



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Term 1 Week 1
January 2026


A warm welcome to the 2026 school year.

"If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book."
JK Rowling

Welcome to the new school year in our Junior School! The start of 2026 brings exciting opportunities for learning, growth and connection. I'd like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication our educators have put into preparing their classrooms for the year ahead. From setting up engaging learning spaces to planning meaningful learning experiences, they've worked tirelessly to create an environment where every student can thrive. We're focused on supporting your child's success, and we look forward to partnering with you for a wonderful term. Here's to a fantastic 2026 school year!

DIARY DATES

WEEK 2
Wednesday 4th Feb



WEEK 3
Thursday 12th Feb

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Thursday 12th Feb

ASSEMBLY 1.35pm
in the Pavilion
(all welcome)

Our Term 1 Calendar of important dates and events is attached- for you to display at home.

Before and After School Supervision

The Junior School school gate opens at 8.30am, teachers begin yard duty and classes are open. All Junior School students must enter through our front gate (or back gate) and NOT College Central. OSHC is available from 6:30 until 8:30am in the mornings. Before 8:30am, OSHC operates in the Junior School spaces and is responsible for supervising students who attend the program. For safety and duty of care reasons, teachers are not on yard duty before 8:30am, so we ask that all other students wait until 8:30am to come onto school grounds. This helps us make sure every child is properly supervised and that OSHC can run smoothly in the mornings. We appreciate your support in keeping our students safe and cared for. We know that every minute counts in learning. Our learning starts at 8.45am. It is extremely important for all children to be organized and ready to learn together in their classrooms at 8.45am. Our Front Gate will be closing directly after the 8.45am learning bell is sounded. If your child is late, they will need to enter via College Central and then collect a late pass from our Junior School Front Office. Teachers are on duty in the afternoon until 3:30pm.

The first few weeks

During the first few weeks of the school year our learning focuses on:

- students and teachers getting to know each other
- discussing routines
- negotiating shared responsibilities along with talking about and practicing ways to work together to create safe and successful learning environments in our Junior School.

Welcome to our 2026 teachers:

Kiah Robertson-Burne: Reception	Jacob Slattery: Yr 3/4	Gurpreet Singh: Yr Rec-2
Felicia Pagnozzi: Reception	Shae Richardson: Yr 3/4	Ros Doudle: Yr 3-6
Rachel Coomber: Yr 1/2	Nick Wurfel: Yr 4/5	Japanese: Jessica Nimmo/ Aneisha Whitmore
Ashleigh Jamieson/ Jackie Zachoryj: Yr 1/2	Marsha Seebohm: Yr 4/5	Performing Arts: Katherine Prime/ Aneisha Whitmore
Lauren Neil: Yr 1/2	Hiba Boul Hosn: Yr 4/5	PE: Andy Ward
Issie Punshon: Yr 2/3	Billy Opitz: Yr 6	Science: Jenny Woodcock/Jackie Zachoryj/
Monique Briggs: Yr 2/3	Mel O'Rielly: Yr 6	Michaela Selway

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(Kaurna, thank you)
Julie





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GDC WEBSITE, FACEBOOK and CLASS SEESAW

Please take up the invitation to join our school Facebook page and your child's classroom Seesaw app. They both enable us the opportunity to provide up to date information, reminders and alerts.



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20+ Teachers at your school

HATS ON

Our Hat Policy takes affect this term. All children are expected to have a school hat that they will wear outside during P.E. and break times. To ensure your child is able to participate in P.E. and play during break times please label your child's hat clearly with their name and class.

Junior School Designed School Hats!

We're excited with our newly designed school hats: given to every student in 2025 and new enrolments in 2026! These reversible hats proudly feature our school house colours, giving each student a chance to show their school spirit and a sense of belonging.

Wearing these hats will help foster pride in our school community, and we hope students enjoy representing our school both inside and outside the classroom.



Please note: If your child loses their hat, a replacement must be purchased from the Finance Office in College Central at your expense.

Thank you for supporting this new addition, and for helping nurture a strong community spirit in our Junior School!



2026 Term One

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	26/1	27/1	28/1	29/1	30/1
Week 1 JS Newsletter	AUSTRALIA DAY	TERM 1 STARTS			
	2/2	3/2	4/2	5/2	6/2
Week 2			World Read Aloud Day		
	9/2	10/2	11/2	12/2	13/2
Week 3 JS Newsletter	12.00 Dux Assembly			Photo Day Assembly	Photo Day
	16/2	17/2	18/2	19/2	20/2
Week 4					
	23/2	24/2	25/2	26/2	27/2
Week 5	Governing Council 6pm				
	2/3	3/3	4/3	5/3	6/3
Week 6 JS Newsletter	Clean Up School Day			Assembly	PUPIL FREE DAY
	9/3	10/3	11/3	12/3	13/3
Week 7 NAPLAN WEEK	ADELAIDE CUP		NAPLAN Writing	NAPLAN Reading	NAPLAN Lang Conventions
	16/3	17/3	18/3	19/3	20/3
Week 8 NAPLAN WEEK	NAPLAN Numeracy				Harmony Day JS Disco
Parent Teacher Interview Week Week 9 JS Newsletter	23/3 World Meteorological Day Governing Council 6pm	24/3	25/3	26/3 Assembly	27/3
	30/3	31/3	1/4	2/4	3/4
Week 10					GOOD FRIDAY
	6/4	7/4	8/4	9/4	10/4
Week 11	EASTER MONDAY				LAST DAY OF TERM 2.15 DISMISSAL