Profile Attributes

The development and demonstration of the 10 IB Learner Profile attributes are foundational to students becoming internationally minded, active and caring community members who respect themselves, others and the world around them. Students have a range of opportunities to develop, demonstrate and reinforce attributes of the learner profile in the daily life of the learning community.

At Good Shepherd Lutheran College, we recognise and show our appreciation when students demonstrate their development or use of the dispositions of the Learner Profile. It is always a pleasure to attend Assemblies at the Junior Schools and to hear the range of examples to explain why Learner Profile Certificates are awarded to our students.



The infographic features a silhouette of a person's head filled with the 10 IB Learner Profile attributes. To the right is a circular logo with the text 'THE IB LEARNER PROFILE' and a silhouette of a person's head. Below the silhouette, the text 'IB learner profile' is written in a large, bold font.

IB learner profile

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

As IB learners we strive to be:

INQUIRERS We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.	OPEN-MINDED We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.
KNOWLEDGEABLE We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.	CARING We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.
THINKERS We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.	RISK-TAKERS We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.
COMMUNICATORS We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.	BALANCED We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.
PRINCIPLED We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.	REFLECTIVE We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

The IB learner profile represents 10 attributes valued by IB World Schools. We believe these attributes, and others like them, can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national and global communities.

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What are the ways that you see the Learner Profile attributes as a tool for learning in action around your home?



Primary Years
Programme

Rebecca Fletcher

PYP Curriculum Coordinator

Swimming Carnival

On Friday 20 October students from Year 3 all the way through to Year 12 competed in the annual Swimming Carnival at Parap Pool! Our Junior School students from all campuses kicked things off in the morning, followed by our Middle/Senior students in the afternoon. Well done to all who participated, it was great to see such a fantastic turnout.

Congratulations to the students who participated and to the age champions and runners-up. Thank you to all involved in making it such a success, especially our PE staff.

Palmerston Campus Age Champions and Runners-Up

Magenta Pickering - 8 years Champion

Gabriel Banaga - 8 years Champion

Sam Hore - 9 years Champion

Cobalt Pickering - 11 years Runner up



We will be holding our annual Christmas Concert on Friday 8 December. This year we will be running the evening with a slight change. From 5:00-6:00pm we will have the Territory Spud van (Jacket Potatoes and Nachos) and Rigney's Kitchen van on the basketball court if you would like to purchase some dinner and join us for a family picnic. The concert will then begin at 6:00 pm. There will be further information sent out via Signmee early next week. Don't forget to save the date.

Silly Sock Day

On Friday, 17 November, our Junior School will be taking part in Silly Sock Day for Sick Kids! We invite all students to join in the fun by wearing their wackiest and most colourful socks.

In the spirit of giving, we kindly request that each student bring a gold coin donation to support this charitable cause. All the funds collected will be dedicated to supporting the incredible work of Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Please note, all other Uniform requirements apply.

Thank you for your participation and generosity!



Congratulation Jase Hill

Congratulations Jase Hill who attended the Australian Dirt Kart Title held in Bordertown over 5 days with over 500 nominations. Jase came 21st which was a huge achievement racing against the best in Australian. Jase's race included a massive flip, first one ever.

While he was away Jase also received news that he had won the club championship for his bitumen go kart racing here in Darwin. Another massive achievement.



Family Camp

Over the weekend of 28-29 October, our Palmerston Campus held their third annual family camp! Students and their families were invited to [BIG4 Howard Springs Holiday Park](#) to participate in a heap of fun activities with not only their classmates but students from across all year levels. Everyone met at the pool for a swim before cooking up a big dinner and rounding out the evening with a scavenger hunt.

Some families then stayed the night, while others went home to their cosy beds. A fantastic time was had by all with several of the students commenting that the family camp is their favourite event of the year. For some of the families it was their last year with our Palmerston Campus before their children transition to Middle School, so it was very special getting to spend quality time together. We hope to see you there next year!



Palmerston ELC Now Open!

After much anticipation, our Palmerston campus has officially opened its Early Learning Centre!

Good Shepherd is proud to say that we now offer education to children as young as three years old at all three of our Junior School Campuses – Howard Springs, Leanyer and Palmerston.

This presents the opportunity for families in these areas to send their children to the same school for the entirety of their education, spanning from early learning all the way to Year 12.

College Principal, Mr Qualischefski, said the development of the centre helps to meet the need for more early learning facilities throughout the greater Darwin region.

“We are very excited to be able to provide additional choice for families in the Palmerston area with the opening of our new Early Learning Centre. With the need for more early learning places in the region, we are pleased to be able to provide the opportunity for children to grow and learn in a faith-based environment with a strong focus on learning through inquiry.”

The Palmerston ELC staff have been hard at work creating a beautiful space for the children to thrive in.

“Our team of experienced and enthusiastic educators and teachers are ready to go and excited about the program they have prepared for the students.”

Vicki Trathen, Palmerston Campus Head of School, said the Transition -Year 5 students were ecstatic to be welcoming the ELC children to the Palmerston Campus Junior School.

“We are very excited to welcome the three and four year olds not only to our Early Learning Centre, but also the Palmerston Campus community. The other students were eagerly awaiting their arrival and had lots of questions to ask their new peers!”

Keep your eyes peeled for the continued expansion of the Good Shepherd ELC offering!



Palmerston ELC

This term, we had the exciting news of opening our brand-new Palmerston Campus, Early Learning Centre.

The ELC staff have worked extremely hard over the past couple of months, to ensure that a welcoming, inclusive, and safe environment was created.

On Monday, Week 2, we held our official opening, where we welcomed our new children and families. Since opening, the staff and children have had a fantastic time building relationships and participating in the amazing activities programmed.

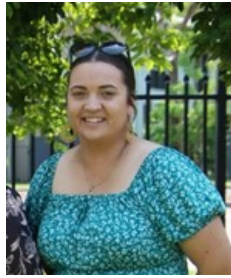
The ELC children have shown a strong interest in arts & craft, cars, and dramatic play. Engaging activities are programmed each day, that follow the children's interests and provide an enriching learning experience.

To stay connected with the wider junior school, we have been attending Chapel, Assembly, Library and even had visits from the older classes on campus. The children have loved these incursions and are excited to share the events of their day with their families.

We look forward to seeing what the future brings for our Early Learning Centre.

Sophie Blake

ELC Team Leader



Transition

In week two, TJC visited the Darwin Airport as part of our 'How We Organise Ourselves' Unit of Inquiry (UOI). We learnt about the important services that CareFlight and the Airport Fire Station offer to our community. While on the excursion, TJC students entered a colouring competition and we were very happy when Oliver won and got to take home a special CareFlight bear!

Earlier in the term, also to inquire further into community services through our 'How We Organise Ourselves' UOI, TJC had an incursion with St John Ambulance. Students explored the ambulance, participated in activities, played dress-up and even got to put on the ambulance lights and sirens!

In TJC, we have also been busy writing narratives. We understand that stories have characters, a setting, problem and solution. Here are some of our stories:

'Tooth Croc Saves his Dad' – by Logan Slarks

Tooth Croc lives in drains and tunnels.

Tooth Croc's Dad got taken away to a swamp in a cage.

Tooth Croc found his Dad in a cage. He made a hole in the cage and escaped.

'A Brave Dragon' – by Jordan Hodgetts

A kind dragon lives with his babies in the sky.

The dragons got attacked by dragon hunters.

The dragon found arrows and a bow. He shot the hunters.

'Super Capybara' – by Oliver Bowman

Clever Super Capybara lives in the sunny bush.

An evil fox is trying to eat the Super Capybara.

Mr Crocodile helps Super Capybara to get away.

'The Brave Deer' - by Joy Carne

On the mountains a deer lived a good life.

A rocket came and humans invaded.

The deer did karate and the humans went away.

'Brave King Leo' – by Jamie Tengis

King Leo and his friends are protecting their home from predators and animals.

Leo and his friends are taken by poachers.

Leo saved his friends by attacking the poachers.

'The Duck and the Present' – by Luca Ploughman

A duck had nowhere to live so he brought a spooky house.

He got put into a present.

The present got sent from Santa to a new house.

'The Strong Lion' – by Emerson Earl

The lion went to a cave.

The lion found a necklace that made him strong.

He broke out of the cave.

'Rainbow Fish' – by Mahlia Rossborough

A rainbow fish lived under the sea.

The fish's home got destroyed by a hammer.

The fish fixed everything.



'Naughty Skunk' – by Noah Griggs

'Once there was a naughty skunk that was lost.

Then he found a spellbook and a magic wand and did a spell to go home.

College Chaplain

Well, it's almost another year down. This semester we have looked at God being a relational God. God is not just up there in the clouds looking down on us, without a care in the world. It is actually quite the opposite. God wants to do life with us. He wants relationships with us. His plan is to journey with us in our highs and lows. God is a God of celebration, love, comfort and joy. He is a source of strength and so much more. As we near the holidays, a time that is usually full of joy, celebration and reflection, remember that God is a God who can meet us where we are at. If you are in a season of joy and celebration these holidays, know that God delights in your joy and celebration. If you are a person who is struggling these holidays, know that you are not alone. God is present. He loves each of us and His love never ceases. God has good plans and wants to bless you.

Numbers 6:24-26 NIV

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

We are so blessed. I encourage each of us to reflect and acknowledge our many blessings. When we truly reflect about where we live, the food we eat, the things we own, the people we are connected to and the relationships we experience, it can become very hard not to be thankful and see how good life really is.



Kyle Cantrill
College Chaplain

If you wish to contact Chaplain Kyle, you can email him using the address below:
kyle.cantrill@ntschoools.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.gov.au/adf-members-families/family-programs-services/support-for-children/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)

You're invited to the
Good Shepherd Lutheran College



Awards Evening and Year 12 Graduation



Thursday 23 November
Arrive 6pm for a 6:30pm start

Darwin Convention Centre Auditorium
10 Stokes Hill Rd, Darwin City

Join us for the presentation of

T-11 College Values Awards
T-11 Academic Excellence Awards
Year 12 Awards and Graduation

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Details regarding individual Campus Awards Assemblies to come.

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PALMERSTON CAMPUS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

PALMERSTON CAMPUS HALL

5:00PM DINNER

6:00PM CONCERT

Early Learning Educators – We Want You!



Are you an educator seeking a transformative career shift from childcare to preschool? Perhaps, you are a preschool educator looking to elevate your career in a stimulating school setting? Look no further! Good Shepherd invites dedicated individuals like you to be a part of our dynamic team at the Howard Springs Early Learning Centre.

Supportive Environment

Immerse yourself in an environment that prioritises your wellbeing and growth. We understand the demands of the field and provide a safe, supportive space for you to thrive.

Nature-Inspired Learning

Our centre is nestled in a serene natural setting, providing a unique backdrop for engaging education. Surround yourself and your students with the beauty and wonder of the outdoors.

Career Progression

Elevate your career in a stimulating school setting. Your skills, knowledge, and professionalism will be recognised, valued, and nurtured.

Mentoring and Collaboration

Join a passionate team of educators who champion children's rights and foster a love for learning. Benefit from mentorship by seasoned professionals within our wider school community.



We offer permanent full-time and part-time positions, ensuring flexibility in your career journey. If you're working towards or possess a Certificate III or Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care, we want to hear from you.

Good Shepherd values its team members and offers competitive salaries, recognising your dedication and contribution.

Interviews may begin prior to the closing date.

Applications close: Tuesday 14 November 2023

Commencement date: Immediate start as available

For more information and to apply, visit:

goodshepherd.nt.edu.au/contact/employment

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**Give glory to God in
heaven, and on earth
let there be peace.**

- Luke 2:14 ICB

College and Community Notices



Christmas Donation Drive

Would you like to make someone's day this Christmas? Good Shepherd is teaming up with The Salvation Army Australia and collecting donations for those in need this holiday season. We are seeking all sorts of gift-worthy items such as toys, food, vouchers, soaps and shampoos – anything new and nonperishable that will bring joy on Christmas morning.

You can donate to Chaplain Kyle directly, or to the front office at any of our campuses in Howard Springs, Leanyer and Palmerston. Donations will close in Week 8 of Term 4.



McHappy Day

Saturday 18 November

Our very own College Principal, Mr Qualischefski, will be supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities by working a shift at McDonald's Johnston on McHappy Day! Pop in between 10am-12pm to see him in action and show your support.



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@gmail.com

darwinlutheranchurch.org.au

College and Community Notices



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



'Afternoon Delights' – Darlington String Quartet Live Concert

The Arafura Music Collective are hosting a Chamber Music Weekend featuring a live concert performed by the Darlington Quartet at the Gray Community Hall in Palmerston. The concert will take place on Saturday 11 November, starting with afternoon tea at 2pm. Tickets \$20 for adults and free for anyone under the age of 17.

To find out more and book your tickets, visit: trybooking.com/events/landing/1126580



Darwin School of Ballet Presents 'The Sleeping Beauty'

The Darwin School of Ballet will be performing 'The Sleeping Beauty' on Saturday 25 November at the Charles Darwin University Theatre. There are two show times available: 10:30am and 6:30pm. Tickets \$20 for adults and \$15 for children.

To find out more and book your tickets, visit: trybooking.com/events/landing/1122066