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Upcoming Events



Week 6: Harmony Week

Friday 19 March: Harmony Day Celebrations (wear orange)

Friday 26 March: Disco

Monday 29 March:

Three-way Conferences

3:00 — 7:30

Tuesday 30 March:

Three-way Conferences

3.00 — 7:30

Friday 2 April:

Good Friday

Monday 5 April:

Easter Monday

Friday 9 April:

Last day of Term 1

Monday 19 April:

First day of Term 2

12 March 2021

We are already five weeks into the 2021 school year and we are thankful that we have had a smooth start to the year. I trust that our new families are feeling part of our community and that the new students are developing their friendships.

The teachers enjoyed having the opportunity for Professional Development in Week 0 with time for across-campus year level planning. We also worked on our campus Strategic Improvement Plan and we decided to look at Wellbeing for our community: staff, families and students this year. In addition, we had Christian Studies workshops with facilitators coming up from Adelaide.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Information Nights to find out what your children will be learning this year and to connect with your children's teachers. It is really important that we work in partnership to support your children's learning.

Last year we were not able to have any parent workshops so we are keen to start these up again. So look out for information about these in the coming weeks. The suggestions we have so far for workshop topics from our Class Carers are:

- How to help your child with reading
- How Maths is taught in 2021
- Controlling Social Media and Cyberbullying
- Emotional Regulation

Previously we have had representatives from ThinkUKnow come to our schools to talk to students in Years 3 – 5 and take a parent session on Social Media and Cyberbullying. However, these have been suspended for the time being due to COVID. However, there are sessions that parents can do at home following this link: thinkuknow.org.au/for-parents-and-carers. I'm currently looking for an alternative organisation to come to visit our school, so please let me know if you have any ideas.

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*The peace of God,
which transcends
all understanding,
will guard your
hearts and minds.*

-Philippians 4:7



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2021 Junior School Leaders

Our Year 5 leaders were installed by our Principal Rachel Boyce during chapel on Tuesday 16 February. This was followed by a morning tea for the students and parents. Congratulations to the following students:

Junior School Captains: Hannah Wight and Jonathan Firth

Fenton House Leaders: Alex Smart and Saxon Brandis

Strauss House Leaders: James Barrett and Pippa Triggs

Livingstone House Leaders: Cormac Young and Matilda Breed

Hughes House Leaders: Tahlia Kelly and Memphis Cross

On Thursday 4 March, the leaders went across to the Senior School for their photos and joined the leaders from the other Junior School Campuses, as well as Middle School and Senior School Leaders for lunch and a 'getting to know you' session.



House Points Tally

Fenton: 92



Strauss: 53



Hughes: 44



Livingstone: 41





A MESSAGE FROM OUR COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

If you wish to contact me by email is: kyle.cantrill@ntschoools.net



Carparks

It is most important that if parents are using the Kiss and Drop areas of the carparks that they DO NOT get out of their cars. This causes a line up of cars behind them which holds everyone up. Please use the Stow Rd carpark to park your car if you need to come into the school for any reason. There are only a few carparks in the Kundook Rd carpark which fill up quite quickly.



Bombing of Darwin

Our Junior School captains, Hannah Wight and Jonathan Firth along with other campus leaders, represented our Howard Springs Campus at the Bombing of Darwin ceremony on 19 February.



Student Leadership Group

Students have been chosen by their peers to represent their classes in our Student Leadership Group (SLG) for Semester 1 this year. They will meet every fortnight to discuss issues and develop action plans to help make our school a great place to be. They will report back to their classes and promote whole school initiatives to allow for student agency and leadership.

The students received their badges at assembly last week and are ready to collaborate and share their ideas. I look forward to working with these students over the semester.

Mrs Dancis

3DL William Twine
Neave Jonas

3JA William Twine
Neave Jonas

4JL Isla Dancis
Lachlan Laffy

4BB Rochelle Criddle
Dallas Wynne

5JL Sabeine Currey
Alex Gray

5MD Caitlin Nunn
Charlotte Melhop



House Activities



Harmony Day

On Friday 19 March we will be celebrating Harmony Day which falls on a Sunday this year. We ask everyone to wear orange to acknowledge our multi-cultural Australia.

During Week 6, parents and guests will visit to read stories in their own language. If you are interested in joining in, please contact our librarian, Suzanne Livett.

suzanne.livett@ntschoools.net

Class Carers

We have a keen group of 13 Class Carers who have joined us this year. In our first meeting of the year, Lynne Pokela went through the purpose of having class carers and the expectations involved. From this year the Class Carers are coming under the umbrella of the Friends of Good Shepherd.

We have decided to hold a disco on **Friday 26 March**. More information will be coming home about this shortly. We are putting together letters from the Class Carers to send out to each year level with the Class Contact list.

Put this date in your calendars now:

Junior School Disco

Friday 26 March

In the Tech Foyer on the Main Campus

5:30pm – 7:30pm

We will have food for sale

Kyle Cantrill will be the DJ



NAPLAN

In Week 7 we will be having our NAPLAN Practice Tests. Year 3 will do an Omnibus test with questions from all areas of NAPLAN. Year 5 will do an Omnibus test plus the writing test. The purpose of these tests is to assess the load on our network and for the students to familiarise themselves with the test format.

Primary Years Programme Self-Study

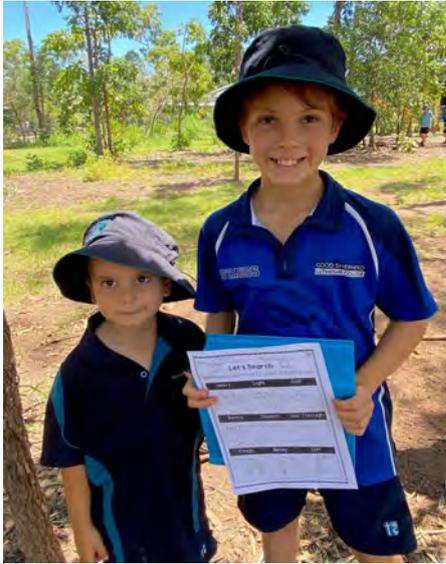
As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, it is a requirement that each school takes part in an evaluation process addressing all elements and components of the Primary Years Programme (PYP) that enables us to remain authorised. During this period of evaluation (which occurs every five years), 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 IB 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: peter.vella@ntschoools.net

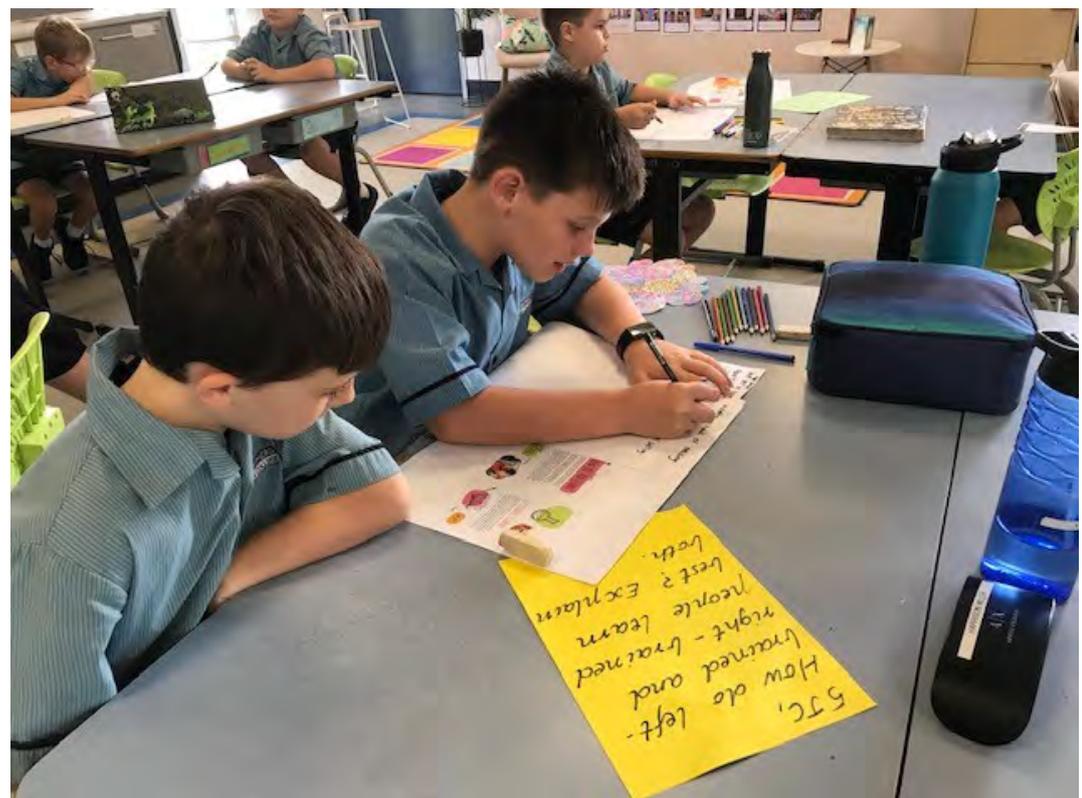


Year 5JC

5JC has had a fantastic start to the 2021 school year! We have enjoyed getting back into the swing of school life and have been working very hard on our first Unit of Inquiry, 'Who we are'. Students have inquired into human characteristics, behaviour and personality traits, while exploring their connection to the brain. The class is currently enjoying learning more about the anatomy and function of the brain.

Each Friday, 5JC students have also been enjoying helping TTC students transition into school life. The students from both classes meet weekly and connect during indoor and outdoor activities. The students have formed lovely relationships, encouraging a sense of community and belonging in our school.

Well done to 5JC's two newly appointed Student Leadership Group members, Alexander Gray and Sabeine Currey! We look forward to watching your leadership skills flourish over the semester.



Year 3

The students are eager and hard at work on the investigations in class.

They are delving into the worlds of:

Addition and subtraction

For addition we are consolidating fast math facts each day. We are now setting this up to be a daily five-minute practice session after lunch as well as extending our skills by working on challenge number sentences which we work through with the teacher. We have added this into to the morning routine where we practice ten sums each morning as well as challenges sums to extend our journey.

Partitioning

We are partitioning numbers every day and are consolidating the units, tens, hundreds, thousands and beginning to work into the ten thousand columns.

Unit of inquiry and literacy

Understanding myself allows me to appreciate and learn about others. Students are creating the narrative structure to express their understandings of the line of inquiry where they show a character who is taking action to display the Lines of Inquiry:

- Ways people learn and the form it might take
- Managing self and how this causes reaction
- How beliefs and values influence the way we interact and how we have varied perspectives





2NA - Ms Adair and the 2NA Team

The last four weeks of our first term in Year 2 have been spectacular!

We have explored two Units of Inquiry, connected to 'Sharing the planet' through developing an understanding of the importance of taking care of our planet and unpacking the Lines of Inquiry about Earth's renewable and non-renewable resources.

We had our first assembly and connected our learning to 'Who we are' by learning about trying and developing a growth mindset and even when we're scared to make mistakes, we can always persevere and try again!

We have also been learning about place value, grouping, partitioning and rearranging numbers and in Literacy, we have learned about Writing to Persuade Persuasive Texts.



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Transition

It has been a whirlwind start for the new Transition students and they have hit the ground running. They have been investigating the importance of relationships, how to maintain and manage a relationship when it gets challenging and are developing useful sayings and strategies to use. They have discovered that coming to school requires a whole new set of rules to be learned and that it is a big step from Early Years to Transition with learning through play and also through longer formal lessons.

Students have been exploring the sounds of the letters of the alphabet and how they can begin to build words using their letter-sound knowledge. They are discovering that a recount is a style of story telling, whether it is oral or written, that tells of a personal experience. Students are learning that letter formation has many things to think about. Students are learning to count forwards and backwards, categorise and make patterns and will soon be investigating 2D shapes. All of these skills and knowledge are being transferred between their play and the formal lessons.

They have learned to adjust to having a number of teachers for Sports, Music and German as well as finding their way around not only the primary school but also the Middle School for chapels and make their way to the Cornerstone Church for assemblies safely. Amongst all that, the students are forming friendships with their buddy classes in Year 5 and the Transition students really look up to these bigger members of our school for support and guidance. Overarching all this they are learning that God loves us and his love helps us to love others - and that makes school a great place to come to. And we are only half way through Term 1 of their first year at school! Imagine what is ahead of them?



ELC Bilbies

We have been settling in to our new routines, developing trusting relationships and growing through our play and social interactions.

We were all very proud of the Bilbies this week for being awarded Howard Bear at assembly. Howard Bear is given to a nominated class for being caring and our Bilbies received him for being open-minded to learning about and developing new friendships. Friendships play a big role in the ELC are developing social skills is an important lifelong skill.

We are learning that to have friends, we need to be a good friend and take care of one another. We are learning that friends greet each other, play together and can take turns. We learn that friends don't always get it right so we say sorry when we have hurt someone's feelings and show forgiveness. Much to learn and we are growing together.

From Mrs Freer and the ELC Team



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/>

Careers Facebook Page

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

Instagram

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



The Good Café

We are thrilled to introduce 'The Good Cafe' staff - Shellie and Donna, from Zuccoli IGA.

<https://www.facebook.com/zuccoliIGA/>

Checkout the fabulous new menus and remember to place orders through:

<https://www.flexischools.com.au/>



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.



Community Notices

**Let's
Go!**
Friendly Family Club

FREE
Hockey Stick
Shin Pads
Hockey Bag
and Ball
for all
NEW PLAYERS!



Sign Up!
Contact:
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Mel Harkness
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Training Thursdays
Starts 18th March
5:30pm – 6:30pm
Marrara
Hockey Centre