Have you noticed that your children are asking more questions? And trying to work out the answers to their own questions? I recently got some feedback from a parent who had noticed that her children were asking more in-depth questions and thinking of answers for these ideas. That is the benefit of our IB Primary Years Programme that specifically teaches students to inquire using an inquiry-based approach to their learning. As teachers, we set up learning environments that allow our students to explore their questions around the transdisciplinary theme being addressed at the time. It is great to hear from parents how they are noticing the use of PYP language and concepts being used at home. Please keep letting us know, if you are noticing any of these ideas, as a key element of the PYP is ACTION. When students are using their learning in real, everyday situations, that is action.

Over the next few weeks, Year 3 and Year 2 students will be presenting some of their work to families and showing the ‘action’ element of their Unit of Inquiry. Year 2 will be showing their artwork on May 11 as they have inquired about how people express themselves. Year 3 will be holding an Endangered Animal Expo on May 7 to highlight their learning around ‘Sharing the Planet’, particularly endangered animals. Exciting opportunities to see student work – please make time to see these exhibits.

Cooler weather and jackets – with the cooler weather students are wearing many different coloured jackets. There are Good Shepherd Lutheran College jackets available through the uniform shop. Please order one for these occasions.

ANZAC DAY – a big thank you to Lieutenant Brett Holland who attended our Anzac Day service last Friday. Lieutenant Holland explained to the students the meaning of some special aspects of the ceremony.

NAPLAN – May 11 to 14, Year 3 and Year 5 are involved in these National Tests.

In Chapel this term we are focusing on the ‘Fruit of the Spirit’. This week is joy – finding joy in all we do #nickygumbel “It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful” I pray that you have a week of joyful gratitude.

Karen

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Lest we forget

FUNDRAISING

This year Fundraising will be for the benefit of the following Charities;

- Australian Lutheran World Service supported by Livingston (yellow) and Fenton (red) houses and
- Bethany Homes supported by Strauss (Blue) and Hughes (Green) houses.

Please show your support when Fundraising efforts are in full swing.
The Year 4’s went on camp and it was Awesome! We went to the territory Wildlife Park with 4TH from the Palmerston Campus. We got to see Wallabies, Dingoes, Birds, whiprays, sharks, crocs, turtles and loads of fish. Our favourite thing was EVERYTHING!

A VERY special thank you to....

Bill Speed
John and Jodie Baker
Svetlana Tukavtkin

We couldn't have done it without you!
Transition ‘Visitor’

Some excitement in transition this week with a ‘visitor’ found in the lockers. Ranger Sally gave a great speech to the children about safety around snakes. Our visitor was a juvenile python and was safely relocated to the bush away from school.

Upcoming Events

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What's on around College...

You are invited to our ‘Middle & Senior School Information Evening’

Tuesday 19 May
6.30pm - 7.30pm
Howard Springs Campus Chapel

This evening is for parents wishing to know more about Good Shepherd and to seek enrolment information.

Congratulations Year 1 for being the first class to win Saint and Andrew for best behaved in Chapel and putting ALL lunch boxes back in their trolley. Well Done!
Dear Parents/ Caregivers of Year 3,

In the Year 3 class, our current Unit of Inquiry is Sharing the Planet, which we have used to look at the impact that our actions have on the survival of various animals around the world. On Thursday, 7 May at 6:00 pm – 7:00pm we will be holding an Endangered Animal Expo Evening in the Year 3 classroom that all parents/caregivers are invited to attend.

This is an opportunity for your child to share their inquiry into an endangered animal and what they would like to do to change the affect that humans have on these animals.

Students will need to be at school at 5.50pm to be ready to show their work to the many visitors we anticipate will be there.

This is an exciting opportunity for you to view the wonderful learning your child is doing in their Unit of Inquiry and I hope to see many of you there.

Blessings,
Rebecca Fletcher

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Endangered Animal Expo – Year 3

District Cross Country—students are invited to participate in the District Cross Country so that they can go to regionals. This year the events will be held at Dripstone Park, Casuarina Beach on Thursday 7 May, Week 4 and Wednesday 13 May, Week 5 from 4.30 – 6.00pm.

Students who are interested in a pathway to the SSNT Cross Country event MUST attend at least one of the cross country events to be eligible for selection.

If there are any families who are interested in providing assistance at this event please let Mrs Rebecca Fletcher know, as we they need volunteers to help with these events.

Then we are also looking at offering cross country during school hours on the Friday week 9, Term 2. Students who would like a pathway to the next level will have to attend this interschool day as this will be the event in which times are taken. Schools would be required to nominate those students wishing to participate, as you would for any Darwin Region Interschool sport event.

If this is something that interests you please contact Mrs Fletcher via email on;
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