As the roof of the ball court rises from the bush behind the school students have enjoyed watching the crane and scissor lifts work. All are looking forward to the completion of this facility as it is one more phase in the ongoing development of the Junior School. We will be having a celebratory function for our whole community when it’s ready for use. Additional guttering has been added to the ELC area to prevent wash out of the soft fall when it rains and the “air locks” have been installed in the ELC foyer to further enhance the safety of the children. The new furniture for the Year Two rooms has been well received by the students with the size appropriate to their growing bodies. Plans are being developed for privacy screens to be built outside the toilets and this should happen in the near future. The road and additional parking are still on the way but I am assured that the commencement date is rapidly approaching. We really appreciate your cooperation and patience with the current parking situation.

This year we are enjoying having a Physical Education teacher who is here on Thursday – hence that is the day PE uniforms may be worn by those not in ELC. We also have additional time for Language B (German) with Transition and Year One are having a specialist Art teacher for a short time each week. The individual music tuition for Year Two students has commenced with students learning keyboard and strings. If you wish additional information on this program please ask Rebecca for literature or email: tanya.lloyd@ntschools.net.

IMP (Investigative Messy Play) began on Monday with the Transition children working outside the classroom (and having great fun!) to develop both their social skills and greater understanding of the environment. This is a well-researched innovation which allows students to explore and learn in many varying ways.

Just a reminder that, if you wish to help in classrooms, we do need a copy of your ochre card on file and you should attend a Valuing Safe Communities session. This is valid for three years and is a requirement of Lutheran Schools to ensure the safety of our students and Staff. Three sessions are available so you are able to choose the time and place which most suits you.

Tuesday 1 March: 6.30 – 7.30pm at the Chapel Howard Springs Campus (that’s over the road in Middle/Senior School Complex)
Thursday, 3 March : 6.30 – 7.30 pm at St Andrew Leanyer Campus
Friday, 11 March: 9-10 am Palmerston Campus.

Later in the term you will have the opportunity (T-Year 2) to book in for Three Way conferences. You will receive information soon on this. It is a wonderful opportunity for teachers, students and parents to come together to share a child’s learning journey. A strong message is also being sent to the students that we are all working together. I look forward to seeing many of you take advantage of this time.

Ms Elizabeth Baff
Head of Junior School
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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

Foundation Quilt

We are happy to show off our beautiful foundation quilt. The foundation quilt was made last year and it has a handprint from every student and staff member. It has been erected in the front office for everyone to see. Thank you to Briony Gallagher for putting the quilt together for us.

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Playground Buddies

The Year 8 and 9 buddy program is underway again. The visits are well received by our students. A group of six buddies come everyday during recess and Thursday morning during class time. There is a roster system to ensure that all students from Year 8 and 9 get the opportunity to participate if they have signed up.

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Back to School Voucher

**Back to School Vouchers**

Please remember that the NT Government’s ‘Back to School Vouchers’ of $150.00 for each student are due to expire at the end of the Term 1.

Vouchers may be used to purchase uniforms or put towards College fees, ICT Levy, Camps and Calculators.

Vouchers were issued to families at the end of last year, so please present them at the Uniform Shop or Front Office.

If you have not received your voucher, or have misplaced it, please contact the College on 8983 0300

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College Events

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The Donkey Song

Have you heard the donkey song? All children (Bilbies too) are learning to sing this as their contribution to the whole School Chapel service which will be held on Palm Sunday- 20 March at 10.30 in the Chapel at the Middle/Senior Campus. We hope to see a lot of families there to share worship (and to support our littlies as they sing)
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**Celebration Day**

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 9 March 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.

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**Photo day**

College photo day for our campus is Tuesday 8 March.

**There have been some changes for 2016**

- Sibling photos will only be taken on Saturday 5 March at the Howard Springs Campus, Middle School Lower Foyer from 9.00am to 12.00pm.
- Envelopes for Sibling photos are available from the College Offices.
- All prepaid sibling envelopes MUST BE RETURNED to the College Office by Wednesday, 2 March 2016.
- Order online using the online code on the top right hand side of the envelope and follow the prompts.
- Sibling photos are only for children enrolled at the College.
- ELC students will be photographed and will have a group photo taken. (If your child does not normally attend the ELC on a Tuesday they are welcome to come in for the photo)

**Payment and ordering**

There are 2 options for ordering school photos:

**Option 1 – Ordering Online**

- Order online at advancedlife.com.au
- Use the online code on the top right hand side of the envelope and follow the prompts.
- There is no need to return the envelope when ordering online.
- Cut off for online orders is 10 March, orders can still be placed after this time but a late ordering fee will apply.

**Option 2 – Return enclosed envelope**

- Complete enclosed envelope, one for each student and return to the College office on or before photo day.
- Methods of payment are listed on the envelope.
- Credit card payments must be made online.

Please note the following important information regarding ordering and payment:

- Methods of payment are listed on the envelope.
- Credit card payments may only be made online (www.advancedlife.com.au) and not through the College Office.
- All orders received after photography day will incur a re-order fee.

Please direct all ordering and payment enquiries to Advancedlife on their free call number: 1300 728 972.
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**WE MAKE KIDS SMILE**

Camp Australia Before School Care and After School Care is available in the Junior Campus Library. Please feel free to come in and say hello. I would love to meet all our fantastic parents and children that go to Good Shepherd Junior School.

Breakfast provided and served from 7:00am to 8:00am, we provide a variety of fresh Fruits for afternoon tea and late snack for children at 5:30pm.

Transition, year 1 and year 2 children, all through the year will be collected and dropped off to their classrooms by Camp Australia Educators. Parents please inform your child’s teacher and the front office if your child will be attending Camp Australia. If your child is not attending the schools for any reason, please contact our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

We ask families to provide Hats to ensure all children are protected from the Sun. Camp Australia provides Sunscreen for the children which is applied each morning and afternoon.

We have started a home work club so if you wish your child to finish their home work in our care please inform the team.

We will be providing a range of activities, name games, family tree, family portraits, child profile maps (indicating their interests, hobbies) which gives us an idea what they love doing. Our program reflects the child’s interest, our discussions with the children. Our activities include both structured and non-structured play inside and outside. This week we are exploring ‘Getting to know you’ as an underlying theme as we reflect on the relationships, team work and group interactions.

If you do have any queries or concerns, please feel free to discuss with our team.

Thank you
Camp Australia Team
Community Notices

**COMMERCENT-PINTS HOCKEY CLUB**

**BRING A FRIEND & WIN A PRIZE**

Commerce Pints are kicking the ground running this year with our Junior Pre-season Development Camp

This camp will run for six weeks, one session per week for one hour and it’s FREE!

This hour will include full athlete warm up, skills specific drills, small games and full warm down routine.

Parents, aspiring Coaches and current Coaches are all welcome as this will be a really positive way to kick the season off for 2016.

**Purpose:**
- Recruit and retain kids prior to the season
- Coach the Coach
- Fill all age group teams
- Player registration forms to be filled in.

**When:**
- Tuesday 5:30pm-6:30pm
- 2 February 2016 - 8 March 2016

**Where:**
- 8 Jago Road Oval
- Miller (next to velodrome)

**What to bring:**
- Running shoes
- Shin pads
- Stick
- (the club will have spare sticks for use)
- A mouthguard if you have one
- Water bottle

Please RSVP to nominate interest to: commerce.pints@gmail.com.au

Contacts:
- Rhona Northcote 0431 472 706
- Jnorthcote@sagt.net.au
- Julie Barsonio 0417 660 537
- jbarsonio@bigpond.com
- Jodie Roussel 0421 202 556
- Jodie@giambell.com.au

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**BANKS HOCKEY CLUB**

Grab a ball and stick and come and try Hockey!

Boys and Girls have FUN

FUN

With Banks Hockey Club

Players of all ages and ability welcome

Free hockey stick, ball and shin pads for all new juniors

Sign up on Saturday 27th February 9-12 at Marrara Hockey Centre, or at training.

For more info contact Roxy 0428823672 or email banks_hockey_club@hotmail.com, visit our website www.bankshockeyclub.com, or find us on facebook.

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**PALMERSTON NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**CLUB SIGN ON DAY**

**ANYONE CAN PLAY!**

**AGE GRADES**
- NetSetGO
- "ages 5-10, co-ed tailed rules
- 11 & Under
- 13 & Under
- 15 & Under
- 17 & Under
- OPEN

**CLUBS REPRESENTED**
- Palmerston Magpies
- Humpty Doo Village
- Mash Netball Club
- (formerly Sacred Heart and Mackillop)
- Berry Springs
- And more...

2016 Rugby Union Season

Training Starts Tuesday 23rd February

Games Start Friday 1st April

Training is at Fred’s Pass Reserve
Swampdogs Grounds (past the AFL Oval)
- U7s - Thursday 5.30 – 6.30pm
- U9s to U17s – Tue & Thur 5.30 – 6.30pm
- B’Grade – Tue & Thur 6.30 to 8pm

Come and have fun playing the Best Game in the world

Email queries to: swampdogsrugbyunionnt@gmail.com
SIGN UP FOR SOCCER IN 2016

LITCHFIELD BONES RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB INC
2016 SEASON LAUNCH

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

PALMERSTON ATHLETIC CLUB INC
Palmerston Athletic Club Sign up date for new members
Sunday 6th of March 2016
Location – Sundays – Marlow Lagoon Recreation Area Palmerston 9:30 to 11:30 AM for community athletic program
Or
7th of March 2016 (Monday) – Marrara Athletic Track – Darwin 5:30 to 7:30 PM
We welcome young and young at heart. Please check out face book page and to see what we have done so far.
https://www.facebook.com/PalmerstonAthleticsClub/
http://palceheetah.wls.com/athletics
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFl48rKk3CDG6ESC5yjAQ/videos?shelf_id=0
&sort=desc&view=0
The cost is $100 per year and we accept sports vouchers.
We are proudly sponsored by Northern Territory Government
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