All the plants nurtured by students in Term 2 appeared to thrive over the holidays. The Transition classes have been able to harvest their produce and enjoy baking to sample the taste and goodness they have produced. Several melons are still growing and the herbs are flourishing. A couple of sunflowers have also struggled to make an appearance and students are very proud of these—many claiming to be the one who planted the seed! We have had a visit from Harold the Safety Cat and have started a Jump Rope for Heart program. How quickly the skills are improving as we look forward to a “jump off” time.

There was a successful trip to Berry Springs by the Bees (Yr1) with the Year One St Andrew Class joining us. It was a busy day with Ranger activities, walks looking at the varied habitats and the opportunity to handle a python—named Cinderella!

Year Two have had their Day Out at Woorabinda and Howard Springs Reserve. To their great credit an email was received by a member of the public “the children from your school were well behaved and conscientious of other park users, when their teachers gave them directions, they followed through. I want to say how impressed I was with their behaviour. Please pass on my admiration to all the students and their teachers”. Whilst this is the expectation we have of the students it is lovely to have it confirmed in this manner. Staff give their thanks to the parents and supporters who helped on the day and ensured food was delicious and ready when hungry children arrived! The potatoes from the coals smelt and tasted just as they ought and the smores topped off the meal beautifully.

Senior and Middle School students continue their involvement with our students. Year 11 child care students have organised for some Year 2 students to cook in their Hospitality facility. Others help in the classrooms and organise sport activities in the Breaks. This interaction adds a wonderful family dimension to our Junior School.

One of the outcomes we aim for in our Units of Inquiry is student awareness of issues in the world which may prompt our students to take action. This action may be developing a vegetable garden, recycling or a range of other actions our engaged students may implement. Many of these actions occur out of the classroom and we are often not aware of them. Action Walls are being established on the new Privacy Screens which have been painted with chalk board paint. Parents are encouraged to note any actions their children have initiated on these walls. Chalk is available from the office.

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Student led conferences (T-2) will occur on 13 and 14 September. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to show families their Learning Journey. Whilst teachers are present in the room, the focus is on the students showing their learning. Usually there will be several families in the room at any one time. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to share a special time with your child.

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Celebration Day

Celebration Day is usually 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 will be Wednesday 8 September 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.

Vertical Interest Groups

Vertical Interest Groups commenced again in Week 4 and will be running on Friday afternoons between 1 - 2pm. Teachers take these groups and students nominated which group they would like to participate in. Some of the groups include Dance, technology, lego, games and drawing and choir.

Parent Workshops

Thank you to all parents for attending the very first lot of Parent Workshops on Wednesday 10 August. Your surveys will enormously assist our planning for future evenings. The next is scheduled for Monday 17 October and we will send you information very soon.

College Information

College Website, Facebook, Twitter & College App

Don’t forget to check these sources of information from time to time. Events and news articles are added to the College website regularly.

You can also discover upcoming events and good news stories on our Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdNT/

Website: www.goodshepherd.nt.edu.au

Twitter: https://twitter.com/PrincipalGSLC

Have you seen the College’s new App yet?

Good Shepherd Lutheran College NT
Father’s Day Breakfast

Once again we will be having a Father’s Day Breakfast. It will be held on Friday 2 September from 7.45am. Hopefully everyone has received their invitation by now. Coffee, tea and juice will be served and we ask if you could please bring a plate to share.

Memories of last year........

Hector The Cat

Hector the cat made a special visit to our campus. He spoke to the whole school about road safety, seatbelts and the importance of wearing a helmet while bike riding.

School Developments

You may have noticed that the Basketball court is now looking very special with its blue paint and markings. The work on the road and carpark continues to progress and the land has been cleared to make way for the new classrooms. The plans for the new building are on display on the noticeboard. Furniture and other resources have been ordered for 2017 so it is exciting for all of us to share in the continued development and watch the children grow with the school.

Vinnies Volunteers Wanted

JOIN US IN CHANGING LIVES.

Vinnies Palmerston is looking for new volunteers! Would you like to join our team? If you LOVE meeting new people, have a POSITIVE attitude, ENJOY fashion, have time to CONTRIBUTE to your community, want to gain EXPERIENCE in retail & would like to VOLUN-TEER for a leading NT charity

Become a Vinnies Volunteer Retail Assistant.

To find out more contact the Centre Manager 3 Roylat St, Palmerston or call 89488100
Year 2 Day Out
On Tuesday 9 August the Bees (1AB) joined the Year 1 class from St Andrew for an excursion to Berry Springs Nature Park. The students received a talk from one of the rangers about the surrounding habitats and also about being Crocwise. They were able to hold a crocodile and a snake which was definitely a highlight.
Transition Garden
Public Notices

**A Dog’s Day Out**
Saturday 10th September
from 9.00am—1.00pm
at the grounds of the Litchfield Council offices
7 Bees Creek Road, Fred’s Pass

Come along and support our local animal rescue groups:
- PAWS Darwin Dog Wash
- Darwin Animal Rescue Group Sausage Sizzle
- RSPCA will be there with some rescue dogs & merchandise for sale

Free giveaways for the kids and dogs!

*FREE Microchipping!!

**Tracy Village Football Club**

U15 Youth Girls and U14 boys

WANTED

Training at Tracy Village Tuesday and Thursday nights 5pm - 6pm. Season starts October.

To express interest in playing or volunteering please contact:

Tracyvillagefc@gmail.com or 0408 343 001

**Happy Birthday PNA! 30 Years of Palmerston Netball Association 1986–2016**

Join us for a Splash Party!
Saturday 3rd September 10:30—12:30
Palmerston Aquatic Centre—free entry

Free sausage sizzle and water rackets course!!
A party for the whole family

Get your thinking caps on for our

**Trivia Night at Cazalys!**
Saturday 3rd Sep... $10 per ticket—Trivia starts at 7pm
Get a table together 10 people together, win some PRIZES
Bar food & drinks available before, during & after!

Contact your club for tickets

**Dance**
a joyous morning of dance music from around the world

**FAMILY PROMS**

Sat 27 August
9.30am & 11.00am
Venue: CBD Theatre, Orange J
*Shows are 45 minutes duration

Sun 28 August
9.30am & 11.00am
Venue: Tannum College Gym Building 6

Suited to a younger audience and their families

Family (2 x adult 2 x children) $15.00 | Adult $6.00
Child $5.00 | Babes In arms free

For information and bookings visit www.dso.org.au or phone 8946 6214