



2025 - Term 3, Week 5

Upcoming Events

WEEK 6 - Book Week!

Wed 20/8

- Trivia Night (Yr 12 Fundraiser)

Thu 21/8

- German DSD I Exam (written)

Fri 22/8

- Book Week Parade

WEEK 7

Mon 25/8

- 2026 Language Trip
Information Sessions

WEEK 8

- 2026 Captain Interviews

WEEK 9

Wed 10/9 - Fri 12/9

- Freaky Friday - College
Musical Performances

WEEK 10

Wed 17/9

- TERIS Table Tennis (Yr 7-12)

Thu 18/9

- TERIS Basketball (Yr 10-12)

Fri 19/9

- Swimming Carnival

On Friday 15 August, students took part in a successful Cross Country and Wellbeing Day. The day began with all students participating in the annual Cross Country event, congratulations to all students who took part.

Following the run, students engaged in a range of wellbeing activities designed to promote physical health, mental wellbeing, and positive social connections. Activities included external workshops, fitness sessions, creative challenges, animal encounters, and opportunities for students to unwind and recharge. We would like to thank Dollys Dream, Fairy Jill, ARC Fitness, PaRBA E-Sports, Top End Critters, Good Dogs, Sabrina's Reach4Life, CROSSFIT, AFLNT, LARA, The One Percent Program, Mind Your Paws, David Paull and RedFrogs.

The day concluded with a colourful and energetic Colour Fun Run, in which the students fundraised a grand total of \$8,745 for Australian Lutheran World Services. The event was a fun way to finish a day focused on community, connection, and care. A huge shout out to Phoebe Te Wake, Rani Clayfield and Cameron Burgess who were the top three fundraisers in the school, and to 6C who were the highest fundraising care group who have won a pizza lunch supplied by Mr Barnes and Mrs Trahair.

A massive thank you to all staff, facilitators, and students who contributed to the success of the day!

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College Chaplain

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"I can do all things through Christ because he
gives me strength."

Philippians 4:13



Cross Country

11 Boys	1	Gus S	15:35
	2	William N	16:32
	3	Benjamin M	17:51
12 Boys	1	Connor F	12:56
	2	Brendon J	13:09
	3	Walter P	13:44
13 Boys	1	Kingsley P	13:55
	2	Joel S	14:30
	3	Kai F	14:50
14 Boys	1	Jensen B	12:05
	2	Zac H	12:30
	3	Ethan V	12:40
15 Boys	1	Jack R	10:50
	2	Noah J	11:49
	3	William C	11:59
16 Boys	1	Owen S	10:55
	2	Will O	12:44
	3	Cary Y	18:32
Open Boys	1	Damien P	11:25
	2	Jamie H	11:37
	3	Blair W	12:01

11 Girls	1	Lauren P	16:14
	2	Olivia P	17:00
	3	Aubrey B / Abbey D	18:03
12 Girls	1	Akira L	13:45
	2	Iza R	15:40
	3	Ayla C	15:56
13 Girls	1	Imogen B	12:30
	2	Emily L	15:05
	3	Grace W	15:30
14 Girls	1	Mia W	15:10
	2	Ava R	15:30
	3	Marli M	15:40
15 Girls	1	Violet W	14:25
	2	Brylee A	14:35
	3	Anais R	14:50
16 Girls	1	Taylor A	14:42
	2	Alana W	16:18
	3	Lara D	16:32
Open Girls	1	Lara B	13:25
	2	Katelyn N	14:01
	3	Peyton C	15:14



Cross Country



Wellbeing Day



Colour Fun Run



Careers and Curriculum Expo



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at our Twilight Careers and Curriculum Expo last night! It was wonderful to see so many families and students dedicated to exploring their futures, asking great questions, and engaging with opportunities ahead. We are also incredibly grateful to our amazing staff and the external presenters who generously shared their time and expertise to make the night such a success!



UNIFORM SHOP: TEMPORARY CHANGE IN TRADING HOURS

CLOSED

Tue 26 August
Thu 28 August
Fri 29 August
Tue 2 September

REOPENING

Thu 4 September - regular opening hours resume.

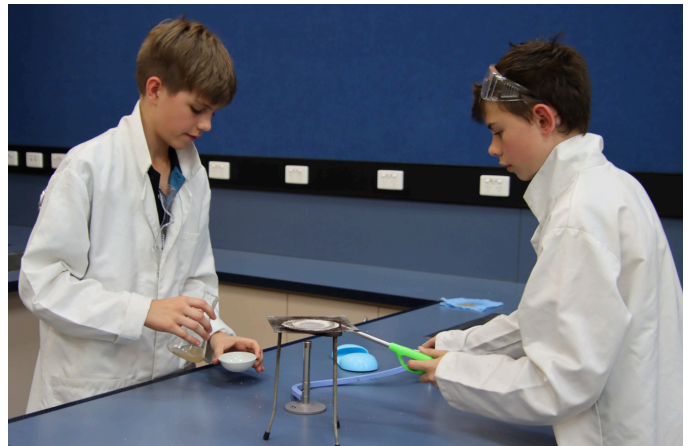
ADDITIONAL TRADING DAY

Wed 10 September



Science has been in full swing at GSLC this term, with all year levels engaging in hands-on investigations. Year 6 explored reversible and irreversible changes, from melting ice to the fizz of mixing bicarb and vinegar. Year 7 worked on separating mixtures, using techniques such as chromatography, decanting, filtering and evaporating to see science in action. Year 8 investigated physical and chemical changes, capturing gases and testing them to identify what was formed. Year 9 explored heat transfer, using the particle model to explain conduction and convection. Year 10 students took ownership of their learning by designing and conducting their own practical investigations in their chosen science electives.

Science Week was a highlight, with the whole school coming together for a Care Group quiz and enjoying Thursday lunchtime activities themed around Decoding the Universe. From curious questions to practical challenges, students were encouraged to think, experiment, and explore. It has been a term of discovery, creativity, and enthusiasm for science across all year levels.



Year 10 Humanities Excursion

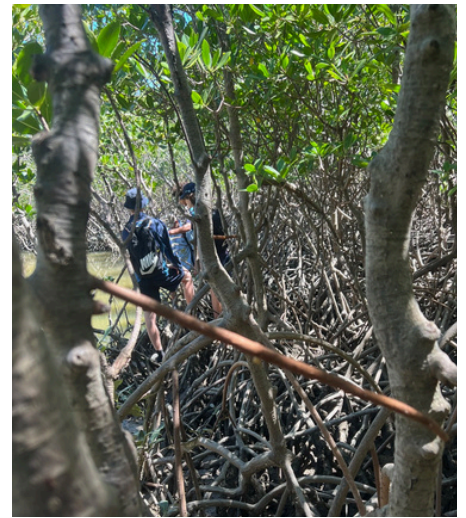
On Monday 11th August the Year 10 Humanities - Geography class took a whole day excursion to explore and investigate the mangrove ecosystems of the Darwin Harbour.

The first stop was Charles Darwin National Park. Students were able to walk amongst mangroves in the landward and middle sections of the intertidal zone, allowing them to see some of the adaptations mangroves have made to survive in this environment such as knee roots and pneumatophores. As well as this they looked for signs of a healthy ecosystem and saw a shell midden from the Larrakia people's gatherings that took place approximately 3000 thousand years ago.

The next stop was East Point mangrove boardwalk for recess and an enjoyable walk amongst the mangroves in the whole intertidal zone. Students were keen eyed here and many found lots of fauna such as crabs, snails, birds and mudskippers. The stilt roots were a highlight.

Finally, the class completed their field work observations at the Ludmilla Bay mangroves. A transect approximately 250 metres long was laid out and in groups, students 'leap frogged' along the transect to gather data in 1 metre quadrats. They recorded diverse mangrove species and other biotic elements visible at different points in the intertidal zone. Students enjoyed exploring the expanse of the bay with the tide out as well. A local mangrove expert, Dr Kristin Metcalfe, the company director and principal environmental scientist at EcoScience NT joined the students on the transect while they were gathering data to offer assistance and share some of her knowledge. We are very grateful for Dr Metcalfe and her hospitality.

As well as developing data collection skills in identification of mangrove species, students also gathered evidence of the health or stress of the ecosystems and their biodiversity, took photographs of mangrove adaptations and other features, drew field sketches and made other notes. Some students expressed that it was a really interesting excursion that they thoroughly enjoyed!



Beyond the Classroom: Language Learning Adventures

This term has been an exciting and enriching one for the Language Acquisition Department at Good Shepherd Lutheran College.

In June and July, two unforgettable educational trips took place to France and Germany. Students not only attended daily language classes but also immersed themselves in cultural and physical activities every afternoon. Weekends were filled with big excursions to nearby cities, giving students a taste of authentic European life. During their time abroad, our students had the unique opportunity to share classes with learners from around the world. They quickly discovered that not everyone speaks English and found it amazing to use another language to connect and communicate with young people from different countries. The lessons were highly engaging and interactive, ensuring that everyone was involved and truly enjoyed learning languages.

Many students also expressed how much they enjoyed the freedom and independence European cities offer, especially with their well-organised public transport systems, which allowed them to explore museums, galleries, shops, and local eateries with ease.

In Week 3 of this term, students from various year levels joined the Teachers in Action combined professional development and Languages Students Excursion. This unique event offered several short lessons in different languages led by NT language teachers. Students also enjoyed a first-class morning tea and lunch. A special mention goes to Ben McMartin, who actively participated in all activities and proudly showcased the passion for languages nurtured at Good Shepherd Lutheran College. The day was a great success, with all students engaging enthusiastically and having fun.

Looking ahead, a group of Year 9, 10, and 11 students are preparing to sit the prestigious German Diploma Examination (DSD) on 21 August. These students have been diligently completing practical tasks both in class and during their home learning. Some are striving to achieve this diploma to pave their way to further studies at top universities in Germany.

As always, there is never a quiet moment in the Language Acquisition Department – every day is filled with learning, cultural exchange, and exciting opportunities for our students.



French and German Trips

As part of the Senior School Languages Program, students recently embarked on 4 week educational tours to Germany and France. An unforgettable opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the language, culture, and daily life of these countries!



Student Achievements

We love celebrating the achievements of our students and sharing them with the wider college community. If you have any exciting news, accomplishments, or stories to share, please send them to: promotions@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au



Congratulations to Lachlan, who was selected for and recently played in the 2025 NT Rugby Union U18 Boys Representative Program at Kawana Waters, QLD! He's been playing since Under 5s and has always loved the game. Way to go, Lachie - your hard work is inspiring!



Over the school holidays, Isla and Taylor proudly represented the NT in the NRL U16s at the Australian Secondary Schools Rugby League competition in Townsville. What an incredible achievement to compete at this level!



Mia and Sia recently represented the NT in the Emerging Matildas Competition in Sydney! This flagship youth event in Australian football brings together the top teams from across the country to compete for the national title in front of national team coaches. Amazing achievement!

Book Week

HS Junior	Middle/Senior	Palmerston	Leanyer
8.30am Basketball Court	12.20pm Basketball Court	8.30am Campus Hall	8.30am Basketball Court

Come dressed as your favourite book character!

Prizes for most creative!

**Book Week
Parades**

Friday 22 August



Opening Times	Howard Springs	Palmerston	Leanyer
Mon 18 Aug	7.30am – 4.30pm		
Tue 19 Aug	7.30am – 4.30pm	8.00am – 4.30pm	8.00am – 4.30pm
Wed 20 Aug	7.30am – 4.30pm	8.00am – 3.30pm	8.00am – 3.30pm
Thu 21 Aug	7.30am – 5.00pm	8.00am – 5.30pm	8.00am – 5.30pm
Fri 22 Aug	9.00am – 10.00am	9.00am – 1.00pm	9.00am – 1.00pm

SCHOLASTIC

Book Fair

18 – 22 August



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7.00pm

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7.00pm

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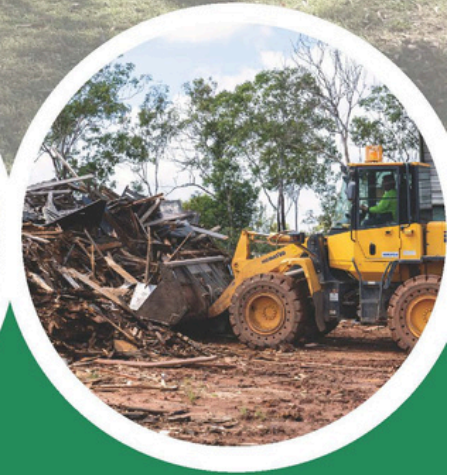


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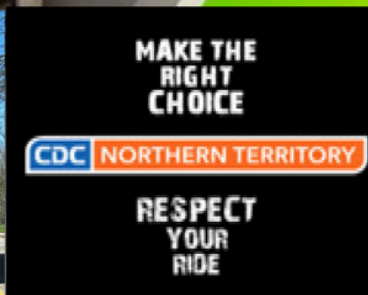


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