I trust that those of you who were able to visit your child’s classroom earlier in the week gained an insight into the learning journey he/she is undertaking. Hopefully if you hear a “Nothing” in response to the question “What did you do at school today?” you will be in a better position to pose target questions.

The planning application is in for the new road and it is anticipated that this work will commence, together with our covered court area, by the end of the year. In 2016 we will have our Early Learning Centre, two Transition classes, a Year One class and two Year Two classes. We currently have classrooms to accommodate this increase in our school numbers so no building is required for 2016.

Friday, 23 October will be an especially busy day for our Junior School. We are designating this Grandparents and/or Special Friends Day. This is the last school day for the Year 12 students so a group of them will be over at 8.20 to lead the Year One and Transition classes in some fun dancing. After this (at about 8.40) children from the ELC will join in with our Book Week Parade. We would love to see students representing a book character (as opposed to a movie character) and hope each “character” will have a placard identifying the book and character they represent. Students will be able to stay in their character clothes all day if they are suitable for work otherwise they will need to change into their PE uniform. The book parade will go for about an hour and after this there will be a morning tea and the opportunity for students to show their guests around the school. If you are able to provide a plate for morning tea this would be greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder that classes start at 8.15 and students are allowed into the classrooms at 8.05. It is important for students to be punctual as the first session sets the expectations for the rest of the day. Next term we will continue to have a physical activity for Transition and Year One on Monday, Tuesday and non-Assembly Fridays. The skill development evident in this regular activity has been wonderful to see. Many who could not balance when we began are now confidently “walking the plank” whilst others can navigate the hoops with (almost!) the skill, if not speed, of professional athletes.

Please take the opportunity offered by the next two weeks to encourage students to read anything which interests them. It may be instructions for building Lego, the menu at a fast food outlet or the TV guide. It is very valuable if you can read stories to them and allow them to predict the next word or what will happen next. Old games such as “I Spy” have great value in developing skills as does helping with cooking, measuring and planning a shopping trip with a specified amount of money.

I look forward to seeing you all safe, well and happy on Monday 5 October.

Regards
Elizabeth
Elizabeth Baff
Head of Junior School
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Athlete’s Foot Workshop

The Year One students had a visit from the Athletes Foot on Tuesday 1 September for a shoe lace tying workshop.

Year One Excursion

The Year One students from Howard Springs Junior School and St Andrews went to Berry Springs Nature park on Thursday 27 August for an excursion. The excursion was part of their unit of inquiry “Sharing the Planet”, learning about living things and their habitats. They were also given a talk by a Parks and Wildlife ranger.
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Icy Poles will be for sale every Friday after school for 50c each. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all of our families for such a wonderful morning.
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Please remember to pack healthy lunch items in your child’s lunchbox, keeping in mind that we are a peanut free school.

The Old and the Young: Year 12 joining Junior School for dance activity

As the Good Shepherd Year 12 cohort’s schooling comes to an end, so does their time to give back to their school.
To welcome the new addition to our growing community, and farewell the new generation, a group of Year 12 students will be visiting the Junior School Campus at Howard Springs to engage in class dance activities on the morning of Friday the 23rd of October. This activity will give both the Junior School and Year 12 students an opportunity to connect with each other and further the sense of community at Good Shepherd.

We would also like to invite any parents to stay for the event and join in the fun!

Emily Walker and Grace Thomas, Year 12

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PINK DAY
MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2015

Dress up in your finest PINK attire and show your support for the national ‘Pink Ribbon Day’

Please bring a gold coin for this special cause. All proceeds will go to Breast Cancer Network Australia

Valedictory Service 2015

Good Shepherd Lutheran College warmly invites members of the College community to this very special event

Wednesday 21 October, 6.30pm
Darwin Convention Centre

For the graduation of Year 12 students and presentation of specific awards.

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Bush Tucker Garden

The Lions Club of Darwin/Casuarina in conjunction with Greening Australia came out to tour campus on Thursday 17 September to plant our bush Tucker garden with the Transition and Year One students.

Around the School

The college STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) students came to our campus in honor of Science Week. This launched the STEM outreach program where secondary students will continue the ‘fizzy fun’ once a month with exciting Science and Engineering activities with our students.

The Swimming Program

Monday, Tuesdays and Friday Physical activities