Hi all and another fortnight has gone by at the St Andrew Campus. Our classrooms are abuzz with activity as new Units of Inquiry are being started and students are engaging in ‘tuning in’ activities. Our Year 5’s are busy preparing for their Exhibition Night coming up on Tuesday November 15. This night will also be a night showcasing the learning journey the other classes have also been through, culminating in the Year 5 Exhibition. Please make note of this important date in your calendars and join us from 5.30 for this exciting evening.

Last week I met with Class Carers and we discussed some desired events for next year. One suggestion was to have Class Carers already designated for next year so that new families can be welcomed in easily to our Campus in 2017. If you would be interested in this role in your child’s classroom, please let Kath know in the office. We have some volunteers already but are happy to have more help. The Class Carer role is involved in helping support the pastoral care of our College. Your commitment to the role is to attend a meeting once a term, to help (or organise help) for campus events and to encourage involvement amongst fellow parents in College life.

With Semester 2 reports coming up at the end of the year, Rebecca Fletcher (PYP Coordinator) and myself are running a workshop on how to access reports through SEQTA and what they mean. This information session will also look at the differences in our reporting due to the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme and how we report according to Australian Curriculum. We are holding repeat sessions on Tuesday 8 November 2.30-3.30pm and 6.30-7.30pm in the library.

Towards 2017 parents are asking about next year’s teachers etc. We will announce teachers for classes later in the term when this has been finalised. Service Learning for our students is a focus next week. You will have received an email regarding the upcoming events during next week to raise money for Australian Lutheran World Service Gifts of Grace. Please see the information in the rest of the newsletter.

Our theme for Chapel this fortnight is Service and our bible verse is: Be kind and merciful, and forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Jesus. Ephesians 4:32

Enjoy your fortnight and I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Karen

Check out our account @GSLCJS_SA for happenings around campus.
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**PYP**

**Why Good Shepherd Lutheran College believes in the International Baccalaureate for education in our school**

As St Andrew Campus strive toward becoming an authorised IB World School, it is interesting to take a moment to reflect on why staff consider this as best practice for equipping our students for the future.

Inquiry is the approach taken in our teaching and learning in our classrooms and with our PE, Music and Japanese specialists. Sadly, inquiry is often misunderstood as meaning it is undirected, unstructured and unplanned learning activities but this is not the case!

Inquiry-based learning is a constructivist approach, in which students have ownership of their learning. It starts with exploration and questioning and leads to investigation into a worthy question, issue, problem or idea. It involves asking questions, gathering and analysing information, generating solutions, making decisions, justifying conclusions and taking action.

*Based on definitions from Sharon Friesen and [www.galileo.org/inquiry-what.html](http://www.galileo.org/inquiry-what.html)*

Our teachers know what they are teaching, where they are beginning the learning journey and the desired outcomes of the learning – what they do not know is how the will get there! The interests of the students are determined by pre-assessment which then shapes the learning engagements to build upon the learning of each child.

Teachers address concepts from multiple areas of the curriculum using a transdisciplinary approach, providing the students with relevant connections and relationships that enable the learning to sink in even more deeply and permanently.

An IB education means we hope to help produce creative, questioning, problem-solving, global citizens that are enthusiastic, curious and engaged learners here at St Andrew campus.

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**Candidate School Statement**

St Andrew Campus Leanyer is a candidate school* for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme and pursuing authorization as an IB World School.

IB World Schools share a common philosophy – a commitment to improve the teaching and learning of a diverse and inclusive community of students by delivering challenging, high quality programmes of international education that share a powerful vision.

*Only schools authorized by the International Baccalaureate can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme or the Career-related Programme (CP). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted.

For further information about the IB and its programmes, visit [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)
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Positive Education

**SERVICE**

This fortnight we are looking at **SERVICE**. In our classrooms, in Chapel and assemblies we will be thinking of why we serve and the different ways in which we can serve others.

As part of our service theme we will be raising money for ALWS Gifts of Grace in Week 4. To help your children at home show action through service learning we encourage them to do something helpful or kind over the coming days to earn the money that they wish to donate to Gifts of Grace. It may be washing the dog, making lunch, writing a letter to someone, helping around the house or just using kind words and smiling!

There will be a display on the chalkboard in the undercover area where we will be displaying some of our learning throughout the term.

For the remainder of the term we will be covering: hope, achievement and humility. Don’t forget to come along to our fortnightly assemblies and weekly Chapel services.

We look forward to an exciting fortnight of service learning.

Georgia Dickson
Pastoral Coordinator
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**Signmee**

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](http://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

**DATE CLAIMERS**

15 November - Year 5 Exhibition plus St Andrew Campus Learning Journey Evening.

23 November - Good Shepherd Lutheran College Valedictory & Awards Service
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**Gifts of Grace at St Andrew Campus**

**WEEK 4**

**TUESDAY**
- PJ Day

**WEDNESDAY**
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It's that time of year again when the MOZZIES are out and about. Please apply protection to your child before school to safeguard against being bitten.
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