I came across the following quote: “All learning begins with the simple phrase, ‘I don’t know.’” Recognising what we don’t know and then knowing the questions to ask to find out what we want to know is the basis of inquiry learning.

I trust that you have enjoyed spending time with your children during the Student-led Conferences this week and seeing inquiry learning in action. By inviting the students to lead you through their learning journeys we aim to give the students an opportunity to take responsibility for their learning and to set goals for further improvement in Term 4.

During Term 4 we will once again hold our Vertical Interest Groups on a Friday afternoon. A letter went home using the new Signmee system asking for parents to take a group or to be a helper. Please let us know if you can help with this.

PLAYGROUND UPGRADE: Using the money raised at our disco, the work on upgrading our playground has begun with the removal of the rocks throughout our campus. We are still finalising the designs but hope that the work is able to begin soon. Thank you to those parents who have already donated cable drums and tyres. We would still like pallets, concrete pipes, cable drums (large and small), sand, besser bricks, tree stumps and milk crates. Please contact me if you can help out.

TERM 4 PARENT WORKSHOPS: Our next evening of parent workshops will be Monday 17 October at the Howard Springs Campus so mark this date on your calendars. We recommend that our Junior School parents attend the Maths Workshop, Healthy Eating or the Raising Resilient Children workshop. Parents will receive more information on this shortly.

I would like to thank all our parents and grandparents who help out regularly in the classrooms. By giving the students extra support, student learning outcomes improve. Thank you also to all those parents who helped out on excursions, on the camps, at the disco and in any other way this term as well. We appreciate your dedication and time commitment.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday time with your family.

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HOLIDAY UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS:
The Uniform Shop will be open on Friday 7 October from 10:00am – 1:00pm.

PEER SUPPORT
The Year 5 students have been taking their Peer Support sessions each Friday afternoon this term. They have displayed excellent leadership skills as they have engaged their group in activities about being Stronger Together to counteract bullying.

WORLD VISION SPONSORSHIP
For the past five years we have been supporting Aman Haftay from Ethiopia and we are pleased to report that Aman is now ten years old and is in a position that he and his family no longer need our sponsorship.

Rather than continue with our World Vision Sponsorship, we have decided to join with the other Good Shepherd Junior schools to support projects through the Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS). Our first project will be to support the work of ALWS in Nepal.

We will no longer be asking the students to bring along money for an offering in chapel each week, but instead will be introducing a ‘coin trail’ for students to contribute to twice a term in Weeks 3 and 7 on a Wednesday.

BRINGING DEVICES TO SCHOOL
We’d like to remind the students that they are not to bring any electronic devices to school. The exception to this is that those students who travel on buses may use their devices on the bus, but they must leave it in the office during the day. At times students may have items to share with their class which is on their own electronic device, and they may bring this in but leave the device with their teacher for the day. If After School Care has a technology day, students who bring devices must leave them in the front office for the day.

HAIR CUTS
Please note that partially shaved hair styles and having ‘tracks’ cut into students’ hair are not in keeping with our school uniform. The Parent Handbook states:

Hair must be kept clean, neat and tidy. Students with hair longer than the top of the shoulder must have all their hair tied back or up from the face using navy blue, brown or black elastics and / or navy scrunchie. Hair shorter than shoulder length may be held back with a plain navy or black headband. Hair clips are to be plain bobby pins, silver or dark blue hair clips. Coloured combs and / or decorative clips are not permitted. Hair must be of a natural hair colour and cut in a style that befits the uniform. Partially or fully shaved heads and number 1 (all over) are not acceptable.

INSTALLATION OF DAN SIVAN AND NICHOLAS BLACKWELL
During out chapel service on Friday 19 August, Rachel Boyce welcomed our two new staff members, Mr Sivan and Mr Blackwell to our community and Pastor Andrew conducted the installation service to ask God’s blessing on their work at Good Shepherd.

Upcoming Events

- **Friday 25 November:** Year 5 End-of-Year service and awards followed by a morning tea.
- **Saturday 26 November:** Year 5 Dinner to celebrate the end of their Junior School years.
- **Weeks 8 and 9, Term 4:** Step Up Program where Year 5 students attend Middle School.
- **Wednesday 30 November:** New 2017 students visit
- **Thursday 1 December:** 2017 Transition students visit for their orientation.
- **Wednesday 8 December:** Awards Assembly.
At the moment in Transition, we have been learning about weather cycles in our How the World Works unit of inquiry. We have studied the seasons around the world, how rain and snow are formed, how important the sun is to our Earth and various science experiments. Our students have enjoyed creating snow out of baking soda and shaving cream and creating rain in a glass. Our students were very eager to show their parents these experiments at our Student-led Conferences this week and we hope they enjoyed them.

Swimming has also come to an end and most students were very well behaved and made the teachers jealous by being able to cool off!
Upcoming Events

Year Two

Year 2 students have been very busy this term. At the beginning of the term we were scientists as we inquired into how scientific thinking comes from different sources. We conducted many science experiments and even had the chance to bring our own for show and tell. Towards the end of this unit we enjoyed Science Week and had the opportunity to invite the rest of the school in to our laboratory at lunch time to watch us conduct experiments and share our knowledge.

We then transformed into explorers as we tuned into our next unit to do with being globally connected. We conducted surveys at home that our parents helped us fill in. It gave us information about where we originally came from. We are now finding out more about the countries we originated from and look forward to presenting our findings early next term.

Half way through this term Mrs Miles left us to have her little baby, Adelyn Mackenzie Miles. She is just gorgeous and we can’t wait to meet her. Mr Blackwell joined us and quickly settled into our Year 2 team.

Students loved dressing up for our book character parade and sharing their favourite books or characters with the class.

We have just finished our swimming program where students have learnt the fundamentals of swimming including survival strokes and water safety. Year 2 students loved this program.

We are all looking forward to Term 4 and cannot believe how quickly this year is passing us by.

College Website and Facebook

Don’t forget to check these two sources of information from time to time. Events are added to the College Calendar on the website and the News & Events section is updated regularly. You can also discover upcoming events on our Facebook page:

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

Website:
www.goodshepherd.nt.edu.au

Twitter:
https://twitter.com/PrincipalGSLC

Have you downloaded the College’s new App yet?

Good Shepherd Lutheran College NT
Year 3 Market Day

On Thursday 8 September Year 3 had a market day. We sold lots of yummy stuff like jelly cups, cakes, slices, donuts, cupcakes, toasties, hotdogs and had a fish for a prize game. I was in the jelly cups, cakes / slices and donuts and we had a whole lot of fun meeting the other classes. We also enjoyed seeing what everyone brought and sold. Jelly cups was our most popular food and now we know to make more jelly cups next time. We were the fourth or fifth most popular store but I don’t care about who had the most or least money. I just care that everyone had fun. It was a really fun day for me and I even enjoyed cleaning!

By Xavier Franz-Hobbin

On the 8 September was market day for the Year 3 students. Market day was very tiring for me because Amber, Gabbie and I had to set up, get ready and take everything from the classroom. We had to get the playdough, candles and sand cups and it was hard to take it all without dropping it. When market was over we had to pack up. It was very fun on the day and I hope everyone had a good time.

By Millie Duncan

On the 8 September we had our market day. I was in the arts and crafts group and we sold playdough, candles and surprise sand cups. To make the playdough we followed the recipe on the back of the Cream of Tartar packet. It said to put in 2 cups of flour, 1 cup of salt, 2 tablespoons of oil and 4 tablespoons of Cream of Tartar. You had to stir it over a medium heat. We made five batches and one was red with sparkles. We also ordered some candle supplies from Cleverpatch and they arrived Tuesday before the markets opened, so we made our candles with Mrs Simpson. Luckily we finished our candles just in time. We sold out of playdough first and also our candles.

By Amber Sharp
Year 5

Year 5 students have enjoyed the active nature of our recent Maths measurement unit. They have been calculating the perimeter and area of a variety of shapes inside and outside of the classroom. Students have been extending themselves and taking on a range of challenges, including using pi to discover the circumference an area of circles within our school.

The Year Fives are continuing to grow in confidence as they run Peer Support sessions every Friday afternoon. It has been fantastic to see the attitudes of cooperation, independence, tolerance and respect in action.

Our current Unit of Inquiry is about scientific advancements. Students have been thinking through the key concepts of form, connection and change to research an existing technology and they are now in the process of making adaptations to improve it in some way. We have been learning about how scientific advancements improve with the contribution of many people and have been seeking and acting on feedback as a result.

Awards for Term 3

Elders Award:
THA: Isla McNeil
TTC: Pyper McGennisken

Aussie of the Month:
SEW: Madison Blackmore
5CM: Shannon Newman-Cooper
5RM: Griffin Makepeace

Drysdale All Rounder Award:
1HL: Paige Anderson
3CN: Joel Munnich

Many of you are now using Signmee, our new online service for managing home-school communications. Thank you for ‘signing’ the ‘Enrolment Intentions 2017’ form which is extremely helpful as we start organising classes for 2017. Please remind anyone you may know wishing to enrol at Good Shepherd to complete an application form as soon as possible, including any siblings.

Signmee is an excellent, modern communication method; saving a lot of time and effort for all. You can access the Signmee site here - www.signmee.com and also via SEQTA - portals.

If you require any assistance, please contact the College on 8983 0300 or email: admin@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au
Library Buzz

The Resource Centre always is a busy learning venue with the additional bonus of being a cool space to relax in during lunch times, but this term Book Week, Book Fair and Literacy & Numeracy Week all came together for a Mighty Busy Week.

In the Library, the winning authors and artists of the Children’s Book Council of Australia’s Book of the Year Awards were celebrated under the theme Australia: Story Country. To help the theme along, the annual Book Quiz for Yr 3 – 5 was offered, as well as the open-for-all-years “My Australian Story” Writing Competition. Both of these activities remain live until the end of term. Winners of the book prizes will be announced next term. Entries are slow in coming but I hope to be deluged in the last week!

Book Fair was its usual exciting and furiously-paced event, especially the sales times with last minute scrambles for volunteer helpers to assist in keeping up with demand. Apologies to all for any delays that were experienced, and a huge Thank You to those who bravely stepped in. The Fair netted a commission to our library of roughly $1,500.00 which will be used to buy more information books, particularly with our Units of Inquiry in mind. Your book back orders are expected by the beginning of Term 4.

Holidays are great times to let the imagination run free with a good book. Enjoy!

Grace and Jacob holding three of the Children’s Book Council of Australia 2017 Book Awards. We celebrated these and all writers during this year’s Book Week.

Workplace Community Engagement Activities

This week the NTPFES Cadet program is undertaking a work placement, Cadets from Squad 2 were placed all over different departments, like OSS, Supply and NTES. On our third day of placement with Recruitment and Safe NT we went to see the kids at Good Shepherd. We helped out with a assembly speech on Safety Houses. It was really great to see all of the little smiling faces as the kids learned about warning signs and where to go if they felt uneasy or scared. We finished up and high fived the kids on the way out!

Blake Matheson

It’s a pretty great time to be a Police cadet when you have 50+ primary school aged students gaze at you like you’re some kind of super heroes to them. That’s what our job was this Wednesday morning when we were invited out to Good Shepherd Lutheran College to participate in their assembly and act as volunteers as the constables spoke about Safety House and the importance of personal safety. We held up props and waved at the kids as the officers presented. We posed for pictures and gave high fives to some excited kids and then we were on our way to do other cadet things.

Janet Baird
BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

On Wednesday of Week 7 we enjoyed dressing up as book characters. Mr Holzknecht and Miss Anderson were the MCs for the parade in the hall and everyone was excited to show others their costumes. Mrs Boyce surprised us by coming along as Joy from ‘Inside Out’ and Mrs Pokela was ‘Smarty Pants’. It was great to see so many staff and students dressing up and we thank all the parents for the huge effort they made to make this a special day in the life of our Junior School.
CROSS COUNTRY
On Friday 23 September we held our first Palmerston Campus Cross Country around the perimeter of school. The students ran in their year levels. The students from Transition to Year 2 ran around once and the Year 3—5 students ran the course twice. The winners will be announced in assembly in Term 4 and they will receive medals. One student was heard to comment, ‘This is the most exciting thing that has ever happened at our school.’ So we obviously have a budding marathon runner in our midst. Thank you to Kristy Teunissen for organising the event.

NETBALL
The GSLC junior netball teams were very lucky this season to receive gifts from the Australian Defence Force. Dale Fowler (Starzia and Gracelin’s dad) generously donated a Defence Force backpack and drink bottle to all of our NetSetGo players and a netball to all of our 11 & Under players. He has also kindly donated a large amount of netballs to our school. Thank you Dale!
Junior School Information Evening

Tuesday 25 October 2016
6.30pm - 7.30pm
St Andrew Campus, Leanyer

The evening will provide information on the College’s Junior Schools, including the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IBPYP). It will also enable you to better understand the College’s enrolment process and will provide an opportunity for you to ask those important questions concerning your child and their entry into one of our three Junior Schools in Palmerston, Leanyer and Howard Springs.

We look forward to meeting you on this occasion.

Please RSVP your attendance by Monday 24 October
P : 8983 0300  E : enrol@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au
St Andrew Campus
94 Leanyer Drive, Leanyer
www.goodshepherd.nt.edu.au

Valedictory & Awards Service 2016

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
P : 8983 0300  E : admin@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au

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School holiday programs will be available over the school holiday break. The one week intensive blocks are a fast paced learning process.

Week 1 $75: Monday 3rd October – Friday 7th October