



Palmerston Campus

Upcoming events

TERM 1 2025

Monday 27 - Friday 31

January

Staff PD Week

Monday 3 February

Students return

Monday 10 - Wednesday 12

February

League Stars Rugby League sessions T-5

Wednesday 12 February

Leadership Badge Presentation

Tuesday 18 February

Parent Info Night and Welcome BBQ

Friday 21 February

Stomp Dance Studio Dance Workshops

Wednesday 26 February

Transition Assembly and Bible Presentation

Thursday 27 February

After School League Star sessions begin

Continued

Term 4 Week 10

This term has flown by so quickly; it's hard to believe we've reached the end of another school year! The last few weeks have been especially busy as we celebrated with our annual Christmas Concert, Year 5 Graduation Service and Dinner, T-4 Awards, ELC Graduation, and the Year 5 Exhibition, to name a few.

A heartfelt thank you to all our parents for your continued support and for making the Palmerston Campus such a wonderful school community. It's truly a special place where care and kindness bring us all together.

A big thank you to our amazing staff for all the hard work, care, and energy you put into making our school such a great place. You inspire and support our students every day, and we're so lucky to have you!

This year, we farewell three of our wonderful teachers. Mr Godber and Miss Tolhurst while we will certainly miss them here at the Palmerston Campus, we know that they are not going too far. Both will be continuing teaching at our Howard Springs Junior Campus next year. We also farewell Mrs Reed. We wish them all the very best in their new roles and hope they will come back to visit us. Their contributions to our school community have been deeply appreciated.

Several of our families leave our Palmerston Campus at the end of this year as their last child heads off to Middle School or moving interstate. We say goodbye to the Bui Family, Burgess Family, Honeysett Family, Jangid Family, McDonald Family, McKeown Family, Phommachanh Family, Shah Family, Taylor Family, Sani Family, Trouchet Family, and the Kassiou Family. We wish you all God's Blessing and thank you for your support and dedication during your time at the Palmerston Campus.

Vicki Trathen

Head of Junior School
Palmerston Campus



Upcoming Events

Saturday 1 March

Sibling Photos

Tuesday 4 March

PC Photos

Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 12 - Monday 24

March

Naplan

Wednesday 12 March

ELC Assembly

Friday 21 March

Harmony Day

Harmony Day Disco

Monday 24 - Tuesday 25 March

Three-way conferences

Friday 4 April

Last day of Term 1



Congratulations to HUGHES for winning the overall House shield for Good Shepherd College 2024.

1ST	HUGHES	9984
2ND	FENTON	9229
3RD	STRAUSS	9205
4TH	LIVINGSTONE	8346

GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Identity Service Respect



AWARDS

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

House Awards

Fenton

Cameron Boyle
Archie Hamlyn
Breanna Doyle
Joy Carne
Mahlia Rossborough
Manual Abban
Jamie Tengis
Emerson Earle
Thomas McKay
Chloe Fraser
Jack McKay
Hope Carne
Zahra Backwell-Kononen

Hughes

Nadia Kassiou
Molly Crick
Jordan Hodgetts
Charlotte Valentine
Logan Slarks
Tessa Crick
Romain Thielemans
Elijah Trease
Jack Trahair
Hannah Slarks
Eliza Crick
Madeleine Commons-Fidge
Samuel Hore
Magenta Pickering
Tiannah Shah
Denzel Phommachanh

Livingstone

Luca Ploughman
Marlee-Jean Marsden
Oliver Bowman
Noah Griggs
Cormac Nowak
Elena Coppola
Hamish Gotts-Roberts
Jethro Gotts-Roberts
Jase Hill
Emmett Muir
Billy Bui

Strauss

Claudia La Porte
Lotus Camposo-Briskin
Oliver Penning
Amiyah Winch
Ava Griffiths
Siddant Mohite
Marley Woldseth

French Awards

Transition: Elsie
Year 1: Thanirika
Year 2: Jesse
Year 3: Sean
Year 4: Ava
Year 5: Colby

Transition: Molly
Year 1: Mahliah
Year 2: Logan
Year 3: Oliver
Year 4: Marley
Year 5: Lani

**House Point
Current Total**

HUGHES – 1919



FENTON—1723



LIVINGSTONE - 1632



STRAUSS—1600



Congratulations to our students for their hard work throughout the year. Several of our students were recognised for their efforts over the past few weeks at various awards services. Congratulations to the following students.

	Academic Excellence Award	College Values Award	Chief Minister's Literacy Award	Achievement Award	Service Award
TJC	Olivia Sansom	Indi Winch	Patrick McKay	Kendall Volpe	Breanna Doyle
1RK	Luca Ploughman	Joy Carne	Charlotte Valentine	Oliver Bowman	Thanirika Duggirala
2JK	Thomas McKay	Cormac Nowak	Alice Reynhout	Sadie Becker	James McKeown
3CT	Oliver Penning	Scarlett Griggs	Scarlett Griggs	Isaac Harvey	Ngairé La Porte
4LG	Samuel Hore	Madeleine Commons-Fidge	Elena Coppola	Jack McKay	Eliza Crick
5RP	Evie Griggs	Indi Winch	Patrick McKay	Bill McKeown	Lara Boyle



Australia Day Citizenship Award: Billy Bui
 City of Palmerston Service Award: Colby Taylor
 Ricoh IT Awards: Hamish Gotts Roberts and Samuel Hore
 Clinton Howe All-Rounder Award T-2: Mahlia Rossborough
 Clinton Howe All-Rounder Award 3-5: Eliza Crick

To our wonderful Year 5 students, as you move on to Middle School, we know you'll carry the values and lessons from Palmerston with you. We can't wait to hear about the amazing things you will accomplish!

Thank you once again for an incredible year. I look forward to seeing you all in 2025 and hope everyone has a safe, restful, and joyous Christmas and New Year.

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

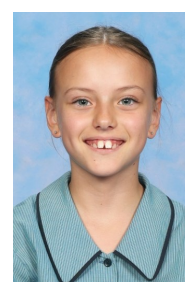
Monday 6 October - Wednesday 10

December

2025 Leadership Team

Junior School Captains -

Madeleine Commons-Fidge, Elena Coppola



House Captains

Fenton - Jack Mckay, Chloe Fraser



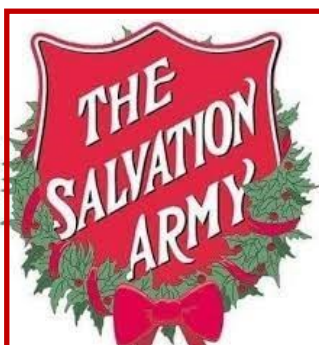
Strauss - Kaiden Henriques, Marley Woldseth



Hughes - Magenta Pickering, Samuel Hore



Livingstone - Jase Hill, Jethro Gotts Roberts



A big thank you to our wonderful Palmerston Campus community for your donations to our Christmas Drive.





Christmas Concert

Friday 6 December





Wellbeing Coordinator

As we near the end of another busy and productive year at school, it's the perfect time to reflect on the many memorable events and activities that have brought our school community together. From our special Wellbeing Day to exciting house games and the heartwarming presence of therapy dogs, this year has been filled with opportunities for growth, connection, and fun.

One of the standout events of the year was our *Wellbeing Day*, a day dedicated to nurturing both physical and mental health. The day was filled with a variety of activities aimed at helping students relax, recharge, and connect with each other. There were dance/drama workshops, tennis, golf, and creative activities like sand art and journaling, allowing everyone to express themselves.

We were fortunate to have the *Mind Your Paws Therapy Dogs* visit us during the year. These friendly dogs brought smiles, comfort, and a sense of calm to students. The students enjoyed teaching the dogs tricks using their communication skills.

Throughout the year, students participated in various *house games and activities*, which have been a great way to foster school spirit, teamwork, and a bit of friendly competition. Whether it was a tug-of-war, a sports day relay race, or even a scavenger hunt, students from all year levels worked together to score points for their respective houses.

Beyond the events and activities, it's been a year of significant achievements for many of our students. Whether it's been academic successes, sporting victories, or personal growth, students have truly excelled in all areas. The dedication and hard work of both students and teachers have made this year one to remember.

As we move toward the end of the year, it's a time to celebrate all the accomplishments and reflect on the experiences that have shaped us.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

Catherine Sansom
Learning Enrichment Teacher
Wellbeing Coordinator



Primary Year Programme

Approaches to Learning Skills in a PYP School

At our school, we believe that learning how to learn is one of the most important skills a child can develop. To support this, we focus on Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills, which help students of all ages become independent, self-motivated learners.

The ATL skills fall into five key categories:



These skills are designed to help children ask thoughtful questions, set meaningful goals, and work toward their dreams with determination. We share your child's progress in these areas during each Unit of Inquiry in the end of semester reports.

While these five skills are presented as separate categories, they're closely connected. For example, developing strong communication skills often involves thinking critically or managing time effectively. Teachers help students strengthen these skills by modelling them, using specific strategies, and providing feedback and opportunities for practice.

What makes ATL skills so valuable is that they are learnable and adaptable. With practice, children can apply them to all kinds of situations—whether it's solving a tricky math problem, working on a group project, or planning their week.

Our teachers intentionally incorporate ATL skills into everyday learning. When a new skill is introduced, they guide students step-by-step and provide plenty of opportunities to practice in different contexts. Over time, this approach helps students take ownership of their learning and become active participants in their education.

By combining ATL skills with the attributes of the Learner Profile, we aim to nurture curious, resilient, and reflective students who see learning as something they do for themselves, not just something that happens to them.

Together, we can help your child grow into a confident, self-regulated learner who's ready to tackle any challenge.

Rebecca Fletcher
PYP Curriculum Coordinator



ELC

“Term 4 has been an absolute blast in the ELC, preparing some of our students for Transition in 2025, and getting in the Christmas spirit.

The children who graduated at the end of the year, have spent some time visiting the Transition classroom and getting to know the routine and activities they can expect in 2025. At first these visits were a bit frightening, as it was an unfamiliar place, but over time the children’s confidence grew, and they now love their visits.”




Merry Christmas



ELC

Celebrating the 2024 ELC Graduates!

This December, we proudly celebrated the graduation of 17 amazing students from our Early Learning Centre (ELC). It was a night to remember as families and staff gathered to honour their achievements and wish them well as they transition to primary school next year. Each graduate received a special gift from the ELC: a copy of *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* by Dr. Seuss, symbolizing the exciting journeys that lie ahead.

The festivities didn't stop there! The holiday spirit was alive as the rest of our ELC students joined the graduates to enjoy a delightful Christmas celebration, highlighted by a special visit from Santa Claus himself.

To our graduating students, we wish you every success and can't wait to see how you grow and shine throughout your school years. You'll always have a special place in the ELC family!



TRANSITION

Cool Kids First Aid:

At the beginning of Week 7, Transition and ELC children participated in the Cool Kids First Aid Program. During the 1.5 hour program, children had the opportunity to learn and practice the following skills:

- How to recognise an emergency situation
- How to roll a person into the recovery position
- How to call '000'
- Basic bleeding control

The basics of asthma and anaphylaxis



Year 1

What a quick term this has been! Our UOI, 'How we express ourselves' has been such fun. We have explored many countries around the world, looking at their traditions and beliefs. Some of the countries we have investigated include China, Ireland, Canada, India, Cyprus, Netherlands and Philippines. We enjoyed a cultural feast one lunch time. Thank you, parents for ensuring that your family's cultural heritage was shared in the form of food. We had foods representing Italy, Indonesia, Philippines, India, Ireland, China and of course Australia. As we got closer to the end of the year, we started exploring how different countries celebrate Christmas. Throughout our unit, we've been looking at the flags, mapping of countries and whether countries of interest are islands or not. We've also covered continents, and the children have been very good at working out what continent the countries have belonged to.

In the last 11 days of school, we have been doing a class Christmas Advent activity each day. 1RK has made a Christmas hand wreath, a catapult, their own lava lamps, a Christmas snap card game, an optical illusion and watched the short film titled, 'An Unexpected Christmas', which shows that the birth of Jesus was part of God's plan from the very beginning. This is certainly a great way to celebrate Christmas and the end of school with fun activities and the true meaning of Christmas.

1RK drew the 7 continents of the world. We added NZ in as we couldn't leave the Kiwis off.



Mahlia sharing information about Cyprus:



We pretended we were in Thanirika's home in India. We all took off our shoes, ate brainfood with our fingers (which we do anyway) and said Namaste to each other.



Marlee-Jean's Irish bread. Thanks Dad.



Cultural feast day:



Logan opening up the first Christmas Advent activity.



Year 2

On Friday 29 November the Transition – Year 2 students were very excited to attend a live performance of Julia Donaldson’s children’s book *The Gruffalo* at the Darwin Entertainment Centre. The book was cleverly adapted for stage and performed by just 3 very talented actors. Students were entertained by funny dialogue, catchy tunes and some very creative costumes throughout the performance. This wonderful excursion was a fantastic opportunity for students (and teachers) to dive deeper into their final Unit of Inquiry for 2024, ‘How We Express Ourselves’ and see first-hand the endless possibilities of artistic expression and creativity. It is safe to say students and teachers alike had an experience to remember, and one we hope to replicate with future encounters with performing arts.



2024 Reflection

This year we had many fun memories for example the school swimming carnival in term 3

At the swimming carnival, we competed against the Leanyer campus and the Howard Springs campus from every campus Hughes, Fenton, Livingstone, and Strauss all competed.

Another cool memory was the Year 4 camp we made smores we also had a challenge setting up the tents. In the mix of it all we also went to the wildlife park we saw so many animals from big buffaloes to small birds.

This year, the transition class went to the fire station, and they got to use a fire hose, and they got to go on the stretchers they had lots of fun.

In term 3 we had our colour fun run where you get covered in colourful powder and run around the school overcoming obstacles and dodging the powder, but everyone always gets covered.

The teachers normally do 12 days of Christmas, so our amazing principal Miss Trathen started 6 days of Christmas for the kids where we dress up in different Christmas clothes and costumes we love to dress up.

We are so grateful for Miss George who has taught us music. And Miss Reed who has taught us P.E, and Miss Reed is leaving so we will miss her so much.

And speaking of goodbyes we have to say goodbye to Miss Tolhurst and Mr Godber who are moving to the Howard Springs campus.

See you in 2025!

By 4LG Student Madeleine Commons-Fidge



Year 5

Step Up

On Monday and Tuesday of week 10 the Year 5s went to the middle school for Step Up. We were separated to different classes to learn things, explore middle school and do activities. All the Year 6 classes are in the same building.

In Science, we made pufferfish out of balloons, vinegar and bi-carb soda. When you mix the ingredients together it makes carbon dioxide. In English, we wrote a narrative and we competed in a rock, paper, scissors race in PE.

We made new friends. We can't wait for next year as we are so excited to make friends and learn new things!

Graduation

At Graduation our theme was country carnival. We had fun carnival games such as horse races, tic tac toe (ping pong version), balloon darts, roll n score, photo booth, waterslide and a petting zoo.

At Graduation we also had delicious food such as slushies, popcorn, cupcakes and lollies. Miss Perrymann was in charge of the slushies and she filled them right to the top! Miss Suffix was in charge of popcorn, the flavour was normal butter and sweet and salty. There was also a food and ice cream van.

We all got these cool party bags that had a lollipop, mini notebook and a photo of the whole class. In the end it was so fun and it was an amazing night!



Year 5 Graduation Awards & Assembly

Friday 6 December 2024



Year 5

Thinking back to our favourite memories from Year 5

Oscar - The swimming Carnival because Hughes won the house cup.

Kobe - The sports carnival because I won at shot pot.

Eamon - The sports carnival because it was fun and I got ribbons.

Billy - My favourite memory is doing drama in Term 1 because I learnt how to act in characters.

Colby - The cross country around the school.

Evie - Kick tennis because we had to work as a team.

Hope - Going on the slide on Grad night.

Siyona - Playing kick tennis with everyone.

Lara - Play Kick tennis and playing markers up.

Lani - My favourite memory was playing kick tennis and markers up with the class.

Zahra- The TERIS events because I like sports and doing sports.

Hayden- Doing math because I like doing it and it's super fun.

Alexis - Talking to people at the exhibition night.

Jayden - Exhibition was my favorite part of this year because I got to do lots of research on totems.

Christopher -The graduation part because it was fun and we got dinner.

Brighton- Making a pufferfish in science at step up.

YEAR 5 CLASS OF 2024



Year 5 Graduation Carnival Party

Saturday 7 December 2024



Wrapping Up

The Library Resource Centres 2024

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

As the year draws to a close, it's time to reflect on the incredible fun and learning we've shared in the Library. Our final term was packed with excitement, creativity, and a festive spirit that brought us all together.

Library Book Race Winners

A huge Congratulations to Our Library Book Race Champions

Leanyer: 4DS! / Palmerston: 3CT!

These classes showed remarkable enthusiasm and teamwork as they dived into the Library Race to be the first classes to get ALL of their Books Returned the the Library Resource Centre First! Well done!

We Celebrated the winning Classes at each campus by hosting a Class reward Scavenger Hunt with a twist - it featured Christmas foods from around the world! Students enjoyed exploring the library and learning about festive traditions from different countries while uncovering the letters to the Mystery Word.

Adding to the fun was Our Christmas-themed Beanbag Toss game, which tested both skill and holiday cheer! With tricky targets and plenty of laughs, the competition was fierce but friendly.

Along the way, we indulged in yummy treats, won some fabulous prizes, and celebrated the joy of the season together.

Looking Ahead to 2025

As we close this chapter, we're already looking forward to a fresh start in 2025! Stay tuned for more exciting activities, challenges, and adventures in the Library with Mrs. Abercromby.

There's so much more to explore, create, and discover.

Thank you all for making this year in the Library so memorable. Have a wonderful holiday season, and I'll see you in 2025 for another year of learning and fun!



*Warm wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday From
Mrs Abercromby*



From all the Staff
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.
Enjoy the holiday season.





Holiday Office Hours

CAMPUS	CLOSED	REOPENING
HS - Middle/Senior	THU 19 DEC	MON 6 JAN
HS - Junior	FRI 13 DEC	WED 29 JAN
Palmerston	FRI 13 DEC	THU 9 JAN
Leanyer	FRI 13 DEC	WED 29 JAN

All Campuses closed for Staff Professional Development on
FRI 13 DEC, FRI 24 JAN, TUE 28 JAN



Top End Lutheran Parish Christmas Services

All services will be held at St Andrew Lutheran Church,
Trower Road, Nightcliff.

Sunday 22 December 9:30am with Holy Communion

Tuesday 24 December 7:00pm with carols and readings

Wednesday 25 December 9:30am Christmas Day

Sunday 29 December 9:30am



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

Good Shepherd Lutheran College Uniform Shop Holiday Closure and January Trading



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Uniform Shop's final day of trade for 2024 is Wednesday 11th December.

All orders placed after this date during the holiday break will be dispatched or available for collection from Monday 20th January.

We will be open in January on the following dates:

Mon 20th Jan	7:30am - 3:30pm	}	Appointments and Walk in
Tues 21st Jan	7:30am - 3:30pm		
Wed 22nd Jan	7:30am - 3:30pm		
Thu 23rd Jan	7:30am - 3:30pm		
Fri 24th Jan	7:30am - 3:30pm		
Tues 28th Jan	7:30am - 3:30pm	}	Appointments and Walk in
Wed 29th Jan	7:30am - 3:30pm		
Thu 30th Jan	7:30am - 3:30pm		
Fri 31st Jan	7:30am - 3:30pm		

HOW TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT



Register or Sign In

Visit www.alintaapparel.com.au
Select 'Uniform Shop' then 'Register' or 'Sign In'.



Book your Fitting Appointment

Select 'Appointment' and choose from the available appointment times. You will receive an email confirmation once you have made your booking. One fitting appointment per child.



Attend your Fitting Appointment

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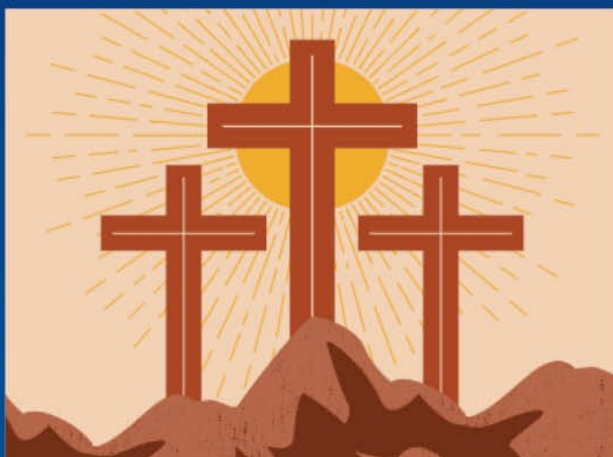
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"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."

Colossians 3:12 ESV

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Top End Lutheran Parish

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

Our Sunday morning church service starts: 9:30am

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