



2025 - Term 1, Week 5

Upcoming Events

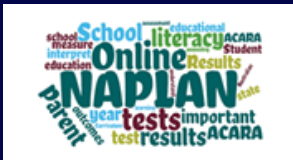
TERM 1

MARCH

Thursday 6, 13, 20, 27 March
League Stars Rugby League



Wednesday 12 - Monday 24 March
NAPLAN Testing



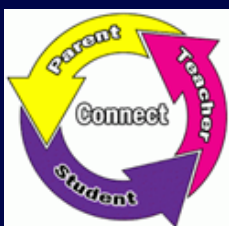
Friday 21 March
· Harmony Day



Friday 21 March
· PJ Party Disco



Monday 24 - Tuesday 25 March
3 Way Conferences



We've had an incredibly busy and exciting start to Term 1 at the Palmerston Campus.

I trust that our new families are feeling part of our community and all our new students are developing their friendships.

We welcome the following families to our community:
Barnes, Fleming, Shokefun, Harmer, Mason, Mohite, Morris, Scott-Mills, Skewes, Tenecio, Thompson, Werthenbach, Zikos, Cole, Caddy, Foster, Guse, Stewart and Kirk.

We're delighted to welcome back Ms Wauchope, who returns after two years overseas. We also extend a warm welcome to Mrs Golder in Transition and Kelly Walters, our new ELC educator. We also welcome Mr Meaden our new PE Teacher. In the coming weeks, we'll introduce our new Learning Support Officers (LSOs).

Thank you to everyone who came to our Information Nights to find out what your children will be learning this year and to connect with your children's teachers. It is really important that we work in partnership to support your children's learning.

Highlights this term so far:

- Year 5 Leadership: Our Year 5 students received their leadership badges in a special chapel with Mr Kyle. We're proud of our young leaders and look forward to seeing them take on their new roles.
- Workshops and After-School Sessions: The Cricket, Dance, and Rugby workshops have been well-received by the students, offering them a chance to explore new interests and develop their skills. Our League Star after-school sessions are also going well and will continue until the end of term.
- Bombing of Darwin: Our Junior School Captains represented the school at the Bombing of Darwin commemoration, doing a wonderful job and making us proud. This event was a great opportunity for them to learn about history and honour the past. Along with the Junior School captains from Leanyer and Howard Springs and our Middle School and College Captains the students laid a wreath on behalf of Good Shepherd.
- Buddies: The students have been enjoying getting to know their buddies, helping build friendships across year levels and creating a supportive environment. Last fortnight in assembly the Year 3 students introduced their buddies to the school. We look forward to the Year 4s introducing their ELC buddies this week.
- Shrove Tuesday: Thank you to the Year 5 students for cooking and delivering our pancakes to the classes.

**Upcoming Events
Continued**

Friday 28 March
TERIS Cricket

APRIL

Thursday 3 April
League Stars



Friday 4 April
TERIS League Tag

Friday 4 April
Last day Term 1



Front Office Hours
7.45am - 3.15pm

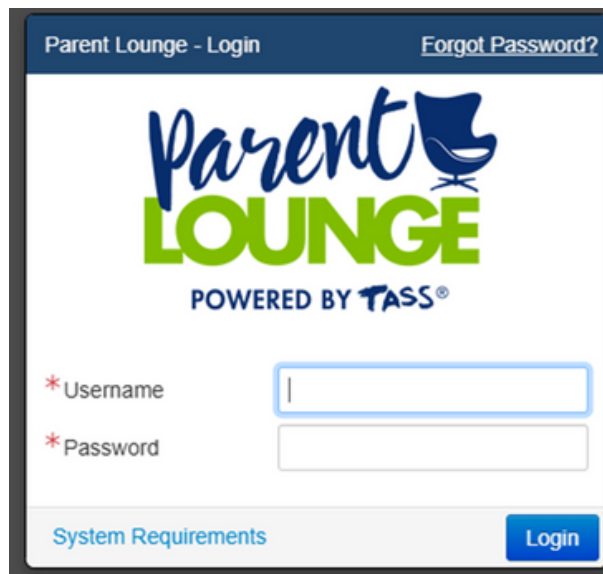
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*Reminder: Assembly is on
Fridays (of even weeks) 8.30am
at Cornerstone Church*

Last week we had our school photos for 2025. Thank you to everyone for remembering the right school uniform it certainly assisted in the day running so smoothly.

The remainder of this Term and Term 2 will be very busy with lots of events and public holidays. Please keep an eye on the 'dates' section of your newsletter and especially on TASS Parent Lounge.

It is really important to regularly check your Parent Lounge in TASS as all information for what is happening at school and any permission forms are sent via this platform.



If anyone is having trouble accessing or using TASS Parent Lounge or SEQTA please come into the front office, I am more than happy to help.

Year 3 and 5 began NAPLAN testing this week and will go through until the 24 March. We wish them the best.

Vicki Trathen
Head of Junior School Palmerston



Upcoming Events Continued

TERM 2

APRIL

Monday 14 April

**STUDENT
FREE DAY**

Tuesday 15 April
First Day Term 2
Scott Darlow Indigenous
Workshops at Leanyer
Campus T-5



Wednesday 16 April
3-5 Athletics Carnival



Thursday 17 April
Easter Bonnet Parade

Friday 18 April
Good Friday

Monday 21 April
Easter Monday

RECYCLING

We are continuing to collect a number of recycled items. We are collecting cans and bottles - envirobank orange bags are available from the front office. Once they are full please return to the front office for collection. A new orange bag will be given to your child in exchange for the full bag.

We have also continued to partner with Wondersoft again this year to help reduce soft plastic waste in our environment.

Did you know?

In Australia, only 18%* of plastic packaging is recycled. Which is why wonder recycling rewards was created. This is a fun and easy program for Aussie schools to recycle bread bags that might otherwise go to landfills and earn rewards points in the process.

Students are asked to bring in bread bags (any brand does not have to be Wondersoft) and place them in a box that will be kept in the front office.



Once collected, Wonder is going to turn the plastic into wonderful things like school play equipment. All registered schools can earn reward points to spend on new sports equipment, simply by collecting the bread bags and sending them to wondersoft.

HARMONY DAY

On Friday 21 March we will be celebrating Harmony day. This year the students are asked to dress in Orange. More information regarding Harmony Day will be sent out via TASS.

DISCO

Information about our PJ Party disco was sent out via TASS last week. If you haven't already could you please fill out the google form for catering purposes.

Awards

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

House Points - Current Tally



STRAUSS: 214



HUGHES: 204



LIVINGSTONE: 166



FENTON: 161

House and Special Awards

FENTON

Johnnie Talin
 Sophie Whelan
 William Barry
 Holly Newton
 Mahlia Rossborough
 Emerson Earle
 Braxton Burger
 Logan Trathen
 Willow Guse
 Lara Walker
 Sean Staines
 Chloe Fraser
 Jack Inglot
 Oliver Colley

STRAUSS

Arite Mohite
 Colton Thompson
 Leila Emmott
 Jade Brumfield
 Rueben Henriques
 Lincoln Foster
 Oscar Gibson
 Oliver Penning
 Finn Stewart
 Ngaire La Porte
 Amiyah Winch

HUGHES

Kamdyn Barnes
 Pearson Wharton
 Jennifer Low
 Olivia Sansom
 Heath Cole
 Logan Slarks
 Floss Cole
 Bailey Jones
 Romain Thielmanns
 Madeleine Kirk
 Eliza Crick

LIVINGSTONE

Pippa Jaeger
 Peyton Le Cornu
 Theo Patten
 Marlee-Jean Marsden
 Sowena Caddy
 Alice Reynhout

College Values Awards

<p>ELC Hunter Werthenbach Phoebe Fleming</p>	<p>TRANSITION Georgia Ploughman Seth Valentine Harriet Madden</p>	<p>YEAR 1 Ronan Nowak Patrick McKay</p>	<p>Year 2 Jamier Tengis Luca Ploughman Oliver Bowman</p>	<p>FRENCH AWARDS Elsie O'Connell Jamie Tengis Logan Trathen Lara Walker Madeleine Commons-Fidge Peyton Lecornu Kyal Backwell-Kononen Mahlia Rossborough Lincoln Foster Ngaire La Porte Emmett Muir</p>
<p>YEAR 3 Caden Patten Cormac Nowak Logan Trathen</p>	<p>Year 4 Isaac Harvey Euart Caddy Jack Trahair</p>	<p>YEAR 5 Elena Coppola Jase Hill Sidhant Mohite</p>		

Nurturing Lifelong Learners: The IB Learner Profile

At Good Shepherd Lutheran College, we are proud to offer an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP) education that places students at the heart of learning. The IB Learner Profile encourages students to develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes needed for success in school and beyond. These ten attributes guide children in becoming thoughtful, principled, and compassionate individuals who respect themselves, others, and the world around them

The 10 Learner Profile Attributes:

Inquirers – We nurture curiosity and develop strong research and inquiry skills. Our students love learning and continue to grow their knowledge throughout life.

Knowledgeable – We explore a wide range of subjects and engage with ideas that have local and global significance, developing deep conceptual understanding.

Thinkers – We use critical and creative thinking skills to solve problems, make ethical decisions, and take responsible action.

Communicators – We express ourselves confidently and creatively in multiple languages and ways, while also being active and respectful listeners.

Principled – We act with integrity, honesty, fairness, and respect for the rights of others. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

Open-minded – We appreciate our own culture and traditions while also valuing and respecting diverse perspectives from around the world.

Caring – We show empathy, compassion, and respect. We are committed to making a positive difference in our community and beyond.

Risk-takers – We approach new challenges with courage and determination, embracing change and innovation with confidence.

Balanced – We understand the importance of maintaining a healthy balance between intellectual, physical, and emotional well-being.

Reflective – We take time to thoughtfully consider our experiences, strengths, and areas for growth to support continuous learning and self-improvement.

Through the development of these attributes, IB PYP students grow into individuals who not only succeed academically but also contribute positively to society. As parents, you play a vital role in reinforcing these attributes at home. Encourage curiosity, model open-mindedness, and support your child's journey toward becoming a lifelong learner.

Together, we are nurturing young minds to build a better and more compassionate world!

For more information about the IB Learner Profile and how you can support your child's learning at home, feel free to reach out to myself or your child's teacher.

Rebecca Fletcher
PYP Curriculum Coordinator



From our Wellbeing Coordinator
Catherine Sansom
Learning Enrichment Teacher / Wellbeing Coordinator

My name is Catherine Sansom, and I am the Learning Enrichment Teacher and Wellbeing coordinator at the Palmerston Campus. I have been part of this amazing community since 2008 and taught Year 1, Transition and Year 3 before moving into the Learning Enrichment role.

My husband and I have a 6-year-old girl who is in Year 1 at Palmerston campus this year. In my spare time I enjoy watching sport (particularly netball) cooking, designing things on the Cricut and getting into the garden. I am an active member of the netball community in the NT and currently Chair of Netball Northern Territory.



Welcome to Adrian, our new Board Chair



We are delighted to welcome Adrian to the Good Shepherd Lutheran College community as our new Board Chair.

Adrian has a deep connection to Darwin, having begun his teaching career here in 1976. With extensive experience as a Lutheran Principal, system director and governance leader, he brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership to our College. His commitment to ethical decision-making is evident through his ongoing contributions to two national ethics committees.

During his visits to our campuses, Adrian was greatly impressed by our students, staff, and facilities. He looks forward to supporting and strengthening our community as we continue to grow and thrive.

Welcome Adrian - we are grateful for your leadership and service.

Bombing of Darwin Commemorative Ceremony



On 19 February 1943, 83 years ago, Darwin faced a devastating attack - the first of at least 64 air raids on the Top End, which continued for 18 months until November. The Bombing of Darwin left hundreds of servicemen and civilians dead, with countless others injured.

The Bombing of Darwin commemorative ceremony at the Darwin Cenotaph was a time for reflection, and a chance to honour the servicemen, servicewomen, and civilians who defended our country, those who selflessly helped others, those who endured the aftermath, and those who tragically lost their lives.

Good Shepherd Lutheran College Captains from all campuses, along with staff, attended the event to pay tribute to those affected by the attacks. As a mark of respect and remembrance, our captains laid wreaths on behalf of the College.

Good Shepherd Lutheran College is proud to participate in this annual event, ensuring that the sacrifices of the past are never forgotten.



College Chaplain

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

But Jesus said, "Those who hear the teaching of God and obey it—they are the ones who are truly blessed."

Luke 11:28 ICB



Introducing Our Teaching Staff for 2025

ELC

Kimberly Knibbs

As an early childhood educator, I am passionate about creating a learning environment where children thrive through play. Play-based learning is at the heart of my teaching, as it allows children to explore, develop critical thinking skills, and build social and emotional connections in a meaningful way.

With a Master of Teaching (Special Educational Needs) and a Bachelor of Teaching and Learning, I am committed to inclusive practices, ensuring that every child regardless of ability, background, or learning style feels valued and supported. I believe that each child is unique, and my goal is to equip them with the confidence, skills, and knowledge they need for future success.

Outside of teaching, I am a proud mother of three and cherish spending my free time with my family. I look forward to continuing to foster a love of learning in our young students!



YEAR 1

Jessica Keogh

I have worked in teaching in various roles, from relief teaching in high schools in inner Sydney, Primary school teaching in Alice Springs, to Preschool and Primary teaching in Darwin. I have been at Good Shepherd Lutheran College since 2019, and have called the Territory home since 2007. When I'm not teaching I enjoy many different air-conditioned pursuits including crafting, sewing, cooking and lifting heavy things at the gym. I have two sons in middle school, enough pets, many unfinished craft projects and never enough hours in the day!

The things I love most about teaching are working with students and sharing their curiosity about the world around them.



Transition

Deborah Fisher-Goldner

Hello, everyone! My name is Deborah Fisher-Goldner, but I prefer to go by Debbie. I'm excited to be part of the school community this year as a Transition teacher.

I was born and raised in Darwin, but life took me on an adventure when my husband's army career led us away ten years ago. After moving around, we're thrilled to be back and settling into the Territory once again. My husband and I have five wonderful children—two boys and three girls—who keep us busy and bring plenty of joy to our lives.

I've been teaching Pre-school for the past nine years, and this is my first-year teaching Transition. I have a passion for early childhood education and love helping young learners grow in confidence and curiosity.

Outside of the classroom, I love to travel and explore Australia. There's something special about discovering new places, from stunning coastlines to the vast outback. I also enjoy spending time outdoors—whether it's walking my dogs, bushwalking, or simply soaking in nature with my family.

I'm looking forward to getting to know the children and families in our school community. Please feel free to stop by and say hello—I'd love to meet you



YEAR 2

Jasmine Cendo

I am a Darwin local, having moved here from Queensland with my family when I was 8 years old. I grew up in the northern suburbs and now live in Palmerston with my own family.

After completing school, I studied a Bachelor of Communication and worked for several years in this field within the NT Government. I then completed a Graduate Diploma to become a Teacher. I have taught from Transition to Grade 5 between The Essington School Darwin and Good Shepherd Lutheran College.

I am married with two children; Harry is 9 years old and Charlotte is 11. We also have two red healers, Chilli and Mala.



YEAR 3

Riley Wauchope

Hello, my name is Miss Wauchope, and I am delighted to be the Year 3 teacher at GSLC Palmerston campus. Some of you may recall that I previously taught Year 1 here back in 2022. Over the past two years, I have had the opportunity to live and teach in London, United Kingdom, which was an incredible adventure that allowed me to explore many new countries. My favourite country to visit was Greece! With all that said, there's no place like home, and I am thrilled to be back. I am looking forward to having a fun and engaging year with all of you, filled with learning and growth.



YEAR 4
Rowena Kalikajaros

Many of you would already know me from previous years of teaching your children. For those of you who do not know me, I have worked at Good Shepherd for almost 10 years. I have three children of my own, but they are now all in their 20s. Two live in Darwin and one lives in Adelaide. In my spare time, I am currently studying a Graduate Diploma of Divinity through Ridley College.



YEAR 5
Rena Perryman

With nearly two decades of teaching experience, I am passionate about creating an engaging and supportive learning environment for my students. Throughout my career, I have taught year 1 to year 10, always striving to inspire curiosity, confidence, and a love of learning.

I believe in the power of hands-on learning, fostering mistake making, and helping students develop critical thinking skills. Whether it's through interactive lessons, collaborative tasks, or simply encouraging a growth mindset, I am committed to ensuring every child reaches their full potential. I want learning to be fun!

Outside the classroom, I enjoy camping, fishing and the simple things in life. Life is kept busy and interesting with a 2-year old in tow.

I am excited for another fantastic year of learning with students!



PE Teacher Will Meaden

My name is Will Meaden, and I am excited to introduce myself as the new Primary School Physical Education teacher. I recently relocated to the Northern Territory after spending two years living overseas in Ireland and the United Kingdom.

Prior to accepting this role, I cycled nearly 4,000 kilometres over 6 months, traveling along Ireland's west coast, around the outskirts of Scotland, and across England solo whilst living in a tent. Outside of teaching, I have a passion for camping and am an active participant in AFL, soccer, and tennis.

Looking ahead, my next adventure outside of work is to hopefully ride from Sapporo to Tokyo or explore the length of Aotearoa, New Zealand, from north to south. The photo of me is at the Derry/ Londonderry Peace Bridge at the finishing leg of my Ireland trip.

I look forward to being a part of the school community and contributing to the physical education program.

Thanks
Will Meaden





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Cnr Whitewood Rd and Kundook Pl
Howard Springs

Leanyer Campus

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Leanyer

Palmerston Campus

Cnr Temple Tce and Emery Ave
Palmerston

**Do you love our school
as much as we do?**

**Please help us spread the
word - we appreciate it!**

REVIEW



Top End Lutheran Parish

We welcome you to come and be a part of our community.
Our Sunday morning church service starts at 9.30am
14 Trower Road, Milner

Phone: 1300 TELP 00 (1300 8357 00)
Email: darwinlutheranchurch@gmail.com

Palmerston Campus
Freedom Property Community campaign
Vote for Good Shepherd Lutheran College Palmerston Campus
to give our ELC a chance to win \$1000 to put towards its outdoor
spaces.

Freedom Property is running a Community campaign for schools, offering a chance to win \$1000. The top 5 schools with the most votes will each receive \$1000. Good Shepherd Lutheran College Palmerston Campus ELC is participating in this competition and aims to use the potential winnings to improve their outdoor areas.

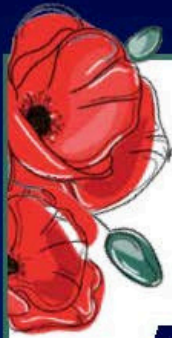
To support Good Shepherd Lutheran College Palmerston Campus:

1. Click on the provided link
2. Follow the instructions on the page to cast your vote.

Your vote can help the school enhance its outdoor spaces for students. The competition presents an excellent opportunity for the school community to come together and support their campus.

Here is the link for families to vote for Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Palmerston Campus
[Local Schools - Freedom Property](#)





Good Shepherd Lutheran College
invites families to our

ANZAC Service

Thursday 24 April 2025
11am start

Howard Springs campus basketball courts

Cnr Whitewood Rd and Kundook Pl, Howard Springs

The service will run for approximately 45 minutes. Please
be sure to bring adequate water and sun protection.

*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning*

We will remember them.

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LUTHERAN COLLEGE**

COMMUNITY • RESPECT • SERVICE





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GrantsNT.nt.gov.au



Does your child want to learn a language?

Students welcome from Year 1 - Year 12

We offer the following after-school language classes:

- Monday:** Greek, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish
- Tuesday:** Auslan, Greek, Indonesian, Italian
- Wednesday:** French, German, Mandarin, Russian
- Saturday:** Mandarin (10:00am - 12:30pm)

Join us in 2025

- Mon-Wed - 4:00 - 6:00pm ✓
- School pick-up service ✓
- Sports Vouchers accepted ✓

\$180 PER TERM

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Palmerston Junior Basketball Competitions



Palmerston and Regional Basketball Association

★ **Under 11s, Under 13s and Under 17s**

★ In these mixed gender league, we've tailored the rules to ensure a level playing field, focusing on skill development and fair play. Every participant, no matter their experience, enjoys equal game time. Our volunteer coaches also cultivate an environment of respect, teamwork, and sportsmanship, providing a space for young athletes to thrive and grow.

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Under 11s	Under 13s	Under 17s
Training: Thursdays 5pm Games: Saturday mornings	Training: Wednesdays 5pm Games: Saturday midday	Training: Wednesdays 5.45pm Games: Saturday midday
Current Term Dates: Thurs Feb 6 to Thur Mar 27 AND Sat Feb 8 to Sat Mar 29	Current Term Dates: Wed Feb 5 to Wed Mar 26 AND Sat Feb 8 to Sat Mar 29	Current Term Dates: Wed Feb 5 to Wed Mar 26 AND Sat Feb 8 to Sat Mar 29

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LITCHFIELD COUNCIL RESERVES

YOUTH WEEK

4-13th April 2025

Help us put out FREE activities for Youth Week
that YOU like and matter to YOU!

We want to hear your ideas! Please
complete a 2 minute survey through the
QR code below.





Save the Date

FIRST EVER BIOBLITZ at the Casuarina Coastal Reserve SATURDAY 29TH MARCH

A BioBlitz is a community focused, nature-based event aimed at engaging the local community to share expertise and enthusiasm for nature. Together with scientists, you can actively participate in conducting research and recording your findings.

More information coming next week on the Friends of Casuarina Coastal Reserve Inc website <https://fccr.org.au>



EASTER RAFFLE

FIRST PRIZE: EASTER HAMPER DRAWN TUESDAY 15 APRIL

Celebrate the spirit of Easter and support our Year 12 students as they fundraise to help with their end of year celebrations.

Support this great cause and win an awesome Easter hamper!
Grab your tickets today via this link -

<https://myschoolconnect.com.au/good-shepherd-lutheran-college-raffles>

Ticket options:

- 1 for \$3.00
- 2 for \$5.00
- 5 for \$10.00
- 10 for \$20.00
- 30 for \$50.00

