



2025 - Term 1, Week 9

## Reflecting on a Wonderful Term 1

Term 1 has been a time of rich learning, engagement, and growth. It has been an absolute joy to see students eagerly bringing their work to share with me, their faces lighting up with pride as they showcase their achievements. I have also loved spending time in classrooms, witnessing firsthand the curiosity, collaboration, and enthusiasm that fills our learning spaces.



An exciting development this term has been the commencement of the planned works in the Bureaucrat Place car park. Our ELC students, in particular have been fascinated by the diggers and trucks hard at work! I look forward to watching the progress unfold and am especially excited about the new play equipment and play spaces that will soon enhance our outdoor environment.

Throughout the year, classes will be engaging in the UR Strong Friendship Program, which equips students with a common language for navigating friendships and managing tricky social situations. Friendships can be challenging at times, and this program helps students distinguish between healthy and unhealthy relationships while developing skills to become confident and compassionate "Friendship Ninjas." There are also many valuable free resources available for parents on the UR Strong website, offering guidance on how to support your child in building strong, positive friendships.

It was truly wonderful to see so many families attending three-way conferences in Week 8. These conferences provide a meaningful opportunity for students to celebrate their learning journey, share their successes, and take pride in their achievements alongside their families. The joy and confidence students displayed in being at the centre of these conversations were heartwarming to witness.

Term 2 is also set to be filled with exciting and engaging events! Kicking off in Week 1, we have the Year 3-5 Athletics Carnival at Marrara Stadium on Wednesday, followed by inspiring workshops with Indigenous songwriter and musician Scott Darlow on Thursday. As the term unfolds, we will also celebrate Easter, ANZAC Day, Mother's Day Breakfast, the Junior School Disco, and much more! To stay up to date with all upcoming events, please keep an eye on the calendar in Parent Lounge.

We look forward to a fantastic term ahead!

## BELL TIMES

- 8:10am Head to class (NEW),  
for an 08:15am start
- 10:30am Recess play time
- 11:00am Recess eating time
- 12:30am Lunch Play time
- 12:50am Lunch eating time

**NEW! Please note the start of  
school bell time is now 08:10  
instead of 08:05**

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY

### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday 7 April - Friday 11 April**

Howard Springs M/S	8.00am - 3.30pm
Howard Springs Junior	CLOSED
Palmerston	8.00am - 3.30pm
Leanyer	CLOSED

Uniform Shop open Friday 9.00am - 12.30pm

*Wishing all our families a safe and restful break!*

## Upcoming Events

### TERM 1

#### WEEK 9

Fri 4 April  
Last day of Term 1

### TERM 2

#### WEEK 1

Tues 15 April  
First day of Term 2

Wed 16 April  
Years 3-5 Athletics Carnival

Wed 16 April  
ELC - Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade

#### WEEK 4

Fri 9 May  
Mothers Day breakfast

#### WEEK 5

Fri 16 May  
HSJS Disco

#### WEEK 6

Thurs 22 May  
Year 4 Camp

Front Office Hours  
7.45am - 3.15pm

Ph: 8983 0300 #1  
[admin.hsjs@ntschoools.net](mailto:admin.hsjs@ntschoools.net)

*Reminder: Assembly is on Fridays  
(of even weeks) 8.30am at  
Cornerstone Church  
Chapel every Wednesday at 9:45  
at Cornerstone Church*



### Continuous reporting

Throughout each term students are assessed on their evidence of understanding of their learning in Christian Studies, English, Maths and Specialist subjects (Physical Education, Music and Additional Language). Rubrics based on the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards, or the Lutheran Education Christian Studies Curriculum Framework are used for reporting to parents. These rubrics and teacher comments are used to give feedback about what students are currently achieving and a learning goal for future learning.



OVERVIEW **DETAILS**

#### Teacher marking and feedback

##### Listening, Interacting and Speaking ★

<b>Listening and Speaking</b>	I need help to share and extend ideas, opinions and information with audiences, using relevant details from learnt topics, topics of interest or texts.	I can share and extend ideas, opinions and information with audiences, using relevant details from learnt topics, topics of interest or texts when directed.	I can share and extend ideas, opinions and information with audiences, using relevant details from learnt topics, topics of interest or texts.	I can explain how I share and extend ideas, opinions and information with audiences, using relevant details from learnt topics, topics of interest or texts.	I explain and evaluate how I share and extend ideas, opinions and information with audiences, using relevant details from learnt topics, topics of interest or texts.
<b>Listening and Speaking</b>	I need help to use language features including subjective and objective language, topic-specific vocabulary and literary devices, and/or visual features and features of voice.	I can use language features including subjective and objective language, topic-specific vocabulary and literary devices, and/or visual features and features of voice when directed.	I can use language features including subjective and objective language, topic-specific vocabulary and literary devices, and/or visual features and features of voice.	I can explain how I can use language features including subjective and objective language, topic-specific vocabulary and literary devices, and/or visual features and features of voice.	I can explain and evaluate how I can use language features including subjective and objective language, topic-specific vocabulary and literary devices, and/or visual features and features of voice.

##### Teacher feedback

The yellow highlighted statements indicate the expected level of achievement for the end of the school year. Students could possibly work above the expected level of achievement in areas of learning.

The star above the statement indicates where students are often achieving at the beginning of the school year, as is developmentally appropriate. If students require support to achieve in the learning as indicated by the first statement, teachers will work with families to ensure that their child’s needs are being met.

Remember there is a whole year of schooling for students to develop their understanding of the concepts that are being assessed.

Please feel free to contact your child’s teacher for further information if you have any queries about your child’s learning.

Rebecca Fletcher  
PYP Curriculum Coordinator



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FENTON: 213



STRAUSS: 261



HUGHES: 275



LIVINGSTONE: 162



### College Chaplain

If you wish to contact our College Chaplain, Kyle Cantrill, please email [kyle.cantrill@ntschoools.net](mailto:kyle.cantrill@ntschoools.net)

“I mean that you have been saved by grace because you believe. You did not save yourself. It was a gift from God.”

*Ephesians 2:8 ICB*

Chapel is every Wednesday 9.45am at the middle / senior campus



## Transitions Celebrating The Very Hungry Caterpillar

March 20th is a special day dedicated to celebrating the beloved picture book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, written and illustrated by Eric Carle. This timeless story follows the journey of a tiny caterpillar as he munches his way through the days of the week, builds a cocoon, and transforms into a beautiful butterfly!

To mark the occasion, our Transition students enjoyed a delightful picnic featuring some of the caterpillar's favourite snacks from the story. It was a fun and engaging way to bring this classic tale to life and celebrate its enduring magic!





## Transition Bible Presentation

On Wednesday, March 25th, our Transition students were each presented with a Bible by Karen Weier, representing the St Andrews Lutheran Church parish.

Each year, the church generously gifts Bibles to our students as a way to support their spiritual growth and nurture their faith journey. This meaningful tradition reflects our shared commitment to helping children develop a deeper understanding of God's love and His presence in their lives.

We are grateful for this special partnership and the ongoing encouragement from St Andrews Lutheran Church.





## Harmony Day



This year, our school transformed into a vibrant sea of orange as we came together to celebrate Harmony Day, a special event that promotes inclusiveness, respect, and cultural diversity. Students and teachers embraced the spirit of the day through engaging activities, learning experiences, and plenty of fun—all while appreciating the unique cultural tapestry that makes our community so special.



Celebrated annually across Australia, Harmony Day is a powerful reminder that everyone belongs and that we are all part of a diverse and inclusive society. This year, our celebration took on an exciting new dimension, with students rotating through a variety of hands-on activities that offered meaningful insights into different cultures.

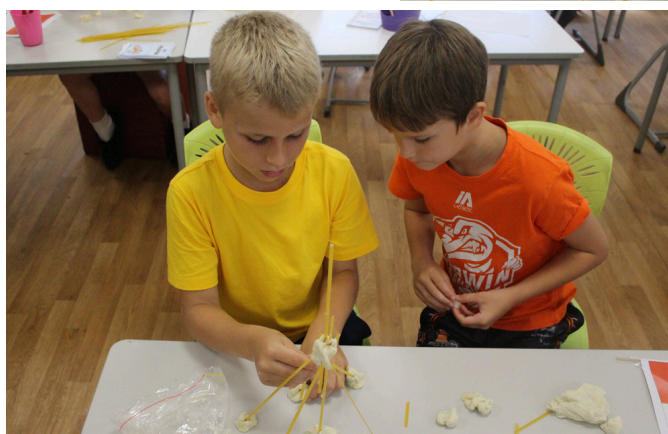


Throughout the morning, students explored traditions, customs, and experiences from around the world, deepening their understanding and appreciation of the rich and diverse communities that shape our society. It was a fantastic celebration of connection, learning, and the beauty of cultural diversity!





# Harmony Day





## TERIS Cricket Event

On Friday 27 March students from Years 4-6 attended the TERIS cricket event at Cazaly's Arena in Durack. Our students represented the College with pride and exhibited exemplary sportsmanship and teamwork competing against other schools in the 'Top End Region'. Our students were absolutely brilliant on the field! They showcased their skills, enthusiasm, and a true love for the game, bringing their best to every match. From amazing catches to impressive batting, they were determined to make their mark. But it wasn't just about the wins – it was their incredible spirit of collaboration, encouragement, and support for each other that really stood out. They cheered each other on, celebrated every moment, and showed what it truly means to be a team.

**We took out 2 top placings YAY!**





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## Year 5 Legacy

Last year's Year 5 students dreamed of leaving a lasting legacy, and thanks to the incredible efforts of our 2025 Year 5s, that vision is coming to life! Through dedication, teamwork, and a shared commitment to our school's value of service, we are working towards funding a giant outdoor chess set—one popper at a time!

So far, our school has raised an impressive \$102, and while we still have a way to go to reach our \$1,400 goal, the passion and determination of our Year 5 students and their peers from Transition to Year 4 are truly inspiring. Each week, our hardworking School Captains collect poppers and other 10c recyclables from every class, ensuring they are ready to be cashed in. This ongoing effort highlights what can be achieved when we come together as a school community.

But we need your help! If you have any recyclables over the holidays, please bring them in—every bottle, can, and popper counts! Thank you, students, teachers, parents and families, for your continued support. Your contributions are making a real difference and helping Year 5 leave a legacy that will be enjoyed for years to come!





## What has been happening in Year 1

The past few weeks have been busy with 1NW's Chapel performance and Harmony Day Rotations. 1NW performed Hosanna using recycled materials, We Are Australian using sign language and a few of the students joined Chaplain Kyle in a skit about inclusivity. For our Harmony Day Rotations we collaborated with Transition and Year 2 to "travel around the world". In Transition we visited Germany and made cuckoo clocks. In Year 1 we visited Indonesia and made shadow puppets. In Year 2 we visited India and learnt about Henna. Year 1 has started their new unit - How the World Works. This unit is about exploring how The natural world influences our lives. We are so excited for this unit as we get to explore weather, climates and seasons. We have big plans for this unit including an excursion! Keep an eye out for details via Tass.



## Living Our Values Awardees

### Emanuel Olagoke-4LG

Emmanuel consistently shows respect towards his peers and staff. He goes above and beyond to help with tidying up, including ensuring the Calm Room is properly packed away at the end of lunchtimes.

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**Harriet Toogood 4LG**

Harriet treats others with kindness and care, always offering encouragement and support to those around her. She contributes to fostering a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere by uplifting her peers and ensuring everyone feels valued. Additionally, she takes initiative in maintaining a clean and positive learning environment by assisting with tidying up shared spaces.

**HARRIET TOOGOOD**



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**LIVING OUR VALUES**

**EVERYDAY**

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# Easter Bonnet Parade

ELC - Year 2  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

8:30-9:30

Basketball courts





DANCING DESSERT BAR

# HSJS DISCO

GLITTER BAR FOOD

## HYPER THE CLOWN

16TH MAY 2025  
5:30-7:30PM  
HSJS BASKETBALL COURTS

Tickets \$5 with Sausage sizzle included  
Preschoolers and parents free.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

# Mother's day BREAKFAST

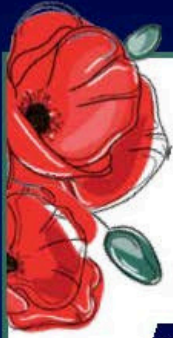
**9TH MAY**

FRIDAY - 7:30 - 8:15AM

HSJS BASKETBALL COURTS







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.***

**GOOD SHEPHERD  
LUTHERAN COLLEGE**

**COMMUNITY • RESPECT • SERVICE**



## Community Notices

Year 12 students are fundraising for their end of year Formal - with a delicious Easter hamper up for grabs!

Tickets from \$3 can be purchased online.  
Winners will be drawn Tuesday 15 April - just in time to celebrate the Easter long weekend!



**EASTER RAFFLE**

**FIRST PRIZE: EASTER HAMPER  
DRAWN TUESDAY 15 APRIL**

**FUNDS GO TOWARDS YEAR 12 FORMAL!  
PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE:**

[CLICK HERE](#)

## Top End Lutheran Church Easter Services

St Andrew Lutheran Church, 14 Trower Rd, Millner NT 0810

**Good Friday Service:** 18 April, 9.40am

**Easter Sunday Service:** 20 April, 9.30am - followed by hot cross buns and a kids' egg hunt!







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# URSTRONG SCHOOL

Creating a kinder world by  
empowering kids with friendship skills.

URSTRONG's whole-school friendship strategy has improved the social climate in schools around the world, connecting over a million kids, parents, and teachers with a common language of friendship.

URSTRONG teaches kids what's normal in a friendship and the difference between healthy and unhealthy friendships. In short, we teach kids how to become Friendship Ninjas.

Friendship Ninjas know how to put out common Friendship Fires® and how to combat Mean-on-Purpose behaviour by using their Quick Comebacks. Friendship Ninjas can get their friendships back into the Green Zone by taking steps to Talk-it-Out and they also understand that friendships can change and that's okay too.

There's a Friendship Ninja in all of us and URSTRONG helps kids discover theirs!

Discover everything URSTRONG has to offer and sign up to your included Parent Membership at [urstrong.com](http://urstrong.com)

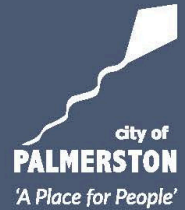


PSST!  
GET THAT GLOSSARY ON  
YOUR FRIDGE, THEN YOU CAN  
USE OUR LANGUAGE OF  
FRIENDSHIP TOO!





# Free event NT Youth Week



3v3 Basketball  
Water volleyball  
Skateboarding  
VR experience  
Free BBQ!

## SWELL POOL PARTY

- 5pm - 9pm
- Friday 4 April, 2025
- SWELL Palmerston



## RECORDING STUDIO EXPERIENCE AND OPEN DAY PIZZA PARTY, 10AM MONDAY



Drop a track  
Record a podcast  
Learn how to be  
an audio tech

- 9am - 12pm | 1pm - 5pm
- 7th - 11th April, 2025
- Gulwa Recording Studio,  
City of Palmerston Library

Open for ages 12-25. Bookings are essential!  
Contact the Library 8935 9999 or  
[library@palmerston.nt.gov.au](mailto:library@palmerston.nt.gov.au)



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# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS KIDS POTTERY COURSE

2 SESSIONS - 10AM TO 12PM

Thursday 10th, Friday 11th April

This 2 session mini course is a great introduction for kids to hand build with clay. They will learn to create, decorate and paint their very own piece of pottery!

Use your NT Sports Vouchers towards the course fee.



**STRICTLY AGES 10+**

Course  
Fee  
\$200

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## **Howard Springs Campus**

Cnr Whitewood Rd and Kundook Pl  
Howard Springs

## **Leanyer Campus**

94 Leanyer Dr  
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