



# Howard Springs Campus

Middle &amp; Senior Years

#lovemyschool

# News



Term 3, Week 5 2022

## Upcoming Events



- **Mon 22 Aug** - Three-way Conferences
- **Mon 22 - Wed 24 Aug** - Year 7 Camp, Group 4
- **Wed 24 Aug** - Three-way Conferences
- **Fri 26 August** - Book Week Parade
- **Fri 26 Aug** - PARRS Orienteering
- **Mon 29 - Wed 31 Aug** - Year 7 Camp, Group 3
- **Thurs 1 Sep** - Wellbeing Day & Cross Country
- **Thurs 1 Sep** - Colour Explosion Run
- **Fri 2 Sep** - PARRS Touch (MS)
- **Sun 4 Sep** - Father's Day
- **Mon 5 - Fri 9 Sep** - Duke's Camp
- **Fri 9 Sep** - Year 12 Retreat
- **Fri 9 Sep** - Walk My Way, ALWS
- **Mon 12 - Wed 14 Sep** - Year 7 Camp, Group 5
- **Tues 20 Sep** - PARRS MS Volleyball
- **Wed 21 - Fri 23 Sep** - Year 6 Experience, Group 1
- **Fri 23 Sep** - Last Day of Term 3
- **Mon 10 Oct** - First Day of Term 4

## Senior Years

In the Senior Years our focus has been on establishing good habits and study goals. Having goals that are specific and achievable are the first steps to success.

Commitment, effort and motivation to meet your goals is the second and I am proud to see our seniors working hard to achieve them. Consistent effort is essential, so that is about maintaining motivation across the entirety of the semester, not just at the beginning. Parents/caregivers can support their children and the College by providing a healthy learning environment at home, as well as monitoring and reflecting on feedback provided by teachers on SEQTA. Recently we have seen excellent community involvement with Year 12 Parent/Caregiver nights and our Senior Years Expo and Personal Project Exhibition. A big thank you to all members of our community for supporting these events.

### Dean Cummins - Head of Senior Years



## Middle Years

The term certainly began in earnest and has been loaded with many activities and events. Year 7's began their camp experiences in Litchfield National Park. These have been tiring and challenging at times, but students have found them to be enjoyable and a great opportunity to develop relationships with teachers and peers. We are certainly blessed in the Top End with incredible camping areas. The next round of camps include the Yr 6 Experience towards the tail end of the term which I know all Yr 6's are eager for this to occur, so parents watch this space for more information!

Three-way Conferences occur in Week 6 - an important time for parents and caregivers to meet with teachers and observe their children articulate their knowledge and understanding of their learning. It's great also for parents and caregivers to interact and clarify any concerns or issues they have. The learning process of students is central to our role as a school and as a community, our relationships are paramount to ensuring this is a positive and fruitful journey for students. I encourage all parents and caregivers to take advantage of this excellent communication avenue.

In Week 3 this term, the College underwent an International Baccalaureate Evaluation. This entailed a group of IB evaluators interacting with us remotely, visiting classrooms, talking with students, teachers and parents to gauge the degree to which the College complied with the expectations of the program. (continued over page).



## Upcoming Events



- **Mon 22 Aug** - Three-way Conferences
- **Mon 22 - Wed 24 Aug** - Year 7 Camp, Group 4
- **Wed 24 Aug** - Three-way Conferences
- **Fri 26 August** - Book Week Parade
- **Fri 26 Aug** - PARRS Orienteering
- **Mon 29 - Wed 31 Aug** - Year 7 Camp, Group 3
- **Thurs 1 Sep** - Wellbeing Day & Cross Country
- **Thurs 1 Sep** - Colour Explosion Run
- **Fri 2 Sep** - PARRS Touch (MS)
- **Sun 4 Sep** - **Father's Day**
- **Mon 5 - Fri 9 Sep** - Duke's Camp
- **Fri 9 Sep** - Year 12 Retreat
- **Fri 9 Sep** - Walk My Way, ALWS
- **Mon 12 - Wed 14 Sep** - Year 7 Camp, Group 5
- **Tues 20 Sep** - PARRS MS Volleyball
- **Wed 21 - Fri 23 Sep** - Year 6 Experience, Group 1
- **Fri 23 Sep** - Last Day of Term 3
- **Mon 10 Oct** - First Day of Term 4



## Middle Years - continued

It was an extremely busy week and a very busy 18 months prior, preparing documentation and information for the evaluators. The team provided us with an overview of our performance, with many affirmations of our work as well as some suggested areas for further improvement; details of which will be made available when they provide us with their full report in coming months.

A huge thankyou to all staff, students and parents who contributed to the process; your efforts have been very much appreciated.

**James Faraone - Head of Middle Years**

## - Science Week Fun -



Magnified shirt button

# Senior Years Expo - Thursday 11 August



# Year 10 Personal Project Exhibition



Livingstone Day - Friday 12 August



## Term 3 Achievements

### The IB Learner Profile



What a term it has been so far! Many wonderful moments and so many essential learning experiences well underway. Our Year 7 classes are currently **experientially learning** through Outdoor Education camps, whilst our Year 6 students have their camp coming up at the end of term. Year 8 students have just started their MYP Community Project in service of their chosen community, while our Year 9 and 10 students are delving into their future pathways through career and subject conversations.



One hallmark of this term so far, was our IB Evaluation which concluded with a virtual visit to the school in Week 3. This was an international audit and review of the implementation of our Primary Years and Middle Years Programmes, ensuring that as a school community we are providing programmes of learning that meet the standards and practices set by the International Baccalaureate Organisation. A deeply rewarding experience that allowed our school to deep dive honestly and openly, to reflect on the 'what, why and how', specifically focusing on the impact and effectiveness of our teaching and learning programmes on our students. The process takes approximately two years and every part of the College is open for review. I have the pleasure of reporting that the **evaluating team concluded that our strong curriculum**, recognised internationally for its breadth, depth and approach, and our dedicated school community of staff, parents and students ensure our College is "**a shining light of educational excellence within the Northern Territory**" (GSLC PSP Evaluation Report, 2022). I would like to thank everyone who gave up their time to be part of this process; your valued contribution has provided the College with a firm direction and important insights.

The second celebration of our students, came in Week 4 where, as part of the Senior School Expo, our Year 10 students hosted their Personal Project Exhibition; and what a display it was. **Through the Personal Project students take charge of their own learning**, giving them the independence to discover previously unknown talents and passions and seek opportunities previously not considered. Over the exhibition time, we had a large number of visitors come to view the deep learning and principled action that our Year 10 students had on offer. **Notes of 'wow', 'how were they able to do that?' and 'is that for sale?'** were regularly heard with feedback from their peers, parents and staff overwhelmingly positive. **Our Year 10 students should truly feel a strong sense of achievement and accomplishment in their endeavours.** Well done Year 10!



For all parents and caregivers, the next significant event occurs in the week commencing Monday 22 August (Week 6). During this week we have our **Student-led Conferences** for all students in Years 6 - 12. These conferences are an opportunity for our students to reflect on their Semester 1 goals, set at Three-way Conferences in Term 1. This process encourages students to self assess the impact of taking action for their own achievement and to refine, amend or extend these goals for Semester 2. Setting goals has been found to be one of the single most important. Discussing this with family members, peers and teachers all supports their commitment, determination, and perseverance towards achievement. I look forward to seeing students and parents over the two evenings on offer.



**Katie Cummins - MYP Coordinator**



## Endeavour Program

The Endeavour Program is a joint project with Melaleuca Australia held each year here at Good Shepherd. It engages with Middle School aged students from Melaleuca and Senior School students from our College.

Through a range of activities including sport, music and creative arts, relationships are fostered and grown. This is the true purpose along with creating an understanding that diversity is something to celebrate.



[https://  
melaleuca.org.au/](https://melaleuca.org.au/)



## Endeavour Week - Year 9 and 10 Camps

Year 10 students loved their camp at Nitmiluk Gorge - especially the sunrise hike.

Year 9 Umbrawarra hike - four days hiking through the beautiful gorge. Students were challenged by water crossings, cooking food, erecting tents, mountain bike riding. Mrs Martin was utterly impressed with our students who demonstrated outstanding perseverance and compassion towards their peers. We are very proud of you all!



## Good Shepherd's Got Talent - Friday 24 June



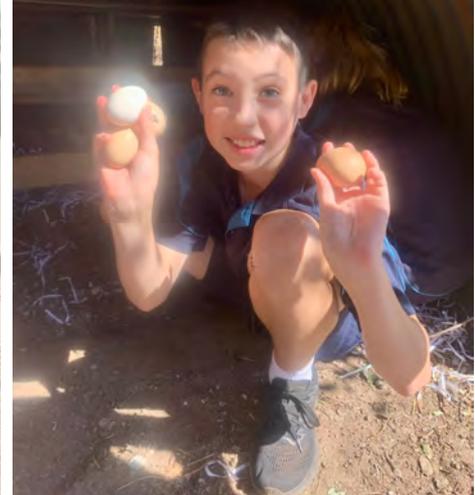
## Royal Darwin Show

Good Shepherd was delighted to hold a stall in Foskey Pavilion during the three-day Royal Darwin Show. It's always wonderful meeting new families and many young people, as well as members of our community. Our Middle School Choir sang two songs at the Bandstand area on Saturday 23 July. They were absolutely marvellous. Thank you to all who came along, including your families. Thank you so much to Choirmaster extraordinaire, Mrs Laura Llewellyn.



## Year 6 Creator Space

Year 6 Creator Space students have commenced an exciting unit titled 'War on Waste'. They will explore how everything is connected between humans and their environments. Students have learnt how the school chickens are an important part of the College with the use of kitchen scraps and egg production. The students collected bottle tops from the recycling system which they will use for a creative project later this term.



YOU ARE MY REFUGE  
AND MY SHIELD;  
I HAVE PUT MY HOPE IN

*Your Word.*

PSALM 119:114



## School Run4Fun

Middle and Senior School students will participate in a Colour Explosion School Run 4 Fun on **Thursday 1 September**. Fundraising for this event has opened and Years 6-9 students have received a sponsorship booklet. There are many wonderful prizes students can attain through their individual fundraising.

The College also benefits from this event and it has been decided that these funds go to **Australian Lutheran World Service, (ALWS)** to support the incredible work they do in Australia and overseas. We are delighted that our Middle and Senior School students wished to support this organisation. Service truly in action.

Students can see Mrs Peta Trahair should further information or assistance be required. [#schoolrun4fun](#) [#FunRun](#) [#australianfundraising](#) [#fundraising](#) [#colourexplasion](#)



In many places it is now unlawful to play Yahtzee with squirrels.



## Staff Professional Development

A retreat was held for all Good Shepherd staff on Monday 18 July at the Darwin Turf Club. It was a wonderful day, and we were extremely grateful to Pastor Adrian Kitson for joining us from St Petri Lutheran Church in Nuriootpa SA.

Good Shepherd service awards were presented to many staff; in recognition of 5, 10 and 20 years service. We thanked Mrs Heather Vogt for providing outstanding service as Acting Principal for the past six months. We also said farewell to Mrs Lynne Pokela who has been at Good Shepherd since 2004. We wish you both all the very best Heather and Lynne and look forward to hearing about your new adventures.

We were all extremely chuffed to be joined at midday by a most inquisitive Black-necked Stork (Jabiru) - he tried very hard to get through the window. We were even more surprised to see another two of these amazing birds on the racing track!



# #lovemyschool

## College Website, App, Facebook & Instagram

Don't forget to check these sources of information from time to time. Events and news articles are added to the College website and App regularly:

[www.goodshepherd.nt.edu.au](http://www.goodshepherd.nt.edu.au)

### College App

[Good Shepherd Lutheran College NT](#)

### Facebook

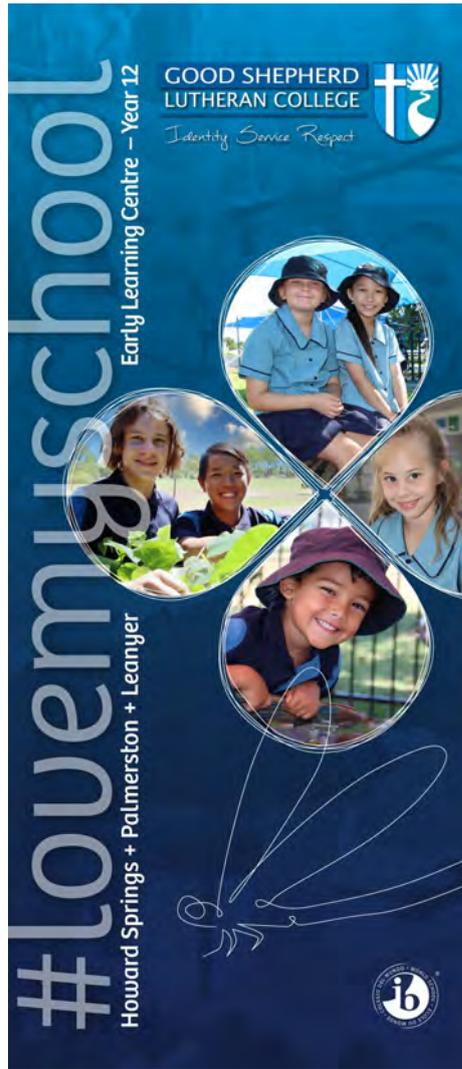
<https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdNT/>

### Careers Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/gslccareers/>

### Instagram

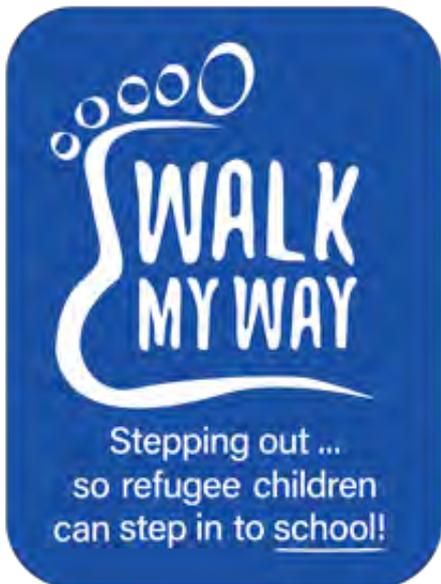
<https://www.instagram.com/goodshepnt/>



## 'Walk My Way' - Friday 9 September

Walk My Way is a walking challenge that gives you the chance to join with friends - and raise money to support refugee kids to go to school at the same time. Every \$26.00 raised can help a refugee child go to school for a whole year! Walk My Way is organised by the Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS), the Lutheran church's aid and development agency. Your walk shows the wider community our church's love in action.

A Signmee notice with more information has been sent to families of all Year 6-12 students. The walk will occur on **Friday 9 September**, with students walking from our Leanyer Campus to the Howard Springs Campus. There are other options should students not wish to do the walk. <https://walkmyway.org.au/>



# Good Shepherd and St Andrew Lutheran Church

## - Worship Services -

\* St Andrew Lutheran Church, Nightcliff - Sunday, 8.30am

\* Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Howard Springs Campus Chapel - Sunday, 10.30am

For further information, please call: **8932 4444** or visit the Top End Lutheran Parish website:

<http://darwinlutheranchurch.org.au>



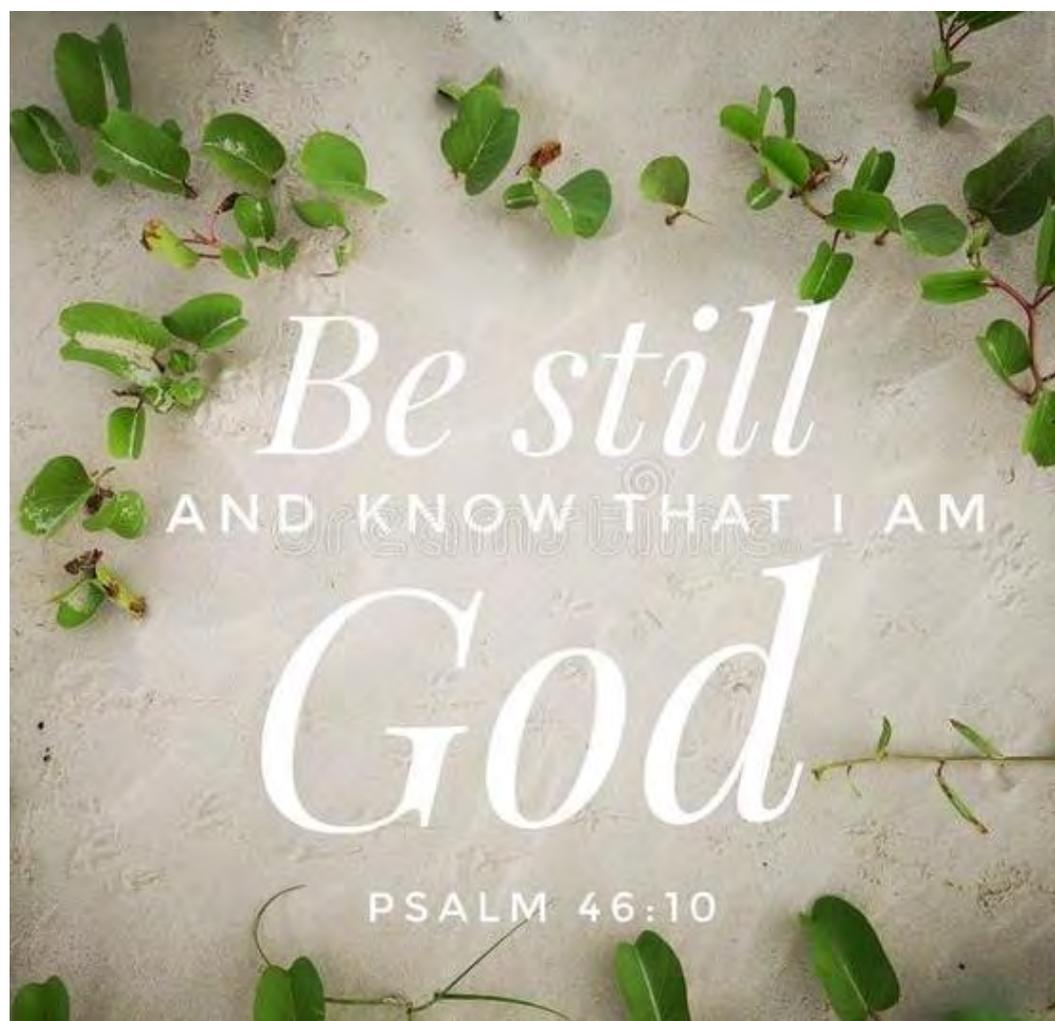
**LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

OF AUSTRALIA

*where love comes to life*



[https://  
www.facebook.com/  
LuthEdAus/](https://www.facebook.com/LuthEdAus/)



## Where Are They Now? - Connor Marshall

"I'm Connor Marshall and was in the graduating class of 2018 at Good Shepherd Lutheran College. My time at GSLC culminated with achieving the highest ATAR in the NT in 2018 through hard work, the support of my family and cheerfulness of my then girlfriend, Tyla. Achieving this was incredible, though the best part was the relief that I was guaranteed a path to my dreams.

Since leaving school and moving to Melbourne I have been committed to reaching two milestones, get married to my middle school sweetheart, Tyla, and start my career in aerospace engineering. I am proud to say that I have met both with a year and a half until I graduate my Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)/Bachelor of Science double degree at Monash University.

During 2019 and 2020 I focused on my university studies and experiences joining Monash Unmanned Aerial Systems (MUAS) student team and participating in ultimate frisbee, residential hall activities, and church groups. This was a great way to forge friendships and become part of the Monash and Lutheran communities. MUAS in particular developed my teamwork while designing, manufacturing and testing large drones for humanitarian purposes (eg. search and rescue, medical delivery, remote communication). I made headway in my aerospace engineering specialisation, my mathematics major, and physics minor aiming to become a research and design engineer in aircraft aerodynamics.

Before long, I secured an ongoing internship with the Australian Government as an aerodynamic test engineer in 2021. My role was supporting research in the defence wind tunnels through instrument testing and project support. My dream job in many ways, this work has surrounded me with the knowledge and support to start my career strongly.

I reached my second goal in July 2022 marrying Tyla in the Dandenong Ranges surrounded by the love and excitement of both our families. 7 years in the making, it was the best day of my life.

While I can only share the most significant moments, there are many more. Combined, they have led me to where I am now and I couldn't be more grateful.

Stay safe.

Connor".



Dreaming  
with eyes  
open...

# Book WEEK

WEEK 6

Friday 26th August 2022

Please come dressed as your  
favourite book character.

MS/SS Parade at Lunchtime - Basketball Court  
Prizes for Most Creative



Middle and Senior School students will participate in a Colour Explosion School Run4Fun on **Thursday 1 September**.

Parents should have received a Signmee notice with information on this exciting event. Fundraising for this event has opened and Years 6-9 students have received a sponsorship booklet. There are many wonderful prizes students can attain through individual fundraising.

The College also benefits from this event and it has been decided that these funds go to Australian Lutheran World Service, (ALWS) to support the incredible work they do in Australia and overseas. We are delighted that our Middle and Senior School students wished to support this organisation. Service truly in action. Well done and thank you everyone!

Students can see Mrs Peta Trahair should further information or assistance be required.

