ELC/Junior Newsletter



Howard Springs Campus



Upcoming events



Monday 5 Feb: First day of Term 1

Tuesday 13 Feb: Shrove Tuesday

Tues 13 FebBombing of Darwin

Wednesday 21 Feb: ELC Information evening 5:30pm -6:10pm

Thursday 22 Feb: Parent Information Evening Year T-2 5:30pm-6:00pm Year 3-5 6:00pm-6:30pm

Sat 2 March 2024

School photos – siblings

Thurs 6 March

School photos – individuals and groups

Week 7: NAPLAN

Term 4, Week 10

Another exciting, productive and at times exhausting year is behind us. The final five weeks of Term 4 have been actioned packed with a wide variety of events that were enjoyed by the school community. Silly Socks Day, Year 5 Exhibition and Graduation, Junior School Orientation and Year 5 Step Up. It was wonderful to conclude the term with a Christmas Concert where Chaplain Kyle opened to events, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas.

As we move into the final week of Term 4 it is a good opportunity to reflect on our learning progress throughout the year and celebrate our efforts in all aspects of school life. Our learning progress across the year is to be celebrated. Semester Two reports have been issued this week, and whilst grades and results are an important measure, learning progress is much broader than numbers and capital letters alone. Teachers have written comments throughout the semester in SEQTA releases that are a helpful reference point for progress in each learning area, at the point in time when feedback is most relevant. I encourage all families to refer back to these entries via SEQTA Engage as the feedback often has work samples included. These entries will provide a deep insight to your child's learning progress.





House Point Tally

Fenton: 1235



Strauss: 1401



Hughes: 1317



Livingstone: 1408



To those families who are finishing their time at Howard Springs Junior School, we wish you the very best for what lies ahead, and hope that you will look back at your time at our school with fondness. I would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank the staff of our school for their efforts and commitment to ensuring our students have access to high quality teaching and learning, and a positive and engaging school experience. As we finish the year, we farewell Mrs Latecia Bell who is heading to Canberra to be closer to family, Ms Dianne Scott who is moving to the Good Shepherd Leanyer Campus and Mrs Emma Murphy who will be taking a year of maternity leave. I know you will join me in thanking them for all they have brought to our school during their time at Howard Springs Junior School.

Next year, we welcome Mrs Holly George as the new Year 5 teacher with more staff to be confirmed in the New Year. I'd like to sign-off with a sincere thank you to our Junior School community for the immense support, kindness, encouragement and commitment you have shared towards the development of our young learners this year. The Junior School is such a happy place filled with students, families and colleagues who enjoy what they do each day. Have a safe and happy summer ahead.

God Bless

Joanne Pulsford

Head of Junior School Howard Springs Campus







To **5MS** for receiving Howard Bear Caring Class!



To **ELC** 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



Early Learning Centre

To finish off our year together and wrap up our UOI for this Term, we reflected on all the skills we have learnt this year and looked forward to all the new things we will be learning next year. To assist us with this process, we began practising sitting at the table, finding our name tags and completing Transition activities. This was exciting for us as we felt like big kids! We engaged in activities that built upon skills we have been working on this year such as identifying our name, letter recognition, fine motor skills like cutting and gluing, number recognition, number sequencing and shared in some current Interests of animal habitat exploration and colour mixing! You could say we did a little bit of everything! A fun way to spend the past few weeks and preparing us for Transition in 2024!

Miss Langridge

ELC Teacher











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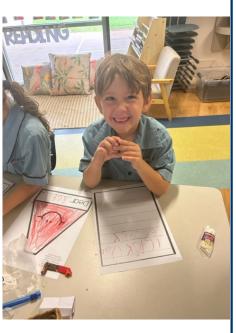




























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Wild Things in Year 3

In the unit of inquiry "Sharing the Planet", students explored habitats, physical, and behavioural adaptations of animals. Students created habitat models and went onto create their own wild things with 3 structural and 2 behavioural adaptations. This term as part of our unit of inquiry of "How We Express Ourselves" year 3 will be visiting the Darwin Museum to visit the art display.



















2024 School Captain
Caitlin Harland



2024 School Captain Charlotte Cendo













In our last term, we learned that natural processes are caused by many different things. For example, erosion caused the Grand Canyon, they biggest canyon in the world. We also learned that it can take thousands of years to form some of the Earth's features. Some of the natural features of the world are a faster process like landslides. We found this is important so that we can have a safety plan.

This year we learned a lot of information. This has affected us in building new friendships, we learned how to work with others collaboratively, and learned so many opinions about so many things.

We think this has been the collaborative year in our learning journey. We farewell Year 4 and look forward to our Year 5 opportunities.

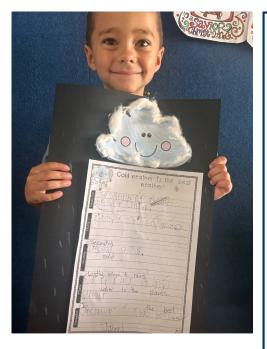
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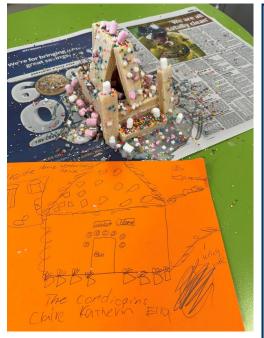












As this term drew to a close, **5LB** and **5MS** embarked on a delightful and creative team-building activity: constructing gingerbread houses. Using science as a human endeavour, we decided to swap out conventional building materials and designs for a more Christmas twist, by using wafers as the base. The air was not only filled with laughter and spirit but the smell of chocolate, vanilla and strawberry, as teams collaborated to design and build their edible masterpieces.

Testing their resilience to not eat their science materials, the room buzzed with excitement as everyone grabbed icing, marshmallows, and 100s and 1000s to bring their winter wonderland visions to life. The sweet aroma of the treats filled the air, enhancing the festive atmosphere. Students transformed into budding scientists and architects, carefully placing wafers together and using icing as the glue to secure their structures. Marshmallows became fluffy snow, and 100s and 1000s added a burst of colour to the not yet edible landscape.

As you could see from their collaboration and trust during their final dance at graduation on Wednesday night, through this unique team-building experience, bonds were further strengthened, communication flourished and the trust and resilience that their peers would not eat their building. Each gingerbread house reflected the diverse personalities and talents within the team, creating visually stunning and delicious treats. As they admired their collective creation, the students looked longlily, hoping that they could go against Science lab rules and eat their investigation.





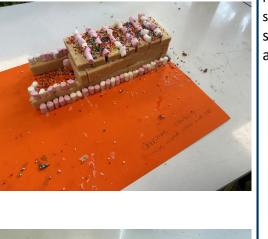


































Reminder

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: defence-school-mentor-program

Mrs Ray-Taylor is available as follows:

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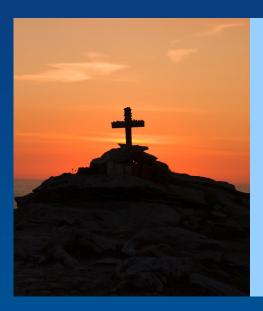
8:30am - 2pm every Friday

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)



"We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him. They are the people God called, because that was his plan."

- Romans 8:28

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- All skill levels competition and junior social
- Supportive and inclusive coaches

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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











2024 TOP END REGION SPORT EDUCATION TRIALS

Date and Time	Event	Sport	Age Group	Venue
Tues 6/Wed 7/Thurs 8 February 3.30 - 5.00pm	Inter-Region Trials	Australian Football	12 Years and Under Born between 1st January 2012- 31st December 2014.	Driver Primary Oval
Tues 13 /Wed 14/Thurs 15 February 3.30 – 4:30pm	Inter-Region Trials	Touch Football	12 Years and Under Born between 1st July 2011- 31st -December 2014. (Age dispensation applies.)	Driver Primary Oval
Tues 5/ Wed 6/ Thurs 7 March 3.30 – 5.00pm	Inter-Region Trials	Netball	15 Years and Under Born between 1st July 2008- 31st - December 2014. (Age dispensation applies.)	Good Shepherd College (Howard Springs Campus)
Tues 19/Wed 20/Thurs 21 March 3.30 - 4:45pm	Inter-Region Trials	Netball	12 Years and Under Born between 1st July 2011- 31st - December 2014. (Age dispensation applies.)	Gray Primary Netball Courts
Tues 2/Wed 3/Thurs 4 April 3.30 - 4:30pm	Inter-Region Trials	Football (soccer)	12 Years and Under Born between 1*1uly 2011-31*1- December 2014. (Age dispensation applies.)	Palmerston Football Oval (TBC)
Tues 14/ Wed 15/ Thurs 16 May 3:30-5:00pm	Inter-Region Trials	Cricket	12 Years and Under Born between 1st July 2011- 31st - December 2014. (Age dispensation applies.)	Southern Districts Cricket Club

Track and Field and Tennis are Nomination Process, please email for the Nomination form.



REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN- for a registration form or more information please contact Top End Sport Education at

topendsport.doe@education.nt.gov.au or Ph: 8944 9401 Mob: 0460 036 646.

Top End Region Sport Education Trials

A School of Sport Education NT Championship is a competition between teams from regions in the NT. Interstate squad selection will occur at the conclusion of the Championship, and, if selected, students will have the opportunity to represent the NT at the National School of Sport Education Championships. The sports are AFL, touch football, netball, football (soccer), athletics and cricket.

AFL and touch football Top End Region trials are taking place in early Term 1, 2024. Trials for other sports will take place later in Term 1 and Term 2, as per the above table. The College does not coordinate attendance at these trials as they take place after hours, but if your child is interested in trialling, you can register to attend by emailing topendsport.doe@education.nt.gov.au

Alternatively you can contact the Top End Region Pathways Coordinator, Chantelle, on 0460 036 646



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS JANUARY 2024



FREE COME & TRY SESSION A MORNING OF CRICKET FUN FOR KIDS NEW TO THE GAME

MON 8 JAN | 9AM - 11AM

FREE | OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5YRS - 12YRS

Girls only FREE COME & TRY SESSION

THURS 11 JAN | 9AM - 11AM

FREE | OPEN TO GIRLS AGED 5YRS - 12YRS HAVE FUN LEARNING NEW CRICKET SKILLS



2-DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRICKET CLINIC CALLING ALL JUNIOR CRICKETERS EAGER TO IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS THESE HOLIDAYS

15/16 JAN: 8:30AM - 1PM | 22/23 JAN: 8:30AM - 1PM | \$150 PER 2-DAY CLINIC | OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS AGED 7YRS - 15YRS

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Always watch out when the kids are near the water.

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