Welcome to December

I can hardly believe we are starting December. Another year is coming to a close and we are embarking on some of our last activities. We have our Thanksgiving Service on Monday and next Wednesday is the last day of school for our senior school students. It has been a joy serving as Principal and perhaps the year has seemed to pass so quickly because I have really enjoyed 2016 and I am very excited about 2017. PCS has been a dynamic and exciting place to be in 2016 and we continue to see children thrive in this wonderful school.

At the Thanksgiving Service on Monday 5 December, we will be celebrating and giving thanks for this year’s success. There will be a few changes to the way in which we do the recognition of student achievements on the night. This year the goal is that every student will be recognised. Every person is created in Gods image and every child has value. We want to recognise the importance of each individual. We will also be awarding dux for each year level per class. Any feedback after the Thanksgiving Service regarding these changes would be appreciated, as we reflect on how we can value and thank every child for their efforts this year. “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. …… God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. “Genesis 1

I am pleased to announce the following primary class teachers for 2017. If you have a specific request regarding your child’s learning style and how a particular teacher might suite your child’s learning style best, please forward your requests to Mrs Gaitt. Class composition is something we take seriously and we are very deliberate in placing students in a specific class. Your request is considered seriously but the process does not guarantee your request will be met.

Transition Mrs Thomsen and Mrs Robertson
Year 1/2 Miss Kirkham and Mrs Hynes
Year 2/3 Mrs Jasmine Shawel
Year 3/4 Miss Kennedy and Mrs Darlington-Brown
Year 4/5 Miss Hickman
Year 5/6 Miss Kim and Mr Twine

Middle and Senior School classes will be consist of one class for each grade level. Feel free to contact Mrs Jill Carter or Mr Chad Robertson if you have any questions regarding Middle School and Senior School respectively. I am pleased to announce the following middle and senior class teachers for 2017.

Year 7 TBC
Year 8 Mrs Carol Basil
Year 9 Mrs Emily Shea
Year 10 Mr Chad Robertson

We have had an amazingly successful year in 2016 and we are very excited about the plans we have for 2017. It is such a blessing to be at the school daily and watch students #Thrive@PCS.

Ken McAllister
Principal
• **PRIMARY ASSEMBLY**
The next assembly will be hosted by Transition Robertson on Friday 2nd December at 8:45am. All are welcome to attend.

• **END OF YEAR REPORTS**
This term’s school reports will be available electronically on Compass for all parents to access. If you require a hardcopy, please email admin.pcs@ntschoools.net with your request.

• **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**
PCS is looking to set up a Christmas Lights display in the last week of term. Volunteers are urgently needed. Please contact Paul Vaatstra or Chris Kirkham for more information.

• **2017 SCHOOL FEES**
The 2017 fees are now available on the PCS Website.

• **UNIFORM ORDERS**
The 2017 uniform order forms are available on the school website. Orders can be placed in advance for 2017 and can be collected on the assigned uniform shop days prior to Term 1 commencing in the New Year. Information on the uniform shop days will be sent out later in the Term.

• **LOST PROPERTY**
There are a number of items in the lost property box in the Office. Please come and check the box for missing items. Any leftover items at the end of Term will be donated to charity.

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**We request the pleasure of your company at our**

**Thanksgiving**

and

**Graduation Service**

5 December 2016

6pm

Darwin Entertainment Centre

*(All students to be in full school uniform)*
New Staff Member

Name: Amie Wagner
Position Held: Administration Assistant

What did you enjoy most when you were a student at school?
Swimming and Sports Carnivals.

What did you least enjoy as a student at school?
Home Ed- Cooking- I am a terrible cook and do not enjoy it at all.

Can you share 3 things with the PCS community about yourself that you think we’d find interesting OR is there anything else you would like to share?

* I worked as a International Flight Attendant with Jetstar
* I have a massive phobia of Rats and Mice
* I went to Mermaid Academy in the Philippines and became a certified mermaid 😊

Year 1/2H & K Fundraiser

As part of our MoneySmart program this year, the Year 1 and 2 students worked together with our wonderful parents to make and sell pancakes. We did this to fundraise money for the Cancer Council Foundation.

The event took place on Thursday 3rd November.

Well done to these students for raising $192.80 for this great cause. Our students were presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Cancer Council Foundation’s CEO, Kathy Sadler.

Last Day of School Fun!

Thursday 15 December 2016
is the last day of school for students.
To celebrate we will be having some fun activities.
♦ Jumping Castles and Lots of Fun Activities (wet and dry)
♦ All Food Provided
♦ Volunteers required to prepare and cook food.
♦ Please contact the office if you can assist
♦ The day will be the same times as a normal school day—8:30am to 3:10pm
♦ What a fantastic way to end the year!
Swimming Age Champions

Well done to the following students for receiving their Swimming Age Champions Medallions:
- Kallum Butcher,
- Matthew Eakins,
- Jasmine Duturbure,
- Emma Muldoon,
- Abbey Muldoon,
- Liam Jong,
- Brandon McConnell

Congratulations

On Friday 11th November, Luke Secrett in Year 9 attended the Chief Minister’s Anzac Spirit Study Tour Presentation. Our congratulations go out to Luke for making it all the way to the final 6; sadly only 3 students from across the NT could attend on the tour next year, however to reach the final group after an exhaustive selection process is to be commended. Well done Luke!

Middle School News

In our Robotics class, Middle School students are developing codes for Edison robots which allow the robots to respond to real life scenarios.

These two robots are battling, entertainment robots. They joust each other in an arena made out of wooden planks.

Edison robots are compatible with LEGO blocks, students are able to build onto robots to individualise and specialise robots for specific tasks.

Our students experiences with robots develop their coding skills, allowing them to work with programming languages like Python which has many applications, beyond robotics, in computer science and digital technologies.
Give yourself a break. Hitting the drive-through when you’re too tired to cook doesn’t make you a bad parent.

Trust your mommy gut. No one knows your child better than you. Follow your instincts when it comes to his health and well-being. If you think something’s wrong, chances are you’re right.

Just say "No." Resist the urge to take on extra obligations at the office or become the Volunteer Queen at your child’s school. You will never, ever regret spending more time with your children.

Don’t accept disrespect from your child. Never allow her to be rude or say hurtful things to you or anyone else. If she does, tell her firmly that you will not tolerate any form of disrespect.

Pass along your plan. Mobilize the other caregivers in your child’s life -- your spouse, grandparents, day-care worker, babysitter -- to help reinforce the values and the behaviour you want to instil. This includes everything from saying thank you and being kind to not whining.

(From: 50 Easy Ways to Be a Fantastic Parent

Originally published in the December 2008 issue of Parents magazine.


Throughout the year, our board of advisors -- a brain trust of the best paediatric doctors, developmental experts, and educators in the country -- shares the latest thinking about raising happy and healthy kids in the pages of Parents. Now we’ve gathered our all-time favourite nuggets of their advice in one outstanding article that will have a profound effect on your whole family.

By Barrie Gillies from Parents Magazine)

May you walk in peace, know joy and always have hope.

Di Jackson - Chaplain
Prayer & Praise

♦ Praise God for our Principal and School Council and pray for them as they continue to look at staffing for 2017.

♦ Pray for the staff and students as they prepare for the Thanksgiving Service.

♦ Praise God for strong student numbers for 2017.

♦ Pray for stamina for both staff and students as we continue to work towards the end of Term and Year.

JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
SWIM INTENSIVES/WORKSHOPS

Book for a week of swim intensives / 2-hour or all-day workshop for your child in the school holidays.

Learn to Swim (1 hour Sessions): Full Week $150*
Parental Classes (30 mins): Full Week $88*
2 Hour Workshops: $20*
All Day Workshops: $55*

Swim Intensives January 16 – 20 only
2 Hour Workshops January 23 and 25 only
All Day Workshop January 24 only

Bookings are non-refundable and must be paid in full before Friday December 16, 2016 as we arrange teachers based on bookings.

To book, or for more information email info@ntswimschool.com.au

*No make-ups/Non-transferable/Non-refundable regardless

YOU’RE INVITED TO OUR CHRISTMAS EVENT

DECEMBER 11
PALMERSTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 9-11AM
CASUARINA BAPTIST CHURCH 4-6 PM

be part of our STORY
as HOUSE PARENTS

We are looking for a “mum and dad” with a heart for mission among indigenous young people. There are opportunities to work and live with these teenagers in the Top End. Our family group homes provide round the clock care for indigenous young people from remote communities attending secondary school at Woolanng Homeland Christian College.

Family group homes are the backbone of providing these young people with education not available in their home communities. They live in homes in Woolanng with full time house parents who teach them to take on significant responsibilities as members of a family group.

Cleaning, cooking, washing, shopping, church, sport and youth groups are all part of a total educational experience to equip each one to live a fulfilling life while in our family group homes and in their home communities.

Life at Woolanng is unique. The College is situated in a remote location 75km west of Batchelor on the boundary of Litchfield National Park. The College is placed there deliberately to provide a secure educational opportunity with minimal distractions.

If you are interested in being part of this programme, either now or at some future time, or know someone else who could contribute, please contact:

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