14 November 2016

With only four weeks to go until the end of the year, we still have quite a few events to look forward to as you can see by the Upcoming Events column. Please mark these dates in your calendars as it is a busy time of the year. We are mindful that quite a few events have fallen in Term 4 and we have discussed as a staff how we can spread out some of our class events more evenly over the year in 2017.

At this time of the year we are excitedly planning for 2017 and I know that students and parents are eagerly waiting for news about who their new teachers will be. We still have a number of teacher vacancies to fill across the three Junior Schools and so the final decision about teacher placement has not been made yet. Next year we will be having one Transition class at Palmerston as many of our 2017 Transition students have siblings in Year 4 or 5 and families have decided to send their children to the Howard Springs Campus. Because of the long wait list, we have decided to have three Year 5 classes next year.

I would like to remind families about the process we go through to create the classes. We sit down with the students’ current teachers and the teachers for the new year level. We very carefully match the students with their new teacher and take great pains to balance the classes taking into account the students’ gender, ESL background, academic level, behaviour and friendships. We appreciate the trust that you give us to determine which class we think will benefit your child’s learning the most.

Lynne Pokela
Head of Junior School
Palmerston Campus

Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday 15 November:**
  1:30pm and 6:30pm Parent Orientation for our 2017 Transition students.

- **Saturday 19 November:**
  Year 5 Dinner to celebrate the end of their Junior School years.

- **Tuesday 22 November:**
  Year 3 Presentation Night

- **Wednesday 23 November:**
  Coin Trail for the work of ALWS in Nepal.

- **Wednesday 23 November:**
  Valedictory and Awards Service at the Convention Centre

- **Thursday 24 November:**
  Transition Presentation Night and Year 5 Music Recital at Howard Springs

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Readers and Library Books: We ask that all library books and readers be returned to school by Friday of Week 7 (25 November) to allow us to do a stocktake of our resources. Please check at home to make sure there are no school books hiding in secret places! Overdue notices will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Palmerston Campus Cross Country: Thank you to Miss Teunissen for organising our inaugural campus based cross country race. The winners are:

Transition: Cooper Watson TTC and Isabelle Crilly TTC

Year 1: Keanu Dingle 1AH and Ava Board 1HL

Year 2: Rayne Kelly 2BS and Evie Mancer 2CM

Year 3: Deacon Summerville 3CN and Katelyn Neilson 3CN

Year 4: Ky Neal 4RC and Ellie Bentley 4RC

Year 5: Coen Beadman 5EW and Sienna Kelly 5EW

2017 Junior School Leaders: In keeping with the titles of leaders from Middle School and Senior School, in the future our ambassadors will be called Junior School Captains. The house leaders will continue to be known as ‘House Leaders’. Congratulations to Charli Trathen and Joe Gill who have been chosen to be the Junior School Captains for 2017. We will be having house meetings this week to elect the house leaders.

Farewells: Friday of Week 7, 25 November will be the last day at the Palmerston Campus for our Year 5 students. Some of our Year 5 students are the youngest in their family so it’s a sad time for us to farewell families who have been with the College for many years. The Year 5 students will be hosting a morning tea after chapel and we invite all Year 5 families as well as any other families who are leaving Palmerston Campus to come along. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Upcoming Events

- **Friday 25 November:**
  Year 5 End of Year service and awards followed by a morning tea.

- **Saturday 26 November:**
  Choir to sing at Palmerston Carols

- **Weeks 8 and 9, Term 4:**
  Step Up Program where Year 5 students attend Middle School.

- **Wednesday 30 November:**
  New 2017 students visit

- **Wednesday 30 November:**
  Christmas Craft Stall.

- **Thursday 1 December:**
  2017 Transition students visit for their orientation.

- **Thursday 1 December:**
  Music Recital for students who have private lessons.

- **Friday 2 December:**
  Year 1 Presentation Night.

- **Friday 2 December:**
  6:00pm Choir Concert at St Andrew.

- **Wednesday 8 December:**
  Awards Assembly.

- **Friday 9 December:**
  Class End of Year Parties.
Year 5 Exhibition: We are excited waiting for the Year 5 exhibition which will be held on Wednesday 16 November. The students have been working hard on their inquiry with groups of students visiting the fisheries, police headquarters and Robinson Barracks as part of their investigations. We will be streaming the exhibition live to a school in Germany which is a first for Palmerston Campus! The students will be putting on a ‘mini exhibition’ at the Convention Centre on the night of the Valedictory and Award Service so families are welcome to come along to see the amazing learning that has taken place.

Step Up: Our Year 5 students will be spending Weeks 8 and 9 at the Howard Springs Campus starting on their Year 6 learning journey and becoming familiar with the Middle Years Program and Middle School. We wish all our students well as they begin Middle School and I believe that they have a solid foundation of knowledge and skills upon which to build in Middle School.

During Weeks 8 and 9, Transition to Year 4 students will continue with their learning. During this time they will be doing a special Unit of Inquiry into Christmas Traditions around the world.

UNIFORMS: 2017 will be the final year that the ‘old’ uniforms can be worn in the Junior Schools. While most students now wear the new uniform, we appreciate that families are being ‘good stewards’ by allowing their children to wear the old uniforms which are still in good condition.

There are still some students who are wearing the incorrect shoes with their formal uniforms. Shoes need to be ALL BLACK and shoes which are black with white soles are not acceptable. Please keep this in mind when buying shoes for 2017.

For weeks 6-8 we will be collecting food stuffs and gifts to donate to the Salvation Army for people in need around Darwin and Palmerston. Food needs to be non-perishable, ie, things which don’t need to go in the fridge, or small gifts. On the middle and senior school campus items can be left in the box outside my office. In the junior schools they can be left in each front office.

Year 5 Exhibition Unit student reflections

RSPCA
As part of our Exhibition Unit, a group of Year 5 students have been exploring the roles within RSPCA. Shardae took action, to find out more information about the RSPCA, by emailing Darwin RSPCA and independently organising a RSPCA worker, Kim Blaze, to visit school and educate us about the roles and responsibilities of the RSPCA.

Penny: A nice lady called Kim came in from the RSPCA to talk to us about volunteering and her role. I loved the visit. I learned a lot about Cookie, a dog Kim bought along. I also learned a bit about volunteering at the RSPCA. Cookie is a Pit-bull Cross, an adorable dog that loves attention, and is almost ready for adoption.

Keely: I really enjoyed Kim coming in and she talked about animal welfare and what RSPCA do to help. She bought along a fury friend from the RSPCA, Cookie. Cookie is a Pit-bull Cross and is nearly up for adoption. Cookie was a stray with the rest of the litter. The RSPCA staff take on the responsibilities of looking after these dogs. It was awesome and I learned so much.

Isabelle: I really enjoyed Kim coming along and she talked a lot about the RSPCA and what they did. She also bought in a fury friends called Cookie. It was dog and the breed was a Pit-bull Cross. It was an amazing visit.

Fisheries
Tajh Feltham: On our trip to the Berrimah Farm and the Aquaculture centre, I really enjoyed learning about Barotrauma and feeding the massive Barramundi.

Jak Smith: I really liked when we were doing Barotrauma and when we got to feed the Barra.

Aaron Loganathan: My favourite part was Evan’s PowerPoint about Barotrauma and I loved the marshmallow experiment. I also liked the big Barramundi at Channel Island.

Izaiah Waters: I really enjoyed learning about Barotrauma and the pests, and I also liked feeding the Barra.
The PYP Exhibition is a Unit of Inquiry undertaken by the Year 5 students in their final year of the PYP. It is a requirement of all authorised IB World Schools. Next Wednesday evening our three Year 5 classes will engage in their Exhibition Evening. This is a showcase of all that they have undertaken during their PYP journey. The exhibition gives the students an opportunity to celebrate their knowledge, skills and attitudes that they have learnt through the years as a PYP student. This year the Transdisciplinary Theme for the Exhibition is How we organise ourselves. The students have spent the entire term inquiring into the Central Idea “People’s roles and characteristics of places are interconnected”. As part of this Unit of Inquiry the students were given the opportunity to create their own lines of inquiry.

The students have all chosen different careers that they were interested learning more about. As part of their research the students looked into characteristics and requirements of careers, how location and careers are connected, the role the career plays in the community, the responsibility that each career has to the community and the profession.

Parents and Community members are invited to attend the evening which start off with an introduction to the Exhibition. You will have an opportunity then to wander around the displays which the students have put together and ask questions of the student about their particular inquiry. You will also have an opportunity to see the inquiry process that the students have gone through.

We hope to see you there.

Wednesday 16th November 6pm — 7.30pm. Palmerston Campus Hall.

The garden club has been having a great time learning about insects and plants. The garden is a little damaged because of the big storm we had. The group will have to fix the beans that were knocked over but sadly can’t fix the papaw tree that was snapped in half. The garden is flourishing apart from those small problems.

The garden club has also been catching lots of insects and spiders. The insects include grasshoppers, beetles and butterflies.

The garden club can’t wait for the fruit and vegetables to become ripe. They’ve been working really hard redoing the entire garden. The garden is looking better than ever.

House Points
The students are allocated house points each week according to their effort and behaviour in class and the playground. They can earn up to 4 points each week. These points go towards each student’s own total and when they have 25, 50, 75 or 100 house points they receive certificates in assembly. The house totals are displayed outside the office so please check regularly.

FENTON 4272
HUGHES 4071
LIVINGSTONE 4479
STRAUSS 4350
Upcoming Events

Parent Workshops

Parent Workshops were held on Monday 17 October, with 65 registrations! Thank you greatly for your support and interest in this new initiative which we will certainly continue in 2017. We are enjoying the positive responses to these workshops and the feedback has been marvelous for assisting us with future workshops.

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

Bandanna Day - Friday 28 October
Assembly Week 4

The Palmy Bear was awarded to Joel Munnich for his caring attitude to other students and for raising money for Gifts of Grace.

SMR received the “Keep Australia Beautiful” trophy.

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
VERTICAL GROUPS

In Term 4 we have been running the Vertical Interest Groups again. These groups are run every Friday afternoon from 1:30—2:30pm. The Students really enjoy the groups as it gives them an opportunity to try something new and work in a group with students of all different levels. Thank you to all the volunteers who have been helping with the program.

Assembly

Week 2

Palmy Bear was awarded to Bella Faull for her caring attitude within the 5EW classroom and for sewing cushions for the 5EW classroom.

1AH received the “Keep Australia Beautiful” trophy in Week 2 at assembly.

Science Competition

1AH entered a crystal growing competition earlier in the year and three teams were winners. In first place: Keanu Dingle, Michayla Victor and Paige Anderson. In equal second place: Lily Pelham, Emanouil Giannikouris; Zach Kassiou and Bella Shean, Josh Dixon, Tegan Bate. They will receive their prizes at a function at Charles Darwin University on Thursday 24 November. Well done to Miss Heenan and her students.

Coins Trail fundraiser for ALWS in Nepal

On Wednesday 26 October we held our first Coin Trail fundraiser to support the work of the Australian Lutheran World Service in Nepal. The students brought along a coin and placed it on the basketball court with their class on Wednesday morning. The coin trails were in house groups. Livingstone raised $70.50, Fenton $55.45, Strauss $49.65 and Hughes $32.65. What a great effort.

PARRS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Friday 4 November

Congratulation to all the students who represented Good Shepherd Lutheran College Palmerston Campus Junior 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!

Corner of Bonson Terrace and Tilston Avenue, Moulden