On Friday, 16th November, 51 musical Junior School students performed in a recital held in the Howard Springs Campus Auditorium. It was an absolute joy to be treated to performances by guitar, piano and vocal students from Transition through to Year 5, followed by a special afternoon tea.

Thank you to all involved with the organisation of this very special occasion; thanks to families and friends for your attendance and an especially big thanks to all our fine young musicians who performed - we are very proud of you all!!

Meryl Bock
Lutheran Education in the Top End
St Andrew Lutheran School and Good Shepherd Lutheran College are systemic schools of the Lutheran Schools Association which has contracted Barry Kahl, the former Director of Lutheran Schools, SA-NT-WA, to conduct a study on the enhancement of Lutheran Education provision in the Top End. Barry will be in Darwin to consult with relevant stake-holders in the second week of school next year. The consultation will lead to a report to be provided to the Combined Board of St Andrew and Good Shepherd by the end of February and presented to the school and congregation communities in late March.

Principal’s Review
I would like to thank all the parents and staff who took the time to complete the survey. The response and comments were very affirming. Together with the College Board and Executive Director of the LSA I have developed a Professional Development program that enables me to focus on developing additional skills and knowledge as well as further the educational program of the College.

Junior School Car Park
Some of you may have noticed that the ‘turn left only’ sign has been removed from the exit of the car park. There was a great deal of confusion about the sign and if it was enforceable. The sign, when erected, was done so to minimise both traffic congestion and improve the safety for students. It should however have been gazetted with the Council, but wasn’t. I have approached the Council’s traffic Office who have agreed to look into the matter. Once this is resolved I will inform parents of the outcome.

Thank You
As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to thank all parents and students for their support of the College this year. I pray that you have a wonderful and safe holiday and a very blessed Christmas.

2014 FEES
Annual Tuition Fees
Lower Primary - Yrs T-3 $2,580.00
Upper Primary - Yrs 4-5 $2,720.00
Middle School - Yr 6 $2,860.00
Middle School – Yr 7 $3,980.00
Middle/Senior School - Yrs 8-12 $5,120.00

Fees cover the cost of tuition, stationery items, most curricular excursions and camps and swimming program fees. Fees do not include private instrument tuition.

Payment of Fees and Charges
Fees and charges are levied for the full year at the beginning of the school year. Fee statements are issued each term for your records.

There are two payment options:
1. Parents may elect to pay the full year in advance for which there is a discount of 5% on the tuition fee if paid by cash, cheque or direct deposit or 2.5% if paid by credit card. This discount applies only if fees are paid in full by 7 February 2014.
2. Payment over the school year by direct debit agreement through the College’s PaySmart system.

Any other method of payment requires the approval of the Credit Management Officer.

Sibling Discounts
20% for the second child, 35% for the third child and 75% for the fourth and subsequent children. The oldest child is treated as child one for the purpose of calculating sibling discounts.

The Fee Schedule can be viewed on the College Website- goodshepherd.nt.edu.au

UPCOMING EVENTS
Term Dates and Upcoming Events can be viewed on the College Website goodshepherd.nt.edu.au

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Open
Wednesday 11 December – Friday 13 December
Monday 13 January – Friday 24 January

College Shop
Closed
Howard Springs Campus
9 December to 20 December
Closed over Christmas New Year
23 December – 3 January
Reopens Monday 6 January
Mon – Thurs 7.45am to 4pm
Friday 7.45am to 3.30pm

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All College issued iPads are to be returned prior to the end of Term 4. Details of return schedule will be in Student Notices.
Any students who currently have a College iPad issued to them and have paid the bond of $200 are eligible to purchase the iPad for an extra $150.00.
Please see Student Services for a form to purchase your iPad.
GOD IS WITH US, ALWAYS

“Then after her baby is born, name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” 22So the prophet had said, “A virgin will have a baby boy, and he will be called Immanuel,” which means “God is with us.”

23After Joseph woke up, he and Mary were soon married, just as the Lord’s angel had told him to do. But they did not sleep together before her baby was born. Then Joseph named him Jesus.

Matthew 1:21-24 CEV

We know that Christmas is approaching us very quickly. At the moment we are all caught up in the round of Christmas parties, buying presents, finalising holiday plans or preparing for visitors, and making final decisions on when and how we will be celebrating Christmas. This time of the year always feels like it has more of a build up than any other.

Right now it seems that Christmas is fast coming upon us. But we know that just as quickly as Christmas comes, it passes even more quickly. Now we are saying ‘just a few weeks until Christmas’, but before we know it we will be thinking, ‘has it really been three months since Christmas?’ In what will feel like no time at all the gifts will be finished with, the parties over, holidays remembered only from the photos, visitors returned home, and we may have even paid off the credit card! Christmas will be over for another year.

When the angel came to visit Joseph before Jesus was born he said that one of Jesus’ names was to be Immanuel, which means, God is with us. This name is a reminder of what the true and lasting message of Christmas is; that God kept his promise to send a Saviour to be born as one of us and bring God’s love and forgiveness to the world. In Jesus God became a part of history. Through Jesus, God is still a part of our lives today.

May you all have a blessed Christmas. Safe travel to all of you who are going away. Enjoy your time with family and friends. And may you also find the time to remember that at Christmas God showed his love to us in sending Jesus to be a part of our world, and that this great truth is also a part of our lives today. The baby whose birth we celebrate grew up to show God’s love to all people, and he died and rose again so we could all have new life with God forever. The gift of Christmas which doesn’t break or fade away is God’s love for us in Jesus.

Christmas blessings to you all,

Pastor Andrew
With the final two days of year 10 exams occurring this week, I would like to thank all of the students for the professional way that they have conducted themselves throughout this exam period. The student’s organization and conduct has been exceptional, highlighting the importance of familiarizing students with this form of assessment before their external exams in year 12.

In these final two weeks of school, we have very important orientation programs running that will prepare students for a good start next year by introducing and commencing studies in next year’s subjects.

This week, our year 11 students will attend their Stage 2 subject classes as well as a range of general sessions focussing on key decision and organization skills they will need next year. Students have received timetables indicating where their Stage 2 classes for the week are being held and which teachers will be taking them. Teachers will introduce their subject, the topics that will be studied and outline the assessment tasks that students will complete over the course of the year. In most cases, students will commence assessment tasks and may have some associated work to complete over the holiday break. Year 11 students will finish their year at the end of this week and we will be having a final assembly on Friday the 29th (10.15am) with subject wards being presented to both year 10 and 11 students.

During this week (week 8), year 10 students will be finishing exams on Monday and Tuesday and then have normal subject classes for the remainder of the week. In week 9, year 10 students will follow a similar program to the year 11s where they will attend their Stage 1 subject classes and commence work which will set them up for a good start in 2014. Again, Year 10 students have been issued with timetables to guide them during this week. Year 10 students finish their year at the end of week 9 along with all other Good Shepherd students.

These orientation programs are designed to focus students on the important goals they must achieve next year and begin to work on them so that they commence next year with direction and momentum, setting them up for the best chance of success in these important years of their schooling.

Just a final reminder that year 10 and 11 students should have received letters listing their Stage 1 and 2 subjects for next year which need to be signed and returned to College to confirm their enrolment in these subjects. Please sign and return these as soon as possible.

Sincerely

Darren Boyce
Head of Senior School.
As the final week of school for the year fast approaches the Middle School students are preparing for range of culminating activities.

Inventor's week
The Year 7 students will become 'young inventors' for the week, and will take part in a variety of activities focussed around the Design cycle which I used in both Technology and Art in the MYP. They will investigate, design, plan, create and evaluate their own invention working in small teams to produce their own invention.

On Thursday December 5th students will have a chance to present their invention to a chosen panel of experts and to then display their invention and design ideas in an Invention Fair. The fair will be taking place from 11:30-12:15pm in the Upper Middle School Foyer. All parents and carers are welcome to visit the school to look at the inventions.

From the many groups of inventors, three groups will be chosen as the overall winners and an award ceremony will be held for the winning groups in a Year 6/7 assembly on the last Friday of the term.

If you have any recyclable resources you no longer need that may be helpful for our young inventors e.g. newspapers, magazines, card, small pieces of wood, small pieces of plastic, we would welcome them for any inventions or prototypes that students may like to put together.

We are looking forward to a fun, creative and exciting week.

Cultural ‘Festival’ Day
As a culminating activity for this term’s Language B unit on Festivals the Yr6-10 students are holding a Festivals Day in the Language Centre. Students from all class have contributed towards the small articles that will be for sale and the decorations which adorn the centre. Activities on the day include a soccer match between ‘Germany’ and ‘Japan’ a photo-booth with tradition Japanese and German costumes for students to dress in, and team games such as the ‘Goldfish’ game and Water Yo-Yo game representing the Japanese culture and for German a Ginger Beer race.

Final Assembly for 2103
On Friday we will hold our final Middle School assembly for the year when the subject awards will be presented to students. The Year 6/7 assembly will be held from 12:20-1:00pm and the Year 8/9 assembly will be held from 1:50-2:35. Both assemblies will be held in the College Chapel.

Rachel Boyce
Head of Middle School

The Christmas Stall has once again been a resounding success. Thanks so much to Michelle Reid for Co-ordinating; Erin Holliday, Di Zorn and Sue Wood for the many hours of preparation. Thank you to all who helped at the Saturday working bees and at the stalls.

Thank you so much to Bet, Lucy and Elva (pictured) for the many amazing crafts.
Assemblies
On Friday, 29 November we will be giving out the Elders, Aussie of the Month and the All-Rounder Awards. The choir will be singing and the Year 4 students who have nominated for the positions of Ambassadors for 2014 will present their speeches.

On Thursday, 5 November, we will be giving out the Chief Minister’s Literacy Awards and the Achievement and Service Awards for each class. The final certificates and House Badges will also be given out at this assembly.

Uniforms
In general the standard of the uniforms has improved this year. Please note the shoe requirements as new shoes are purchased for 2014 school year.

Looking back on 2013: As this is the last newsletter for the year, it is fitting to look back over the year.

• It has been exciting to see the students more involved in their Units of Inquiry as they become more familiar with the inquiry cycle and their knowledge of the IB Primary Years Programme. The Presentation Nights for each year level have reflected the learning which has been taking place. The Three-way Conferences and Student-led Conferences have been opportunities for the students to reflect on their learning and to share their goals with their parents and teachers.

• We have introduced KidsMatter this year going through the first component about having a positive school community with the theme ‘Every Face Has a Place’.

• We have held more parent information sessions this year which have been well received by the parents who have attended.

• The discos continue to be a highlight of the Junior School calendar with entertainment for the students and a chance for our parent community to get together.

• The Year 5 leadership Peer Support Program continued with all the students in the Junior School participating in the group sessions.

It has been a pleasure working with the dedicated staff in the Junior School and I thank them for their hard work ensuring a high quality program of learning for all the students. I wish our Year 5 students every blessing as they move into Middle School. At this time of the year, we also farewell a number of families as their children move into Middle School events as we follow your children’s progress over the coming years.

Lynne Pokela
Head of Junior School

Junior School Choir performing at Casuarina Shopping Centre

We congratulate the following students who will be receiving awards in the assembly on Friday, 29 November.

All Rounder Awards: Jessamy Tonissoo from 2KW and Isaac Marshall from 4KK

Aussie of the Month Awards: Brooke McDonald from TCN, Charlotte Eades from TGP and Katie Becker from 1CM

Elders Awards: Jim Price from 4WF, Christine Wright from 5MN and Ryan Harvey from 5KC

Congratulations to the following students who received trophies for their achievements in Swimming and Athletics.

Elyse Newman Cooper, Bradley Gill, Lara Hambleton, Nathan Dixon, Sophie Reid, Jonty Patrick, Keeley Patrick, Jaxon Yun,
Robin Bartle, Noah Faull, Charlie Rinehart, Alex Lynch, Kassie Bush
Primary Years Programme in the Junior School 2013

At the year comes to an end it is always useful to look back and view the journey travelled. In regards to the PYP it has been a journey which has taken us on an exciting route.

For the teachers it was very much a year of consolidation. Having completed our pre-authorisation in 2012 we approached 2013 with a view to embed many of the IB standards and practices into our teaching and learning. During the year more classes began to actively use the inquiry cycle. You may have noticed visual models of this cycle in classrooms where the students move between the following phases.

**Tuning In:** This phase is used to gauge prior knowledge and immerse students in the inquiry. Questions may be collected as a basis for making decisions about the direction of the unit.

**Finding Out:** This phase involves both direct teaching to prepare students for the collection of information, e.g. research skills as well as using a range of primary (guest speaker, excursion) and secondary (books, video, internet) sources of information.

**Sorting Out:** This always occurs after Finding Out and assists students in organising the data they have collected. Teachers may also use this as an opportunity to teach the use of various graphic organisers such as Mind Maps, Venn Diagrams and other tables and charts. During this time the students decide what information they need to keep.

**Going Further:** This may involve the students going back to find further information as a new question has arisen or something remains unanswered. They may also begin to think about how the information will be presented.

**Making Conclusions:** This involves the student demonstrating their understanding of the central idea and presenting this in some form.

**Taking Action and Reflection:** At this stage the students think about the ‘so what’ of their learning. Now that they have developed new knowledge, attitudes and skills what are they going to do with them? Is there some further learning they would like to undertake? Is there a personal action they can follow through with? Is there an aspect of their learning that they would like to improve?

As well as growing through the inquiry cycle the students have also become far more fluent in their use and understanding of many of the PYP language. They frequently use the attributes of the Learner Profile to describe themselves and others. They are aware of the expectations in regard to their learning as they talk about the central idea, lines of inquiry, concepts and transdisciplinary skills associated with their unit of inquiry.

It has certainly been a year of growth in learning and understanding for us all.
Order Uniforms Online

College uniforms can now be ordered online. Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au and click "Register Now". You will be sent an email with further instructions on how to complete the registration. Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately. Of course, if you are already using Flexischools to order lunches, there is no need to re-register. If you have any questions, Flexischools provide a great help desk on 1300 361 769, or you can contact them via their website.

Early Bird Discount

The new school year will soon be upon us so to encourage us all to be organised with our uniforms, the College Shop is offering a 15% discount on purchases made up until Friday 13th December. The College Shop will be closed Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th December for stocktake. No appointments necessary.

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We are located at 44 Toupein Road, Yarrawonga if you want to drop in to see us.

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Thanks, Bridget

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Minecraft Holiday Program

WHEN
1. Thursday & Friday 19/20 Dec

WHERE - Rosebery Middle School

COST - $120 per person

For registration & more info go to http://minecraftcamps.net/events

Tim Wicks - 0400403963 OR info@minecraftcamps.net

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Enter our Top End Tree Topper Competition

Local arts, crafts and food available
Sunday 8 December
9am-2pm

Free Entry
(Not valid entry fees apply if you would like to explore the park afterwards)

Free Decoration making
Waterslide

Gift Shop SALE

Photos available with Santa and his wildlife friends

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In week 6 the year 1's held their presentation night. The night started off in the hall when the year 1's presented two songs, an 'Aussie Jingle Bells' and ‘Silent Night’ sung in Pigeon English. Parents and friends were then invited back to the classrooms where the students had setup stalls centred on the learning which had taken place throughout the term. There were stalls on different celebrations including Japanese Children's Day, ANZAC Day, Chinese New Year and NAIDOC Week, math stalls on chance and measurement, a narrative stall and a Bible story stall where you had to guess the Bible message. A popular choice was the old school classroom where Mrs Brown was using her cane to discipline students. It was a fantastic night and the year one's did a marvellous job.
On Saturday 23rd November the Year 5 Graduation was held at the Junior School campus to celebrate their time at Primary School. The night consisted of speeches, dinner, dancing and a lot of fun.
On Saturday night we danced, we ate and we had lots of fun. Will

On Saturday there was a Year 5 dinner that was so fun- we danced, ate and got cake. It was super fun!! - Sam

We loved looking back at all the memories on the Powerpoint presentation.

I had a great time at the dinner on Saturday night. We had tons of fun, the food was great and we enjoyed the speeches.

On Saturday night we had our graduation dinner. We had speeches, a power point and great food! Everybody had fun at the dinner :) - Sam

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