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Palmerston Campus News

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Upcoming Events



Term 1

MARCH

Monday 1, 8, 15, 22
Athletics Incursion

Wednesday 17
Paralympian Incursion

Friday 19
Harmony Day

Friday 26
Disco

Monday 29 – Tuesday 30
3 Way Conferences

APRIL

Friday 2
Good Friday

Monday 5
Easter Monday

Thursday 8 – Friday 9
Healthy Harold – Life
Education Van

Monday 12 – Friday 16
Mid Semester Holidays

12 March 2021

We have had a productive start to the school year. It was wonderful to see so many of our families attending our Welcome BBQ and Information Nights in Week 3.

Thank you to all those parents who have taken on the role as class carers. Dianne Prest is the class carer coordinator for 2021.

The class carers for 2021 are:

- TMK: Peta Trahair, Barbara Lugg
- 1RW: Clare McKay
- 2DS: Zoe Boyle, Amy Griggs
- 3RW: Jessica Hanison, Belinda Di Toro
- 4LG: Odette da Costa Pereira
- 5CT: Jessica Hanison

The class carers have a huge role to play in our fundraising and family events this year. If you would like to assist with any of the events coming up, please speak to your class carer who will put you in touch with the right person.

It is exciting to see such amazing learning taking place. I hope that this newsletter gives you a glimpse of the exciting things happening around our campus.

I'm looking forward to the year ahead.

On behalf of our Palmerston Campus staff we wish each and everyone a safe and blessed Easter.

Vicki Trathen
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Palmerston Campus



Exciting Plans for 2021

Prayer Garden

As you may know we have recently received a grant from the Palmerston City Council to build our Prayer Garden. We are currently being held up as we need to wait for engineer plans before the cross can be built. A huge thank you to Hume's Darwin for the donation of the cross and to Rapid NT for drawing up the plans at no cost. We are currently in the design stage and would love student and parent input. If you have any ideas, we would love to hear from you.

Murals

Throughout the year we plan on painting murals on several of the buildings. We will start with the end of the Transition and Year 1/2 Block. We also hope to paint a new mural on the end of Year 3/Art block and the sports shed.

If any parents are feeling creative, we would love your help to work with our Chaplain Kyle with designs and painting the murals.

School Toilet Project

Thank you to Bunnings for donating approximately \$1000 worth of paint to paint our two toilet blocks. The students are in the process of coming up with design ideas. Again, if you are feeling creative, we would love your assistance with designing and painting.

A huge Thank you to Maddison, Nate and Noah Blazely's mum Brooke for helping to organise this.

Connecting with the Community

As part of our Palmerston Campus strategic improvement plan this year we are aiming to provide formal opportunities for our students to engage with and contribute to the community. We would like to establish genuine collaboration with community organisations to support student learning, form ongoing relationships and provide real world examples so that students are actively engaged and involved in our local and global community and value their role as a citizen.

As part of this we are continuing with our connection with Journey Early Learning Child Care Centre in a variety of ways.

The Preschool children will continue to visit on several occasions throughout the year to participate in a Transition-to-school program. The toddlers visit us often to attend our Little Lambs Play Group.

Our plan is for our students to visit and work with the childcare centre in a variety of ways that contribute towards their learning. Journey was featured on ABC news last week as they run a healthy eating program and employ a qualified chef. There will be opportunities for our students to work with the chef and learn about their programs. Students will also visit the centre to observe and interact with children; learning about child development. We would also assist the Journey students with service-based programs to develop students' leadership skills.

If you are familiar with any businesses or local organisations including nursing homes that we could connect with, we would love to hear from you.





Environment Centre NT

Next term we will be participating in the Cool community's native tree planting program which involves a tree planting session with the Years 3, 4 and 5 students. Cool Mob and Territory Native Plants are donating 27 trees for the students to plant. We have decided to use these plants to create a Bush Tucker/Sensory Garden.

STEM in Schools Project

The purpose of the STEM in schools project is to connect schools and STEM professionals; to increase knowledge of STEM and to bring skills to life in the classroom through a range of activities, including mentoring and hands-on activities.

We are currently undergoing a digital revolution and STEM literacy is even more critical. For example, a number of studies have predicted that up to 40 per cent of current roles will be impacted by automation in the next 10 years and that many jobs that our current students will do haven't been invented yet!

Studies have also shown that people with STEM skills are more flexible, creative and will be able to take advantage of a changing workplace and new jobs. In order to ensure Australia has a workforce that has the appropriate skills to meet future jobs and contribute to economic growth, it's critical to inspire young people to continue the development of their STEM skills.

By connecting industry with schools, teachers and students are exposed to the relevance of STEM in everyday life. STEM Professionals in Schools encourages students to consider STEM as a future career pathway, which will be essential to meet Australia's future economic growth and productivity.

The Palmerston Campus is one of three schools in the NT to be a part of this initiative. We have been fortunate to be partnered with Ivan Martinez who works for CSIRO and has a Master's degree in Chemistry.

Ivan will be working with us as our STEM partner to bring Science, especially Chemistry into our school. We are so excited to be working with Ivan and can't wait to get started.

We hope to introduce Ivan to our students in assembly via Zoom. He also hopes to come and visit us in Darwin throughout the year.

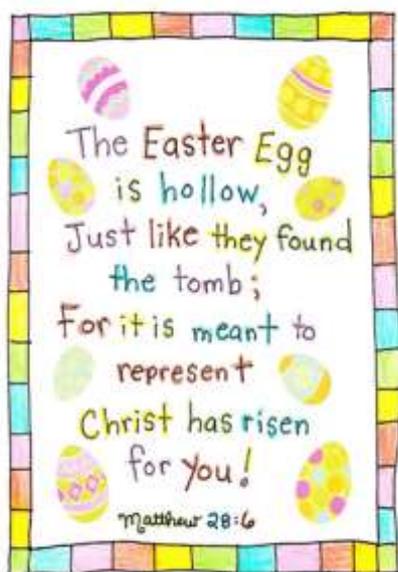
Pallet Furniture

We would love to build some furniture for the students to use around our school. If you have any pallets we could use, please drop them in or if you are handy and creative, we would love your help to build the furniture. If you would like to help, please let me know.



As part of the learning spaces around the school we would like to incorporate a boat. If you know of an old boat that is no longer in use/useable please let me know.

- Brings real world STEM into the classroom
- Strengthens teacher's knowledge
- Builds confidence, inspires and motivates teachers
- Exposes STEM professionals to teaching methods
- Provides mentoring for teachers
- Inspires and motivates students to engage in STEM-related endeavours
- Exposes students to STEM-related career options
- Engagement with community through public awareness
- Improves communication and presentation skills
- Inspires the next generation of STEM innovators
- Provides a framework for industry to connect with schools
- Aids business with an opportunity to fulfill corporate social responsibility objectives



Awards



House Point Current Total

FENTON - 77



STRAUSS - 58



HUGHES - 38



LIVINGSTONE-34



Fenton were awarded the House Trophy for Week 4 Assembly.



Awards

Strauss

Oliver Penning TMK
Flora Hackenberg 3RK
Charlie Trouchet 3RK
Marjorie Hackenberg 5CT

Livingstone

Joshua Hanison 3RK

House Games



House Games will continue most Friday afternoons for the remainder of the term. Students are welcome to wear their house colour shirt and sports shorts or their sports uniforms.



Country Ambassadors

We are still on the lookout for Ambassadors to represent the countries at assembly for each of the flags in our multi-purpose hall. If your child is interested in applying, they can pick up an application form from the front office.

Athletics Incursion

As part of our sporting schools grant this term, we are fortunate to have accredited athletics coach Jess Brewster working with our students over 4 sessions. She will be working with them across the different areas of athletics to assist in preparing them for the athletics carnival next term.



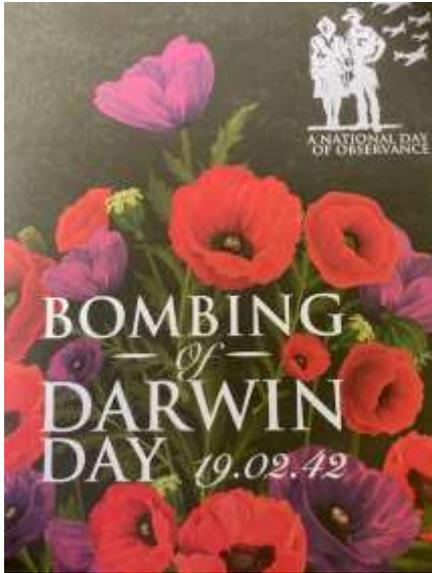
Bombing of Darwin



The 'Under the Sea' disco will be held on **Friday 26 March**. Students are welcome to dress up according to our theme. Tickets will be available to pre-purchase at the front office. A Signmee note has been sent out with more details.

Bombing of Darwin

On Friday February 19 our Junior School Captains Charlotte Hanison and Blake Dawes attended the 79th Bombing of Darwin ceremony at the Darwin Cenotaph. Blake and Charlotte were joined by the College Captains, Middle School Captains and the Junior School Captains from Leanyer and Howard Springs Campus. The students were commended on their behaviour and respect they displayed throughout the ceremony.



Soundswrite

Thank you to Miss Kitely for running the Soundswrite phonics and reading workshop last week. Miss Kitely will run the workshop for a second time if you missed it and would like to attend. A date and time has not yet been finalised.

If you are interested in learning more about Soundswrite there is an online parent workshop that you are welcome to sign up to.

The online workshop will step you through correct pronunciation of sounds and their spelling. As well as go through some of the activities we do in class. Generally, the activities stay the same and the content changes. It is completely free and is designed for parents to help their child at home.

Online Workshop Links:

PART 1: <https://www.udemy.com/share/101qY0AEcSdIIIRQ30D/>

PART 2: <https://www.udemy.com/share/101PgrAEcSdIIIRQ30D/>

Video link for Sound Pronunciation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8ZMfyjdN-s>



Easter Hat Parade



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On Thursday 1 April, all students in T-5 will participate in the Palmerston Campus annual Easter Hat Parade. The parade will take place on the basketball court at 8:30 am and parents/carers are most welcome to come and watch the event.

During the parade, the children will have the opportunity to showcase the Easter hats that they have made. We will be making Easter hats in class. If you have any decorations or something they can use as a hat at home please send them in with your child.

Decoration ideas Easter stickers, feathers, ribbon, buttons etc.



THANK YOU

for supporting our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Recess Fundraiser. We raised **\$211.75** towards our murals.

A big thank you to Year 5 students, Mrs Simpson, Mr Synnott and our Class Carer Jess Hanison for cooking and also to class parent Hilary Bloomfield for donating all the pancake mix.



MURALS

Last week, Year 5 Leaders Roshan & Jonty measured the spaces for our murals. Our 3m tape meant the wall had to be measured in four sections and the amounts added together.



FUNDRAISING FOR MURALS

To help raise funds towards our murals we will commence selling icy poles every Friday from Week 6 at lunchtime for 50 cents during Term 1.



CHECK OUT OUR LEARNING

In TMR

UNIT OF INQUIRY

This term we started by looking at our year long UOI - Who we are. We have started looking at the ways we interact with people and have linked this to our UOI - How we organise ourselves. We have been using role play to investigate the ways emergency services interact with each other and the public. We have also been learning body parts in English and in French.



LITERACY

We have made a great start to our Literacy program this term. We know our first 12 sounds and have started using those sounds to read and write words. We have also been learning about recounts and are using Polly and her Dolly to learn how to write our own recount.

MATHS

So far this term we have been learning about patterns and have investigated what patterns we can find around our school. We discovered you can make music using patterns so we made a water xylophone and have tried to write our own songs.



Year 3 News

3RK have had a great start to the year. They were the first class to conduct Chapel for the year. The students did an amazing job. The teacher on the day, wasn't needed at all!!!

The students used their central idea of 'God blesses people with many gifts', as their focal point for the Chapel Item. They have learned a great deal about the structure of the Bible (one of God's gifts) and have determined a list of other gifts from God.

3RK have the exciting opportunity of getting to know a class in America. This will be a year long initiative that will foster international mindedness as well as improve geographical awareness, open-mindedness and self-reflective skills. The class in Florida is just as excited as 3RK.

In Maths, Year 3 have been working on their multiplication and division skills. The best way to learn in maths, is to question how numbers can be connected to real life situations and explain how you understand the sum. Ashlee used the story that she had 70 animals and gave her 10 friends, 7 animals each. She used the unifix cubes to sort through equally distributing the 'animals' to her friends. This was great hands-on learning. Well done Year 3.

Red Cross visited 3RK to discuss emergencies and the importance of staying calm and being prepared in an emergency. They had fun sorting through and discussing what items were deemed important enough to take with them in an emergency if they had to leave home. All items had to fit into the pillowcase.



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

College App

Good Shepherd Lutheran
College NT

Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/
GoodShepherdNT/](https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdNT/)

Careers Facebook Page

[https://www.facebook.com/
gslcareers/](https://www.facebook.com/gslcareers/)



Instagram

[https://www.instagram.com/
goodshepnt/](https://www.instagram.com/goodshepnt/)



Ashlee making sure she has 70



Ashlee with her 10 friends. Each friend is holding 7 'animals'.



Red Cross Emergency Pillowcase



What eight items would you take in an emergency?



As part of the Year 4 Unit of Inquiry 'Who we Are' we have been inquiring into how to make balanced choices to allow us to have a healthy lifestyle. 4LG and TMK worked together to investigate the amount of sugar in different drinks. First we estimated how much sugar we thought was in each drink and then we compared it to the amount that is actually in each drink.



Egg Drop and Science

The past few weeks we have been looking at the design processes that we use in science. Last week we inquired into Motion by dropping eggs. We started this journey by literally dropping an egg on the ground. This led to us thinking and designing a contraption which allows the egg to land on the ground safely. After our designing, we worked in groups to select materials to use and create a device where the egg can land safely. We had so many interesting designs which worked so well!



Red Cross Visit – Pillowcase Program

This week the students in Year 3 and 4 participated in an education program run by Australian Red Cross called the Pillowcase Program. This program is designed to help children to prepare, cope and respond to various emergencies.

We looked into different emergency situations (Fires, Cyclones, Flooding). From there we worked in groups to come up with a list of items that we may need in an emergency. We then explained our thinking and were given the opportunity to design and make our Emergency kit Pillowcase. We loved this activity and learned a lot about what makes a good kit in an emergency.





CAFE 5
Palmerston

Behaviour – Who we are



Year 5 have been inquiring into **Who we are** through the Central Idea *Human characteristics influence action*. Through the Brain Dominance, Neris, Disc and Multiple Intelligences tests, students have found out about their personality types as well as their peers, teachers and family's personalities. They created these displays to visually show their personality type, brain dominance, learning style, grouping preferences and passions.



Do you want to find out about your brain? Are you analytical, diplomatic or intuitive? Here are the links for the tests we took. We'd love to hear what you get!

Neris Test:

<https://www.16personalities.com/free-personality-test>

Disc Test: <https://www.123test.com/disc-personality-test/>

Multiple Intelligences Test:

<https://personalitymax.com/multiple-intelligences/>

wellbeing

at Palmerston Campus

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all” - Aristotle



Wellbeing at Good Shepherd Lutheran College is influenced by the IB Curriculum and the Australian Curriculum. We are also proud to be a Lea Waters Visible Wellbeing School.



Lea Waters, PhD, is a psychologist, researcher, speaker and author. She's one of the world's leading experts on Positive Education, Positive Organizations, and Strength-Based Parenting & Teaching. As a University researcher, Lea turns her science into strength-based strategies to help organizations, educators and parents around the world build resilience in their employees and children, helping them to thrive. You can read more about lea and her international achievements on her website:

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

Lea Waters outlines six pathways that help students understand their wellbeing and build their positive self-talk. We call this the SEARCH Framework (see below). We have aligned each pathway with a unit of inquiry and the concepts are explicitly taught to the students throughout the year.

S	E	A	R	C	H
Strengths	Emotional Management	Attention & Awareness	Relationships	Coping	Habits & Goals
Spirituality	Emotion literacy	Attention management	Friendships	Meaning	Sleep
Service	Regulation	Mediation	Social Intelligence	Hope	Nutrition
Values & Ethics	Expression	Mindfulness	Active Constructive Responding	Optimism	Exercise
Character	Mood	Imagery	Altruism	Psychological First Aid	Engagement
Best Self	Pleasant emotions	Savouring	Kindness	Thinking style	Perseverance
	Gratitude		Forgiveness	Mindset	Motivation
			Compassion	Resilience	Mastery
			Teamwork	Post Traumatic growth	Self-Efficacy
				Embracing failure	

Transition: HWOO
Attention & Awareness

Year 1: HWOO
Habits & Goals

Year 2: STP
Attention & Awareness

Year 3: WWA
Emotional Management

Year 4: WWA
Emotional Management

Year 5: WWA
Habits & Goals





Primary Years Programme - Self-Study

As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, it is a requirement that each school takes part in an evaluation process addressing all elements and components of the Primary Years Programme (PYP) that enables us to remain authorised. During this period of evaluation (which occurs every five years), evidence is sought from all community members, including internal and external stakeholders to verify that the school is meeting all the necessary requirements of the Programme. The emphasis of our IB Evaluation process will come from the school's *Self-Study*, the school's IB PYP *Action Plan*, as well as the school's commitment and implementation of the IB *Standards and Practices* for the PYP. The final stage of this process will involve a team of educators representing the International Baccalaureate visiting our College to conduct an in-depth, three-day school-based, evaluation visit expected to take place in August 2022.

So, what exactly is the Self-study?

The self-study is a detailed and thorough reflection by all community members on each of the *practices* outlined in the Primary Years Programme - *Programme Standards and Practices*. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity to reflect, appreciate and identify areas where the school is excelling and showing growth as well as areas which may require additional attention.

The last few weeks across our junior schools, staff have collaborated about the upcoming Self-Study process and evaluation visit. We have continued to spend time reviewing and reflecting on the *standards and practices* and have commenced some initial inquiry into our '*current reality*'.

Parental input and support play an integral part of this process. If any parents from our community would be willing to take part in the Evaluation process this would be appreciated.

If you would like to be involved in this process and would like further information, please email me directly at: elizabeth.walker@ntschoools.net

I look forward to hearing from you.

Elizabeth Walker
Primary Years Programme Curriculum Coordinator



Recipe

Recipe

The Boyle Family Bliss Balls

Ingredients-

- 1 cup of rolled oats
- 1 & 1/2 cups of dates
- 1/2 cup Pepita Seeds
- 1/2 cup of desiccated coconut
- 1/2 cup of chocolate protein powder
- 1/2 cup chia seeds
- 1/4 cup cacao powder
- 1 & 1/2 cups or until mixture is covered of rice malt syrup

Place all dry ingredients in a food processor or Thermomix and mix on high until desired consistency

Add Rice malt syrup and mix until coated

Roll mixture into balls- using tablespoon measurements

Coat with extra desiccated coconut

Place in fridge for 2 hours

Enjoy!



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>



Introducing Pastor Joseph Theodorsen

A very warm welcome to Pastor Joseph Theodorsen and his family who have joined our community. Pastor Joseph is the new Pastor for Top End Lutheran Parish (TELP - comprising of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Howard Springs and St Andrew Lutheran Church, Nightcliff). He was installed* at a worship service on Sunday 7 February by SA / NT Bishop David Altus. Thank you to all who attended, particularly special guests who shared meaningful messages. God's richest blessings to you Pastor Joseph and your family as you settle into a new life in the Top End.

*Installation is a funny word and sounds more like having something to do with computer software. An installation service is a special church service for a newly appointed Christian Pastor / Minister. The calling of the Pastor is formally recognised to acknowledge his responsibilities and duties, and to remind the congregation of their duty to follow their new Pastor's lead.



Why Are They Here?

"From a young age, I wanted to be a teacher. As I progressed through my high school years at Good Shepherd Lutheran College, I was offered the guidance and support to make my dream a reality. From Year 7 through to Year 12 I had teachers who pushed and inspired me to continue on my path.

Following high school I moved to Adelaide to commence my double degree in Education and Arts. While my time in South Australia was memorable and an experience for personal growth, I always knew that Darwin was my home.

I have been extremely fortunate in that I was able to work as a Learning Support Officer at the Leanyer campus while finishing my studies. Since completing my degree I have won my dream job as the Year 1 teacher at the Palmerston campus. I am looking forward to having the opportunity to give back to the Good Shepherd community and hopefully show the kindness to my students that my teachers once showed me".

Riley Wauchope
Year 1 Teacher



Little Lambs Play Group

Little Lambs Playgroup has started again for 2021. It has been so nice to be in a new space and have different toys and activities to explore. We have enjoyed meeting new families and welcoming back our existing ones. This year the children from Journey Early Learning Durack will be joining us again. We are affiliated with Playgroup NT and it was lovely to have a visit from Trudie (playgroup NT) on the 24 February, we look forward to her coming back . We are always looking for new members to join our playgroup.



FREE EVENT

RIDE IN 2 BMX

YOUR CHANCE TO
TRY BMX!



WHY NOT GIVE IT A GO AND
JOIN THE FUN!

LOCATION

ELRUNDIE AVE,
PALMERSTON, NT,
0831

TIME

10:00 AM -
2:00 PM

DATE

SATURDAY 13th
MARCH 2021

www.auscycling.org.au

Journey Early Learning Durack

**Your child is
about to begin
a magnificent
journey.**

**Pop in for a coffee
and meet the team!**

We provide a nurturing environment filled with curiosity, wonder and joy. Join us and explore our adventurous indoor-outdoor playspaces, wraparound bike track, water play area and more! Parents don't miss out either, with complementary coffee and wholesome snacks in the mornings.

We would love to show you around the centre and introduce you to our Centre Manager, Chantelle so please book a tour today. We look forward to meeting you soon!

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**Call us to book
a tour!**



He is Risen

Celebrate Easter

God's richest blessings for a
very happy and safe Easter.

Wishing everyone the joy of
hope, forgiveness and love.

