



Howard Springs Campus

Junior School

News

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12 November 2021

Upcoming Events



Tuesday 16 November

2022 ELC Parent Information Night

2022 Transition Information Night

Wednesday 17 November

ELC Staff Meeting

Thursday 18 November

Year 12 Graduation and

College Awards Night

Darwin Convention Centre

Thursday 25 November

Year 5 Graduation Dinner

Tuesday 30 November

Combined Year 5 Exhibition

Cornerstone Church

Wednesday 1 December

Transition Celebration of Learning

Each Thursday morning the teachers break into two groups for Book Club as part of their professional learning. The discussion arose in the group studying Kath Murdoch's *The Power of Inquiry*, about students' ability to ask questions and to wonder and reflect about their learning. It's common knowledge that young children are curious, but our early years teachers are finding that some children have lost the art of asking questions. To quote Susan Engel: 'Somehow the incessant curiosity that leads to so much knowledge in the first five years of life dwindles as children go to school.'

Curious children ask an average of 73 questions per day – especially the 'how' and 'why' questions. It's the way that parents answer those questions that develops their curiosity for life. Sometimes parents / adults 'make up an answer' to get some peace or tell children that they are busy and to go away. How can we as parents and teachers harness this natural curiosity for optimal learning at any stage of life?

Children's questions should be given the attention they deserve and children should be encouraged to ask as many different questions as they like. When children ask real questions that stem from their desire to understand the world around them, their mind is more open to connections and learning feels more meaningful. If parents are honest about not knowing the answer, this is also good modelling for children. This is an opportunity for parents and children to 'google' to find out the answer together. Older children can be involved in finding out the answers for themselves or with parents' or teachers' help. This gives them a sense of agency and helps to build their independence.

As an International Baccalaureate School using the Primary Years Programme as a framework of learning, we encourage students' questions and each classroom has a Wonder Wall where these questions are displayed. We want our students to remain curious for their entire years of schooling and beyond!

Lynne Pokela
Head of Junior School
Howard Springs Campus

**Great is the Lord, and
highly to be praised.
His greatness is
unsearchable**

Psalm 145:3

Thursday 2 December

Year 2 Celebration of
Learning

Friday 3 December

Year 5 Awards and
Graduation to Middle
School.

Weeks 9 and 10

Year 5 go to Year 6 Step Up

Monday 6 December

Year 4 Celebration of
Learning

Wednesday 8 December

ELC Staff Meeting

Thursday 9 December

Campus Step-Up Day
New 2022 Students'
Orientation Day

Wednesday 15 December

Transition to Year 4 Awards
8:30 – 9:00 in Cornerstone
Church

Thursday 16 December

Last day of Term 4 for
students

Friday 17 December Staff

Professional Development
Day

Important Information to Read about Uniforms in 2022.

All families who need uniforms for their children for 2022 are required to book an appointment to purchase uniforms. Our uniform shop is run by Alinta and they advise that bookings should be made as soon as possible to ensure appointments are available.

How to Book an Appointment

To book an appointment,

visit www.alintaapparel.com.au (<https://www.alintaapparel.com.au/>) and select 'Uniform Shop' and Sign Up.

To Book your Fitting

Sign into your account and select 'Appointment' to book your fitting. If you need assistance call the uniform shop on 0455 955 947 during opening hours or email

goodshepherd@alinta.com.au. To cancel or reschedule your appointment, sign in to your account and go to 'My Account' then 'Appointments Calendar'.

Regular and Extended Hours

Sign in to your account and select 'Home'. The Uniform Shop will be open for extended hours for uniform fittings during Term 4 and January. The Uniform Shop is open at the following times in Term 4:

Tuesday: 7:15am – 10:45am

Thursday: 7:15am – 10:45am

Friday: 7:15am – 10:45am

Online Ordering and Size Chart

Register or log in at www.alintaapparel.com.au (<https://www.alintaapparel.com.au/>) Select 'Uniform Shop'. Select 'Shop' to order online. Size information can be found when clicking onto each product.

Flexible Payments and Returns Policy

Payment Options: Cash, EFTPOS and Layby are available in store with a 20% deposit required for Layby payments. There is a six month policy on returns and exchange for any unworn, unwashed garments in original condition.

Custom Sizing Available

Any student who may require special sizing is required to be fitted. Please call the shop phone to arrange an appointment.

Alinta Contact Details:

Online: Register at www.alintaapparel.com.au

Phone: 0455 955 947

Email: goodshepherd@alinta.com.au

Back to School Payment Scheme

Parents will be able to indicate when purchasing uniforms during Term 4 if they would like to allocate their child's Back to School Voucher for the purchase of uniforms for 2022. The payment is only available for students in Transition to Year 12. Guidelines for the redemption can be found on the NT Government Website (<https://nt.gov.au/learning/student-financial-help-and-scholarships/back-to-school-payment-scheme>)

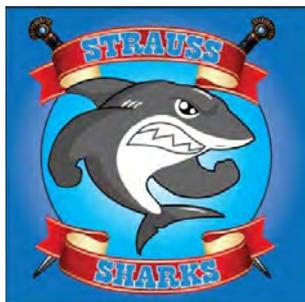


House Point Tally

Fenton: 491



Strauss: 392



Hughes: 453



Livingstone: 479



Hats

The College has a 'no hat, no play' policy and only College hats are acceptable. We encourage parents to embroider the students' names on hats on the outside front brim to help staff get to know students' names and to be able to return hats to their rightful owners. Brandit NT offer an embroidery service. They are located at 62 McMinn Street in Darwin City and their phone number is 8942 3322.

Preparing Uniforms

It is advisable to wash new uniforms to take away some of the 'scratchiness'. It is helpful for the child if they have had the opportunity to practise wearing the school uniform before the first day of school to be able to manage zips and buttons.

Shoes

Formal shoes need to be all black without white soles and coloured patterns or logos. Socks need to be Good Shepherd ankle socks from the uniform shop or plain white socks. We recommend that younger students have Velcro straps on their shoes rather than laces to make them easier to manage. Students can wear coloured sports shoes with their PE uniforms and their house shirts on Fridays.

Even if students have Velcro straps on their shoes, it is a good skills for them to learn how to tie shoe laces. Please spend time showing your child how to tie shoelaces. It is also a good idea for you to show them how to tie laces from behind so that they have the same view of the shoe as when they are tying the laces themselves.

Formal Shoes for Boys and Girls



Girls' Formal Shoes

Formal/PE Shoes for Boys and Girls



PE Shoes



After School:

Please note the procedure for after school so that everyone is clear:

- The students who are picked up in the Stow Road carpark need to sit down on the seats provided under the supervision of the teacher on duty. When they see their parent's car, they can walk to the car.
- Those students whose parents use the Kundook Place carpark are to sit down outside the front office to wait for their parents. They are not to play in the bush area or with balls on the lawn.
- The flying fox is not to be used before or after school. All students have the opportunity to use it during recess and lunch. This has become a bit of a 'grey' area as the teachers on duty do not know whether the students should be in the pick up area or if they are with their parents. If parents want to chat, their children can wait nearby or go to Area 1.
- The basketball area and the soccer area are also out of bounds after school as they are used by Camp Australia.



GSL Shirt S/S PC T-12



GSL Shorts E/B Formal Navy T-12



GSL Shorts Navy Girls Formal



GSL Culottes Navy K-12



GSL Blouse S/S T-12

Formal Uniforms

The formal uniform comprises of a formal shirt and shorts for boys.

Girls have a formal blouse and the choice of shorts or culottes.

Black shoes and white socks are part of the formal uniform.

Homework Bag

It is required that all students have a homework bag which can be purchased from the Uniform Shop



GSL Track Jacket Stretch MF



GSL Shorts Sport S/MF Ladies 5-12



GSL Shorts Sport Stretch MF T-12



GSL Polo Sports Polyest Navy T-12



GSL Polo House Red Fenton



GSL Polo House Green Hughes



GSL Polo House Gold Livingstone



GSL Polo House Blue Strauss

PE Uniforms and House Shirts

Students are required to wear their PE uniforms on PE days which you will be notified of at the beginning of next year. House shirts are optional and students can wear these on Fridays and at Athletics and Swimming Carnivals.

College Jumpers

During the cooler months the students are required to wear a College Jumper. It is advisable to buy one that is on the bigger side so that it lasts several years.

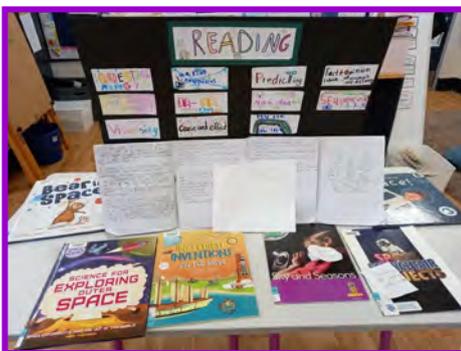
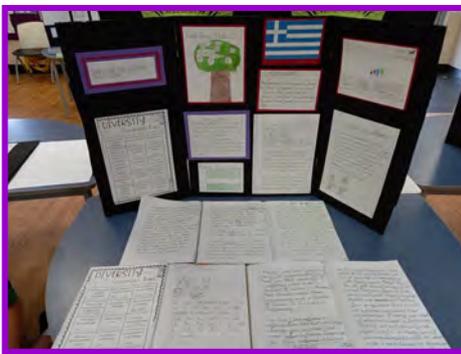
The Year 5 students went to the Middle School to add underglaze to their pots before firing them in the kiln. This activity was part of their 'How we express ourselves' unit.







The students in Year 3 have been industrious in Term 4. They completed their Celebration of Learning with gusto. They worked very hard on preparing the play and dances before inviting the parents to the Year 3 Hub to share their learning. It was a hubbub of excitement. Needless to say, the students as well as the teachers have enjoyed the process. However, the journey doesn't end there. We continue to expand our minds, learn new concepts and consolidate our learning as we careen towards the end of the year.

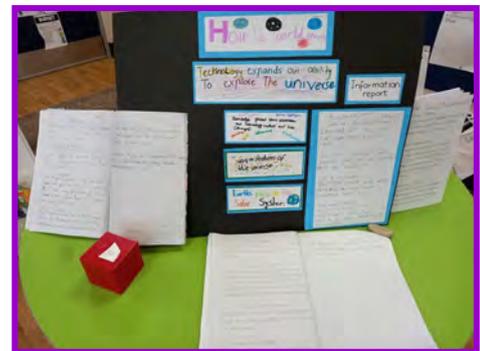
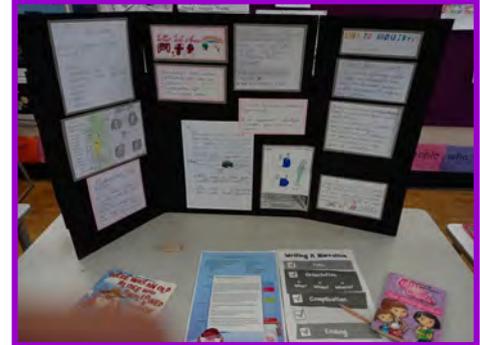


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Skipping Skills with Luke from Jump Force





Year 2 Pottery



Simplify, slow down, be kind.
And don't forget to have art
in your life – music, paintings,
theater, dance, and sunsets...

Eric CARLE

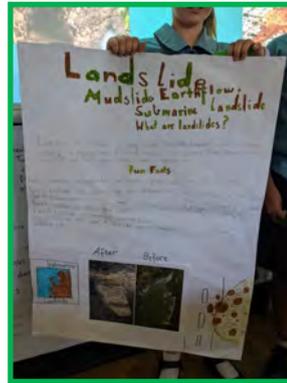


As part of their 'Sharing the Planet' Unit of Inquiry, the Year Ones inquired into the Central Idea 'Human actions have positive and negative impacts on living things.' As part of this unit, students researched an endangered animal of their choice and wrote an information report using what they had learnt about their animal. Students then created a diorama 'habitat' to demonstrate their understanding of where their chosen animal lives. To complete their dioramas, students used plasticine to create a model of their animal. The students thoroughly enjoyed creating their diorama and showed so much creativity!

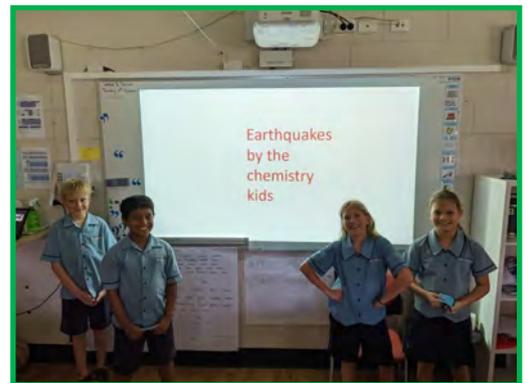
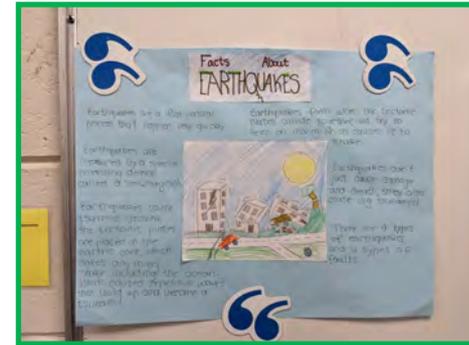


Year 1





Year Four



What a great end to our Unit of Inquiry. The students inquired into how natural processes influence the lives of people. They created a PowerPoint presentation and presented this to the rest of the class. Very proud of the Year Fours, they have worked together really well this year and have made so many improvements. Well done!





CORNERSTONE CAFÉ

We have been so excited to have the Cornerstone Café so close to our campus for our staff and families to use. Please note that Junior School students can only go to the café if they are with their parents. If students visit the café before school with their families they are welcome to walk into our campus grounds by themselves.

It is becoming 'fashionable' for the students to walk into school with hot drinks of chocolate in the mornings. While this has become a custom for many adults, it could be dangerous for students if they spill a hot drink on others. Also, many of the students are walking into school in the mornings with cold sugary drink options which do not set them up well for learning. We ask that students only bring water to school.



Parent Survey for Evaluation

A big thank you to the parents across the three Junior Campuses who have provided feedback through the online survey in regards to the implementation of the Primary Years Programme at Good Shepherd. For those who would still like to contribute to the survey, this will stay open for your feedback until the end of week 8. The link to the survey is provided below. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxM4KikwC-9kam6s3E5oL8deMDj8FgQGANTtZbYn21CEXuUA/viewform?usp=sf_link

We are incredibly blessed to have had such positive comments from our wonderful community, it affirms that we are well on track in regards to providing your child with best practice teaching and learning. Some of the comments received so far are:

"They are supportive and understanding of the children and families that don't fit the 'normal' box. This has meant a better school experience for our family."

"Extremely well rounded school. The teachers really engage with the students and everyone is made to feel part of the family. The support, whether for a student who needs extra help or for a student who is excelling and needs extra stimulation is incredible. The core values of the school are very well thought out and followed through on every level."

"The school staff are all on the same page, their dedication to nurturing each child's strengths and working with the children and their families. The school's communication is exceptional. The children feel valued, empowered and supported across their learning journey."

We continue to strive for excellence and to develop flourishing students that will finish at our college with the skills and mindset for making a positive difference to our world.

Elizabeth Walker

PYP Coordinator



Years 2JK and 3DL joined together to learn about Remembrance Day and how it used to be called Armistice Day. We also learned about the inclusion of a purple poppy to remember animals in war.



Front Office Hours

7:45am to 3:15pm

Front Office Email

admin.hsjs@ntschoools.net

If you would like to donate **Quelch** icy poles to help us with fundraising, please drop them in at the office. Your continued support is much appreciated.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COLLEGE CHAPLAIN.

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



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](#)



We are aware of the ongoing issues with this update, mostly to do with 'absences' on both Android and iPhones. Hopefully these issues will be resolved by Week 6.

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/>



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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>

* Pastor Joseph Theodorsen



**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
OF AUSTRALIA

where love comes to life



*With his love,
he will calm all
your fears.*

ZEPHANIAH 3:17

IF YOU NEED
wisdom
ASK OUR GENEROUS
GOD, AND HE WILL
GIVE IT TO YOU.

JAMES 1:5

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CLASS OF 2011 10 Year Reunion

Saturday 4 December 2021, 12.30pm

Please join us to reconnect with **Good Shepherd's very first graduating class - Class of 2011**, over lunch and drinks. A school tour will follow.

Howard Springs Campus
Senior School Building

\$15 per person

Partners/families welcome
Children free

RSVP and payment
by Wednesday 1 December

08 8983 0300

admin@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au

Registration & payment must be made prior to the event

Class of 2011 - 10 Year Reunion! This was our very first graduating class - a wonderful group of young people who are now wonderful adults! We look forward to seeing them again on Saturday 4 December 2021 and their children as well. Happy days.



CLASS OF 2015 & 2016 Reunion

Saturday 11 December 2021, 12.30pm

Please join us to reconnect with the Classes of 2015 & 2016 over lunch and drinks. A school tour will follow.

Howard Springs Campus
Senior School Building

\$15 per person

Partners Welcome

RSVP and payment
by Wednesday 8 December

08 8983 0300

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Registration & payment must be made prior to the event



We are also greatly looking forward to reconnecting with Old Collegians from Class of 2015 and 2016 - sadly, last year's catch-up with our Class of 2015 was postponed. We already have quite a few RSVPs - thank you! We look forward to seeing many of you again.

Reconciliation Action Plan

Over the first half of the year, the College's RAP Working Group undertook a process to gather the thoughts and feelings of staff, students and Good Shepherd families as to what reconciliation meant to them.

After collating this community input, it was unanimously felt that our students most elegantly captured the essence of reconciliation and their input was used to craft the College's [Vision for the Reconciliation Statement](#).

This [Vision for Reconciliation Statement](#) will become the foundation for our future plans and actions as we work to make this vision of reconciliation a reality in our school and community. Congratulations and thank you to the RAP working group on the development of such a wonderful statement.



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Vision for Reconciliation Statement

At Good Shepherd, we **SHARE**,
learn about and seek to **understand**
our diverse cultures and *shared*
history, building **TRUST** and *respect*-filled
relationships, so that we can live together
in *unity, equality & peace*.

Reconciliation means having the
COURAGE to acknowledge
mistakes, feel for and say sorry when
others are hurt, and to give and receive
FORGIVENESS, so that *together*
we work to repair and build
friendships full of **KINDNESS & LOVE**.

Caladiums Darwin & NT Plant Sale



Saturday 27 November 9am-12pm

**Good Shepherd Primary School Howard Springs
Kundook Place, off Whitewood Road, Howard Springs**

Caladiums galore!

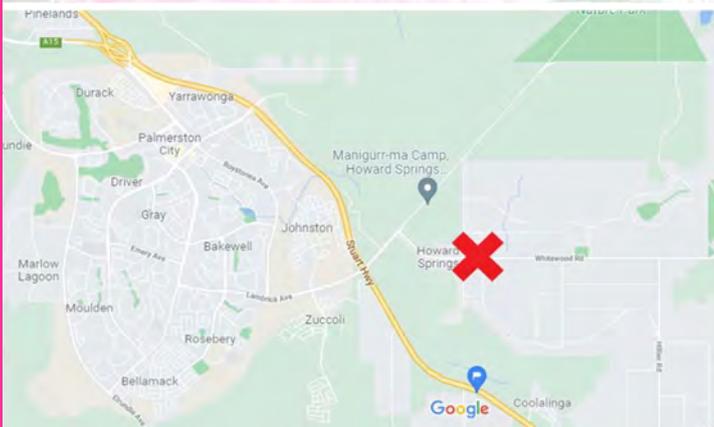
Large range of rarer varieties, as well as more common ones, at sensible prices.

Come along to find a special treasure, a bargain, or both!

Undercover area with plenty of parking.

The Corner Café will also be open next door for a coffee or snack.

CASH sales only, sorry no EFTPOS available.



Caladiums Darwin & NT



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