



**“Reading should not be presented to children as a chore, a duty. It should be offered as a gift.”**  
Kate DiCamillo



## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Term 2 Week 3  
May 2025

### Learning Lifesaving Skills!

In the last week of Term 1, we had the pleasure of welcoming Annie and Paul from St John Ambulance Australia to our Junior School! They delivered engaging and age-appropriate First Aid training to all students from Reception to Year 6 as part of the First Aid in Schools Program. This amazing FREE program helps equip our students with essential skills to respond in emergency situations – from calling Triple Zero (000) to helping someone who's hurt or unwell. It's never too early to start learning how to save a life!

A big thank you to Annie, Paul, and St John Ambulance for making first aid fun, accessible, and empowering for our young learners. 🗣️💪

### Mother's Day Stall

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful success of our Mother's Day stall this year! It was heartwarming to see the children so excited as they carefully selected the perfect gift for the special women in their lives. A huge thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who helped make the day run so smoothly — your time and effort are truly appreciated. A very special thank you to Leanne Conway for her outstanding dedication and coordination. Your support helped create a memorable and joyful experience for all.

### ANZAC ASSEMBLY

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April, Gawler and District College B-12 held a special commemorative assembly for Anzac Day, with a strong focus on educating and involving our junior school students. One of the most important aspects of remembrance is ensuring younger generations understand the significance of days like Anzac Day and carry forward the legacy of those who served. As part of the assembly, each junior school class created and laid a wreath in a moving tribute to the Anzacs. It was a meaningful way for our youngest students to show their respect and reflect on the sacrifices made. We were also honoured to be joined by Steven Lockwood from The Last Post, an accomplished former serviceman, who spoke with the students about the Anzacs, the impact they had on our nation, and the broader importance of service.



Kind Regards,  
Julie Stockdale- Head of Junior School  
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### DIARY DATES

#### WEEK 4

#### NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
National Simultaneous Storytime  
'The Truck Cat' Special Recess

#### WEEK 5

#### RECONCILIATION WEEK

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
GOVERNING COUNCIL

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May  
Yr 4/5s @ AFL MAX CAMP

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May  
CAREER EXPO -Dress Up Day

#### WEEK 6

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
ASSEMBLY @ 1.30pm  
in the Pavilion hosted by Yr 1/2s



## MEET THE STAFF



### Jacob Slattery

Hello everyone!

My name is Jacob Slattery, but the kids call me Mr. Jacob!

I teach P.E for the whole Junior School, and the 3/4 classes Science.

This is my first year of teaching, and I am still undergoing my studies at the University of South Australia. I will be gone for Term 3 while I undergo my final, Fourth Year placement, but I will be back in Term Four for an exciting finish to the year!

I love getting outside and being active, and have played a wide variety of sports throughout the last two decades, including Soccer, Basketball, AFL, Volleyball and Netball.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

### Julie Stockdale

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

Acting Assistant Head of Junior School, Learning Support Leader & AIT

### Skye Miller

Wellbeing Leader & AET

## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME on 21<sup>st</sup> May

**National Simultaneous Storytime**  
**The Truck Cat**  
 Deborah Frenkel and Danny Snell

On the Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May GDC B-12 Junior School will be celebrating National Simultaneous Storytime. All students will read Deborah Frenkel and Danny Snell's, *The Truck Cat* simultaneously.

We will be offering a flavoured milk of choice and cookie of choice for students to enjoy during recess, available for order...

**\$3 GOT FREE**  
 1 x Flavoured Milk of Choice and 1 x Cookie of Choice

Orders close Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2025.

Please returned the completed slip along with cash payment to the classroom teacher or eHops College Central Finance by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2025.

**National Simultaneous Storytime**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick ONE ONLY per order

1x Chocolate Milk  
 OR  
 1x Strawberry Milk

AND

Please tick ONE ONLY per order

1x Anzac Biscuit  
 OR  
 1x Choc Chip Cookie  
 OR  
 1x DBL Choc Chip Cookie

Please returned the completed slip along with cash payment to the classroom teacher or eHops College Central Finance by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2025.



Every year, children all across the country gather with teachers, family and friends to read the same book, on the same day, creating a sense of community from a shared love of reading as a part of an event called National Simultaneous Storytime.

This year, the chosen book is *The Truck Cat*, a delightfully heartwarming tale about a cat who travels around Australia with a lonely truck driver, until one day he chases a butterfly...

Year	No. Of Students	Week 2
Re	48	77%
1	45	90%
2	49	84%
3	59	88%
4	54	91%
5	46	88%
6	65	87%
<b>Total</b>	<b>366</b>	
Chn in Care	20	
Aboriginal	62	

# Attendance



Weeks	No. Of Students	Approved Absences	% Unapproved	% Present	% of our First Nation Students Attending	Children in care
Week 1	365	11.19	0.03	88%	85.00%	86.0%
Week 2	366	12.25	0.03	85%	78.00%	82.0%



Miss Mitchell's class  
 on **97% attendance**  
 in Week 2!



Class	No. Of Students	Week 2
Mrs O'Rielly	29	85.3%
Mrs Seebohm	30	88.0%
Mr Wurfel	28	90.0%
Mrs McMahon	30	87.3%
Mr Deboer	26	88.5%
Miss Lauren	25	91.0%
Miss Zacharyj	16	68.8%
Miss Mon	26	79.5%
Ms Coomber	14	78.6%
Mrs Burne	15	78.7%
Miss Issie	27	87.4%
Mrs Richardson	28	85.0%
Miss Alycia	27	91.1%
Miss Mitchell	27	97.0%
Mr Singh	6	86.7%
Mrs Ros	12	85.0%
	<b>366</b>	<b>85%</b>

## SCRUMDIDDLYUMPTIOUS FUN FOOD FRIDAY in 41.20



Every Friday, Miss Mon brings in a new item of food for the students to try. They will try to guess what they think it is, what ingredients are used and what it will taste like. They then have the option to try it. We talk about who liked it and who didn't, we discuss why we think we didn't like it. We often describe the texture, the smell, was it sweet, sour or a mixture, could we taste all the ingredients and if this is a healthy food or sometimes food. We use this to then create basic sentences to practise our writing. This allows the students to try something new with no pressure and nearly ALL the students try it, I know, parents are shocked!



**Harmony cookies**

YES No

SEWEED

YES No

RISE CRACKERS

YES No

**Lemon Cake**

YES No

carrot cake bites

YES No

Cob dip

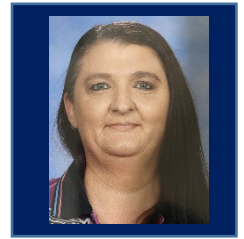
YES No

**Chia seed pudding**

YES No

Banana bread

YES No



## MEET THE STAFF

### Belinda Wilson

Hi my name is Belinda, I have worked at GDC for over 10 years and been an SSO for over 14 years.

In my role as a School Services Officer, I work closely with students with disabilities to support their academic, social, and emotional development. I collaborate with teachers, therapists, and other school staff to implement individual education plans (IEPs) and provide tailored support that fosters inclusion and participation in classroom activities.

My responsibilities include one-on-one and small group assistance, behaviour management support, personal care as needed, and adapting learning materials to meet individual needs. I help create a safe, supportive environment where all students can thrive. Outside of school I enjoy gardening and I love animals, some of the students say I have a zoo with the number of animals I own.



**GAWLER & DISTRICT  
COLLEGE B-12**

# CAREER EXPO DRESS UP DAY

Dress as someone in your dream job or someone from a career you admire to attend the 2025 GDC Careers Expo!

Whether it is a scientist, artist, paramedic, chef, or astronaut, come in costume and show us who inspires you!

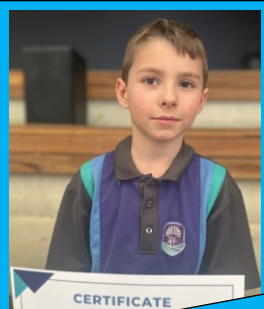
**FRIDAY  
30TH  
MAY 2025**

**There will be prizes for best-dressed/most inspiring costume!**



**FRIDAY  
30TH  
MAY 2025**

WHOLE  
SCHOOL  
TERM 1  
AWARDS



CONGRATULATIONS !!!





# 2025 Term Two

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b> JS Newsletter	28/4 TERM 2 STARTS 12.10 ANZAC Assembly	29/4	30/4	1/5	2/5
<b>Week 2</b>	5/5 12.10 Whole School Awards Assembly Governing Council 6pm	6/5	7/5	8/5  Mother's Day Stall	9/5  Mother's Day Stall
<b>Week 3</b> JS Newsletter	12/5	13/5	14/5	15/5 Assembly	16/5
<b>Week 4</b> National Volunteers Wk	19/5	20/5	21/5  National Simultaneous Storytime Special Recess	22/5	23/5
<b>Week 5</b> Reconciliation Week	26/5 4/5 Camp -AFL MAX Governing Council 6pm	27/5 4/5 Camp -AFL MAX	28/5	29/5	30/5
<b>Week 6</b> JS Newsletter	2/6	3/6  Biggest Morning Tea	4/6  2025 MY Rec Transition 1	5/6  Assembly	6/6 PUPIL FREE DAY
<b>Week 7</b>	9/6 KING'S BIRTHDAY	10/6  Scholastic Book Fair (all week)	11/6  2025 MY Rec Transition 2	12/6 VIP DAY	13/6
<b>Week 8</b>	16/6	17/6 COLOURS For Choir	18/6  2025 MY Rec Transition 3	19/6	20/6
<b>Week 9</b> JS Newsletter	23/6 Governing Council 6pm	24/6	25/6  2025 MY Rec Transition 4	26/6 Assembly	27/6  JS Disco Fancy Dress
<b>Week 10</b> NAIDOC Week	30/6	1/7	2/7	3/7 POLICE BAND Semester 1 Reports Go Home	4/7