

# Howard Springs Campus Middle & Senior Years News

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Term 1, Week 5 2022

## Upcoming Events



- **Mon 14 March** - Three-way Conferences
- **Tues 15 March** - PARRS Netball
- **Tues 15 March** - Year 11 Geography Field Trip
- **Wed 16 March** - Three-way Conferences
- **Mon 21 March** - Harmony Day
- **Wed 23 March** - MS PARRS Volleyball
- **Thurs 24 March** - SS PARRS Volleyball
- **Wed 30 March - Fri 1 April**, Year 6 Experience, Group 1
- **Mon 4 - Fri 8 April**, Year 10 Work Experience
- **Wed 6 - Fri 8 April**, Year 6 Experience, Group 2
- **Fri 8 April** - Last Day Term 1
- **Fri 15 April** - Good Friday
- **Sun 17 April** - Easter Sunday
- **Mon 18 April** - Easter Monday
- **Tues 19 April** - First Day Term 2

## Senior Years

I would like to congratulate our senior students who have illustrated a strong work ethic and commendable flexibility in the first half of Term 1. With pandemic mandates it could be very easy to get frustrated, and blame others for the situation our community finds itself in within broader societal mandates. But that has not been the case on the Middle and Senior campus. Students have complied with regulations without question, which shows a great deal of community mindedness and resilience.

Mia and Robin, our College Captains have led from the front and our House Leaders have used technology to great effect in assemblies to ensure our communication flow is as good as it can be. Great work and a great start. I would like to thank all our parents/caregivers of senior students who have taken the time to do the little things in preparation for the school year. It can be difficult to get back into routines, but with your help and the students' positive mindset, it has been a great start to the year.

## Dean Cummins - Head of Senior Years



## Middle Years

The 2022 academic year began in earnest earlier this term and I was very pleased and proud to see such a smooth start. Students returned from holidays enthused and energetic and have settled into the routine of their school days extremely well. We have several new teachers and many new students at the College and the degree to which they have been welcomed by the our school community is heartening.

I have witnessed a high degree of commitment and application of students to their studies. In particular it is wonderful to see Year 6 students making significant progress in their transition into Middle School. This can be a trying time for our newest and youngest students as well as a time of great joy and wonder at their new surroundings, peers and opportunities. The anxiety I saw on the first few days has given way to excitement and eagerness of students whose learning journey at Good Shepherd Secondary campus has just begun.

This great start has been particularly pleasing, especially in terms of our wholistic response to the threat and impact of COVID-19 on our wider community. Students have managed themselves appropriately and dealt with these issues as they arose with great maturity and resilience. A sign that all of us - students, parents, teachers and support staff, are all very well attuned to each other and are indeed a strong and dedicated community. **James Faraone - Head of Middle Years**



First Day - Monday 7 February



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Early Learning Centre - Year 12

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## Governor-General Visit

We had some very special guests visiting our Howard Springs Junior School on Friday 18 February. His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley visited the Year 3 and Year 5 classrooms, engaging superbly with students and assisting with the lessons.

Their Excellencies were here for the 2022 Bombing of Darwin Day Commemorations. On Saturday 19 February 2022 it was 80 years since Australia faced an unprecedented foreign attack on home soil.

They were here for the 2021 ANZAC Day Service at the Darwin Cenotaph. We think they like the Top End and warmly welcome them here again. This was a wonderful privilege for us and many staff and students to delighted to mee them. [Governor-General of Australia](#)



## Online Communication

Human beings' **superpower** is **pattern recognition**. Long before we are consciously aware, our brains are responding to our environment and changing the chemistry of our body (emotions) and our behaviour so that we can respond and adapt to our world without thinking about it.

It is this superpower that enables us to **maintain positive and secure relationships** as we unconsciously pick up cues from those around us, (facial expressions, tone of voice, shifts in posture etc.) and modify our behaviour so that we fit in to our social world and contribute productively to it.

This superpower is **critical for our children** as they enter adolescence and begin to develop identities that are differentiated from the family. Developmental psychologists describe adolescence as a time of 'experimenting with roles'; trying on new ways of thinking and behaving and looking for feedback from the world as to how these new identities fit. **Establishing an independent and secure identity** is recognised as the critical development challenge for adolescents and one that will **set the foundations for their adult relationships**.

This superpower however can be severely confounded by social media. In the online environment the only feedback to guide and modify behaviour is that communicated in the written word. In the absence of the raft of cues present in face-to-face communication, **young people need to infer their own ideas** about what the words online

actually mean. These inferences of course can only come from the young person's own experiences and perceptions of their world, and so **social media can become a 'hall of mirrors'** reflecting back what the young person thinks of themselves (which can often be negative) and providing very little feedback about the appropriateness of their own online behaviours. **It is all too easy for online relationships to spin out of control**, when in a face-to-face situation, interpersonal problems would be quickly identified and managed. This says nothing of the unrealistic and unattainable images and feedback that are also promoted online.

Social media is an unavoidable part of this generations' lives and is not all bad. However it is important that parents and carers are in touch with their young person's online relationships and **continue to give them the real-world feedback**, as they have through their childhood, that will help them transition safely into independent adults. Be aware of the social platforms they frequent, how they work, who they are connected to and talk with them about their interactions. It is my experience that young people often appreciate gentle support in making sense of their online worlds.

**Darren Boyce - Head of Positive Education**

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## Maths Help

We have a team of dedicated teachers who provide Mathematics assistance, 'Maths Help'. This operates after school every Wednesday. Teachers have one primary goal:

### To help students with their maths!

From 2:36pm-3:30pm located in SS1, Maths Help is a golden opportunity for students to:

- get on top of their homework
- ask for clarification on things they are learning in class
- use the maths lab whiteboard to bounce ideas with their peers
- seek support from teachers in understanding concepts.

Maths help is beneficial to all students of all abilities. If you are wishing to extend yourself, or you want support, Maths Help is the place to be.



## Monsoon Year Books

\* 2021 Monsoon year books have arrived. We are loving the cover!

Thanks so much to Year 12 student (2021) Rose for the fabulous croc inspired artwork.

Copies are \$10.00 and can be ordered via the Signmee notice sent in Week 3 or over the phone with credit card.

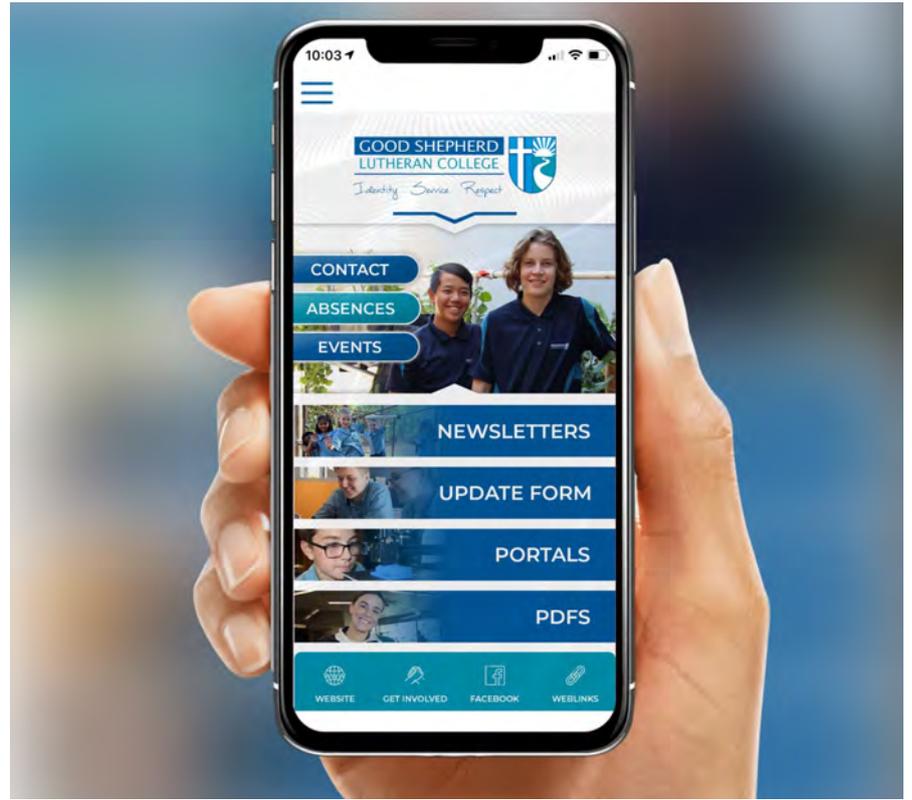


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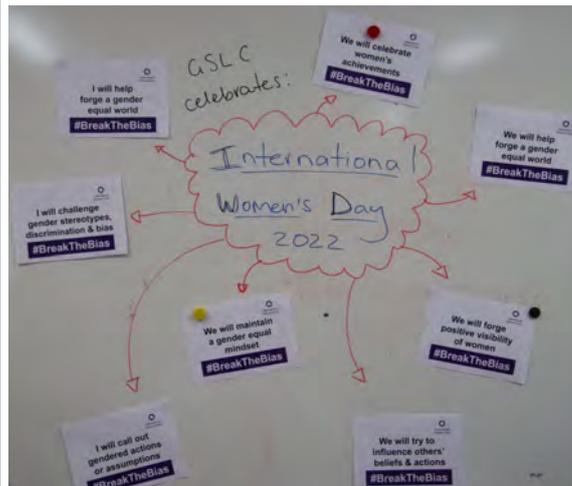
### Updated College App

Our College App has had a makeover! Be sure to download from the App Store if you haven't already. Many functions improved and a new, snazzy design. A handy App for Absences, Events, Contacts, links to documents, our website and so much more! [Good Shepherd Lutheran College NT](#)



### International Women's Day - Tuesday 8 March

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>



## 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](http://www.goodshepherd.nt.edu.au)

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### Facebook

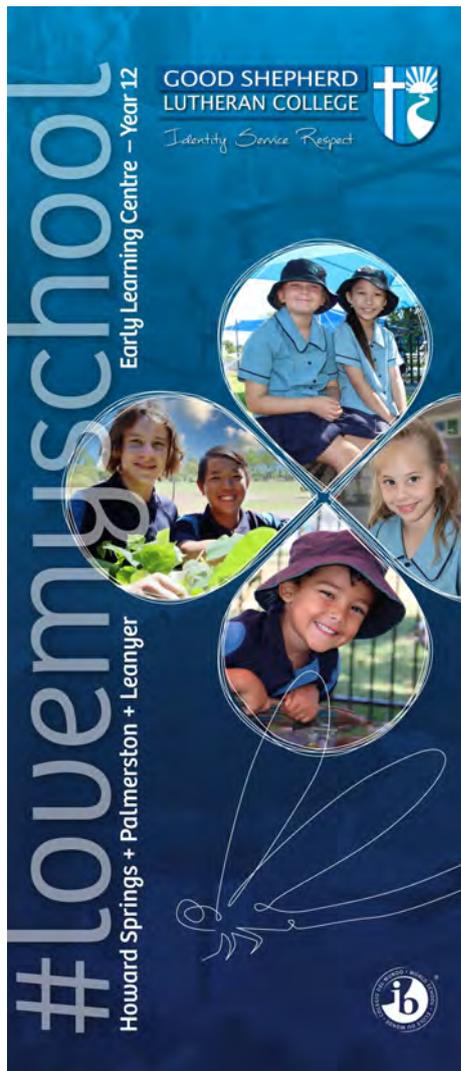
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### Instagram

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# 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>



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# BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER



**Dear Lord,  
Our children are filled with  
emotions about their first  
day of school!  
Fill them with peace instead  
of worry. Give them courage  
instead of fear. Strengthen  
them with your presence as  
they start the new year.  
Amen**

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PARRS & TOP END SPORTS 2022

# SCHOOL SPORT

## HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?!

**STEP 1.** MISS RENNES POSTS ON THE DAILY NOTICES A LINK FOR STUDENTS TO SIGN THEMSELVES UP.

**STEP 2.** SIGNMEE'S ARE SENT HOME ONLY TO STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE STEP 1.

**STEP 3.** PERMISSION & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED 1 WEEK BEFORE SPORT DATE.

**STEP 4.** STUDENTS NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE NO OUTSTANDING DETENTIONS OR ASSESSMENTS.

**STEP 5.** HAVE AN AWESOME DAY PLAYING SPORT & REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL !

## WHAT / WHEN?

TERM 1:  
Netball  
Volleyball  
3x3 Bball (SS)

TERM 2:  
Soccer  
Badminton  
Track & Field

TERM 3:  
Table Tennis  
Hockey  
Orienteering  
Touch Football  
Beach V-ball  
AFL

TERM 4:  
Swimming  
3x3 Bball (MS)