

Upcoming Events



- ♦ Thurs 17 Nov—Year 2 Stay-Up
- ♦ Sat 20 Nov—Darwin Christmas **Pageant**
- ♦ Wed 23 Nov—Transition 2023 Information Evening 5:30-6:30
- ♦ Thurs 24 Nov—Awards and Year 12 Valedictory
- ♦ Wed 30 Nov—Year 5 Exhibition
- ♦ Mon 5 Tues 6 Dec—Year 5 Step Up
- ♦ Tues 6 Dec—ELC –Year 4 Step **Up. Transition Orientation**
- ♦ Thurs 8 Dec—Christmas Concert 5:00-7:30
- ♦ Fri 9 Dec—Year 5 Graduation Dinner
- ♦ Mon 12 Dec—Chapel 8:30— Year 5 Graduation Certificates given
- ♦ Thurs 15 Dec—Awards Assembly—Last day of school



Term 4 Week 5

Dear Leanyer Campus families,

Welcome to the Term 4, Week 5 newsletter.

It is with much pleasure that we have welcomed Mr Matthew Qualischefski as Principal of Good Shepherd Lutheran College this term. Matthew was installed at a beautiful service in our Howard Springs Chapel and has visited each of the campuses to introduce himself to our college community. The students were very excited to meet him, and have loved learning to pronounce his name.

Over the past few months, the College has been exploring how we develop positive behaviour in our school community. Our leaders have been training in Restorative Practices, which is a whole school teaching and learning approach that encourages positive interactions and behaviour that is supportive and respectful. It puts the onus on individuals to be truly accountable for their behaviour and to repair any harm caused to others as a result of their actions. A restorative approach focuses on building, maintaining, and restoring positive relationships, particularly when incidents involve interpersonal conflict or wrongdoing. There is much evidence that when a restorative approach to relationships across the school community is prioritised, and adequate staff training and support for implementation is provided, schools can reduce the frequency of behaviour incidents and improve school culture. This approach to behaviour development and relationships is internationally renowned for its effectiveness, and staff are very excited and looking forward to further working towards implementing Restorative Practices on a daily basis across the college.

The renowned and wonderful Margaret Thorsborne visited Good Shepherd and gave Professional Development to our school leaders around the Restorative Practices culture in schools, please see her website for information if you are interested. We look forward to continuing to work with her. https://www.thorsborne.com.au/

This week we have had all the excitement of our Gifts of Grace week at Leanyer Campus. Thank you so much to our whole community for embracing this wonderful cause. The students have worn their daily outfits very enthusiastically and have collected lots of money to choose a gift from their class. Here is the link if you would like to know more or donate further. https://www.alws.org.au/what-you-can-do/gifts-of-grace/

Term 4 is always an exciting and busy term in schools - we love the lead-up to Christmas and look forward to all the events coming up. Please see the 'upcoming events' to ensure you save all the relevant dates.

This week our Bible verse of the week is a wonderful reminder of our purpose at Good Shepherd:

> Do not be lazy but work hard. Serve the Lord with all your heart. Romans 12:11 IBC

Kind Regards,

Cheryl Gunn

Head of Junior School



FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Wed, Fri
7.45am- 4.00pm
Thursday
7.45am-3.15pm

HOUSE POINTS TALLY

sals.admin@ntschools.net

Livingstone: 611



Fenton: 703



Hughes: 760



Strauss: 852



Primary Years Programme

PYP Evaluation

Good Shepherd Lutheran College recently undertook the Evaluation self-study process and had a virtual visit from an International Baccalaureate (IB) team in August this year. The IB recognises that this process requires considerable time and effort from the entire school community. They appreciated the effort that all stakeholders had made and hope that the insights gained along the way will be valuable in further developing your programmes. IB programme evaluation is built on the premise that IB programmes, when implemented with fidelity, ultimately lead to the achievement of the IB mission. The primary aim is to support schools in continuously developing their capacity to implement IB programmes to have a greater impact on student outcomes through the development of teacher and leader practice. The IB hope that through this process school leadership will gain a deeper understanding of both the aspects of the programme that are being implemented effectively and the aspects that need further development. The process supports the school—as a learning community—to develop the capacity to work intentionally and strategically to develop its IB programmes and enable school leaders and teachers to better direct their efforts and resources.

The visiting team reported that 'The Leanyer Campus is situated in the Northern suburbs of Darwin. Their friendly and caring Early Learning staff warmly welcome students from three years old who then continue into the Transition class for Junior School. This is a gorgeous 'boutique' campus of the College, small in size - but huge in heart and phenomenal in student learning! Leanyer Campus' dedicated staff work collaboratively to ensure a supportive learning environment for all students; getting to know each individual child and genuinely caring about their wellbeing. They have such a strong academic focus with the Australian Curriculum taught through the inquiry approach of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme; developing critical and creative thinkers who are caring and contribute to society. Students are encouraged to demonstrate agency and take ownership of their learning and are taught the skills and attributes to be lifelong learners. There are specialist teachers for Physical Education, French and Music. They ensure inclusion for all students and care for their social and emotional growth with a dedicated Learning Enrichment team and wellbeing program. There is a wonderful sense of community at the Leanyer Campus. Class Carers give generously of their time to support parents and the school community. They organise events to bring parents, students and staff together. House spirit is celebrated through House activity sessions, encouraging students from across year levels to work together. The leadership and buddy class system enables older students to mentor and support younger students.'

A strength reported by the IB visiting team was that 'the IB mission serves as an important driver for our school in all aspects of implementing the IB programmes. The concepts of community, diversity, inclusion and compassion (essential to nurturing inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people) permeate and frame the work of all members in the school community.'

Thank you to all of our wonderful college community members (students, parents and staff) for a successful Evaluation visit and for supporting us in continuing to strive for excellence in all that we do.

Rebecca Fletcher PYP Coordinator















SUPERHERO AWARDS

PYP Superhero Awards Week 2

Well done to the following students for receiving their Superhero Award in assembly:

PeePee Cheks-Ezeilo
Rani Renilson
Aamiyah Thekkayil
Maxwell Ramic
Claudia Dos Santos
Michael-Og Fox
Leo Billsborrow
Lachlan Jose
Harry Spencer
Clancy Petschel
Daniel Plenty
Annabelle Knibbs
Audrey Petschel

Fletcher Davis







ASSEMBLY EVERY 2nd THURSDAY CHAPEL EVERY MONDAY

Week 6	Assembly—2TR	
Week 7		Chapel—1DL
Week 8	Assembly—4FS	
Week 10	End of Year Assembly	Chapel—5DS

Visible Wellbeing Coordinator's Article

Tena Koutou Katoa (Hello to you all)

In this issue of the school newsletter the SEARCH Framework pathway focus is 'Habits and Goals.' This may not be the pathway focus for your child's class; however, it is necessary to continue to develop and expand all the pathway skills throughout a child's growth and development.

Habits and Goals

Building good habits is important for all students and the earlier we begin to develop good habits in children the more likely they are to stay with them. Goal setting gives children direction and can also motivate them to succeed with their learning.

How do we all help develop habits and goals?

Develop a goal and implement it to develop and build a habit. Create goals that are achievable through small steps using the SMART framework.

Specific – Think about what needs to be achieved.

Measurable – How will you measure the progress towards the goal?

Attainable – What are the steps that will see success?

Relevant - Why is this goal important?

Time – Give the goal a time frame.

Once you have achieved one specific goal then set a new one. Have fun setting new goals with your children and watching them develop new habits.

Until next time, Ka korero ahau ki a koutou (I will speak to you soon).

Donna Sudana

Wellbeing Coordinator

Leanyer Campus

SPECIALIST CLASSES TERM 4

MONDAY	Chapel 8.30am in Dreambuilders Church. Parents welcome to attend.	French
TUESDAY	PE	Library III
WEDNESDAY	French	Music
THURSDAY	Assembly 8.30am-even weeks— in Dreambuilders Church. Parents welcome to attend.	
FRIDAY	French	Rugby Clinics







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Well done to the following students for receiving their Superhero Award in assembly:

Joshua Oluwole
Jackson Ringin
Grayson Westney
Sarish Dhital
Andrei Jimena
Olive McGill
Caleb Ashford
Levi Shea
Lilly Tully
Sarah Wallace
Sebastian Hale

Aria Richardson

Kate Wallace

Mia Spencer











Celebrating our Achievers

Haris in Year 1 recently participated in the 2022 Young Territory Author Awards (YTAA) and won the "Highly Commended" award for the 8 Years and Under category. His book was titled "The Love Tree" and will be available in the Casuarina Library for people to borrow.

Congratulation Haris!

Here is some coverage of the end from City of Darwin.

Winners with Councillor Jimmy Bouhuris:

https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=463797379186675

Shortlisted and Winners of the 8 & Under category:

https://www.facebook.com/photo?





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David from Year 5 recently competed in the PARRS School Sports carnival and came first in the 10 year old shotput, 200m, 100m and long jump.

He was selected in the NT Athletics Team but unfortunately due to Covid restrictions he is unable to compete interstate.

Congratulations David!







Gifts of Grace Week

This week we have had some fun dressing up for Gifts of Grace week. A gold coin donation was made by the students and staff who dressed up. The themes were Pyjama Day, Favourite Sport Day, Who you Aspire to be Day, Throwback Thursday and Crazy Hair and Sock Day.



This week we also had Ciara and Jeff from St Johns come and teach us some First Aid.



This term we have also been brushing up on our Rugby skills with clinics run by NRL NT.



Year 3 Sleepover

In Week 1 Year 3 students from Leanyer and Palmerston met at Howard Springs campus for their annual sleepover. We participated in water play, had a talent show, and played spotlight. We had pizza for tea and then watched a movie. We had a great time getting to know each other outside of school hours.



















John Pro-Belinda









Principal's Installation

What a joyous event on Wednesday 2 November - the installation of Good Shepherd's new Principal, Matthew Qualischefski. It was wonderful to have many special guests and student leaders attend. The event was live streamed to every class at the College and we hope families and friends heard a lot more about it. It really was very special.



























Welcome Mr Qualischefski

What a wonderful first day of Term 4! Our new Principal, Mr Matthew Qualischefski visited each campus and many classes. He was introduced by each Head of School and we were very impressed with our students who welcomed him, pronouncing his name with aplomb! There were many delightful questions and conversations within the classrooms.

We wish Matthew all the very best as he settles into not just a new school and role but a completely new part of Australia and interesting climate - and many of us recall how unusual it can be. He is enjoying all the storms and rain at the moment.

For reference, this may assist: Qualischefski = quala-shef-ski (not so tricky after all).







More information about the program as well as Defence Member and Family Support can be found here:

https://defence.gov.au/ members%2Dfamilies/

Defence School Mentor

Good Shepherd warmly welcomes Defence School Mentor (DSM), Mrs Kathleen Cobban to our wonderful community.

Mrs Cobban has four children at Good Shepherd and her husband is a current serving member of the Royal Australian Navy.

The DSM is a defence-funded position, aimed at supporting children of Defence families, enrolled at Good Shepherd. The DSM provides assistance for Defence students and their families, and raise awareness of unique needs of these families to the military lifestyle.

* Mrs Cobban is based at the Howard Springs Campus every Thursday and alternates

between our Palmerston and Leanyer Campuses every Friday.



College Website, App, Facebook & Instagram

Don't forget to check these sources of information from time to time. Events



and news articles are added to the College website and App regularly:

www.goodshepherd.nt.edu.au



Good Shepherd Lutheran College NT

Facebook

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

Careers Facebook Page

https://www.facebook.com/gslccareers/

Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/goodshepnt/

Good Shepherd and St Andrew Lutheran Church - Worship Services -

- * St Andrew Lutheran Church, Nightcliff Sunday, 8.30am
- * Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Howard Springs Campus Chapel Sunday, 10.30am

For further information, please call: 8932 4444 or visit the Top End Lutheran Parish website:

http://darwinlutheranchurch.org.au





https://
www.facebook.com/
LuthEdAus/



The

2022

Awards & Year 12 Graduation Service

Thursday 24 November

6.30-8.00pm Darwin Convention Centre

Please join us for a night of special awards and the Graduation of our Year 12 students.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet as an entire College community and share in our closing service for the year.

We hope to see you there.

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