Senior School

Final examinations, Year 12’s Last Day, Valedictory Dinner and Awards Services as well as student awards assemblies have made for a jam packed Term 4. Our students have once again illustrated their capacity to cope with the stresses around such events. The awards and dinners were in particular great events to celebrate the many talents and achievements of our students. Congratulations to all students for an excellent finish to 2016.

Next year we have a number of great experiences on offer, along with a high standard of teaching and learning, 2017 looks to be another exciting year in the College’s Senior School.

Dean Cummins
Head of Senior School

Middle School

It’s been a huge Term 4 which has passed very quickly. Year 9 students had their farewell lunch at Rydges, Palmerston while Year 8 students had a day out at the Woorabinda scout camp, Howard Springs Reserve. It was great to see the students interact in lots of different activities. The best one was the water balloon fight! In Week 7 we held the Year 6/7 and Year 8/9 awards assemblies. It was fantastic to see so many students recognised and rewarded for their hard work and dedication to Good Shepherd. The stepup program in Weeks 8 and 9 was a great experience for all, especially for Year 5 students who joined us.

Please enjoy your Christmas break, rest up and see you back again on Monday 30 January 2017!

Daniel Yamada
Head of Middle School
Valedictory and Awards Service

The Valedictory and Awards Service was held on Wednesday 23 November at the Darwin Convention Centre and it was simply wonderful. We would like to thank Year 5, 8 and 10 students for their PYP, Community and Personal Project displays. We would also like to thank all students involved in the singing and dancing performances which were excellent. The speeches provided by the College Captains, College Pastor and Principal were outstanding. Thank you to the many parents who have passed on their congratulations; we are thrilled that the event was so enjoyable for you all. Of course, a very special thank you to our Class of 2016 who were stars of the show and they were resplendent in their gowns and sashes.
It was a very busy morning at the Middle and Senior School on Friday 25 November, with three consecutive, special awards’ assemblies. The Chief Ministers Literacy Achievement Awards, as well as Subject, Achievement and Service awards were presented, along with a few special, sponsored awards. Thank you parents for attending and congratulations to all recipients.

* All Awardees will be acknowledged in the 2016 Year Book - Monsoon
Student Awards - Years 8 and 9
The Valedictory Dinner was held on Friday 25 November at the Darwin Convention Centre and it was a wonderful, memorable event. Speeches and toasts made the night extra special and the many beautiful gowns and stunning suits were sights to behold.
Science Awards

Congratulations to all Good Shepherd students who received an award at the NT Branch of 'Royal Australian Chemical Institute' (RACI), 'annual prize night' on Thursday 24 November. The ceremony was held at Charles Darwin University. Some of these students are in Year 1 and they received awards for crystal growing - we think that is pretty remarkable. Well done to you all.

"The prize night is an occasion where we celebrate the achievements of primary and secondary students in the Northern Territory who have achieved well in the fields of Chemistry and Science" - RACI

National History Challenge

Congratulations to Connor O’Hearn, Year 6 student who received first place in the NT for the Year 5-6 group. Connor also won first prize for the NT Museum Exhibit. He received two very special medals and a nice amount of prize money. Well done Connor!

[URL: http://historychallenge.org.au/2016-winners/]

Award Winners and Categories:

Menzies / CDU Senior Science award: Courtney Stanwix
Year 11 Chemistry award: Teale McMahon
Year 10 Scientific Communication Non-Multimedia Individual: Connor Marshall
Menzies / CDU Year 9 Science award: Rachel Yun
Year 8 Crystal Growing Competition: Jesse James
Year 1 Crystal Growing Competition: 1st place – Keanu Dingle, Michayla Victor and Paige Anderson.
2nd place - Lily Pelham, Emanouil Giannikouris and Zachary Kassiou
Equal 2nd - Bella Shean, Josh Dixon and Teagan Bate
Congratulations to Year 9 students who received the Duke of Edinburgh International Award on Monday 14 November at Parliament House - a very special ceremony for a most prestigious award.

Chloe English  
Emily Richards  
Tayhlia Casey  
Imogen Gall  
Laura Brady  
Sophie Boyce  
Annabel Wickens-Campbell  
Rachel Yun  
Arianna Baldieri  
Taylah Rasmussen  
Georgia Perry
Year 8 students had a fun-filled day at the Woorabinda Scout Camp, Howard Springs Reserve on Wednesday 23 November. The rain kind of held off, which didn’t make a lot of difference because most of the students ended up drenched following some highly entertaining soaker challenges. It was a great event and an opportunity to enjoy one another’s company before ‘stepping up’ into Year 9. Thank you to our World Challengers for organising the fantastic BBQ, funds raised will go to the community project aspect of their trip to India in 2017.
Year 9 Lunch

Year 9 students enjoyed a lovely lunch at Rydges, Palmerston on Thursday 24 November. Another great opportunity to enjoy one another’s company before stepping up to Senior School—Year 10.

Step-up Program

The Step-up program commenced on Monday 28 November and we welcomed Year 5 students from our St Andrew Campus in Leanyer, Palmerston Campus and other schools. These students spent the last two weeks of Term 4 in Year 6, and from all accounts, thoroughly enjoyed the experience. ‘The teachers are awesome’, ‘I love electives’, ‘There’s lots to do’, ‘I feel like I belong’.
Transition students from our 3 Junior Schools were very fortunate to see the ‘fairy tale’ presentation by Year 10 Drama students on Tuesday 15 November. It was highly interactive, and it looked like everyone had a great time. Well done Year 10 Drama students and teacher, Jade Briscoe.

College Website, Facebook, Twitter & College App
Don’t forget to check these sources of information from time to time. Events and news articles are added to the College website regularly.

You can also discover upcoming events and good news stories on our Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdNT/
Website: www.goodshepherd.nt.edu.au
Twitter: https://twitter.com/PrincipalGSLC

Have you downloaded the College’s new App yet?

Good Shepherd Lutheran College NT
Year 10 MYP - Certificates of Participation Assembly

Congratulations to Year 10 students who received the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme 'Certificate of Participation' during assembly on Friday 18 November.

A special congratulations to students who received Certificates of Distinction and to the two students who have every right to be extremely proud of their special awards - 'Certificate of Outstanding Service of Action' - Zac Zorn and Tyla Bilston. Thank you Year 10 Drama students for your very entertaining 'Commedia' performance.
Year 8 Community Project Exhibition

Year 8 students in 8KH, 8RP and 8SF held their exhibition on Friday 11 November, while students in 8MD, 8JB and 8PS held theirs on Friday 18 November. It was very insightful seeing what these mindful students had developed as part of this project. They ably communicated how they had grown as individuals who seek to make the world a better and more peaceful place - and we are extremely proud of them all. The ‘Book of Smiles’ was a particularly delightful project. Well done Year 8 students.

Uniform Shop - Extended Hours

Appointments are available for fittings over the next 2 weeks - including Monday 12, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 December. If you know the exact uniform size required, please place your order online where it can be processed and then sent to your child's respective campus. (Please allow 1-2 days delivery).

For more information please go to the Alinta website or call: 0455 955 947
www.alintaapparel.com.au
Library Membership for Parents

College parents and carers are warmly invited to utilise the Middle and Senior School’s library at the Howard Springs Campus and create a library membership. The library is very well resourced and staff regularly take advantage of this, borrowing books for holiday time reading etc. This opportunity will be available from the start of the 2017 school year. For more information, please contact Anna Seidl - Teacher Librarian: anna.seidl@ntschools.net

2017 Young Endeavour Youth Development Program

Applications are now open for the 2017 Young Endeavour Youth Development Program. Encourage young Australians in your community to set sail for the voyage of a lifetime aboard the national sail training ship Young Endeavour! All young Australians aged 16 to 23 can apply for voyages at www.youngendeavour.gov.au. Youth Crew are selected by ballot, and no sailing experience is required.

Following a twelve month voyage around the world, in 2016 Young Endeavour has circumnavigated Australia, visiting the Northern Territory, Western Australia and South Australia. In 2017 Young Endeavour will sail to Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales, and Queensland. 24 youth will join each eleven day voyage, and will learn the skills to sail a square-rigged tall ship. They will keep watch and take the helm, cook in the galley, navigate using the ship’s charts, and climb the 30 metre mast to set and furl the sails.

Each participant will be encouraged to pursue personal and team goals and challenges. By the end of each voyage they will have the skills and confidence to elect a leadership team and take command of the 44 metre brigantine, sailing Young Endeavour along the Australian coast. Ballarat high school student Ben O’Meara joined a voyage in Young Endeavour for a personal challenge and as an opportunity to meet new people, travel to new places and learn new skills. After sailing from Melbourne along the east coast and into Sydney Harbour he said, "Our voyage, having a diverse and friendly group of youth, as well as a sensational crew and program, allowed me to grow as both a leader and a team member. Physically and mentally challenging, this program is by no means for the faint hearted. It is, however, one of the most rewarding experiences possible. It will leave you exhausted but begging for more, more, more!"

Youth Crew are selected by ballot, and no sailing experience is required. Young Endeavour is operated by a professional Royal Australian Navy crew who ensure the highest standards of safety and care, and teach the youth crew everything they need to know to sail the ship. Marsha Riley, of the Western Aranda and Warlpiri tribes near Alice Springs, sailed Young Endeavour from Cairns to Darwin during the 2009 circumnavigation of Australia, and said it was a truly unique experience for her. "The personal experience that I had aboard Young Endeavour developed my inner strength, both mentally and physically. I made friends with different people from different age groups and, in doing so, I discovered the strength of my interpersonal skills - that I have no trouble meeting new people in an unfamiliar environment. The voyage also taught me the importance of having positive role models. I now try to be someone that other students look up to, showing leadership and encouraging teamwork. I also support people to take every opportunity that comes, just as I did".

Since 1988 the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme, in partnership with the Royal Australian Navy, has provided challenging training voyages for more than 12,000 young Australians in the tall ship Young Endeavour. In 2016 Young Endeavour will sail to Stanley, Geelong, Hobart, Melbourne, Eden and Sydney, before continuing north to Queensland.

For more information, including voyage dates and fees, please visit: www.youngendeavour.gov.au or contact our office on 1800 020 444. Encourage young Australians in your community to apply for the voyage of a lifetime in Young Endeavour!

Young Endeavour Youth Scheme
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W: www.youngendeavour.gov.au
F: facebook.com/YoungEndeavourYouthScheme
Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

The Salvation Army was presented with donations from each of our College campuses during the Year 6 and 7 assembly on Tuesday 6 December. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed, it was wonderful to hear how these goods will be used and quite sobering to hear that there is such a need. Thank you Chris and Simone for coming in to collect the items on behalf of the Salvation Army.

Bethany Home Leadership Team

In early January, a group of six student leaders and three staff members will once again be travelling to spend a week at our sister school, Bethany Home, Malaysia. This will be our third trip to Bethany, and we will be continuing to build our relationship with the staff and students there, seeing how our past donations have helped out, and learning ways we can continue to assist Bethany in their important work. The team look forward to sharing their experiences when we return home.

As always, if you want to keep up with the trip and what we are doing, you can like our Facebook page; Good Shepherd Bethany Trip
Signmee

Many of you are now using Signmee, our new online service for managing home-school communications. Thank you for 'signing' the 'Enrolment Intentions 2017' form which is extremely helpful as we start organising classes for 2017. Please remind anyone you may know wishing to enrol at Good Shepherd to complete an application form as soon as possible, including any siblings.

Signmee is an excellent, modern communication method; saving a lot of time and effort for all. You can access the Signmee site here: http://signmee.com/ and also via SEQTA - portals.

If you require any assistance, please contact the College: 8983 0300 or email: admin@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au

The Nativity scene at our Howard Springs Junior School is simply divine.

GOD BECAME ONE OF US
SO WE COULD BECOME ONE WITH HIM

Because of Bethlehem

Max Lucado

God’s richest blessings for a very happy, safe Christmas and new year. We look forward to seeing our students again, and welcoming new ones into our community on the first day of school, Monday 30 January 2017.

Class of 2011

5 Year Reunion
Sat 10.12.16

Please join us as we reconnect with our 2011 Old Collegians for lunch and drinks from 12.30pm at Rydges Hotel Palmerston 15 Maluka Drive

Cost: $20 per person
Partners Welcome
RSVP: Friday 18 November
promotions@goodshepherd.nt.edu.au or 8983 0300