



Leanyer Campus



Upcoming events



Monday 11 November

Remembrance Day

Thursday 14, 21, 28 November & 5 December

Transition Orientation Days
9:30am-10:30am

Thursday 14 November

Transition 2025 Parent
Information Session

Wednesday 27 November

Year 5 PYP Exhibition 6-7:00pm

Thursday 5 December

Christmas Concert

Friday 6 December

Year 5 Graduation Dinner

Monday 9 & Tuesday 10 December

Year 5 Step-Up at Howard
Springs campus

Tuesday 10 December

T-4 Step-Up Day 8:30-10:30am

Wednesday 11 December

Year 5 Graduation and T-5
Awards Assembly 8:30am-
9:15am

Last day of term

Term 4, Week 5

Dear Families,

Can you believe we are half-way through Term 4 already? As with every term, it has been a busy one and we are just gearing up for all of the end of year excitement.

This term has seen our Year 5 students take on their PYP Exhibition. Utilising all of the skills that they have developed over their PYP journey. It has been wonderful to speak with the students over the course of the process and listen to how their understandings have developed. Their focus and independence have been impressive, demonstrating that they are ready to move on to their next phase of learning. This group of students is delightful and I have been blessed to have been able to get to know each of them. As we get closer to the end of term, I wish them a wonderful few last weeks of primary school.

This week has been Gifts of Grace and there has been great excitement throughout the school. Colourful dress ups, sporting heroes and crazy hair have contributed to a week of fun and laughter. We are so grateful that our students can enjoy these fun moments and so grateful to you, our families, for your generous donations to ALWS. I have been so proud to hear how some of the students have completed acts of service around the home to 'earn' their donation and in doing so live our school values.

Looking forward, next week we begin our Transition 2025 Orientation program. Children from our ELC, along with new families to the school, will be visiting each Thursday to support their transition into their schooling years. Later in the term it will be our Year 5s turn to spend time at our Howard Springs campus for their two-day Step-Up program. On Tuesday of week 10, it will then be Step-Up for all year levels. These days provide students time to get to know their new learning spaces and teachers and is an important part of promoting a smooth transition to a new year of learning.

Over the last few weeks, classes have begun to practise their Christmas Concert items and they are doing a brilliant job! We are all looking forward to coming together as a school community to enjoy a school dinner and of course the concert itself. I have enjoyed all of our whole school events – spending time as a school community has been a highlight for me this year and I am very grateful for those moments of connection.

With kindness,

Ms Anver



Primary Year Programme

A foundational element of the PYP is the 7 Key Concepts that are central to how we help students explore and make sense of the world around them. These concepts not only shape what students learn but also how they learn. They encourage inquiry, critical thinking, and reflection. Here's a breakdown of how the Key Concepts support your child's development:

1. Form: What is it like?

How this helps:

Children become more observant, discerning, and capable of describing the world around them. It supports their ability to classify, compare, and identify patterns.

2. Function: How does it work?

How this helps:

Your child will develop problem-solving skills and gain an understanding of systems and processes in everyday life. This thinking helps them approach challenges with creativity and resilience.

3. Causation: Why is it like this?

How this helps:

Children become better at understanding cause and effect. It fosters their ability to make predictions and to think logically about how different factors interact.

4. Change: How is it changing?

How this helps:

Your child learns to navigate change with adaptability. They also understand the patterns that underlie change, whether in history, nature, or personal development.

5. Connection: How is it connected to other things?

How this helps:

Your child will build their understanding of interrelatedness and develop a broader perspective on global and local issues. They will begin to think about how their actions impact others and the environment.

6. Perspective: What are the points of view?

How this helps:

Your child learns to appreciate diversity and to challenge their own assumptions. They develop the ability to see situations from multiple viewpoints, fostering open-mindedness and tolerance.

7. Responsibility: What is our responsibility?

How this helps:

Children learn to take ownership of their actions and to consider the ethical implications of their decisions. This encourages active citizenship, environmental stewardship, and social awareness.

How These Concepts Benefit Your Child

In the PYP, we focus on making learning meaningful by addressing these concepts through inquiry-based learning. Instead of simply memorising facts, your child will engage in deep investigations that encourage them to ask questions, seek answers, and make connections. These concepts support the development of critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration—skills that will serve them well in school and beyond.

As parents, you can support your child's learning by encouraging them to ask questions like:

"What is it like?"

"Why do you think this is happening?"

"How is this connected to other things?"

By showing interest in these questions, you're helping your child develop a mindset of curiosity and exploration that will last a lifetime.

Thank you for being an important part of your child's learning journey. Together, we can foster a love of inquiry that will empower them to think deeply, act responsibly, and become active global citizens.

Rebecca Fletcher

PYP Curriculum Coordinator



Farewell Mrs Kassiou

As we approach the end of this term, we find ourselves with mixed emotions. It is with deep gratitude and a sadness that we bid farewell to our extraordinary Library Officer, Mrs Barbara Kassiou, who is embarking on a new journey.

Mrs Barbara Kassiou, joined Our Junior School Campus Libraries at Leanyer and Palmerston in 2023 and has been a beacon of joy, efficiency, and unwavering dedication. Assisting with the management of the Leanyer and Palmerston Junior Campus Library Resource Centres, Mrs Kassiou has not only ensured that Our Collections are meticulously organised but has also created an inviting and warm atmosphere for Our College Community.

Mrs Kassiou's love for books and reading has been infectious, inspiring countless young minds to dive into the world of literature. Amazing, creative displays and thoughtful recommendations have turned many reluctant readers into enthusiastic book lovers. It is Barb's personal touch that we will miss the most. Always ready with a smile and a kind word, she has made each visit to the Leanyer and Palmerston Library Resource Centres a delightful experience.

Barbara's contributions extend beyond the shelves and stacks as she's been heavily involved with our College since her eldest son first joined us at GSLC and Mrs Kassiou has been a true partner to teachers, supporting curriculum goals with expertly curated resources and fostering a love of learning in our students.

As we reflect on Barb's time with us, we cannot help but feel immense gratitude for her hard work, enthusiasm, and the positive impact she had on our school community. We are profoundly thankful for everything, and we know that the family's next adventure will be just as successful and fulfilling.

We wish Mrs Barbara Kassiou and her Family all the very best in their future endeavours and hope they carry with them fond memories of their time here at Good Shepherd Lutheran College. The legacy of joy and efficiency that The Kassiou's leave behind will continue to inspire us.

With heartfelt thanks, Mrs Abercromby & The College Community at Good Shepherd xxx



Wellbeing Coordinator

Tena Koutou Katoa (Hello to you all)

Here at our Leanyer campus teachers have been reminded of the importance of teaching our students a range of emotive words. This is known as emotional granularity and is important for students to understand there are different shades of each emotion for self-regulation. For example, upset, weepy, dejected and sorrow are all words for feeling sad along with many others and happiness might be felt as pleased, cheerful or ebullience or any other number of words. Overall student wellbeing is improved if they can accurately label their emotions.

To help students understand the granularity of different emotions affective statements in classroom practice is being implemented by teachers. These statements support our restorative practice program and wellbeing as they enable everyone to learn and understand feelings can be labelled differently.

Affective statements describe how we feel and are a great way of teaching both positive and negative emotions, so students begin to understand the impact of both positive and negative behaviours and the affects these have on others. Affective statements encourage or discourage desired behaviours whilst still maintaining good relationships between students and teachers.

Affective statements are essentially 'I' statements explaining feelings and emotions followed by the affect it is having along with the desired outcome.

An example of this is, "When I (see hear experience), I feel (add the emotion word) because I (add the need, value, or care about word here)."

As your child's first teacher, you could try using affective statements at home too. Rather than "That's great or well done," the affective statement could be, "When I see you take on new challenges, I feel jubilant because you are developing your resilience." You might have to explain the word to your child if they have never heard it before, so you are expanding their vocabulary also!

Most of all have fun and continue teaching and learning with your child as we all work together in partnership to ensure each of our students' wellbeing is met so each develops the strategies to cope especially with the demands of school at this time of year.

Until next time, Ka korero ahau ki a koutou (I will speak to you soon).

Donna Sudana

Wellbeing Coordinator



MONDAY	Chapel 8.30am in Dreambuilders Church. Parents welcome to attend.	Library 
TUESDAY	French 	
WEDNESDAY	Music 	PE 
THURSDAY	Assembly 8.30am-even weeks in Dreambuilders Church. Parents welcome to attend.	Library 
FRIDAY	French 	House Games 

SUPERHERO AWARDS

PYP Superhero Awards Week 2

Well done to the following students for receiving their Superhero Awards at assembly:

FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Wed, Fri

7.45am- 4.00pm

Thursday

7.45am-3.15pm

sals.admin@ntschoools.net

HOUSE POINTS TALLY

Livingstone: 1633



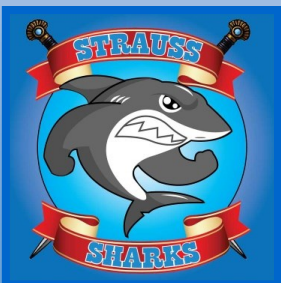
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Hughes: 1243



Strauss: 1645



FRENCH AWARDS

Tilly Patindol

Olive Apps

Maxwell Ramic

Zikam Cheks-Ezeilo

Dorothy Ekpo

Jansen Valer



World Teacher's Day

On Friday of Week 3 we celebrated World Teacher's Day. The theme this year was 'Hats off to You' and the children all decorated a picture of a hat and wrote what their favourite thing about their teacher is.



Happy 40th Birthday Mrs Kitsos

On Thursday Week 5 Mrs Kitsos celebrated her 40th birthday. The staff got to enjoy a delicious chocolate cheesecake for recess to help her celebrate.



Chapel is held every Monday at 8:30am in the Dreambuilders Church.

Assembly is every second Thursday at 8:30am.

Parents and caregivers are welcome.

CHAPEL

Week 6	3JM
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Week 8	1PC
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ASSEMBLY

Week 6	2KF
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Week 8	TAB
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Week 10	Awards— Wed
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SUPERHERO AWARDS

PYP Superhero Awards Week 4

Well done to the following students for receiving their Superhero Awards at assembly:

Zehan Bibin-Pazhoor

Emilia Ray

Theofili Mamouzellos

Yashab Atwal

Fletcher McFarland

Adel Tetteh

Beau Nation

Brooklyn Fairfield

Ingrid Schoombie

Mackenzie Lodge

Dorothy Ekpo

Dominic Kempster

Isla Renilson

Jai Hibberson

French Awards

Rani Renilson

Cooper Grant

Keren Bensam

Adishree Thapa

Finn Callaghan

Isla Renilson

CAMP AUSTRALIA

Flynn Grant

Rebecca Gaturu

Olive Apps

Jai Hibberson



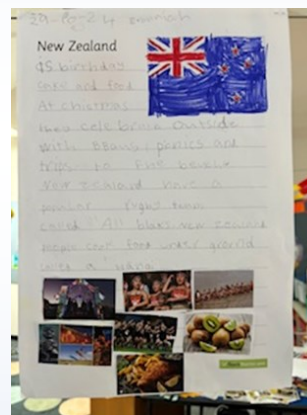
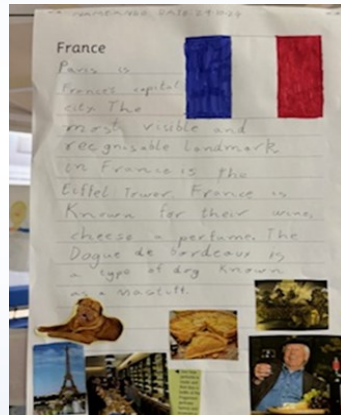
Gifts of Grace Week

In Week 5 we celebrated Gifts of Grace Week with some fun dress up days. Children donated money to dress up which went to ALWS for their work helping the underprivileged around the world. Our themes for the week were pyjama day, wear one colour day, wear what you want day, sports person day, and crazy hair and/or socks day. We raised \$824.80! Thank you to everyone.



Year 1PC

In 1PC the students have been learning about many different cultures as part of our Unit of Inquiry - How we express ourselves. The students are learning about how traditions and beliefs are valued throughout the world. Through the lines of inquiry, we focused on cultural diversity in our school community, which worked well with our Christian Studies line of inquiry- There are different Christian groups in communities. The Year one students researched information on how other countries and religions celebrate special events and holidays. The students had a shared lunch and brought a plate of food from home to represent their culture and diverse background. The students were risk takers and tried new foods and enjoyed talking about the foods they were eating.



College Chaplain

If you wish to contact our College Chaplain, Kyle Cantrill, you can email kyle.cantrill@ntschoools.net

"Do your best to live in peace with everyone."

Romans 12:18

Kyle Cantrill
College Chaplain

From Student to Mentor: Meet our new DSM!

Good Shepherd Lutheran College is excited to welcome Jessica Moon as their new Defence School Mentor (DSM) supporting Defence families across three campuses in Leanyer, Palmerston and Howard Springs. Jess brings a unique perspective to this vital role, having grown up in a Defence family herself.

As a former recipient of the Defence Mentor Program's support as a student, Jess is passionate about giving back and ensuring that Defence students at Good Shepherd Lutheran College feel seen, supported, and welcomed. Her father's service in the Army gave her firsthand experience of the challenges faced by Defence families, and she's excited to use her experience to help students settle and thrive at school.

Principal Matthew Qualischefski shares his enthusiasm about having Jess on the team, saying, *"We are thrilled to have Jess join us as the new Defence School Mentor. Her background and understanding of Defence life make her an invaluable asset to our school. We understand the unique challenges faced by Defence families, and we're confident that Jess will provide the guidance and care needed to help our students thrive in our community."*

How Jess Supports Defence Families

Settling into a new school can be challenging. Jess plays a vital role in helping students by connecting them to the school community. By fostering friendships and building support networks quickly, she ensures that the transition is smoother and less overwhelming.

When a parent is away for deployment, exercises, or training courses, children can experience emotional difficulties. Good Shepherd Lutheran College runs a 'Deployment Kids Group' every Tuesday and Wednesday during lunchtimes. This group offers a safe space where students can share their experiences through activities like journaling, letter writing and crafts. Participation is entirely voluntary, allowing children to choose when they feel ready to engage.

For those preparing to move again, Jess helps students who are posting out by providing emotional support, helping them say goodbye to friends, and offering positive thinking strategies to ease the transition to their new school environment.

Want to know more? Reach out to dsm@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au.



Principal Matthew Qualischefski with Defence School Mentor Jessica Moon.

TERIS Swimming Carnival

On Friday 1 November Students from Good Shepherd Lutheran College attended the Teris swimming. This is a swimming competition where students are timed. Students participated in butterfly, breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle with the event ending with team relays. Special mention goes to our own Year 5 student, Ava from Leanyer Campus who got a first placing among others. Students had a great time and enjoyed the day.



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2025 ENROLMENTS
INTERVIEWS HAVE COMMENCED

**Please contact the enrolments team if you
are wishing to enrol a sibling for 2025**

**PALMERSTON
CAMPUS**

Early Learning - Year 5

**HOWARD SPRINGS
CAMPUS**

Early Learning - Year 12

**LEANYER
CAMPUS**

Early Learning - Year 5

Christmas Toy and Food Drive

This term, we are excited to launch our annual Food and Toy Drive to support those in our community who may be less fortunate.

Many young people and families face challenges during the Christmas season and may not have the opportunity to enjoy a festive meal or experience the joy of opening gifts on Christmas morning.

In partnership with the Salvation Army, we have the opportunity to make a real difference. By donating food and toys, we can help bring some Christmas cheer to those in need.

We are collecting:

- New toys for all age groups
- Canned goods and non-perishable Christmas foods
- Soaps, perfumes, beauty products
- Any other items that would make a thoughtful gift this Christmas

Donations will be collected at each campus during Week 9. Collection boxes are available outside Mr.

Kyle's office. Let's come together as a school and help make this Christmas special for someone in our community!

Kyle Cantrill

College Chaplain

A promotional poster for a Christmas Toy & Food Drive. The background is dark blue with a string of colorful Christmas lights at the top. On the left, a green Christmas tree with yellow and red ornaments and a yellow star on top is partially visible. In the center, the text "Christmas Toy & Food Drive" is written in large, bold, white letters. To the right, there are two brown cardboard boxes. The top box is open and contains a teddy bear, a stack of colorful blocks, and a yellow gift tag with the letter 'C'. The bottom box is also open and contains various food items like a can of soup, a jar of jam, and a bottle of juice. A white tag with the word "Donations" is attached to the bottom box. At the bottom of the poster, there is a red banner with white text that reads "Donate until 6th December at any Good Shepherd Lutheran College Campus". Below the banner, the text "Thank you!" is written in large, bold, white letters. In the bottom right corner, the logo for Good Shepherd Lutheran College is displayed, featuring a white cross on a blue background with the text "GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN COLLEGE" and "COMMUNITY · RESPECT · SERVICE" below it.

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Thank you!

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You're invited to the
Good Shepherd Lutheran College

Awards Evening and Year 12 Graduation

Thursday 21 November
Arrive 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start
Darwin Turf Club (TAB Marquee)
Buntine Drive, Fannie Bay

Please join us in celebrating our Year 12 graduating students, as well as presentation of College Values Awards, Academic Excellence Awards, Principal's Award, NT Board of Studies Awards and much more!

We look forward to celebrating with you!



You're invited to the
Good Shepherd Lutheran College

Leanyer Campus T-5 Awards Assembly

Wednesday 11 December 8.30am
Dreambuilders Church
82 Leanyer Dr, Leanyer

Please join us for the presentation of College Service Awards, Achievement Awards, Chief Minister Literacy Awards and more!

All remaining awards will be presented at the Awards Evening & Year 12 Graduation on Thursday 21 November at the Darwin Turf Club.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

2025 Term Dates

Term 1

Monday 3 February - Friday 4 April

Midsemester Break

Monday 7 April - Friday 11 April

Term 2

Tuesday 15 April - Friday 20 June

Semester Break

Monday 23 June - Friday 11 July

Term 3

Tuesday 15 July - Friday 19 September

Midsemester Break

Monday 22 September - Friday 3 October

Term 4

Monday 6 October - Wednesday 10 December



Form

What is it like?



Function

How does it work?



Connection

How is it connected to other things?



Change

How does it change?



Causation

Why is it like that?
Why is it the way it is?



Perspective

What are the different points of view?



Responsibility

What are our responsibilities?



Container Recycling

Please bring in your 10 cent recycling containers.

Orange bags are available from the office.

Please remove lids and rinse containers.

Funds raised go towards our Eco Schools initiatives.

NEW!

ALWS GIFTS OF GRACE GIVE YOU MORE THIS CHRISTMAS!

- ✓ FREE children's book to share your values
- ✓ 30 unique **Gifts of Grace** - the most ever!
- ✓ Gifts start at just \$3, with 7 under \$10
- ✓ Grace Card has laminated Christmas tree bauble
- ✓ Grace Sheets show how each gift helps
- ✓ **ALL Gifts of Grace** are tax-deductible
- ✓ First 500 orders receive original artwork drawn by children at Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya



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TERRITORY GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

December & January Holiday Camps



3-DAY CAMPS Age 4+

\$99 PER 3 DAYS or \$40 PER DAY

Monday, Wednesday & Friday -
11am - 130pm

OR

Full Days : 9am - 4pm : \$99 per day

December

Week 1 : Mon 16th, Wed 18th & Friday 20th

January

Week 2 : Mon 30th Dec & Friday 3rd Jan

Week 3 : Mon 6th, Wed 8th & Fri 10th

Week 4 : Mon 13th, Wed 15th & Fri 17th

Week 5 : Mon 20th, Wed 22nd & Fri 24th

TGA'S HOLIDAY CAMPS - SUITABLE FOR AGE 4 - 12yrs (boys and girls)

Does your child like to do handstands, cartwheels and all things gymnastics ???

YES - Our Holiday camp is the place to be !!!!!

EXISTING MEMBERS - this is a great way to continue gymnastics during the holidays

NEW & INTERESTED MEMBERS : These are a great way to try gymnastics before enrolling for a term - 5% term discount if you register for the following term .

Email : info@tgadarwin.com

LOCATION :

TERRITORY GYMNASTICS ACADEMY
426 STUART HIGHWAY, WINNELLIE

COME AND PLAY SESSIONS -

\$5 drop in - under 5 yrs

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 0900 - 1030am

Every week during the holidays expect
Thursday 26th December (public holiday)



DARWIN SCHOOL OF BALLET
PRESENTS

THE *Nutcracker*

To celebrate our 50th year, join us for a magical retelling of our favourite Christmas story.

This is the story of Clara, her mysterious aunt, Madame Drosselmeyer, and the amazing nutcracker doll.



DATE: Saturday 23 November 2024
SHOW TIMES: 10.30am and 6.30pm
AT: CDU Theatre
BOOK: <https://www.trybooking.com/CWOLW>



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Cnr of Whitewood Rd and Kundook Pl
Howard Springs NT

Leanyer Campus

94 Leanyer Dr
Leanyer NT

Palmerston Campus

Cnr of Temple Tce and Emery Ave
Palmerston NT



Top End Lutheran Parish

We welcome you to come and be a part of our community.

Our Sunday morning church service starts: 9:30am

14 Trower Road Milner NT

Phone: 1300 TELP 00 (1300 8357 00)

Email: darwinlutheranchurch@gmail.com

