Upcoming Events

- Easter Services at Howard Springs Campus:
  - Good Friday: 10.30am
  - Easter Sunday: 10.30am
- Term 2 commences on Monday 13 April
- 2016 Transition Parents’ Information Evening - Wednesday 22 April
- Camp for 4AK and 4EW at the Territory Wildlife Park: Monday 28 – Wednesday 29 April
- Camp for 4TH and 4DT from St Andrew at the Territory Wildlife Park: Thursday 30 April – Friday 1 May
- Year 2 Presentation Night: Friday 29 May
- Working Bee Saturday 9 May: 7.00am - 9.30am

Three-way Conferences
Thank you for coming along this week to meet with your child’s teacher and to see the work that the students have been doing and to discuss their goals for improvement.

Easter Break
I wish everyone a blessed Easter and pray that it is a special time as we remember our Lord’s death and the joyous resurrection message once more. Service times for Good Shepherd are in the ‘Upcoming Events’ column.

ANZAC Day
The Year 5 students will lead the school in an ANZAC Day service during chapel on Wednesday 22 April. Colin Cole from the Palmerston RSL will be joining us for the service.

On ANZAC Day itself, all students are invited to march to represent the Junior School and our ambassadors will make a presentation at the war memorial during the service at the end of the march. Students are asked to wear their formal school uniform and meet in the Bunnings Car Park at 9.30am. They will walk from there to the War Memorial in Palmerston. Parents are welcome to march behind the student group.

Valuing Safe Communities
It is important that our volunteers attend one of the workshops, especially if intending to help out with excursions and camps. We have had a good attendance at our first three workshops. The next one will be held on Wednesday 15 April, 7.00pm-8.00pm in the Palmerston Campus Multi-purpose Hall.

Working Bee
Next term we hope to have a working bee on Saturday 9 May. All families are invited to attend. We will have a sausage sizzle mid-morning. Garden beds need to be weeded and tidied up, shrubs and trees pruned and new trees and shrubs planted. More details will follow closer to the day.

Bike Racks
From the beginning of Term 2 we will no longer chain up the bikes as this system has some drawbacks. Instead, we will lock the gate near the 1AH classroom to keep the bikes safe. We strongly encourage parents to buy an individual bike lock to ensure bikes are safe if they need to be collected after school hours or left at school overnight. Parents who need to access the Transition and Year 1 classrooms and learning support can use the Library foyer.

On-line Reporting
The process of developing our assessment and reporting procedures for our new on-line reporting system – SEQTA – will be finalised over the holidays. We thank parents for their patience during this development phase and plan to have everything in place for the beginning of Term 2. More details will be provided for parents once everything has been set up.
**Upcoming Events**

- NAPLAN Week begins on Monday 11 May
- Year 3 - 5 Athletics Carnival: Thursday 28 May
- Year 3 - 5 Swimming in Weeks 9 and 10, Term 2
- T - 2 Athletics Fun Day: Thursday 18 June
- Grandparents’ Day: Wednesday 29 July

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**House News**

Congratulations Fenton House for winning the recent Junior School Swimming Carnival. We are very grateful for the good weather, unlike the carnivals for both the Middle / Senior Schools and St Andrew Campus which were deemed washouts. St Andrew Campus will now hold their swimming carnival on Friday 17 April.

House Points Total (Including the Swimming Carnival results):

- **Fenton**: 1200
- **Hughes**: 1177
- **Livingstone**: 1180
- **Strauss**: 1200

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**Community Garden**

We are very excited to be starting a community garden in conjunction with YMCA in Term 2. One of our parents, Tamara Brock who is a horticulturalist will run a gardening club for our students at lunch times assisted by Erich Holzknecht. They plan on building compost bins and having a worm farm as well. The food scraps from the classes will be used to support the compost and worms. All students who want to be in the gardening club will be asked to supply their own gloves and face masks for when they use potting mix. In order for this venture to be a success, we are looking for donations of the following items:

- Old tyres to use as garden beds
- Besser blocks to make garden beds
- Metal mesh and timber to make the compost bins
- Soil
- Hay bales
- Vegetable and herb seeds
- Potting mix
- Star pickets
- Wheelbarrows
- Shovels
- Trowels and hand forks
- Hay fork
- Climbing frames
- Stakes
- Fruit trees
- Empty punnets or yoghurt containers

We would also like to erect a garden shed, so if you have contacts in this area, or can assist with any of the above requests, please let us know by emailing Tamara Brock: tamandrew77@gmail.com
We love the Athletics Carnivals and Fun Days!

Upcoming Events

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students for receiving awards in Term 1:
(More awards on last page)

**Aussie of the Month Awards**
- 1BS: Oliver Liddicoat
- 1HA: Annabelle Melville
- 3HA: Ellie Bentley
- 3RF: Brodie Gilder

**Drysdale All Rounder Award**
- Year 2: Charlotte Eades
- Year 5: Tayla Hebbron

**Natasha Griggs Award**
- Transition: Deacon Moore

Vacation Care

Vacation Care

Don’t forget to make a booking for our Vacation Care Program, coming up in the holidays; 6-10 April. Bookings can be made on your HubWorks Account, or through our Admin Office using the email address: childcare.darwin@ymca.org.au or by phone 8931 4537.

Program Highlights

Monday 6th
EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 7th
Optional Wheels Day! & Copal Smoothie Bike

Wednesday 8th
Indopacific Marine Excursion & Electronics Day

Thursday 9th
Wet & Wild Water Day & Traditional Solomon Island Dance

Friday 10th
Combined OSHC Carnival at Driver!
Facepainters, Zorb Ball, Jumping Castles, Slimy Zoo, Cowrie, Balloon Animals, Water Play, Popcorn Machine & much more

Monday 6th

Vacation Care closed due to Public Holiday

Parent Notes

Tuesday 7th

Program runs: 7:30am to 5:30pm. Please bring lunch & a hat. Bring your choice of wheels (scooter, bike, skateboard etc). Helmets are compulsory.

Program runs: 7:30am to 5:30pm. Please bring lunch, a hat, sun-safe, bathers & towel, change of clothes, and a hat. We will be having lunch at the aquarium so bring lunch that is not perishable.

Wednesday 8th

Program runs from 7:30am to 5:30pm.

Please bring lunch, a hat, sun-safe, bathers & towel, change of clothes, and a hat. We will be walking to and from Driver for this excursion.

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Happy Easter and happy holidays everyone! We look forward to seeing you again on Monday 13 April.

Elders Award:
4AK: Sienna Kelly
4EW: Taylor Harmon
4TH: Charlotte Radford

Fenton Leaders, Georgia and Noah gladly accept the Junior School Swimming Carnival trophy for 2015. Congratulations Fenton!

Upcoming Events

Student Awards and Fenton Leaders

Easter Services
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Howard Springs Campus Chapel

Good Friday, 3 April – 10.30am
Easter Sunday, 5 April – 10.30am

Everyone is welcome

Community Notices

JUNIOR TRAINING HAS STARTED
New players welcome!

Our wonderful juniors are back training for the season and we have some vacancies in some of our junior teams.

Training
Every Tuesday and Thursday at Moulden Oval
Under 5s – 5.15 to 6.00pm (Thurs only)
Under 7s to U15s – 5.15 to 6.15pm
Under 17s, A & B Grade – from 6.15pm

Junior Games
Every Friday at Rugby Park, Marrara from 6pm onwards, commencing Friday 10 April

Find out more
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