AS the end of the year approaches we enter a very busy time on the school calendar. Our Celebration of the Year, in which every student will be involved, is planned for 30 November and will commence promptly at 6pm. It is important that the students, in full uniform are in their classrooms by 5.50 at the latest so staff can ensure arrangements for the evening are properly in place. We will hold the event on the court and you are requested to bring your own chair. Since the event is relatively formal some of our parents, who are organising the sausage sizzle and drinks, will have them ready at 5.30 so eating can be finished before the celebration begins.

The last day of the school year, Friday 9 December, will be the only day for class parties. Students are asked not to give out any Christmas Cards before the last week and Christmas sweets and candy canes are not to be brought to school or distributed. Your cooperation in helping us maintain an effective learning environment until the final day would be appreciated. There will be some house based, fun activities on the final day.

Thank you to everyone who supported our very successful Book Fair, with special thanks to Rebecca Carpenter for all her hard work – much of which was in her own time. The Middle School students did a wonderful job of judging the Parade which certainly showed the creativity in the community.

Later in the year additional information will be sent out in regards to organisation in 2017. At this time I can say there will be an “Open Classroom”, when book packs may be collected, on Wednesday 25 January between 10 and 12 noon. This is the only time book packs may be collected prior to the start of school. All the desks and chairs for the new rooms have arrived and the building is progressing rapidly so the beginning of 2017 will be an exciting time for all.

Ms Elizabeth Baff
Head of Junior School
Upcoming Events

- Chapel every Wednesday at 8:20am
- Assembly every second Friday at 8:30
- Valedictory and Awards Service: Wednesday 23 November
- Celebration of The Year: Wednesday 30 November from 6:00pm
- Christmas Stall: Wednesday 7 December
- Last day of Term 4 Friday 9 December
- Open Classroom: Wednesday 25 January 2017
- Term 1 2017 Commences: Monday 30 January 2017

Around the School
Congratulations!
We would like to offer you a
Free Trial Group Lesson
at Tennis Palmerston!

Please call us to arrange your lesson.
Make sure you bring your voucher along with you.
We’re open all year round!

A huge thank you to the volunteers that helped Mrs Carpenter run a very successful Book Fair. We have received 30% of sales to spend with Scholastic on more resources for our campus.

Once again we had a fabulous turn out for the Book Parade and Grandparents/Special Friends Morning Tea. As you can see from the photos there were some amazing costumes with a lot of imagination put into making them.
Upcoming Events

The Celebration of the Year will be held on Wednesday 30 November on the basketball court. Students are asked to be at their classrooms in full school uniform by 5:50pm.

There will be sausages and drinks on sale from 5:30pm. We are looking for donations of drinks and bread. Please let the front office know if you are able to donate anything.

Good Shepherd will once again this year be collecting items to be donated to Salvation Army. These gifts will be distributed to people in need in and around Darwin. This is a reminder that while we celebrate Christmas with fine food and presents, there are people even in our local community who go without.

Donations for Salvation Army Hampers will be collected during weeks 6, 7 and 8 of this term. They can be left at the front office of each campus. Please only donate non-perishable food items, and certainly not anything which needs refrigeration, including chocolate. In addition to foodstuffs people might also wish to donate other small gifts for people, such as toys, toiletries, etc.
Thank you to everyone who participated. The students have really improved their skipping skills. The students raised $938.00 for the Heart Foundation.

Some of you may have seen that we have some tiny baby Plovers in our yard. Plovers are very protective of their nests and chicks. Adult plovers will dive on intruders, use loud noises and swoop. Please be mindful of this and try to avoid going near them.
Please join us for a night of special awards and the Graduation of our Year 12 students. This will be our closing ceremony for the year, involving many of our students. We would love to see you there.

Wednesday 23 November, 6.30pm
Darwin Convention Centre

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Christmas Stalls

St Andrew Campus - Wed 23 November
Palmerston Campus - Wed 30 November
Howard Springs Campus - Wed 7 December

A wonderful variety of Christmas gifts will be available for purchase at each campus during school hours on the above dates. Prices will range from $1.00 - $20.00