



2025 - Term 4, Week 6

The final term of the school year brings with it something truly special, more than just the anticipation of the holiday break. It is a time filled with joy, pride, and gratitude as we reflect on the remarkable growth and transformation our students have experienced throughout the year. From academic milestones to personal development, each student has shown progress, resilience, curiosity, and kindness. Every step they have taken, big or small, has contributed to their unique learning journey, and it is deeply inspiring to witness how far they have come.



Our Year 5 students are currently immersed in their PYP Exhibition, the culminating experience of their primary years in the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP). They are busy researching, inquiring, and gathering data as they explore issues that matter to them. Their passion, curiosity, and commitment are truly inspiring, as is the depth of learning taking place in classrooms each day. Over the coming weeks, they will begin refining their ideas, preparing to share their learning journey with families and the wider school community at the Exhibition evening. It is always a highlight of the year, and I look forward to celebrating their hard work and creativity.

This term also holds special significance as we look ahead to 2026 and begin the selection process for our College Captains. Leadership within our College is viewed as both a privilege and a responsibility - an opportunity to serve others and model the values we hold dear. As we discern our new leaders, we look for students who demonstrate a heart for service, humility, grace, and a genuine commitment to our College values of respect, community, and service. We are confident that those chosen will lead with integrity and compassion, representing our College with pride. While Term 4 often brings excitement for the holidays and the satisfaction of another successful year, it can also be a time of mixed emotions for some students. The prospect of change - new teachers, new classrooms, and new classmates, can sometimes bring uncertainty or anxiety. Our teachers are mindful of this and are working to support students in preparing for a smooth and confident transition into the next stage of their learning journey.

Finally, as we move closer to one of the most wondrous celebrations of all, the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we are reminded of the true reason for the season. Amidst the busyness of school life and end-of-year events, we pause to reflect on God's great gift of love and grace. The Christmas story reminds us of the light, hope, and joy we are called to share with one another, both within our school community and beyond.

I feel truly blessed to serve this wonderful school community and to walk alongside our students and families. As we approach the end of the school year, there is much to be thankful for and much to celebrate.

From our Primary Years Programme Coordinator

Year 5 PYP Exhibition: Showcasing Passion, Purpose, and Action

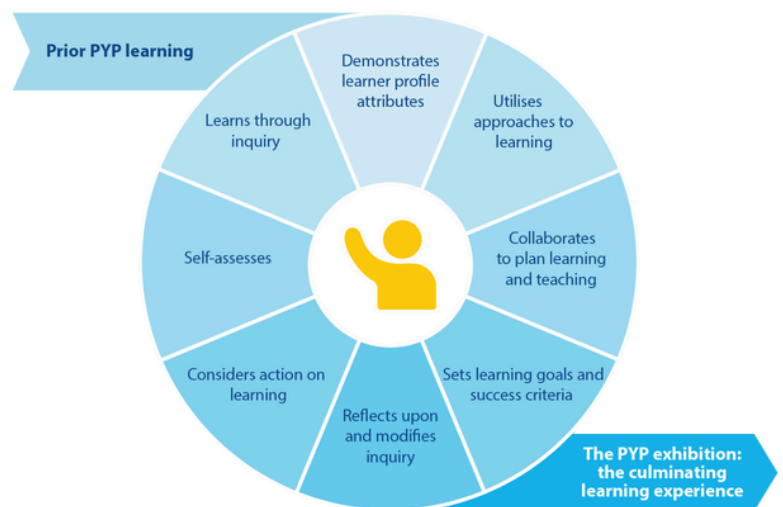
This term, our Year 5 students at Good Shepherd Lutheran College have been deeply engaged in their Primary Years Programme (PYP) Exhibition — a major milestone that marks the culmination of their primary school learning journey. The Exhibition gives students the opportunity to explore an issue or opportunity they are passionate about, using their interests as a springboard to demonstrate how they have developed and applied their knowledge, conceptual understandings, skills, and learner profile attributes. Through their inquiries, students investigate meaningful topics that connect to real-world contexts, showing how their learning can make a difference to others.

Working individually, collaboratively with peers, and alongside a mentor, students take responsibility for their own learning — planning, researching, presenting, and reflecting on their process. They demonstrate initiative, creativity, and action as they explore how they can contribute positively to their community and the wider world.

The Exhibition is a celebration of the whole learning community. Teachers, mentors, and families play an important role in supporting and encouraging students throughout the journey. Together, we celebrate the growth of internationally minded young people who recognise their ability to shape a better future for themselves and others.



Rebecca Fletcher
PYP Curriculum Coordinator



College Chaplain

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

"So if the Son (Jesus) sets you free, you will be free indeed."

John 8:36 ICB

Chapel is every Wednesday 9.55am at the Cornerstone Church

Upcoming Events

WEEK 6

Thurs 13 Nov
ELC and Transition
information evening

Fri 14 Nov
4-6 TERIS Netball

WEEK 7

Thurs 20 Nov
Year 12 Farewell Assembly

Awards Evening and 12
Year 12 Graduation

WEEK 8

Wed 26 Nov
Year 5 Exhibition

Fri 28 Nov
T - 5 Awards Assembly
Year 5 Final Assembly

WEEK 9

Thur 4 Dec
Year 5 Graduation Dinner

WEEK 10

Tues 9 Dec
HSJS Step-up/Orientation
Day

Wed 10 Dec
HSJS Christmas Concert
Last day of School for 2025



FENTON: 732



HUGHES: 1016



LIVINGSTONE: 697



STRAUSS: 934

Front Office Hours
7.45am - 3.15pm

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Letter Dress-Up Day Celebration

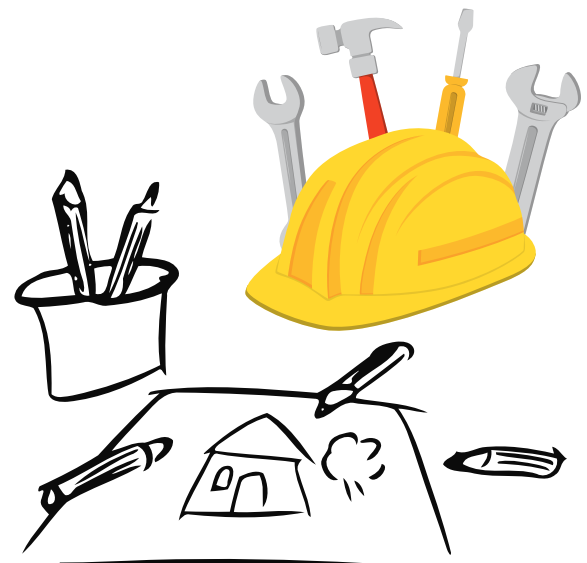
To celebrate finishing our learning of letters and sounds, we held a fun Letter Dress-Up Day! Children came dressed as something beginning with the first letter of their first or last name, and we were so impressed by their creativity and enthusiasm. From Ants to Astronauts, Spiderman to Super girl – our classrooms were filled with colour, laughter, and learning.

Throughout the day, we engaged in a range of letter-themed activities that reinforced our sound knowledge in playful and meaningful ways. Each child received a special certificate to recognise their hard work and achievement in learning all their letters and sounds. It was a joyful way to celebrate how far everyone has come this year!

TMP Construction Drawing



As part of our Unit of Inquiry, students investigated materials and their properties. We became eager apprentices as they explored our new playground. Together, we examined its design and discussed why different materials were chosen for each section of the playground and how their properties help keep it safe and strong.





1NW BEES

We were very lucky to have Miss Tolhurst lend us her drone to capture these amazing photos for our NT Young Scientist Awards poster. 1NW created a poster about saving bees, where we shared our learning and ideas for helping protect them.



BioEd – Fauna

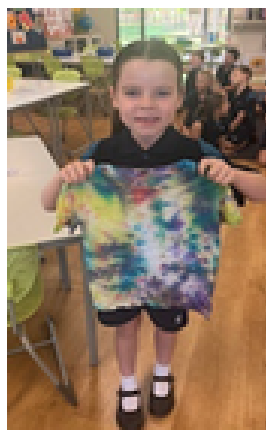
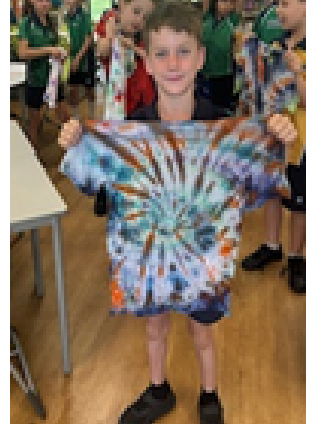
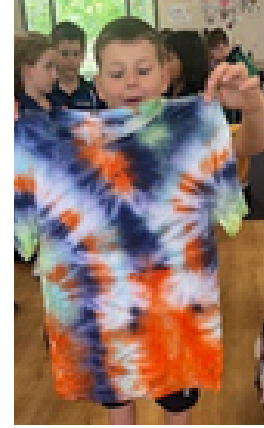
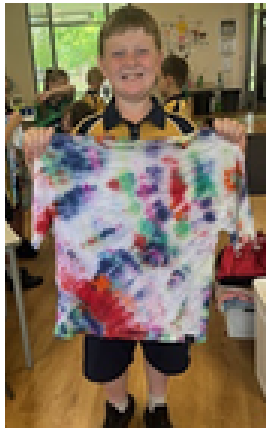
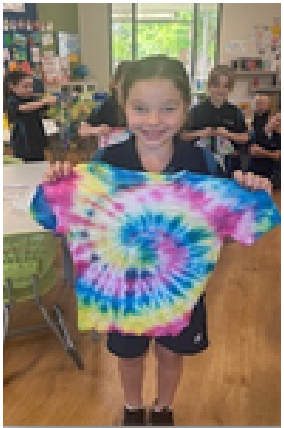
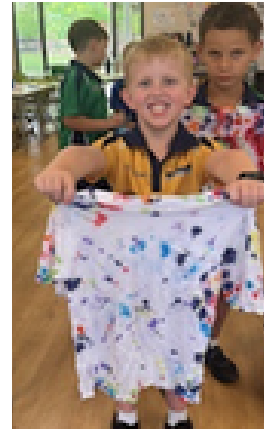
Nalani from Landcare NT visited us and shared information about wildlife animals in the NT. She also brought her baby sugar gliders, which we all got to pet. We loved learning about the different animals that we may see in our backyard or in the school yard.



Our buddies in 4LG came and shared their learning in science. We looked at the chemical changes and what happens when certain ones combine. We loved seeing this and learnt a lot!

2HS Tie-Dying Colour Fun

The end of Term 3 and the beginning Term 4 saw us exploring How We Organise Ourselves, in particular the processes products go through from beginning to end. Our culminating activity was to produce a tie-dyed shirt. It was like Christmas opening up our creations!



It has been a busy and exciting time in 4SS as we head towards the end of the year! In our Unit of Inquiry, “How the World Works,” we explored how weathering and erosion shape and change the land around us. One of the highlights was our earthquake challenge, where students built marshmallow and toothpick structures to see if they could survive a “jelly earthquake”! There were plenty of laughs, creative designs, and great teamwork on display.

We have now moved into our final unit for the year, “How We Express Ourselves,” which explores the world of media and advertising. Students have been learning about persuasive techniques using the mnemonic DAFOREST (Direct Address, Alliteration, Facts, Opinions, Rhetorical Questions, Emotive Language, Statistics, and Triples). They are becoming clever communicators, creating their own advertisements and learning how media influences the way we think and feel.

Another highlight this term has been spending time with our Year 11 buddies, who have been working with us as part of their PE assessment. The Year 11 students designed and led engaging and active lessons involving soccer, tennis, and netball. 4SS loved joining in, learning new skills, and connecting with our older peers through teamwork and fun.

It’s been a wonderful term so far, filled with creativity, inquiry, and collaboration. We look forward to finishing the year strong and celebrating all we have achieved together



Whats been happening in 5MS

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2025! Term 4 has been a remarkable and memorable time for 5MS as students brought together everything they have learned throughout their primary years. It has been a term filled with purpose, reflection, and celebration.

Our major focus has been the Exhibition journey, where students have demonstrated independence, curiosity, and maturity in their final PYP inquiry. Building upon their Term 2 unit, Sharing the Planet, and their earlier exploration of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, students have completed their own deep inquiries into global and local issues. Each learner developed a central idea, key concepts, and three lines of inquiry that showcased thoughtful questioning and a genuine commitment to understanding their world. Through careful planning and dedication, students sought out primary source information, conducted interviews, and analysed data to deepen their understanding. The quality of their research and reflection has been exceptional, and we could not be prouder of their perseverance and insight.

As we move toward Exhibition evening, excitement is growing as students prepare to share their learning and creative presentations with families and staff. This event marks both a celebration of learning and a reflection of the values they have embodied throughout their journey. Following this, we look forward to the Graduation Celebration and Graduation Assembly, where we will acknowledge each student's achievements and growth as they take the next step into Middle School.

In Week 4, 5MS proudly presented their final Junior School Assembly, 'Growing Side by Side', alongside their Transition buddies from TMP. The performance was a joyful celebration of friendship, gratitude, and hope for the future, highlighting how much our students have grown in confidence and leadership. Their encouragement and support for younger students truly reflect the school's core values of Community, Service, and Respect.

Throughout the entire year, the Year 5 Legacy Project has been a unifying initiative of service, teamwork, and leadership. From its beginnings early in Term 1, students have shown ongoing commitment to giving back to their school community. Together, the Year 5 cohort raised approximately \$500 to provide a lasting contribution to the Junior School.

Continuing the tradition established by last year's graduating cohort, this initiative represents enduring gratitude and responsibility, and their legacy gift will be appreciated by future students for many years to come.

It has been an absolute privilege to be the teacher of such a capable, thoughtful, and caring group of students. Their enthusiasm, creativity, and leadership have shone brightly this year.

I am deeply proud to have shared in their learning journey and to have witnessed their growth as learners and leaders. Thank you, parents and families, for your ongoing support. We look forward to celebrating our students' remarkable achievements at the Exhibition, Graduation, and Assembly as they continue to Let Their Light Shine into Middle School.

Kind regards,
Mark Spring

Construction



GIFTS OF GRACE



**GOLD COIN DONATION EACH DAY
OR \$5 AT START OF WEEK**

**DEC
1**

CRAZY SOCKS DAY

CRAZY HAIR DAY

**DEC
2**

**DEC
3**

CHRISTMAS DRESSUP

**DREAM JOB WHEN YOUR
OLDER**

**DEC
4**

**DEC
5**

**FAVOURITE SPORT TEAM
JERSEY**



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You're invited to the
Good Shepherd Lutheran College

Howard Springs Year 5 Graduation & T-5 Awards Assembly

Friday 28 November 8.30am Cornerstone
Church

85 Whitewood Road, Howard Springs

Please join us for the presentation of College Service
Awards, Achievement Awards, Minister for Education
and Training Excellence Awards and more!

*All remaining awards will be presented at the Awards Evening & Year 12
Graduation on Thursday 20 November at the Darwin Convention Centre.*

We look forward to celebrating with you!

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Awards Evening
and
Year 12 Graduation

Thursday 20 November
Arrive 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start

Darwin Convention Centre
Stokes Hill Rd, Darwin City

Please join us in celebrating our Year 12
graduating students, as well as presentation of
College Values Awards, Academic Excellence
Awards, Principal's Award, NT Board of Studies
Awards and much more!

**We look forward to
celebrating with you!**



**Christmas
Appeal**

**Donate
Gifts
& Food
here**



**Listed below are some items you
might like to donate this Christmas.**

FOOD

What to donate:

- Non-perishable items
- Supermarket gift cards
- Special Christmas items
- Food to suit kids & the elderly

GIFTS

What to donate:

- Gifts for all ages
- Gift cards
- Unwrapped gifts
- New items only

Give a new beginning this Christmas

RURAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS

HOSTED BY LOCAL CHURCHES

At Bees Creek Primary School, 20 Sattler Crescent,
Fred's Pass. Behind Fred's Pass Reserve

Saturday 29th November 2025

Opens 5.30pm for 6.00pm start.

Bring a chair and/or blanket!

Free tea, coffee and biscuits

Rotary Club Food Stall

Sausage sizzle, cool drinks and candles for sale



For more information phone Pastor Sharon Crook 0499 170 744

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How do you show respect to bus drivers?

Showing respect to bus drivers is just like how you'd treat anyone helping you—be kind, polite, and appreciate what they do.

- Say hi and greet the driver.
- Listen to their instructions while on the bus.
- Keep noise down and don't be loud.
- Sit down and buckle up.
- Follow the school bus rules for a safe trip.

Smile, say hello, thank you, and goodbye to the bus driver—these small things can really make their day nicer!



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Cnr Whitewood Rd and Kundook Pl
Howard Springs

Leanyer Campus

94 Leanyer Dr
Leanyer

Palmerston Campus

Cnr Temple Tce and Emery Ave
Palmerston

Christmas Services

Wednesday 24 December 7.00pm
Christmas Eve Carols and Readings Service

Thursday 25 December 9.30am
Christmas Day Service

Sunday 28 December 9.30am
Worship Service - the final one for 2025



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

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