This Friday we farewell Cassie Miles from our Palmerston Campus as she goes on maternity leave. We thank Mrs Miles for her service to the students of Good Shepherd over the past six years and wish her well as she experiences motherhood. We welcome Nicholas Blackwell to our Palmerston Campus. Mr Blackwell has been teaching for two years in the Middle School and this year has been teaching Year 3 overseas. We hope that you make him feel part of our community here.

Mrs Miles held the position of Pastoral Coordinator. We congratulate Hannah Loveday on being appointed to the Pastoral Coordinator position along with Elizabeth Walker. We wish Mrs Loveday well as she takes on this new role.

We held a fundraising disco on Friday 5 August and we raised $3,500 which is a huge effort! Thank you to everyone who came along to support the disco and to those who donated items for the raffle or helped out on the night.

I have a dream of how we can improve our playground and would welcome help from our families. If anyone has access to the following we would love donations of:

- Truck tyres
- Car tyres
- Pallets
- Milk crates
- Concrete pipes
- Soil
- Besser bricks
- Wooden cables reels
- Sand
- Tree stumps for seats

Please let me know if you are able to help out.

Lynne Pokela
Head of Junior School
Palmerston Campus

YEAR 5 IN 2017

It has been decided to run an extra Year 5 class next year because of the long wait list for students to enter that year level. Interviews are currently taking place. There are a few vacancies if you know of anyone who would be interested in joining our Palmerston Campus in Year 5 next year.
**BASKETBALL COURT**

We are very excited that the roof over the basketball court has been completed and that the students are able to use this facility once again.

**WORKING BEE**

Thank you to all those who came along to help out at the working bee on Saturday 13 August. We only had a small group but they worked very hard completing the mulching of two beds in the car park and rejuvenating the garden bed in front of the Admin Building. Thank you also to all those who donated money and plants towards our gardens.

**PARENT WORKSHOPS**

Thank you to all those parents who came along to support our workshops this term. We have had very positive feedback from those parents who attended and we have great suggestions for future workshops. Our next evening of parent workshops will be Monday 17 October at the Howard Springs Campus so mark this on your calendars. More information will be published soon.

**LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK**

We are celebrating Literacy and Numeracy Week in Week 7 (29 August – 2 September) with several events. The first is a Book Fair in the library. On Monday and Tuesday the students can browse the book fair and write out their wish lists. The book fair will be open for sales at the following times:

- Tuesday (30 August): 2:30pm – 4:30pm
- Wednesday (31 August): 8:00am – 6:30pm
- Thursday (1 September): 8:00am – 11:00am

We will also hold a book character parade on Wednesday 31 August. All students are encouraged to come along dressed as a book character.

The students are also invited to vote for the Children’s Choice Book Awards Shortlist 2016 (KROC Awards). Votes can be cast online or on voting slips from the library. An image of all these books with titles is shown on the wall near our world map at the end of the Year 3 block.

We will also hold a quiz for Years 3 – 5 students focusing on the Book Week theme: *Australia: Story Country*. There will also be an opportunity for students to write on the theme *My Australian Story*. There will be two categories: Transition to Year 2 and Years 3 to 5.

**Maths Moment!** Students are encouraged to photograph a Maths Moment and write a caption about how Maths is being used. It could be someone measuring ingredients in the kitchen or someone tiling a roof or bathroom. Hand your entries into the front office.

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Weeks 8 and 9, Term 4**: Step Up Program where Year 5 students attend Middle School.
- **Wednesday 30 November**: New 2017 students visit
- **Thursday 1 December**: 2017 Transition students visit for their orientation.
- **Wednesday 8 December**: Awards Assembly.

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**College Website and Facebook**

Don’t forget to check these two sources of information from time to time. Events are added to the College Calendar on the website and the News & Events section is updated regularly. You can also discover upcoming events on our Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdNT/](https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdNT/)

Website: [www.goodshepherd.nt.edu.au](http://www.goodshepherd.nt.edu.au)

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**Good Shepherd Lutheran College NT**
In Year 1 we have just finished off our Unit of Inquiry: Sharing the Planet. In this unit we learnt about animals, habitats, lifecycles and human impact on our environment. To bring our unit to a close we took a trip to Lake Alexander where we got to become explorers and discovers for a day! We did more walking that day than I think some of us have ever done! We went for a walk along the beach and found creatures in the sand. We did more walking around the lake and saw little fish swimming in the shallows. We even went on an awesome walk through the mangroves and some of us think we saw a croc! (Mrs. Loveday wasn’t too sure about that!) They have a really big playground at Lake Alexander and we got to have a play there too. It was an exhausting, exciting and really fun day for everyone!

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**House Points**

The students are allocated house points each week according to their effort and behaviour in class and the playground. They can earn up to 4 points each week. These points go towards each student’s own total and when they have 25, 50, 75 or 100 house points they receive certificates in assembly. The house totals are displayed outside the office so please check regularly.

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Japanese Exchange Students.

We were very fortunate to have 12 Japanese exchange students and 2 teachers visit our college. Students did range of activities together and had a great time. It was also wonderful to see a lot of junior school students using Japanese words and phrases to talk with them. Yoku dekimashia.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE NEWS BY VICKI TRATHEN OUR PYP COORDINATOR

Continuing on from our last newsletter we now have an action wall at the back of the Admin Building.

At school the teachers record the student action in order to celebrate. We would love to hear about the action that students are taking at home as we are not always aware of it. Please email us to let us know of your child’s self-initiated action so that we can add it to our campus action wall. You may send in photos, quotes, text about the action.
We have had a busy start to Term 3 in Year 5!

Students have been investigating what it means to be a leader as a part of our current Unit of Inquiry – Who we are. The Year Fives have been undertaking independent inquiries into their chosen field of interest. Guest speaker, Mr Walker, spoke to some of the students about leadership in the Defence Force as a part of this inquiry. Students have also been out and about interviewing leaders in the community, collecting data and finding meaningful ways to present their findings about the character traits, values, rights and responsibilities of different leaders. Some Year Fives are creating leadership bags to represent their learning over the unit, while others are sharing their knowledge through presentations. The students are also taking action as leaders and demonstrating responsibility by caring for their very own seedlings. Peer Support sessions have also commenced and these are run entirely by the Year 5 cohort. The sessions aim to develop positive relationships amongst students in the school and this year’s program has an anti-bullying focus.

In Maths, the Year Fives are busily working on their financial plans and planning holidays anywhere within Australia. This has been a fantastic opportunity for students to meaningfully apply their learning and extend themselves in Mathematics.

All Year Fives attended the Year 5 Camp at Batchelor Outdoor Education Centre in Week 2 of this term. Students, parents and teachers all had a fantastic time. Some students have written about a few of the fun experiences they had.

Blake Fitzgerald (5CM): At camp I enjoyed learning how to use a canoe and I also liked how everyone in my canoe used teamwork. The rock climbing was a challenge for me.

Tajh Feltham (5RM): On our Year 5 camp I really enjoyed the high ropes and our day at Rum Jungle Lake because we got to go kayaking and canoeing. The zip line on the high ropes was my favourite.

Macauley Pike (5EW): My favourite part about camp was getting out of the classroom and experiencing so many new and different activities and lots of fun things. I really enjoyed kayaking and canoeing.

We look forward to all of the wonderful learning that will occur throughout the remainder of the term and look forward to the students sharing their learning with you at Student-led Conferences.
Upcoming Events

Transition to Year 2 Athletics Fun Day

On Friday 29 July we had some very excited Transition to Year 2 students who arrived at school dressed in their house colours ready for their Fun Day. After chapel, Miss Anderson led the students in a warm up in the hall. Then everyone returned to class for their brain food before gathering together for the sprints. After the sprints everyone had recess. Then the rotations began and students were able to participate in six novelty events. The final scores for the day were:

Hughes: 93
Livingstone: 90
Strauss: 88
Fenton: 78

Well done to Hughes for winning on the day. Thank you to all the parents who helped out and to our Year 5 leaders for supporting students in their events.

Science Week: 15 – 19 August

The excitement on the students’ faces as they described the great experiments they experienced during the week shows we have some budding scientists among our students. The students were able to view science based DVDs and check out the models on display in the library. The Year Twos and Year Fours opened up their classrooms for science experiments and Zoe Benson shared her science experiments with the students. Thank you for Mrs Walker and Mrs Trathen for organising such an exciting Science Week.

Vinnies Volunteers Wanted

JOIN US IN CHANGING LIVES. Vinnies Palmerston is looking for new volunteers! Would you like to join our team? If you LOVE meeting new people, have a POSITIVE attitude, ENJOY fashion, have time to CONTRIBUTE to your community, want to gain EXPERIENCE in retail & would like to VOLUNTEER for a leading NT charity

Become a Vinnies Volunteer Retail Assistant.

To find out more contact the Centre Manager 3 Roylat St, Palmerston or call 89488100

Congratulations Declan Togni for winning First Prize for Garden Scarecrow, max 1m tall suitable for a garden at the Royal Darwin Show.
Disco

The disco was held on Friday 5 August with everyone wearing their house colours. Pastor Andrew kept the students entertained with his music and the students enjoyed the variety of glow sticks on sale. A sincere thank you to all the parents who came along to help out on the evening. We raised $3,500 which is a great effort. This money will go towards improving our grounds.

Winners of the Raffle were:
First Prize: Core Body Fitness Training Voucher - Anthony Crilly
Second Prize: Norwex Pack valued at $115—Liam Kassiou
Third Prize: Spcessavers Glasses Kit and Candle pack - Stacey Cunningham
Fourth Prize: A set of wine glasses—Sherine Lauvenjon

LIFE EDUCATION

We once again enjoyed having Healthy Harold visit the students in July. Suzi Spedding has returned from interstate to run the program and the students enjoyed visiting the van to engage in the lessons.

Life Education at Good Shepherd

The Life Education program once again provided our students with extensive and intensive Health Education sessions for all students from Transition to Year 5.

Each session was delivered in our purpose built Mobile Learning Centre. We wish to thank all Bus and Car commuters for their patience whilst the MLC was located at the rear of the ‘drop off zone’.

Students were transported through various adventures and challenges, each module reflects the National Curriculum and can be followed up with teacher resources provided, long after our visit.

Special mention must go to Year 5CM who attended on Thursday 28/7/16 after a very tiring Camp experience. They were fully engaged after a sluggish yawning start to the morning.

For further details on the program and our Parent resources please log onto www.lifeeducation.org.au

Harold and I look forward to returning again in 2017, which will be Life Education NT’s Pearl Anniversary!

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Empowering our children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education.
Community Notices

A Dog’s Day Out
Saturday 10th September
from 9.00am—1.00pm
at the grounds of the Litchfield Council offices
7 Bees Creek Road, Fred’s Pass

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT OUR LOCAL ANIMAL RESCUE GROUPS!
PAWS Darwin Dog Wash
Darwin Animal Rescue Group Sausage Sizzle
RSPCA will be there with some Rescue Dogs & Merchandise for sale
FREE giveaways for the kids and dogs!

PLUS Jammie Coating from BARK BUSTERS will be there to answer all your questions about dog behavior and to provide advice on a range of dog related issues.

*FREE Microchipping!!

BOOKINGS FOR MICROCHIPS ARE ESSENTIAL | Ph: 8983 0600
*Free microchipping is available for those dogs that commonly reside within the Litchfield municipality.

Tracy Village Football Club
U15 Youth Girls and U14 boys
WANTED

Training at Tracy Village Tuesday and Thursday nights 3pm–5pm. Season starts October.
To express interest in playing or volunteering please contact: Tracyvillagefc@gmail.com or 0488 343 001

Charles Darwin University
DARWIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Come and see the Sound

Dance
a joyous morning of dance music from around the world

Family Proms
Sat 27 August
9.30am & 11:00am
Venue: CDU Theatre, Orange 3
* Shows are 45 minutes duration

Sun 28 August
9.30am & 11:00am
Venue: Taminmin College Gym Building 6

All past & present members are invited to attend
Happy Birthday PNA!
30 Years of Palmerston Netball Association
1986–2016

Join us for a Splash Party!
Saturday 3rd September 10:30—12:30
Palmerston Aquatic Centre—free entry
Free sausage sizzle and water rocketry course!!
A party for the whole family

Get your thinking caps on for our
TRIVIA NIGHT AT CAZALYS!
Saturday 3rd Sep… $10 per ticket—Trivia starts at 7pm
Get a table together 10 people together to win some PRIZES
Bar food & drinks available before, during & after!

Contact your club for tickets

For information and bookings visit www.dso.org.au or phone 8966 6214