Term 4
Welcome to the final term for 2015. We have a busy term ahead as the students continue their learning journey. This term we prepare for 2016 and are in the process of allocating teachers to their year levels and interviewing for new staff. We also plan the classes for next year during this term. This is a very involved process as we sit with the students’ current teachers and their teachers for next year. We carefully consider the needs of each student and aim to balance the classes with students’ learning needs and behaviour needs. We take into account students’ friendships and we aim for a gender balance across the classes as well. We ask that parents trust us in this process by not requesting a certain teacher for their child as we carefully take each student’s needs into account.

Peer Support
Our Year Five students learnt about leadership in their Unit of Inquiry in Term 3. They put it into practice by taking part in an Australia Wide Program called Peer Support. The Year 5 leaders worked in groups of two or three and took about 12 students from all year levels across the Junior School. The topic this year was Living Positively. It was heartening to see the confidence of the leaders grow as they completed the eight sessions.

Dogs on School Grounds
Parents who walk to school with their dogs are asked to tie them up near the gate with room to allow students to walk safely past. Please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds as a consideration for student safety. Please note the following Education Department Policy: ‘Animals may only be brought to school with the prior approval of the Principal or their delegate. Consideration must be given to particular student and staff medical conditions prior to allowing animals on school grounds.’

Book Fair: Week 7
Thank you to all those parents who gave of their time to help out with the Book Fair this year. Having so many parent helpers made it run more smoothly. Thank you also to all the families who supported the Book Fair by purchasing items. The commission allows us to buy more books for our library.
Upcoming Events

**Wednesday 18 November**
Year 5 awards given in chapel; Morning tea for parents who are leaving PC.

**Saturday 21 November**
Year 5 Graduation Dinner

**Monday 23 - Thursday 26 November**
T-2 Swimming

**Monday 30 November - Thursday 3 December**
T – 2 Swimming

**Thursday 26 November**
Transition Orientation — 2016 students

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**Disco**
Our final disco for the year was well attended with great costumes starting with ‘s’. The students had a great time dancing the night away. It was also great to see so many teachers and parents on the dance floor. Thank you so much to all the parents who helped out by cooking, serving, selling and setting up and cleaning up.

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**Book Week**
The library was filled with activities for the students to complete. The book character parade was very colourful and the students enjoyed dressing up for the day.

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**Valedictory Service 2015**
Good Shepherd Lutheran College warmly invites members of the College community to this very special event

**Wednesday 21 October, 6.30pm**
Darwin Convention Centre

For the graduation of Year 12 students and presentation of specific awards.

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Upcoming Events

Our Junior School sent two teams to the Tennis NT Schools competition and we came first and second. Students in the winning team were Tayla Gossow, Gemma Gossow, Riley Triplett and Joanna Howie (Year 6). In second place were Lochie Gallagher, Tayla Finn, Holly Finn and Thomas Triplett. The winning team will have the opportunity to play in Melbourne in the first week of the holidays. Erin from Tennis NT came to assembly on Friday 18 September to present the trophy to our College.

Tennis Competition
South Australian Visit

In Week 10 of Term 3, Vicki Trathen and Raewyn Montgomery visited four Lutheran IB schools in South Australia looking at their exhibitions in particular. They came back very inspired and with a lot of new ideas to improve this learning experience for our Year 5 students.

Brisbane Visit

In August we had a visit from the Heads of School from John Paul College in Brisbane which is also an IB school. They were very impressed with the work that we have done with our curriculum documents and the processes we use for reporting and as a ‘thank you’ have invited us to visit their College. On Thursday and Friday of this week, Lynne Pokela, Vicki Trathen and Rebecca Fletcher will be visiting two IB Lutheran Colleges on the Gold Coast and John Paul College.

Christmas Celebrations

With Christmas just around the corner, may I remind families about the procedures in place in our Junior School. The students are welcome to give out Christmas Cards but may only bring them to school in the last week of the term. We do not allow students to bring along candy canes to give out with their cards.

The classroom learning program will continue until Thursday of Week 9. On Friday, the students will have their clean up day and class parties.

This term we will once again be involved in Gifts of Grace where we ask for donations for classes to buy items for people in developing countries. More information will be sent out at a later date. We will also be asking for donations of hamper items for the Salvation Army this term. More information will be sent out shortly.

Pink Day

**Pink Day**

**Monday 26 October 2015**

Dress up in your finest **PINK** attire and show your support for the national ‘Pink Ribbon Day’

Please bring a gold coin for this special cause. All proceeds will go to Breast Cancer Network Australia