Merry Christmas to you all.

In the two years our Junior School has been operating we have had lots to celebrate – most especially our students and extended community. We wish to extend our sincere thanks for the support we have been given, the laughs (and occasionally tears!) we have shared. We really do consider it a privilege to be part of the development of your child.

Within a few weeks you will receive details of your child’s teacher and Room number for 2017. Great care has been taken in the allocation of students to classes with consideration being given to what the staff believe is the best placement to enhance the learning of the child. These decisions are not taken lightly and I request that you trust our professional judgement in this matter.

Transition classes remain in the ELC building, Year 1 will be in Rooms 3&4 (where the current Year 2 classes are located) and Year 2 will remain in Room 1 where they are already enjoying their “big Year 2” furniture. Year 3 will occupy the classrooms on the Northern Side (facing the new carpark) of the new building. On Wednesday 25 January, from 10 – 12noon, you will be able to visit classrooms, meet the teacher and collect the book packs. If you are unable to come at this time book packs will be available on the first day of school.

Whilst it is not encouraged we realise it is sometimes necessary, to fit in with family commitments, to take students out of school in term time. If you are currently planning 2017 you need to be aware that, as an independent school, our funding is based on attendance so any term time absences do impact on the amount granted to us.

May you all have a blessed Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year

Ms Elizabeth Baff

Head of Junior School
Upcoming Events

- Chapel every Wednesday at 8:20am
- Assembly every second Friday at 8:30
- Last day of Term 4: Friday 9 December
- Open Classroom: Wednesday 25 January 2017
- Australia Day: Thursday 26 January
- Term 1 2017 Commences: Monday 30 January
Celebration of the Year

The Howard Springs Junior School Celebration of the Year was held on Wednesday 30 November. The storms stayed away and we were able to have a wonderful evening filled with class songs and Certificates.

A huge thank you to Annie Sage, Viv Green and our other wonderful volunteers who ensured that everyone was fed prior to the celebration commencement. We raised close to one thousand dollars to be used towards resources for our campus.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving these class awards:

**Chief Ministers Award:**
- Zara Gray Spence
- Mitchell Mott
- Ella Corbett
- Connor Macleod
- Addison Green

**Academic Award:**
- Johnathan Firth
- Matilda Breed
- Cristina Nolan
- Adekiite Ologunde
- Henry Steele

**Achievement Award:**
- Athanasia Makrylos
- Mitchell Mott
- Ruby Moylan
- Katie-Rose Breed
- Tess Patten
- Isla Smallman

**Service Award:**
- Saxon Brandis
- Ivy Mathieson
- Isaac St Clair
- Peyton Vaughan
- Amelia Beaton

**Ricoh Award:**
- Milah Pratt
- Luke Gleeson
Award Descriptors

Academic Awards: awarded to the highest academic achiever in each sub-school year level or subject area.

Achievement Awards: awarded to the most improved achiever at each sub-school year level.

Service Awards: awarded to students at each sub school year level, who have demonstrated community service to others.
Salvation Army Donations

Thank you to all of our families for your kind donations for the Salvation Army Collection.

Jump Rope For Heart

Our Campus managed to raise over $1500 for the Heart Foundation through sponsorship raised by participating in Jump Rope for Heart.

Christmas Stall
There will be an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and collect the book packs on Wednesday 25 January from 10:00am-12:00pm.

If you are unable to make it on this day your child will receive their book pack on Monday 30 January the first day of Term 1.

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**Public Notices**

### TERRITORY GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

**RECREATIONAL SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS**

TGA’S HOLIDAY SUMMER CAMPS

Do you like doing handstands, cartwheels & swinging on bars?
Then TGA’S HOLIDAY SUMMER CAMP program is for you!!

TGA’S summer holiday camps are a fantastic way for existing members to continue gymnastics during the holidays & learn some great new tricks!

For NEW & INTERESTED MEMBERS, they are a great way to try gymnastics before signing up for a class. All abilities are catered for!

**CAMP COSTINGS:**

- $120 for existing members ($99 if EARLY BIRD)
- $135 for new members ($114 EARLY BIRD)

Bookings are for ALL THREE sessions per camp, no partial bookings are accepted.

TO REGISTER SIMPLY CONTACT TGA'S CLUB MANAGER MICHELLE

TGA MOBILE: 0477 842 462 / TGA EMAIL: info@tgadarwin.com

**DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR EARLY BIRD SPECIAL**

If BOOKING AND FULL PAYMENT for ANY of the camps is received prior to 5pm on Friday 23rd December, our Early Bird Special will apply.

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**TGA SUMMER CAMP #1**

Day 1: Wed 4/1/17 – 11am-1pm
Day 2: Fri 6/1/17 – 11am-1pm
Day 3: Sat 7/1/17 – 10am-1pm

**TGA SUMMER CAMP #2**

Day 1: Mon 9/1/17 – 11am-1:30pm
Day 2: Thu 12/1/17 – 11am-1:30pm
Day 3: Sat 7/1/17 – 9-11am

**TGA SUMMER CAMP #3**

Day 1: Mon 16/1/17 – 11am-1:30pm
Day 2: Thu 19/1/17 – 11am-1:30pm
Day 3: Sat 21/1/17 – 9-11am

**TGA SUMMER CAMP #4**

Day 1: Mon 23/1/17 – 9-11:30am
Day 2: Wed 25/1/17 – 11am-1:30pm
Day 3: Sat 28/1/17 – 9-11am

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**Open Classrooms**

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**TGA ADDRESS:**

426 Stuart Hwy, Winnellie

**TGA SUMMER CAMP**

Programs are for girls & boys Aged 5–12 years
Registrations for the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge open soon

Log your reading minutes over the school holidays and unlock and collect cool badges online. Earn special power-ups and bonuses as you progress!

POWER-UP BY READING
AND YOU COULD WIN THE MASSIVE PRIZE PACK ABOVE

A proven way to keep kids reading over summer is participation in a summer reading program along the way.

DID YOU KNOW that when children don’t read over the long summer break, they are likely to fall behind when they return to school in the New Year? We call this the ‘Summer Slide’. Make it a priority to keep children’s minds sharp and active. Encourage your child to read for at least 10 minutes every day during the break to avoid the ‘Summer Slide’.
URGENT RECALL ON SALE OF INVASIVE WEED

Have you bought Melon Sword from Bunnings?

Sagittaria (*Sagittaria platyphylla*), also known as Arrowhead is an aquatic weed that has recently been sold as the Melon Sword (*Echinodorus osiris*) and/or *Tibouchina coolbaby*.

At least 28 plants have been sold from Bunnings Palmerston and Bunnings Darwin during August and September 2016.

There is no known sagittaria established in the Northern Territory.

In order to protect our wetlands from sagittaria all plants are being recalled and fully refunded.

If you believe that you have purchased or have seen sagittaria please:

- Immediately call the Weed Management Branch on 8999 4567
- Organise to return the plant to the store of origin for a full refund taking appropriate precautions to prevent spread.
- Do not attempt to destroy or dispose of the plant.

For more information please contact the Weeds Management Branch on 8999 4567

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Wishing every family a happy and blessed Christmas and New Year.