



## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Term 1 Week 11

April 2026

“Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.”

Frederick Douglass

What a fantastic start to the year we've had in the Junior School! Term One has been full of energy, learning, and community spirit, and it's been wonderful to see our students so engaged and enthusiastic.

### DIARIES

In our Junior School, we continue to place a strong emphasis on regular reading, with students expected to read at least five nights each week. This supports the development of strong literacy skills and a love of reading. Parents are asked to record each reading session in their child's diary and sign it to show their involvement. This routine helps build responsibility, organisation, and positive work habits, supporting students both at school and beyond. Thank you for your ongoing support in encouraging these routines. We are looking forward to the new rewards and celebration opportunities planned for Term Two!

### DISCO

Our school disco was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. It was a lively evening filled with dancing, games, and prizes. Students had access to a range of fun items, including lucky dips, fidget toys, flashing novelties such as wands, necklaces, bracelets, and headbands, as well as rainbow windmills, ice blocks, lolly bags, and other quirky treats. With a variety of price options, there was something for everyone. It was wonderful to see students dressed up and having such a great time together.

### PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW WEEK – THANK YOU

Thank you to all teachers and parents for their time and commitment during our recent Parent/Teacher Interview week. These meetings provided a valuable opportunity to discuss each student's progress and development, helping to ensure they were well supported in their learning. We appreciated the effort made by everyone to engage in thoughtful and productive conversations. Your continued involvement plays an important role in building a positive and supportive school community.

It truly has been a great first term. Thank you to our staff, students, and families for making it such a positive and memorable start to the year. We look forward to all that Term 2 will bring! 😊

**Happy Holidays!**

Ngaityalya,  
(Kaurna, thank you)

**Julie**

### DIARY DATES

#### WEEK 11

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
LAST DAY OF TERM ONE

**2.15pm DISMISSAL**



**TERM 2**

**Starts**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April**



## MEET THE STAFF

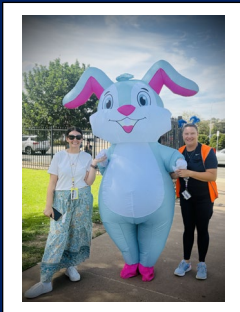


### Jocelyn Stephens

Hi  
I'm Jocelyn and I'm one of the SSOs in the Junior School. I have been an SSO for a few years now and I'm very excited to be able to share my knowledge and skills with the students at Gawler and District College.

I also work as an educator for Happy Haven in our Junior School Out of Scholl Hours Care (OSHC). I love this opportunity to make really strong connections with our students.

When I'm not at school I enjoy relaxing at home. I like to spend my time playing games, watching movies and just being busy at home.



## JUNIOR SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

### Julie Stockdale

Head of Junior School R-6  
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### Michaela Selway

Junior School Inclusion & Pedagogy Leader & AIT

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## MORNINGS ARE FOR BREAKFAST CLUB

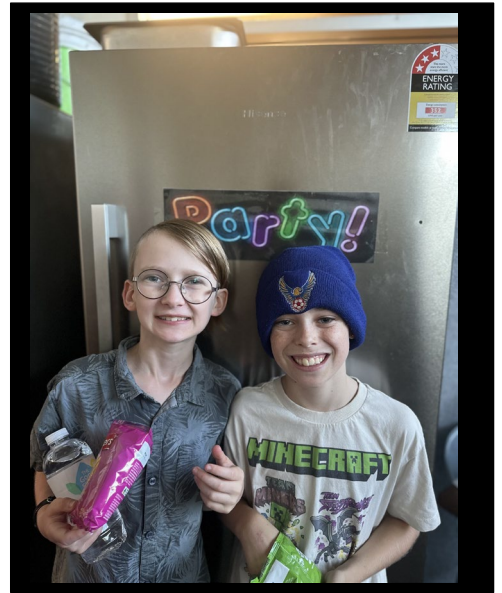
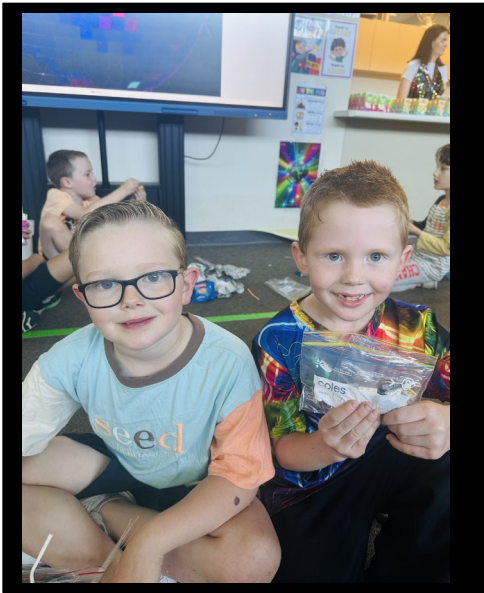
Our Junior School Breakfast Club has continued to be a wonderful way to start each day, bringing our community together in a warm and welcoming environment. Each morning, dedicated community members, Kick Start workers, and our fantastic Year 6 students generously volunteer their time to provide delicious options including toast, fresh fruit, and toasties. A special highlight each week is our Friday morning sausage sizzle, kindly prepared by Ahrens staff, which is always a big hit with students. We are incredibly grateful for the time, care, and generosity shown by everyone involved in making Breakfast Club such a positive and supportive experience for our students.



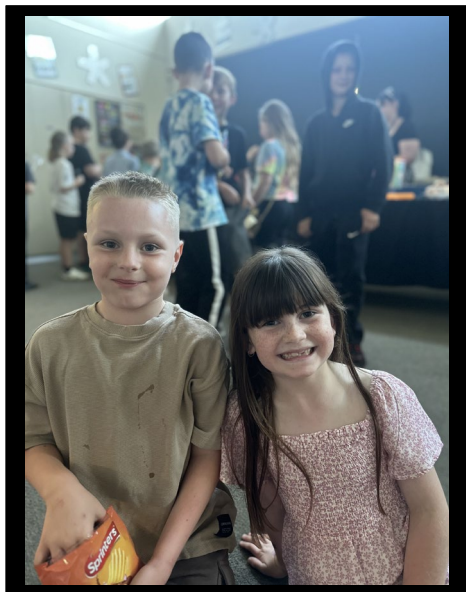


# KUMA TIME



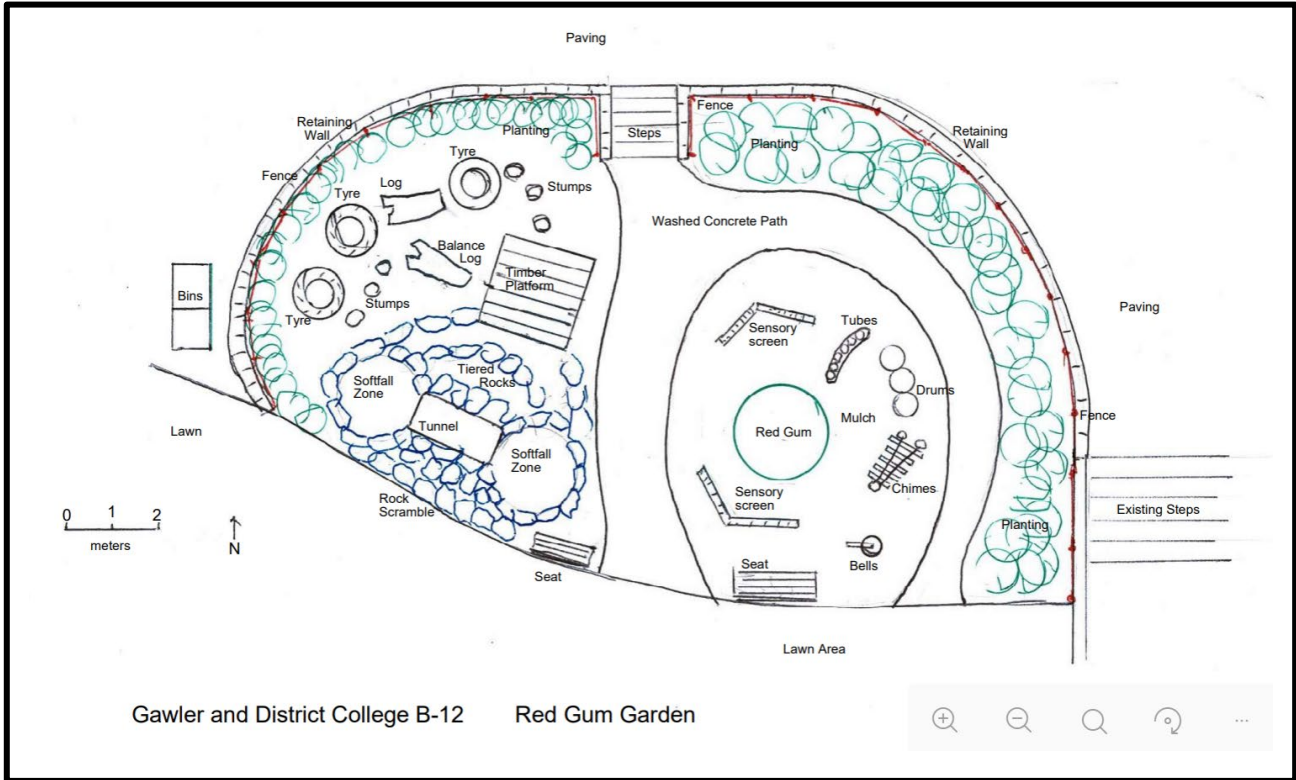


# DISCO





Our Term 1 Disco was a huge success and a fantastic celebration for our students and community. Thanks to the incredible support and enthusiasm, our fundraising efforts have now reached the target needed for the implementation of Stage 2 Nature Play. We're excited to share that plans will soon come to life in the Red Gum tree area outside the Ochre Building, transforming the space into a brand new and engaging play environment. This will provide students with even more opportunities for imaginative, active, and connected outdoor play—something we are all really looking forward to!



# WHAT IS SCHOOL CARD?



School Card provides financial help to cover the cost of school fees.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

To qualify for School Card, your family's income must be below a specific limit. This limit depends on how many children are in your care.

You must **also** meet at least one of the following:

- have a child or children aged four years or over who attend a school full time
- be an independent full-time student studying year 10, 11 or 12
- be an adult re-entry student undertaking subjects to complete SACE (years 11 and 12).

You can find more information and apply for School Card here:

[www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](http://www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)

## HOW WILL I KNOW IF I AM APPROVED?

After you apply, you will receive a letter in the mail advising if your application has been approved. Please note, School Card is not a student identification card.

## WHO CAN HELP ME APPLY?

If you would like more information or need help applying for School Card, please visit your child's school office and show this flyer.

**Hi! I would like help to apply for School Card.**



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