EAST TIMOR SERVICE PROJECT
DECEMBER 2013
It is exciting that nearly all students gained their first preference who applied for University entrance have now received their offers. All of the students who achieved the highest ATAR score for the College have been successful in gaining their NTCET. I would particularly like to Congratulate Katie年的学生 for their hard work that led them to achieve excellent results. I would especially like to thank Maria Denholm the PYP and Junior School Curriculum Coordinator for her outstanding achievement in leading the staff through the implementation process.

Year 12 results 2013.
Our Year 12 results for 2013 were wonderful and I congratulate all the Year 12 students for their hard work that led them to achieve these excellent results. I would particularly like to Congratulate Kate Minerds who achieved the highest ATAR score for the College and has therefore received the award as Dux of the College. All Year 12 students were successful in gaining their NTCET. All of the students who applied for University entrance have now received their offers. It is exciting that nearly all students gained their first preference in the first round of offers. We have graduates doing the following undergraduate degrees:

- Bachelor of Behaviour Science Flinders University
- Bachelor of Education and Music Macquarie University
- Bachelor of Arts Journalism Monash University
- Bachelor of Business University of WA
- Bachelor of Journalism and Bachelor of International Relations University of SA
- Bachelor of Education Flinders University
- Bachelor of Education CDU
- Bachelor of Engineering Swindon
- Bachelor of Biological Science Deakin University
- Bachelor of Science CDU
- Bachelor of Heath Science and Master of Physiotherapy Flinders University
- Bachelor of IT CDU
- Bachelor of Science Sports Science Edith Cowen University WA
- Bachelor of Education Ballarat University

Those students who undertook the Work Ready program also achieved outstanding results. All these students also achieved their NTCET and students have been accepted into the following full-time apprenticeships and employment:

- Diesel Fitting - Hastings Deering
- Electrician - ISAS
- Electrician - Power and Water
- Electrician - Kentz
- Refrigeration - BOOG Air
- Business Administration - Sunbuild
- IT - Ategra
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You are invited to a meeting of all College Parents on Monday, 10 February 2014, at 6.30 pm at the Howard Springs Campus.

The purpose of this meeting is to meet with Mr Barry Kahl who has been contracted by the Lutheran Schools Association to look into the provision of Lutheran Education in the Top End of the Northern Territory.

Kind Regards
Julian Denholm
College Principal
A reminder to all students at the Junior Campus that at Chapel every Wednesday there is an offering made to support our World Vision sponsor child - Aman.

Students are encouraged to bring along some money which is given to their teacher before heading into Chapel where each class then takes their offering up to the alcove.
A warm ‘welcome back’ to all students and in particular those new to GSLC. Amidst some particularly damp weather and the inevitable unforeseen challenges at the start of a new year, students and teachers have quickly settled into very productive learning and there is a purposeful feeling around the Senior School and College.

On Thursday night in week 1, we held the first of our information evenings, specifically for parents and students in year 12. In week 2 there will be an evening dedicated to year 10 students and families and in week 3, year 11 students will be catered for. All of these events are held on the Thursday nights, from 6-8pm in the Senior School building (letters have been sent home last week and information is available on the College website).

We all know that to a large degree, student success at school comes down to the motivation, effort and application of the student to their studies, both in class and at home. What is less recognized is the significant influence and support that can be generated by the partnership between the College, families and the students and the positive impact that this can have on student grades.

Formal events such as information evenings, parent/teacher interviews, career planning interviews as well as informal meetings, phone calls, emails and other communications provide the basis for sharing information, clarifying understandings, making good decisions, managing workload and stress, and formulating coordinated approaches to supporting student learning. In the 5 years that we have been operating Senior School at Good Shepherd, we have records that clearly show that the students who have experienced some difficulties in Senior School also did not take attend and benefit from these types of events. On the positive side, we know that students and families who are involved in these events are able to apply their efforts more purposefully, adapt to changes and challenges more easily, experience less stress and in the majority of cases, have achieved the educational and career goals they have set for themselves.

Students are very fortunate to have access to a highly skilled, experienced and motivated team of specialists and teachers in the Senior School, who can support and advise students and families to make the best decisions and get the best outcomes from their time at Good Shepherd. Please use the information evenings in the coming weeks to establish relationships with these people so that we can work together to make this a very successful year for our students.

Sincerely
Darren Boyce
Head of Senior School

Senior School Information Evenings

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Upcoming Dates:

- **Army Officer (RMC) Information Session – 5 February**
  The Army Officer (RMC) Information Session is a perfect opportunity to learn about what it takes to be a leader in the Australian Army as well as specific information on the requirements to join.

- **Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Information Session – 12 February**
  The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) is a unique university where you’ll be paid a salary to study a degree from the University of New South Wales (UNSW) while enjoying the great facilities and vibrant lifestyle on campus while you learn to become an officer in Australia’s Navy, Army or Air Force.

- **Army Pilot Facebook Chat – 13 February**
  If you’ve ever thought about becoming a pilot, here’s your opportunity to talk directly to the men and women who fly Australia’s most advanced helicopters. It’s a role that sees these Aviation Corps Officers carrying out a wide range of important tasks - from search and rescue, relief operations, and the transport of Army personnel. The chat will be held right here on Thursday 13 February. In the meantime find out more about this role by visiting [http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/flyarmy/](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/flyarmy/)

- **ADFA Facebook Chat – 27 February**
  Are you currently thinking about joining the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) or just want to find out more? Chat with midshipmen and officer cadets to learn about their experiences, life at ADFA and how they find balancing military training with their university study. The live chat will be held right here on Thursday 27 February. 6:30pm to 8pm AEDT. In the meantime, visit our website to find out more information [http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/Adfa/](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/Adfa/)

- **Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Information Session with UNSW representative – 13 March**
  The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) is a unique university where you’ll be paid a salary to study a degree from the University of New South Wales (UNSW) while enjoying the great facilities and vibrant lifestyle on campus while you learn to become an officer in Australia’s Navy, Army or Air Force. Please join Defence Force Recruiting and Vanessa Dawson (ADFA, Student Recruitment) for this extremely important information session for anybody interested in attending ADFA.

My role is to coordinate VET/VETis, liaise with employers and Registered Training Organisations, support our School Based Apprentices, facilitate work experience and provide formal career counselling. We are also blessed to have the help and expertise of Michelle Ormsby who will continue to work part-time in the Pathways Office this year.

During the coming weeks I hope to meet many more students and parents. If you would like to set up a time to meet with me or have any questions, please email me anita.synnott@ntschools.net or ring 8983 0300.

If you are a business owner and you are open to hosting a student for work experience, please contact me so that I can add you to our ‘bank’ of Host Employers. Alternatively, if you would just like more information about our Work Experience program, please contact me.

In the next few newsletters I am hoping to showcase some of the amazing achievements made by our students, so stay tuned for some great stories!

Serving together,
Anita Synnott
Often when you walk into a school you get a 'feel' for what is important for the members of the school community. At Good Shepherd the things that are important to us are that students aspire to achieve and be the best they can; our staff provide students with experiences of excellence in learning and pastoral care; and together we use the gifts and abilities we have to serve the communities we are part of.

As I have spent time over the past week walking around and into the classes these aspirations have been evident. Students have come to school ready to learn and have immersed themselves in the classroom learning environment. I have heard conversations about William the Conqueror and Charlemagne, I have heard students discussing the meaning of infinite space, classes have prepared montages of their identity and what makes them unique, and others have begun to research scientific discoveries that have changed the way we live.

Our staff were involved in a week of Professional Development in the week before the students began school for the year and attended a presentation on future trends in Australia, in particular how technology is changing the way we work and interact. We also had visiting presenters from around Australia present subject specific material to enhance the way we teach and the learning experiences that we involve our students in. This week was an excellent opportunity for us as teachers to be learners and refresh and update our skills and knowledge.

This week the support and care that the students have shown to each other has been comforting to see, the respect they have for each other and their teachers continues to add to the 'feel' of our College and makes it a great place to teach and learn.

A community is made up of many parts, all different, yet all brought together with a common goal. I look forward to the days, weeks and months of this year as we as a community continue to grow and pursue the things that are important to us. As parents you are an integral part of this community and I would encourage you to contact your child's teachers if you have concerns or things you want to talk over so that we continue to help your children aspire to achieve the best future for themselves and in doing so serve their community with their knowledge, skills and abilities.

Rachel Boyce
Head of Middle School

**Maths Help Sessions**
Maths help sessions will be held every Monday and Tuesday lunch time in the Senior School Building in room SS1. All students are encouraged to attend if there would like extra help with homework or have questions they would like to work on with the support of a teacher.

**MYP INFORMATION EVENING**
On Wednesday 19th February, 6:30-7:30pm, there will be an information session on the Middle Years Program of the International Baccalaureate for all interested parents. This session will provide an overview of the MYP Philosophy, the core components of the MYP Framework and how students are assessed in the MYP.
Welcome to the 2014 school year!

We especially welcome all the new families who have joined the Junior School and trust you will soon feel part of our Good Shepherd community. The students are excited to be back and are settling well into their classroom routines despite the record breaking wet weather we are experiencing.

We also welcome the following new teachers to the Junior School and trust that you will make them welcome.

- Miss Megan Pearn – Transition
- Miss Brooke Smith – Year 1
- Miss Michelle Hookway – Year 2
- Mrs Sarah Huntly – Year 3
- Miss Tania Haynes – Year 4
- Mrs Mary Grace Francis – Year 5
- Miss Elizabeth Price – Learning Support

We encourage all parents to attend the Parent Welcome and Information Evenings planned for Weeks 2 and 3. The meetings are scheduled for the following days and all begin at 6:00pm.

- Thursday 6 February: Year 3
- Monday 10 February: Transition
- Tuesday 11 February: Years 1 and 2
- Thursday 13 February: Years 4 and 5

Our first assembly will be held on Friday, 7 February at 8:20am. Parents are welcome to attend.

Thank you for your patience in the car park during these first few busy weeks. As there are limited spaces for cars to wait in the Drop and Kiss Zone in the afternoon, please DO NOT LEAVE your car as it blocks the flow for other cars. Parents who have children in Years 3 to 5 are urged to arrive around 2:45pm so we have less cars lined up. Younger siblings are looked after by the teacher on duty.

We will be holding a welcome disco on Friday, 28 February from 6:00pm – 8:00pm in the hall.

On Thursday and Friday of this week, all students in Years 1 to Year 5 will be attending Toonschool 2014 – Building Better Kids which will be presented by Jeff Taylor. These are ninety minute workshops involving cartoon drawing. Toonschool comes highly recommended and has won awards for its high quality presentations. The workshops provide students with a deeper understanding of the importance of school and community values and enhance individual skills, resilience and confidence.

Lynne Pokela
Head of Junior School

Following a suggestion from 2013 parents we are holding an early, start-of-the-school-year Book Fair in Week 5 – 24 to 28 February. More detailed information will be sent to Junior School parents, but parents and friends throughout the College may access the Book Fair, of course.

- As with previous Book Fairs, Monday and Tuesday will be dedicated to class Wish Lists visits so that students can ensure wise choices, please come in to have a look yourselves if you can spare the time.
- Tuesday 2 to 4.30 pm - Sales will commence. This and Wednesday afternoons are very high volume sale times (N.B. request for assistance below).
- Wednesday - Sales all day.
- Thursday - Sales until morning recess (11 am) followed by Pack Up.

With events like these, voluntary help is highly prized! If you are able to make even an hour of time to assist with Wish Lists or Sales, it would be most appreciated. Please ring Reception or drop in to nominate when you are available to assist.

Erich Holzknecht
Teacher Librarian Junior School
Community Notices

Please note that Community Notices are put in as a service to our community. Articles submitted have not been recommended or endorsed by the College.

**Commerce-PINTS Hockey Club**

Come and have a go at Indoor Hockey – places in teams available.

Contact: Robyn Northcote
9827 6621
email: commerce.pints@gmail.com

Outdoor Season: Training on Wednesdays, starting 12 March, 5.30 – 6.30
Start up pack – stick, shin pads and ball for new U8 & U10 players. Wear a stunning spider uniform!

Registered to accept S75 Sport Vouchers
We are Family Friendly and Full of Fun
All abilities welcome and encouraged.

**Southern Districts Cricket Club 2014 Sign On Day**

Sunday 16 February 2014 from 10am - 2pm at the Clubhouse at Freds Pass.

All new and existing players are invited to come along. The club caters for juniors up to seniors. The NT S75 Sports Voucher can be used towards payment of membership fees. Come along and enjoy a sausage sizzle and have some fun.

Contact Alison on 0448883239 for further details.

**Junior Hook in2 Hockey Development Camp**

- **11 to 15 year olds**
  - (All levels of experience welcome)
  - **24th & 26th February**
  - Mowbray Hockey Stadium, Albert Rd
  - 6.00pm to 8.30pm
  - Camp will consist of skills training and games, ideal for anyone
  - Cost of Camp is FREE
  - Nominations close on Friday 21st Feb

For Registrations or any further information please visit http://www.hockey.nt.edu.au/schoolprograms/junior-hockey-development-camp.html

or

Contact Mark Davis on development.office@nthockey.nt.gov.au or 089450302, M - 0438 893 752

**Junior Community Cricket Sign On Days**

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**PARCS and Darwin Regions Rugby League Trials**

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**MineCraft**

Workshops with creativeBox

Come and Play Minecraft with your friends

Bring your own laptop

When: Saturday the 22nd of February from 9am-4pm
Where: Salvation Army Community Hall
Corner of Yerusole drive and Leaprope road Anula

**Full day workshops 5pm-4pm $10 Each**

Visit: creativebox.com
Email: info@creativebox.com
Call Chrissie: 04 0408 0123

**The NT Music School has moved!**

Northern Territory Music School
6A Pudlo Road, Wagee (NT 0810)
Ph 08 8977 1535
Fax: 08 8977 1242
Email: chris@ntmusicschool.com.au
Did you know that DoE have a range of online training courses for teachers and support staff that aim to increase capacity to deliver education programs to students with disabilities? These courses provide professional learning without having significant travel requirements.

Online courses can be accessed 24/7 - 365 days of the year.

Online courses are free to all NT government and non-government schools.

Online course participants are part of a small group (10-12) supported by an online tutor who tracks the progress of participants and facilitates forums/discussion groups. The course is a minimum of 20 hours to complete over a 10 to 12 week time frame. There are also three compulsory face to face sessions over this time to support the content. Participants are able to work at own pace and can access via the internet.

A certificate of completion is issued upon completion.

Current courses are:

- Introduction to Special Education (NT)
- Understanding Autistic Spectrum Disorders
- Understanding and Managing Behaviour
- Inclusion for learners with speech, language & communication needs

Courses for Term 1 2014:

Understanding Autistic Spectrum Disorders (Special focus on Middle & Senior schools) week 3 term 1 2014

To register: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014ASDregistration

Introduction to Special Education NT course - week 6 term 1 2014

To register: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014SpecEdregistration

Please note we need at least 10 people in each region to run these courses successfully.

For information around online courses please contact Consultant Special Education: SpecEdProject.DET@nt.gov.au