



Palmerston Campus News

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Upcoming Events



12 November 2021

With only four weeks to go until the end of the year, we still have quite a few events to look forward to as you can see by the Upcoming Events column. Please mark these dates in your calendars as it is a busy time of the year.

During this term there has been and continues to be so much learning taking place. Several excursions have taken place as students inquire into their last Units of Inquiry for the year. Students have visited the Darwin Museum, Catholic Church, Darwin City to name a few. These excursions give real world application to the conceptual learnings our students are involved in.

This is an exciting time of the year as I interview new students for 2022. We still have vacancies in each year level so if you know of anyone thinking of coming to our campus next year please let them know. Application forms can be picked up from the front office.

All families are invited to attend the Year 12 Graduation Service and awards night to be held at the Darwin Convention Centre on Thursday 18 November. Our Junior School choir will also be performing. The evening finishes around 8:00pm. This is a really important evening to celebrate who we are as a college.

One of the biggest events coming up is our Year 5 Exhibition evening, which will be held on Tuesday 30 November from 5.30pm to 8pm. This year the Exhibition is combined across the three campuses and will be held at the Cornerstone Church at Howard Springs. The Year 5 class are currently working on their Exhibition inquiries.

Transition to Year 4 Step-Up Day will be on Wednesday 9 December. All students will move up into their next year level for the day. As that will be Week 9, our Year 5 students will already have moved up to Middle School for their two weeks of Step-Up. It has been so lovely to watch them flourish this year, I am very much looking forward to their Exhibition and end of year celebrations, so that we can celebrate their achievements over their years at the Palmerston Campus.

Vicki Trathen
Head of Junior School
Palmerston Campus



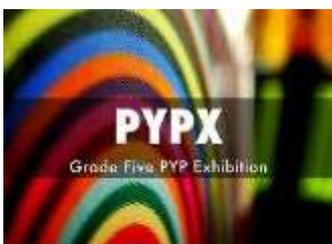
Friday 12 November
FairyTale Ball



Thursday 18 November
Year 12 Graduation
Ceremony and Awards
Night .



Tuesday 30 November
PYP Exhibition



Continued

Upcoming Events



Wednesday 1 December

Year 5 Parents BBQ
Breakfast



Wednesday 1 December

Year 5 Final Assembly and
Farewell (9:00 –9:30am)

Friday 3 December

Year 5 Final Day

Week 9 and 10

Year 5 Step Up

Thursday 9 December

Step Up and Orientation
Day



Friday 10 December

Christmas Concert

Wednesday 15 December

T—Y4 Awards Assembly

Thursday 16 December

Last day of school

Awards

Congratulations to the following students for receiving awards over the last 5 weeks.

Lia Finnochiaro All-Rounder Award

Blake Dawes



House Awards

Fenton

Adele Iliou

Strauss

Jimmy Hewitson

William Lewis



Livingstone

Layla Di Toro

Bridie Walker

Annie O'Keefe

Charlotte Hanison



Hughes

Cobalt Pickering

Student Leadership

We are currently in full swing with preparation for 2022 formal student leadership positions.

We had eight amazing and very brave Year 4 students go through the process for Junior School Captain. They wrote expression of interest letters, prepared and made a speech in front of all students in the junior school and were interviewed by Mrs Trathen and Mrs Boyce. They should all be extremely proud of themselves. It was amazing to see them grow in confidence through each stage. Mrs Boyce was extremely impressed with each and every one of them and their well-thought out responses and the deep thinking they displayed in their interview. It was certainly a difficult choice.

We congratulate Charlotte Thielmans and James O'Keefe who were successful and are our 2022 Junior School Captains.



The Year 4 students are now busily preparing their applications for House Captain. The speeches will take place in Week 7 at our individual house meetings. Interviews will take place after that and House Captains will be announced during Week 8 Assembly.

Trivia Night



TRIVIA NIGHT

What a fantastic night was had by all at the Palmerston Campus Trivia Night. A huge thankyou to all the parents and students for coming along to help make it a huge success. A huge thankyou to the class carers and Miss Tolhurst for organising such a wonderful event. We can't wait until next year!!

We couldn't have done it without the support of our local businesses and community members who donated prizes for our trivia night.



- Argos Car Wash
- Marie Clare Boothby
- Boost Juice
- Burger Urge
- Soul Origin
- Adventure Land
- Intersport
- Bunnings
- Cazaly's
- Woolworths
- Coles Motors
- Big W

- Rachel Harris Designs
- Buggy Lane Balloons
- Enjo
- Fitness Playground
- Gloria Jeans

I.E.C.B Electrical and Laser Engraving





GSLC Palmerston Campus Term 4 Raffle

Winners drawn on Friday 12 November

We had so many amazing prizes donated for our Trivia Night that we wanted to give all of our families an opportunity to purchase tickets. We have carried the raffle over from the Trivia Night and it is being drawn at our Fairytale Ball on Friday 12 November. A huge thankyou to the local businesses and community members for donating our amazing raffle prizes .

Barramundi Adventures



Clare McKay Photography

Top End Airconditioning and Maintenance



Eva Lawler



Natural Territory

Yarraman Territory

Mindil Beach Casino



Cutters and Minx



Primal Bar and Grill



Humes



I.E.C.B Electrical and Laser Engraving



Rachel Harris Designs

Silk Laser Clinics



Go Wise Real Estate



Basketball



Basketball



As part of our sporting schools grant for Term 4 our students from Transition to Year 5 have been learning Basketball. The students are thoroughly enjoying it and have been learning the rules and skills required to play basketball.



Sporting Australia – Table Tennis

As part of our Sporting Schools Connect Program, we are fortunate to be able to offer after school Table Tennis lessons by Graham Symons, Executive Development Officer from Table Tennis NT. The cost of these lessons and all equipment is covered through the Sporting Australia Grant. What a wonderful opportunity for students to learn and discover a new sport.

Five of the participants from the Taekwon Do lessons in Term 3 are now members of the United Taekwon Do club.



Skipping

On Wednesday 22 October, 28 x Skipping World Champion Luke Boon revisited the Palmerston Campus. Years 2 to 5 classes spent 45 minutes with Luke learning the techniques of skipping. The students had an amazing time. We may have some future skipping world champions among us.





Mural

At the beginning of this Term Bridie Walker from year 3 wrote a letter asking if she could paint a mural with her dad's help on one of our walls as her Cub Scout's community service project. Bridie included with her letter her well thought out design. The mural looks fantastic and is a wonderful addition to our Palmerston Campus. Thank you, Bridie and Mr Walker, for your contribution to our school.



Stem Webinar

Mr Godber and Mrs Trathen were invited to present at a Stem Professionals in Schools Webinar last week. As part of the presentation, they spoke about the Palmerston Campus relationship with CSIRO Chemist Ivan Botella-Martinez and the links between the partnership activities and the Australian Curriculum. What a wonderful opportunity to showcase Good Shepherd Palmerston to other schools in Australia.

Choir Performances

Our Palmerston Campus Choir have been busily preparing for their upcoming performances. They have learnt some new songs and sound amazing. Thank you to Mrs Sansom and Miss Smith for giving your time to run the choir. The choir will be performing at Gateway on Saturday 13 November and at the Year 12 Graduation and Awards night on Thursday 18 November.

World Teachers Day

On Friday 29 October we celebrated World Teachers Day. Thank you to AISNT, Eva Lawler and Lia Finnochiaro for your gifts of cakes, donuts and grazing platters they were greatly appreciated. A huge thank you to our wonderful teachers and support staff at the Palmerston Campus who work so hard to make our campus great.

Christmas Concert – Save the Date

On Friday December 10 we will be holding our first Christmas Carols concert. We will have a BBQ and each class and the Palmerston Campus Choir will perform Christmas Carols. There may even be an opportunity for you to sing along. Further information to come in a signmee in the next few weeks.



Doughraiser

On Wednesday 8 December Dominos Palmerston (University Avenue Durack) has kindly offered to hold a Doughraiser for the Palmerston Campus. We will receive \$1 for every pizza sold on the night. Dominos is currently creating flyers and a media pitch to advertise the night within the local community.



House points



House Point Current Total



FENTON - 780



HUGHES – 664



STRAUSS - 616



LIVINGSTONE-487

Week 2 Winner of the House trophy. HUGHES



Week 4 Winners of the House Trophy. FENTON



New Signs

You may have noticed many of our signs within the Palmerston Campus being replaced this week. We now have a new sign in front of the admin building, a new sign above the hall and the sign on the corner of Temple Terrace and Emery Avenue has been lifted above fence height. Within the next few weeks look out for the new 3.6m sign which will go along the fence on Temple Terrace. Thank you to Signtech for getting the signs in so quickly.



Salvation Army Christmas Appeal 2021

While we are all thinking about Christmas, where we will be, what we will be eating, what gifts we will buy for our friends and loved ones, for many people, even in our own community, Christmas is just another day when they may not even be certain they will have anything to eat.

In response to this, we will now begin collecting non-perishable food, gifts and other items to donate to people in need in our local area through the Salvation Army.

From now until the end of **Week 8, Friday 3 December**, the following items can be donated to the front office of each Junior School, or to the baskets outside Sean Synnott's and Kyle Cantrill's offices on the Middle/Senior campus. At the Middle/Senior campus, gift cards can be left at the Administration or Student Services desks:

- Non-perishable food items; this means items which don't need to be kept in the fridge. Chocolate items are unfortunately not able to be donated due to the weather
- Gifts, small toys, gift cards etc. These can be for children or adults. Only new items please
- 'Luxury' hygiene items - nice soaps, perfumes, shampoos, bath salts, etc. Many items we take for granted as necessities are a luxury for some people.

During Week 9 we will invite Salvation Army officers to come in and we will hand the items over to them. They will then distribute them around the Top End.

In collecting for these hampers, we have the opportunity to think about and help people in our community who don't have some of the basics we take for granted each day, let alone be able to afford our Christmas luxuries.

Thanks again,

Kyle Cantrill
College Chaplain

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Year 3 Sleepover



Late night movie with popcorn at the Year 3 sleepover



Year 3

During the first half of this term, 3RK have been exploring space and technology. Through this we conducted a few science experiments, such as water filters and how filters operate in space, bubble rockets, astronaut agility exercises and just because there are some keenly obsessed chemistry boys in the class, we did an experiment on the chemicals within liquids that clean coins. The results were very interesting.

When we finished space and technology, 3RK moved on to exploring different art forms in the UOI, How we express ourselves. The class looked at surrealist art and learnt that surrealism is a mixture of reality and fantasy. Artists often create art to give a message. The class had a go at making their own surrealist art. They did an impressive job.

Also, at the beginning of this term, we did an inquiry day into Martin Luther King Jr. As one of the most historic figures in modern history, the children learned how MLK was a fighter of justice and stood up for what he believed to be right in a peaceful way. The class described him as being a risk taker, forgiving, a protector, generous, brave and busy.

Then in Week 2 of this term, Year 3 Palmerston and Leanyer campuses held a joint sleepover at the Howard Springs Middle Campus. It was a great opportunity for the children to meet each other and have fun together. The talent show, water play, spotlight and late-night movie were all a success. Thank you to Erin Hicks for buying the food for the sleepover.

In Week 4, we had a visit from Lyndy and Molly who came in for an impromptu visit to teach the class some sign language. Molly performs at the Christmas concert each year in the Sing Song Signers. The class learnt the colours, numbers, how to say hello and goodbye plus the letters of the alphabet. Hopefully we'll have another visit in Week 6.

Lastly, the class LOVED their session with Luke Boon. They were taught tricks with the skipping rope and had the chance to try some double Dutch skipping at the end of the session.



Martin Luther King Jr



3RK Surrealist artists



Lyndy and Molly with James signing for the class .



Which liquid do you think acts as the best for the cleaner of coins?



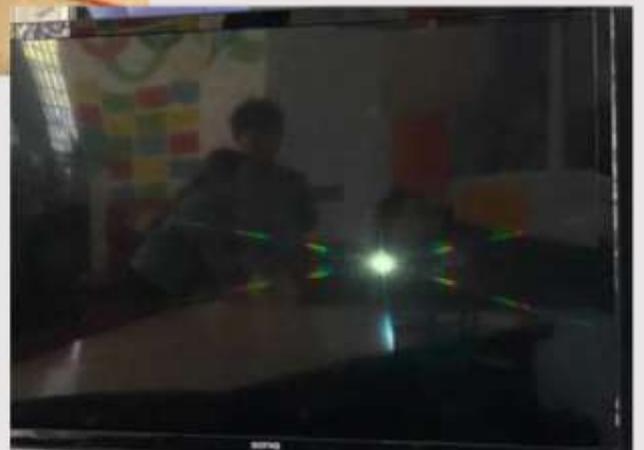
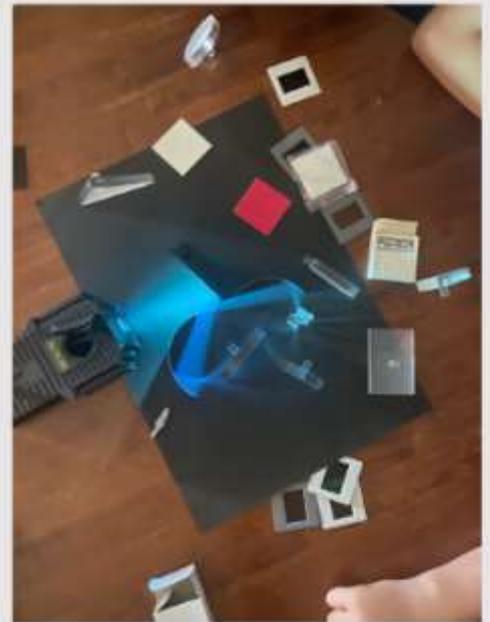
CAFE 5
Palmerston

HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES

Creative expression is portrayed through different elements

Through our HWEO unit, students inquired into how light can be used creatively, how different elements can be used to create different effects and how we express our creativity can be expressed in different ways.

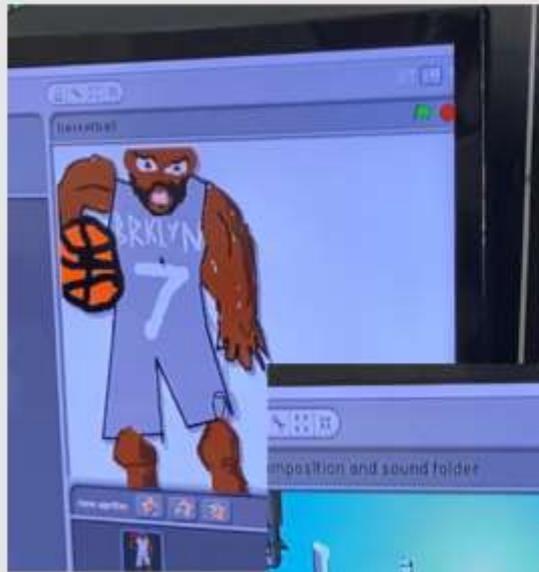
Using light creatively





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Expressing our
creativity
through the
elements



Toby, Brian, Will,
Jonty, LeBron,
Roshan and Kade
demonstrated
elements of Media
Arts



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Blake, Charlotte, Marjorie
and Maddy demonstrated
elements of Drama



Kaiah and Kamalee demonstrated elements of
Visual Arts



International Baccalaureate



In such unprecedented times, with everything 2021 has thrown our way, I am reminded of Luke 1:37, "For nothing will be impossible with God." Despite the uncertainty in our world at the moment, one thing always remains the same, God's love for us and through him we can do great things.

As I walk around the classrooms, it's clear to me how special Palmerston Campus is. Despite everything, teachers are working hard to deliver best practice teaching and learning to their students. I can see all students engaged in their learning, inquiring, questioning, wondering and reflecting.

We have several important events coming up in the next few weeks, but one particular event which I would like to make note of is the Year 5 Exhibition. The Exhibition is the biggest event in the Year 5 calendar, a celebration of all things PYP! Its an authentic process where year 5 students explore, document and share their passions and understanding of an issue, interest or opportunity of personal choice. Emphasis is on the process, not the product and all Exhibitions are **student initiated, student designed** and **collaborative**.

The students in 5CT are well on the way into their personal in-depth inquires and I am so excited to see the end result at the Exhibition evening on Tuesday 30th November. This year is especially exciting as it will be our first combined Exhibition evening with the other Junior Campuses. This is what gets us through! On days when things just seem impossible, spending time with the students in the classroom, seeing them light up with new learning and understandings truly makes a teachers job that much more enriching.



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

Kind Regards
Elizabeth Walker
PYP Coordinator

Library Resource Centre News

So far this term we have looked at books from the Realistic Genre and introduced and worked on our Prediction and Inference skills. We are slowly introducing reading logs so that students can follow their Lifelong Learning and Reading Journey throughout their time with Good Shepherd and we are working towards being able to do some book promotions of the books we love and would like to recommend to our class. A book that really got us thinking was "Sam and Dave dig a hole" by Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen:

"Sam and Dave, who are either identical twin boys or friends who look astonishingly alike and share a sartorial sensibility, set out to dig a hole in the hopes of finding "something spectacular." With shovels in hand, the boys (with an eager terrier looking on) begin to tunnel into the soil, but they just can't seem to find anything of interest. What works spectacularly is the clever play between words and pictures. Readers are in on a joke to which the characters are oblivious. Namely, that each time the boys change direction, they narrowly miss discovering increasingly enormous jewels hidden in the earth. The book progresses with each page showing the boys' progress, while the book features simple text, mostly dialogue between the practical but unlucky explorers. About halfway through, a spread reveals a diamond so large it can barely be contained on the page; it dwarfs the two boys and their trusty canine companion—but all for naught, since they decide to dig in a different direction. Exhausted and covered from head to toe in dirt, Sam and Dave decide to take a rest. Klassen's use of muted earth tones and uncomplicated compositions is paired well with Barnett's deadpan humor. As they nap in their hole, the dog continues to dig...until suddenly the trio is falling; they soon land in a place that looks an awful lot like home. Small details reveal that this house and its inhabitants are ever so slightly changed. Are they dreaming? On the other side of the world? In a different dimension? Readers will have to puzzle that one out for themselves."

From Kiera Parrott, "[School Library Journal](#)"

We all really enjoyed "Sam and Dave dig a hole" and explored it in depth together.



There is always time to read and explore in Our Library Resource Centre visits.

Volunteers:

The Library Resource Centre welcomes any volunteers to help learn how to shelve, cover, do displays, read to the students or learn about something you are very knowledgeable in or passionate about- please contact Virginia Abercromby (Teacher Librarian) any time to discuss.

Thank you all so much for your support of Our Library Resource Centre.

Kind Regards

Virginia Abercromby

Teacher Librarian



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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.



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

Eric CARLE

**Trust God with
a future you
can't control.**

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!

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Thank you to all in our College community who assisted us on Friday 5 November, ensuring the day operated as smoothly as possible. We are thankful to those who stayed off College grounds, abiding by the rules we had at the time.

Thank you for the positive comments, encouragement and gratitude from so many of you. It is appreciated.



TO OUR COLLEGE COMMUNITY

*Thank
You*



**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/>



2022 Enrolments

NOTICE TO CURRENT FAMILIES & POTENTIAL FAMILIES

If you have siblings who are ready to start school, or are currently attending another school and you haven't yet lodged an Enrolment Application for 2022 intake, please do so ASAP. Enrolment interviews for the 2022 school year will commence soon.

The College is also currently accepting enrolment applications for all Years.

Thanks very much for your assistance. For further information, please contact our

College Registrar, Kath Dunlop - 8983 0300 /

enrol@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au



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Growing deep: leadership and formation framework



Little lambs

Little Lambs playgroup has been fun and full of activity this term. We have made many different craft activities, played in the doll house and enjoyed the different sensory experiences.



9am—10:30

Every Wednesday

at

Good Shepherd Lutheran College
Palmerston Campus, Emery Avenue



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

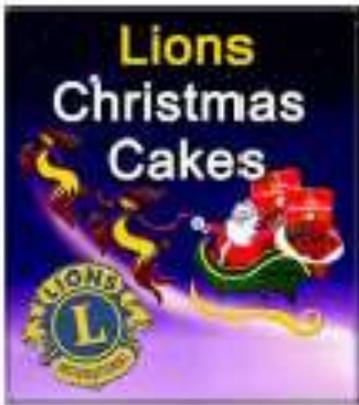
For further information, please call: **8932 4444** or visit the Top End Lutheran Parish website:

<http://darwinlutheranchurch.org.au>

<http://www.facebook.com/telp01>

Pastor Joseph Theodorsen





Its time to get your Christmas Favourites from
Palmerston Lions .

Traditional Christmas Fruit Cakes &
Puddings or small snack packets (80gm)



We have the Lion Christmas cakes on sale at the Palmerston Campus Front Office if you would like to purchase a Lions Christmas Cake:

1.5 Kg Cake \$17

1 Kg Cake \$13

Pudding \$13

Mini Cake \$2



Traditional Christmas cake
1kg & 1.5kg sizes available



Snack packs 80g

Can't decide?
Buy all three!



Christmas puddings
900g available





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

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admin@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au

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.

The
2021
Awards &
Year 12 Graduation
Service

Thursday 18 November
6.30-8.00pm
Darwin Convention Centre

Please join us for a night of special awards and the
Graduation of our Year 12 students.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet as an entire College
community and share in our closing service for the year.

We hope to see you there.

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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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