As you can see from this newsletter, the last five weeks have been a time of exciting learning in the classrooms as well as a time of celebration with events such as Harmony Day. I trust families enjoy reading this newsletter together.

Notification of Works: We have received a letter from the Palmerston City Council informing us that they will be installing a roundabout at the intersection of Temple Terrace and Emery Avenue. It is anticipated that the works will begin about 26 April and will take approximately 20 weeks to complete which is most of Terms 2 and 3.

This is really good news for us because there have been several accidents at that intersection over the years. However, while the works are in progress, we ask our families to be patient and if possible to avoid using that intersection. It will help if our Transition families who have no older siblings leave the carpark as soon as their children are released from class at 2:30pm. Then if parents of students in Years 1 – 5 can arrive between 2:40pm and 3:00pm it will help to ease traffic congestion.

Choir: Thank you to our choir for their performances this term at the combined College / Congregation church service, at Harmony Day and at the final Term 1 assembly. We are looking for more students to join the choir so please encourage your Year 3 – 5 students to join if they are interested.

I trust that everyone has a safe and refreshing holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back for Term 2 on Monday 11 April.

Lynne Pokela
Head of Junior School
Palmerston Campus
Cyber Safety Information Sessions

Our Youth Development Officer, Tanith Blair has taken Cyber Safety Workshops for all our Year 3, 4 and 5 students using the Think U Know program.

In the first week of Term 2 there will be a Cyber Safety session for all our parents, but especially our Year 3, 4 and 5 families so parents know what was presented to their children in class. This will be on Thursday 14 April at 6:30pm in the Palmerston Campus Hall. Please let Sue Tomes know if you are attending so that we can order the correct number of Parent Information Packs. (sue.tomes@ntschools.net)

Please note that students cannot attend this information session. There will be child minding in the Resource Centre.

Transition

For our Unit of Inquiry this term, we have been exploring different transport systems. Our Topic Talks in particular have been very interesting and our students have proven to be excellent communicators.

We have been introduced to remote-control cars, Lego rockets, BMX gear, bikes from Santa, an engine and a real-life motor-home! We have been having a lot of fun!

Upcoming Events

- **5 & 6 May**
  Year 4 Camp

- **Thursday 5 May**
  Parent Information Night on the PYP, assessment and reporting and using SEQTA.

- **Saturday 7 May**
  Working Bee 7:00am – 10:00am

- **Week 5 Term 2**
  NAPLAN week.

- **Thursday 19 May**
  Year 3 – 5 Athletics Carnival at Howard Springs Campus

- **Thursday 26 May**
  Junior School Information Night for prospective parents.

- **Week 10 and 11**
  Year 3 – 5 Swimming.

- **Friday 24 June**
  T – 2 Athletics Fun Day

- **Wednesday 3 August**
  Grandparent’s Day

Three-way Conferences:

Thank you to those parents who attended our Three-way Conferences and we trust that you enjoyed sharing your child’s learning journey and working together to set goals for Term 2.
Harmony Day: We held our first whole College Harmony Day celebrations on Monday 21 March this year. The day began with a parade of costumes from all over the world. Then the students went to their classes to taste food from different countries and to complete Harmony Day activities. One of the activities involved drawing a person to represent themselves which we have put in the hall around the cross and under the heading, ‘Our diversity is our strength’.

Before recess Pastor Andrew led a harmony day service. The choir sang *Sakura* in Japanese and *Siyahamba* which is a Southern African language. Michael Bartie read the Bible text in Africaans and John Bartie and Mackenzie Hall read their text in Japanese. Nandi Ndlovu prayed in Ndebele, Chrisma Samson in Tagalog and Sebastien Lauverjon in French. Rebecca Curtis prayed the Lord’s Prayer in English and Erich Holzknecht prayed it in Yabmin which is one of the PNG languages.

Thank you to all the parents who took a lot of trouble with their children’s costumes and baked food for the students to try to get a taste of food from other cultures. Families donated $203.60 on the day and it has been decided to donate that money to the Melaluca Refugee Centre in keeping with the Harmony Day theme.

Congratulations to the following students who received the Term 1 awards at assembly

**Aussie of the month Awards:** Travis Prest, Jayden Jin, Elina Korenstra & Millie Cripps

**Drysdale Allrounder Awards:** Noah Gillingham & Rex Mathieson

**Natasha Griggs Awards:** Blake Dawes & Tommy Gleeson

**Elders Awards for Excellence:** Kaylea McConnell, Aisha Koppen & Karleah MacDonald

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**Upcoming Events**

**College Musical**

*Little Shop of Horrors*

**Brown’s Mart Theatre**

Friday 10 June - 12.00pm & 7.00pm

Saturday 11 June - 12.00pm & 7.00pm

Sunday 12 June - 12.00pm
Year 5 News

There are lots of exciting things happening in 5CM at the moment.

Thank you and well done to Abigail Edwards for her fantastic idea to raise money for the Cancer Council by creating and selling Rock Pets. Abi started a small project on the weekend, painting and decorating rocks to sell to her neighbours. She then bought some in to class and has raised over $70 so far.

The whole class has been taking action by decorating bowling pins for a 'Dementia Friendly Garden' at Alzheimer’s Australia NT. The pins are taking shape as all different sorts of animals and characters. We will be donating them early next term and learning about the disease as a guest speaker comes to Good Shepherd to share with us. A huge thank you to the McQuinn family and Planet Ten Pin for your generous contributions and to Gillian McQuinn and Alzheimer’s Australia for the fantastic idea.

In Maths, we have been learning about number. Students have been enjoying using their thinking skills to read very large numbers aloud. In this lesson, Ben was our mathematician with a tricky task of finding out the place value of this large number, including decimal places.

In UOI we are learning all about our backgrounds and multiculturalism within Australia. We have been learning about the vast backgrounds that make up our country and even our class. We found that we have at least 14 different backgrounds in our class alone. The Year 5s have been fantastic communicators as they listen and discuss topics in an open minded and respectful manner.

House Points

The students are allocated house points each week according to their effort and behaviour in class and the playground. They can earn up to 4 points each week. These points go towards each student’s own total and when they have 25, 50, 75 or 100 house points they receive certificates in assembly. The house totals are displayed outside the office so please check regularly. Congratulations to Livingstone which is winning by 11 points with Strauss coming second.
Upcoming Events

Our Junior School receives copies of 'IB World' which is a magazine of the International Baccalaureate. We will be placing one copy in the library for students to read but also parents are welcome to borrow it as well to learn more about the IB school system that we are a part of.

New Posters:

New posters have been designed to be placed near the entrance to the Administration Building to welcome families to our school and let the public know who we are.

The first one is a welcome to our campus using different languages.

The second poster is about our campus and who we are.

The third poster shows that we are an IB World School.

The last poster shows that we are a Christian School with words from Galatians 5:22 – 23 which is the Fruit of the Spirit.

I would like to sincerely thank Johanita Victor and Deirdre Bartie for working on the posters and coming up with the fantastic designs. We hope that the posters will be put up during the holidays.

International Baccalaureate News by Vicki Trathen our PYP Coordinator

What is the Primary Years Programme?

The Primary Years Programme (pyp) is a transdisciplinary International curriculum that is engaging, relevant, challenging and significant for learners. The PYP is a curriculum framework for Junior Schools.

The PYP:

⇒ Is for students between the ages of 3 and 12
⇒ Focuses on the development of the whole child, both in the classroom and in the world outside
⇒ Addresses students’ academic, social and emotional well being
⇒ Encourages students to develop independence and to take responsibility for their own learning
⇒ Promotes the construction of knowledge and the importance of skills
⇒ Promotes inquiry
⇒ Transdisciplinary across all subject areas
⇒ Encourages students to become active, compassionate and life-long learners.
⇒ Allows IB World Schools with the opportunity to incorporate local and global issues into the curriculum.
Upcoming Events

2BS Spelling Rotations

We have been doing spelling rotations on Mondays and we love it. We get to write our words in shaving cream and paint them with water on the concrete outside. We also love jumping through hoops while sounding out our words of the week and we look them up in the dictionary to find their definitions. We like to find new activities to add each week so we don’t get bored. 😊

A new smiling face has recently started appearing at all the College’s library and resource centres. This is Mrs Melody Fleming, our new Library Assistant. She is efficiently making herself familiar with all the different procedures across the four campuses. Please, make her feel welcome as a valuable member of the Library and Resources team.

College Website and Facebook

Don’t forget to check these two sources of information from time to time. Events are added to the College Calendar on the website and the News & Events section is updated regularly. You can also discover upcoming events on our Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdNT/
Website:
www.goodshepherd.nt.edu.au
Twitter:
https://twitter.com/PrincipalGSLC
Mini Career Expo

The Year 12 Work Ready students held a Mini Career Expo as part of their Integrated Learning Unit on Thursday 31 March. Each student set up a stall to demonstrate the work that they do and had activities for the Year 5 students to do as they visited each station. The Year 5 students enjoyed the expo which is a good lead up to their exhibition Unit of Inquiry.
To book your sitting time see details below:

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