



2025 - Term 2, Week 5

Upcoming Events

TERM 2

WEEK 6

- Simultaneous Storytime
- Assembly
- Year 4 Camp - Riyala

WEEK 7

- Dollys Dream Week
- College Open Day

WEEK 8

- Assembly

WEEK 9

- Kings Birthday long weekend

WEEK 10

- Assembly
- ELC -2 Sports Day
- End of Term 2

SAVE THE DATE - TERM 3

- Grandparents Day
- Year 5 Camp
- T-5 Swimming
- Swimming Carnival
- Science/ Book week
- Book Fair / Book Parade

TERM 4

- Family camp - 25 October

Refer to Parent Lounge for details

During school term:

Front Office Hours

7.45am - 3.15pm

Ph: 8983 0300 #2

admin.pcjs@ntschoools.net

**Reminder: Assembly is
Wednesday of even weeks
8.20am in the
Multipurpose Hall**

As we reach the middle of Term 2, it's a wonderful time to pause and reflect on the energy and learning that has taken place this term. From special visits and excursions to classroom achievements and community celebrations, what an exciting term it has been.

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Sansom from her long service leave. She had a wonderful time exploring Japan with her family, and while we're thrilled she had such a special experience, we are equally glad to have her back with us.



This term, we also warmly welcome Miss M, who has joined our Transition class as a Learning Support Officer. We are excited to have her on board and know she will be a great asset to our team.

Congratulations to Hamish Gotts Roberts on being selected for the Top End Regional Soccer Team – a fantastic achievement! We also acknowledge Jethro Gotts Roberts, who was named as a reserve. Well done to both boys on this recognition of their talent and dedication.

A big thank you to all the mums who joined us for our Mother's Day Breakfast. We hope you enjoyed the morning and the special gifts from our Mother's Day Stall. We trust you had a wonderful day and that your children made you feel cherished and celebrated.

It has been a busy and exciting term so far. Highlights have included the Scott Darlow workshops, the Years 3–5 Athletics Carnival, a visit from an NRLW player, and important road safety sessions featuring Hector the Cat. Our Year 4/5 students also enjoyed a valuable excursion to the Parap Bike Education Centre, learning practical skills and road awareness.

Thank you for your continued support as we journey through another engaging and enriching term together.

Please keep an eye out on TASS as there are lots more events and learning opportunities planned for the remainder of the term.

Vicki Trathen

Head of Junior School Palmerston

From our Primary Years Programme Coordinator

Empowering Young Changemakers: Understanding “Action” in the IB PYP

In the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP), Action is a powerful part of your child’s learning journey. It’s not just something students do—it’s something they feel inspired to take on when their learning connects deeply with the world around them.



Action in the PYP can be individual or collective, and it often grows naturally from the questions and passions students explore in class. It may start with a simple curiosity or concern, then evolve into a purposeful response. Whether it’s organising a classroom recycling program, writing letters to local leaders, or making lifestyle changes to reduce waste, every action begins with meaningful learning.

These actions are authentic and meaningful as they matter to the student; mindful and responsible as students consider the needs of others and the world; and responsive as they are driven by real-life issues and experiences.

And importantly, action can happen at any time—during or after a Unit of Inquiry, as a short-term effort or a long-term commitment, and may even be revisited and refined as students learn and grow.

The IB Learner Profile attributes—such as being caring, principled, open-minded, and reflective—are key to inspiring action. When students take action, they are living these attributes in real ways. They become internationally minded learners, recognising that their actions can contribute to a better and more peaceful world.

Types of student-initiated action might include:



Participation: getting involved in school or community activities.

Advocacy: speaking up for a cause they believe in.

Social Justice: challenging unfairness and promoting equity.

Social Entrepreneurship: creating solutions to local or global problems.

Lifestyle Choices: making personal changes that reflect their values.

While action starts with students, it is supported and strengthened by the entire learning community. Teachers guide, model, and encourage thoughtful action. Families, too, play a vital role by listening, asking questions, and helping children put their ideas into practice. Sometimes, adult support is needed to help make action possible or sustainable.

In the PYP, we believe that even our youngest learners can make a difference. By taking action, students learn that their ideas matter, their voice counts, and they can be part of shaping a better future. We love to celebrate action taken by our students, so please feel free to share actions taken by your child with our college community via your child’s teacher. We’re always excited to see our students make a difference and contribute to our global community.

Rebecca Fletcher
PYP Curriculum Coordinator

College Chaplain



**"The Lord does not listen to the wicked.
But he hears the prayers of those who do right."
Proverbs 15:29 ICB**

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

House Points - Current Tally



FENTON: 346



STRAUSS: 423



HUGHES: 467



LIVINGSTONE: 348

House and Special Awards

FENTON

- Archie Hamlyn
- Manuel Abban
- Jack Inglot

STRAUSS

- Asher Yang
- Archer Henderson
- Claudia La Porte
- Oliver Penning
- Kaiden Henriques
- Ava Griffiths
- Georgie Woldseth

HUGHES

- Lincoln McPherson
- Grace Rodger
- Molly Crick
- Isaac Harvey
- Eva Toll

LIVINGSTONE

- Georgia Jaegar
- Noah Griggs
- Harry Cendo

COLLEGE VALUES AWARDS

- Seth Valentine
- Indi Winch
- Jordan Hodgetts
- Thomas McKay
- Jack Inglot



SPORTS AWARD

- Ngaire la porte



**LUCY BEAR
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GSLC LIBRARY NEWS



We've had a fantastic start to the term in the library, with engaging lunchtime activities happening daily and plenty of books being read during Our library sessions.

As the holidays approach, we kindly remind all families to return their library books so we can begin Semester 2 with a refreshed collection.

Please note the following important reminders:

- All library books must be returned by Friday, 7th June 2025.
- There will be no Library borrowing over the Holidays
- If books remain outstanding, borrowing for home use will not be permitted.
- A library bag is essential for borrowing.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of Our Library.

BOOK WEEK 2025

Theme: "Book an Adventure"

School Dates: Term 3, Week 6
(18th–22nd August)

Activities:

- Book Parade – "Book an Adventure" Dress-Up Parade: Dress as your favourite book character.
- Book Fair - Tuesday 19th to Friday 22nd August (8.15am-3.30pm each day plus Open late Thursday 21st until 5.30pm).
- Competition - "Bookworm Jars": 3 to win.

"Book an Adventure"

Dress-Up Parade Date to be provided by HOS's:

Children's Book Week 16–23 August 2025	
Leanyer Date/Time: HOS to verify please	
Palmerston Date/Time: HOS to verify please	
Judging Criteria for the Dress Up Parade:	Description
	All Students and Staff are invited to participate. Participants walk around in class groups, in their costumes with the book they are representing.
Homemade	Is the costume homemade?
Best use of recycled or repurposed materials	Costumes that utilise sustainable or upcycled materials creatively. How unique and inventive is the costume? Does it stand out from traditional character costumes?
Connection to Book	How clearly does the costume represent a character or theme from a book?
Prizes: ELC- Year 5 (1 per year level) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Overall Costume: \$10 Bookshop Darwin voucher + certificate • Category Winners: \$5 Bookshop Darwin voucher + certificate All Participants: CBCA Sticker and 1 free entry into the Book Worms Competitions (3 to win)	

BOOK FAIR 2025

This year, we are thrilled to be partnering with **The Bookshop Darwin** to host our Book Fair.

This will offer a wonderful opportunity for families to support Our Library through a "Gift Registry," as well as to purchase quality books for home reading.

We are asking for Parent Volunteers to help set up and pack up Book Fairs this year please.

Needing Assistance on Friday Week 5, Monday Week 6, Monday Week 7 please.

Timetable for Book Fair 2025 Leanyer (with Virginia) / Palmerston (with Clare) Please book in your time slot by contacting Virginia in the Library 08 8983 0300			
	Friday Week 5 15th August 2025 Book Fair *Inventory received and unboxed	Monday Week 6 18th August 2025 Book Fair *Final touch ups	Monday Week 7 25th August 2025 Book Fair *Pack Up & Removal
8.15 am - 10.30 am	Name: Name:	Name: Name:	Name: Name:
Recess 10.30 am - 11.00 am	Library Closed for Students		
11.00 am - 12.30	Name: Name:	Name: Name:	Name: Name:
Lunch 12.30 pm - 1.00 pm	Library Closed for Students		
1.00 pm - 2.30 pm	Name: Name:	Name: Name:	Name: Name:
2.30 pm - 3.30 pm	Name: Name:	Name: Name:	Name: Name:

Please keep an eye on the next Newsletters for all information regarding our Book Week and Book Fair for 2025!

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of Our Library.

Kind Regards from Mrs Abercromby and Mrs Corvaia

Scott Darlow Indigenous Workshop



At the beginning of this term the Palmerston campus visited Leanyer for the whole day. We got to see musician, Scott Darlow perform his music, asked us questions, and taught us how to play the didgeridoo (the real name of it is the Yidaki). He told entertaining stories about his life and his culture. Did you know he can't eat emu because that is his spirit animal? Our favourite part was when he told his story about when he went camping. He told the story using words and his didgeridoo.

Other activities were planned where we got to interact and learn with the Leanyer students. It was fun getting to know new people.

Ava & Emmett



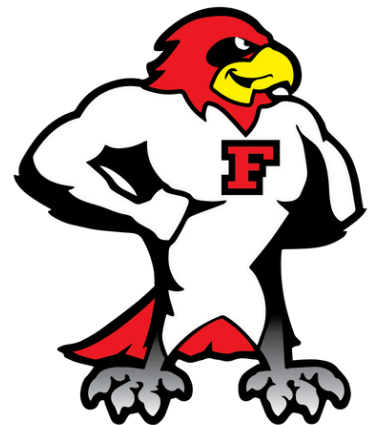


3 - 5 Athletics Carnival



Wow, did you see how well students went in their junior athletics carnival! There were amazing runners, throwers, and jumpers from all three campuses but more importantly excellent sportsmanship and participation. The girl in Year 4 dashed down the track in the 100m claiming the title. It was really cool to have the older kids selling gibbets with house mascots on them. Everyone enjoyed having the 100m house captain race. Did you hear the best team HUGHES won! Congrats to Hughes. It was well organised and so much fun. Good job to everyone who participated, we're hoping for another great carnival next year!

Magenta & Chloe





Easter Bonnet Parade



On Easter Thursday all students made their own Easter hats. They paraded their creations on stage and walked in a straight line so everyone could see. Students were all nervous and happy. Afterwards, the school did a raffle ticket draw. The best hat got a prize of chocolate eggs or a chocolate bunny. The raffle ticket prizes were chocolate eggs, chocolate bunnies, small bags and then a big straw picnic bag. Year 5 had chicken hats and other classes had all sorts of fun Easter hats.

Sam & Oscar



College Anzac Service



On the 24/05/2025 our Transition - Year 5's went to Howard Springs campus for a special ANZAC day service. It was a big service with all of the Good Shepherd campuses, to celebrate all the soldiers who fought and died in the war. At the service The Last Post was played, Stella (from the high school) sang a version of Khe Sanh, poems and prayers were said. The school choir participated in the service by singing "I still call Australia home".

Every school made a wreath for the ANZAC service, and the captains put the wreaths against a big cross to remember the sacrifice of people in the past and to pay our respects.

Amiyah & Madeleine



Lest we forget



Public Anzac Day Service



Student leaders across all campuses represented the College and laid wreaths of remembrance at Palmerston, Darwin and Litchfield Anzac Day services.



Road Safety with Hector the Cat

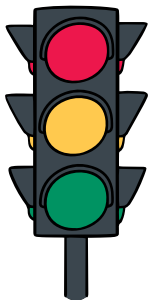


One assembly we had a surprise visit from Hector the cat. Hector's friend Chantel also came in to teach us about road safety. They both work at the road safety course in Parap. They taught us sayings like "Click, clack. Front and back" to remind us to wear our seatbelts. Hector bumped his nose once because he played at the playground all day, got all tired and grumpy and didn't put his seatbelt on. They taught us how to fit our helmets properly singing "Make it fit, make it click" and we were reminded to Stop. Look. Listen. Think before crossing a road.

We loved learning from Hector and got lots of high fives from him.

Jack M & Jack I

Road Safety with Hector the Cat

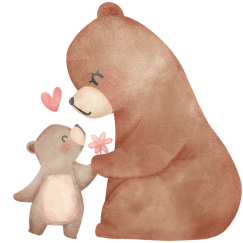


Mothers Day Breakfast

The Mother's Day breakfast was held on the 9th May to celebrate every single mum that cares for us and loves us. We had the breakfast so everyone's mum feels welcome to our school. Everyone got to enjoy delicious sausages in bread, bacon and eggs, muffins and juice cooked by the awesome parents and staff and refreshing beverages from the Luva Cuppa coffee truck. This was a small way for the school to recognise and thank all the special women in our lives.



Eliza & Jaydra



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Rugby visits year 3-5



In Week 5, Term 2 we had Shannon Mato, from the Gold Coast Titans visit the 3-5 students to share information about Rugby. She is a very successful sports star who has also played for New Zealand and Indigenous All Stars vs the Maori All Stars and has played for the Australian team and won a premiership. We got to play some games where we had to pass the ball around to each other to see who could pass the fastest and we had to run around and get into groups when a number was called. Shannon's main message was to be inclusive of everyone and to remind us that men and women can work together as a team.

Jase & Kaiden



Mothers Day Stall

On the 9th of May, we held the annual Mothers Day Stall at the one and only, GSLC Palmerston Campus library! Very excited students gathered to buy their mother's a special, heartwarming, lovely gift. It started with the tiny, little ELC class ascending to the BIG year 5's to buy wonderful gifts for their mums. Only some of the MANY things on sale were just as nice as vouchers for mums including tall wine glasses, cheese boards for delicious Brie and Camembert as well as air fresheners for the stinky kids after school! We hope you enjoyed receiving the awesome gifts as much as the students enjoyed purchasing them!

Elena & Sid

4/5 Bike Safety

On 8/05/2025 the Year 4/5 students went to the Parap Road Safety Centre to learn bike/scooter safety. The centre is set up as a mini town with roads, intersections, traffic lights and student crossings. We learnt how to indicate when on a bike and scooter, how to read road signs and what to do at them. Students got to play games like who can ride the slowest race and a caterpillar challenge. It was a lot of fun zooming around on the roads!

Maddy & Oliver

Talent Show



Have you been bored lately having nothing to do? Want to be interested, excited and amazed? Well then in Term 2, Week 10 Wednesday at 1:00pm there will be a talent show happening in the hall. Sign up sheets will be placed around the school. Year 5 students will be coming to all classes to make sure you have your idea before you have signed up. There will be first, second and third prizes. First prize will be a \$50 voucher, second prize is fidgets and third prize will be red frogs. The fantastic judges are going to be Miss Perryman and Miss Wahcoupe. If you want to practice outside go for it.

IF there are any questions go ahead and speak to Marley Woldseth, Amiyah Winch and Hannah Slarks. If you would like any help practising, come over to Marley Woldseth near the year five classroom and she will be happy to help you out anytime in school hours. If you want to have a specific design on your slide come and tell Hannah Slarks, and she will add it to the slide. I'll get a photo of you at a wall somewhere in the school and add it to the slide. We look forward to it so prepare for the GSLCP talent show!!!

Hannah & Marley

WIN a ride in a FIRE TRUCK!

Smoke Alarm
Action Day
1 June 2025

A working smoke alarm saves lives, and we're encouraging you to be smart and take part by checking your life-saving devices!

To enter the competition, snap a photo or video of your parents or guardians:

- Checking their smoke alarm;
- Replacing the battery of their smoke alarm;
- Cleaning their smoke alarm; or
- Placing old lithium batteries from their smoke alarm into disposal bins at Bunnings or Officeworks.

Comment your photos and videos under this post on the NTFRS Facebook page by Monday 19 May 2025.

The winner will be notified on Monday 26 May 2025.

For any questions email programrequests@pfes.nt.gov.au



All rides must be within the NTFRS
Emergency Response Areas.

Photos and videos will be shared on NT Fire and
Emergency Services social media platforms to
promote Smoke Alarm Action Day.



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& RESCUE
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FREE EVENT

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

SATURDAY 24TH OF MAY 4:30-6:00PM





- ALL FAMILIES WELCOME
- TENNIS & PICKLEBALL
- MINUTE TO WIN IT GAMES
- FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY MLA'S OF PALMERSTON

Alex Capili - 0427 999 452 | tennis@tennispalmerston.com

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 4:30pm - 5:30pm
 Tracy Village Sports Complex

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Howard Springs

Leanyer Campus

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Leanyer

Palmerston Campus

Cnr Temple Tce and Emery Ave
Palmerston



Top End Lutheran Parish

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