As Term One comes to an end the students are enjoying the additional space of the long awaited Basketball court. We are fortunate to be using it before the finishing touches have been completed and it has certainly been popular with the students. The team were hoping to have a celebration for the community when the court was operational and we are still trying to work out logistics for this. The main challenge is no power (Therefore lighting) to the court as yet. Our speaker system can provide music from battery but if anyone can make a suggestion for safe lighting please contact me. Plans are also progressing for the building of the new classrooms which will be required for 2017 so it continues to be an exciting time of planned development for us.

It was wonderful to see so many of you accept the invitation to be part of the Three Way Conferences last week. Whilst many parents are in frequent contact with staff there is something really special about being able to share your child’s learning journey.

A visiting guest, who works in schools internationally and on the east coast, was “blown away” (to use her words) on the learning environments the staff have developed for the children. She said in her travels she has rarely seen classrooms where the love is such a part of the learning. This was reassuring to hear from an “outsider” as we so often focus on areas which we need to strengthen that we can lose sight of what has, and is, being achieved.

Many thanks to the parents who have been into the classrooms to either support staff or to share their knowledge and experience giving greater depth and understanding to the Units of Inquiry. It is a requirement that Ochre Cards are recorded for all parents/carers who volunteer to work in classrooms. We have a record of those who have attended Valuing Safe Communities with Pastor Andrew. All rooms have a timetable for helpers so, if you wish to be involved, please see the teacher and add your name to the schedule. Helpers are expected to work either with a group, or individuals, at the direction of the teacher, and, whilst they will obviously be able to observe the interactions of their child, may not necessarily be working directly with them. Since classes commence at 8.15 any discussion should be held either after school or prior to this.

Thank you to those who have accepted Class Carer roles. They will be contacting parents/carers who have given permission to be contacted early next term.

I trust those of you who are going away will have a safe family time and return refreshed.

Ms Elizabeth Baff
Head of Junior School
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Around the School

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN COLLEGE
Identity Service Respect
Celebration Day is held on the second Wednesday of each month. If your child’s birthday falls within the month you may bring in something for the class to share. Our next celebration Day is Wednesday 13 April 2016. If you wish to bring in food on your child’s actual Birthday please ensure it is something healthy like fruit kebabs, unsweetened popcorn etc.

Swimming Carnival

We are very excited this year to be holding our first GSLC combined Junior Schools Swim Carnival. All Transition through to Year 5 students from St Andrew Campus Leanyer, Howard Springs Campus and Palmerston Campus are required to participate.

* Transition to Year 2 will participate in novelty events in the wading/toddler pool.
* Competent Year 2 students will be able to nominate to enter races.
* Competent Years 3 – 5 will compete in 50m breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle events.
* There will be novelty events and 25m races for Year 3 – 5 students time permitting.

All students are encouraged to participate in as many events as possible to gain house points.

Transportation will be provided to and from the venue. Where possible parents are asked to take students to and from Casuarina Pool. Please select the option on the attached form that best works for you. On the day, students being transported by their parents will need to be signed in and out from the help desk. This is compulsory.

Recess and Lunch:
The students are asked to bring their own recess and lunch which will not need to be refrigerated. It is a good idea to include a cooler block or frozen drink bottle to keep food cool.

Remember to bring the following:
* Wear sunsafe house coloured clothing over swimming apparel
* A hat (compulsory)
* Water bottle, recess and lunch
* Sunscreen (this will be available in the house bays however please speak to your child about it being their responsibility to reapply)
* Towel
* Swimmers
* Goggles
* House Spirit

The proposed program will be sent closer to the day. We look forward to a wonderful and exciting carnival!
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Class Carers

The primary role of the GSLC Class Carers is to provide support and physical care to GSLC families. In all ways they shall seek to uphold, promote and further the aims and objectives of the College.

The Class Carers are responsible to the Principal.

The Class Carers aim to:

* Develop positive relationships within the College community
* Provide CONFIDENTIAL support for families in need
* Arrange events that enable families to get to know one another
* Support the classroom teacher

Thank you to the parents who have taken on the role as class carers.

ELC News

Over the last two days we have been cooking and tasting Kulich (Russian Easter cake that is more like bread). We remembered how Mrs Colling’s mum used to put a cross on the Kulich, just like we had done. We discussed how the cross means Jesus and that it means God loves us.

The children were asked about their thoughts and these were some of the responses:

“I like the icing, sultanas and the flavour.”
“It was yum.”
“I love everything, especially the sugar.”
“It smells like spaghetti.”
“It tastes like meatballs.”

The children were great risk takers today and showed fantastic patience, listening and thinking when describing why they did or didn’t like the Kulich. This experience has hopefully helped the children realise that family traditions and celebrating Easter, is different around the world.
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House Polos

Exciting news...house polos can now be purchased from the Uniform Shop - $40.00.
The polos do not replace PE uniforms but can be worn on House Days, Athletics / Swimming carnivals, inter-house events and so on.

College Sunglasses

A lovely photo and article appeared twice in the NT News recently. Good Shepherd is the first school in the NT to offer sunglasses as part of the College’s Sun Smart policy. The sunglasses are $20.00 and are available in 4 sizes - S, M, L & XL. They can be purchased from the front office of each campus.

College Musical

Brown’s Mart Theatre

Friday 10 June - 12.00pm & 7.00pm  
Saturday 11 June - 12.00pm & 7.00pm  
Sunday 12 June - 12.00pm

Camp Australia

We have an exciting Jungle Quest holiday program planned for the Term break. For further information about this exciting week please go to www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayfun
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Harmony Day
**Community Notices**

**SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY GROUP PROGRAMS**
**KEEPING KIDS FIT FOR EVERYDAY LIFE!**

We offer the following programs to schools and community groups. We can also tailor programs to suit your school or community group’s needs. Please contact Leah to arrange a time for a chat about your school or group’s needs.

- **FUN-FIT (3-7 YRS)**
- **TWEEN-FIT (8-12 YRS)**
- **TEEN-FIT (13-18 YRS)**

These classes are designed to teach kids healthy fitness habits. The focus will be on keeping them fit for everyday life, teamwork, respect for others, proprioception, balance, coordination and general motor skills whilst having lots of fun. All sessions are planned to be age appropriate.

- **KIDS YOGA (3-7 YRS)**
- **TWEEN YOGA (8-12 YRS)**
- **TEEN YOGA (13-18 YRS)**

Introducing Yoga to kids improves the strength and flexibility of their minds and bodies. We enhance kids’ mental, emotional, and physical health through the use of movement, and teach the connection between the brain, body, and the breath. This means healthier bodies and minds! All sessions are planned to be age appropriate.

- **TEEN PILATES (13-18 YRS)**

Pilates teaches how to develop a strong core by using controlled, low impact movements that help engage deeper muscles to build stamina, strength, flexibility, balance and coordination. This is particularly fantastic for teens whose bodies are constantly growing and changing at a rapid rate.

*M: 0401 945 426 E: famfitnt@gmail.com  www.famfitnt.com.au*

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**Darwin Athletics Club**

**Online registrations now open!**


All abilities and ages from 3 years old upwards, world class facilities, all new program developed by the Northern Territory Institute of Sport in conjunction with Darwin Athletics Club coaches, low cost membership—Where else can you get this sort of program??

For more information, see our website [http://darwinathletics.org.au/](http://darwinathletics.org.au/)


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**Parent Support Groups**

- Palmerston Parent Support Group: 10 am
  - Monday 30th May 2016
  - Monday 20th June 2016
  - Monday 18th August 2016
  - Monday 30th September 2016
  - Monday 19th October 2016
  - Monday 23rd November 2016

- Darwin Parent Support Group: 7 am
  - Wednesday 13th April 2016
  - Wednesday 11th May 2016
  - Wednesday 9th June 2016
  - Wednesday 14th August 2016
  - Wednesday 14th September 2016
  - Wednesday 12th October 2016

**Teacher Support and Information Groups**

- Autism NT: Shop 19 Nightcliff Shopping Centre
  - Tuesday 27th April 2016
  - Tuesday 26th May 2016
  - Tuesday 1st June 2016
  - Tuesday 13th September 2016

**Social Groups for High Functioning Autism Students**

**TeachMe Group**

- Ages 7 and over
- Cost $50 per session

- Darwin: Thursday at Learner Primary 3:30-5:30 pm

- Palmerston: Monday at Driver Primary 5:30-6:30 pm

**Parent-Power Group**

- Ages 7-10
- Cost $500 per term

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- Please contact office for more details

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**NT Police, Fire & Emergency Services**

**Open Day**

**Saturday 16th April 2016**

**Peter McAulay Centre, Vanderlin Drive, Berrimah**

**FREE ENTRY**

**9AM - 3PM**

**FUN FOR ALL AGEs**

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College Events

GOOD SHEPHERD HAS A NUMBER OF EXCITING EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2016. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF ANY OF THESE EVENTS, (OR IF YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR OTHER EVENTS), PLEASE CONTACT THE COLLEGE ON 8983 0300 OR EMAIL: PROMOTIONS@GOODSHEPHERD.NT.EDU.AU

Mother’s Day Stall
Movie Night - Friday 27 May (food preparation and selling)
Arabian Nights - Saturday 6 August (food preparation, setup and decorating)
Father’s Day Breakfast
Christmas Stall

Friday 10 June
Saturday 11 June
Sunday 12 June
12 noon & 7pm
12 noon & 7pm
12 noon

Brown’s Mart Theatre
Book tickets online at www.brownsmart.com.au

For more information, please call the College or 8983 0300 or email: admin@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au

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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN COLLEGE

To book your sitting time see details below:

Good Shepherd Lutheran College book online now at

Location: Howard Springs Campus - Middle School Building
Date: Saturday, 14 May 2016
Contact: Contact Front Office, 8983 0300
Email: admin@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au
Price: $20

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