



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Term 2 Week 6

June 2025

*"I guess there are never enough books."
John Steinbeck*

WINTER IS HERE! Wearing the appropriate winter school uniform, as outlined in the Gawler and District College B-12 uniform policy, is essential for several reasons. It ensures that students are dressed warmly and comfortably during the colder months, promoting their health and well-being. Following the uniform policy promotes unity and school pride, making everyone feel included. It also helps maintain a respectful and professional atmosphere, reflecting the school's values.

Please note that appropriate dress code DOES NOT include:

- Jeans
- Gumboots and ugg boots
- Make up, nail polish, tattoos, skin or clothing graffiti, body piercing, **false nails**
- Jewellery – standard sleepers or studs for ears only -for safety

COMMUNICATION

We are highly committed to maintaining effective communication with parents and carers. Email and Seesaw can be a great way to get in touch with your child's class teacher. To help us improve the school-home partnership, we ask that you consider the following points:

*Junior School staff prioritise time spent teaching and building a positive learning environment, and they will often not get the chance to check messages or emails during the school day. If you have an urgent message for your child's teacher, e.g. after school arrangements such as OSHC, please phone our front office and speak to Reily, who will pass on the message.

*Teachers are encouraged to only check or respond to emails and Seesaw messages during working hours and not at night or on the weekends. For urgent matters, please phone the front office as this will ensure your message is received. For non-urgent matters, teachers will respond to your email/message when practicable.

*Please remember to phone the front office to notify us if your child is absent or late.

If you would like to raise a sensitive or complex issue with your child's teacher, you are welcome to send a brief email outlining your concerns. Teachers will make a time to talk about the matter in person or over the phone so that the issue can be given the depth of discussion it deserves. Please remember I am always available too.

CALENDAR EVENTS

We have a number of special events happening in the last few weeks of this term including Book Fair, VIP Day and Disco. Please check your child's class Seesaw and school bag for any messages /flyers.

DIARY DATES

WEEK 7

BOOK FAIR -in Activity Room
Monday 9th June
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thursday 12th June
VIP DAY

WEEK 8

Monday 16th June
OCHRE ZOO EXCURSION

Thursday 19th June
COLOURS FOR CHOIR

WEEK 9

Monday 23rd June
GOVERNING COUNCIL & 6pm

Thursday 26th June
ASSEMBLY @ 1.30pm
-Receptions Hosting

Friday 27th June
DISCO

Kind Regards,

Julie Stockdale- Head of Junior School

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MEET THE STAFF



Kelsei McDermid

Hi my name is Kelsei and I have been at GDC since August 2023.

I have a background in Early Childhood Education as well as Kindergarten.

The role that I play at GDC is in the STEM building working with the 5/6s mainly working alongside Mel O'Reilly. I enjoy working in a small group setting giving the students an extra helping hand with work and assignments. I also run a Spelling Mastery group and a social skills group with a few students on a Tuesday.

In my spare time I enjoy watching and attending AFL games, watching the Strikers BBL team as well as playing cricket myself and attending quiz nights with my partner and friends.

JUNIOR SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Julie Stockdale

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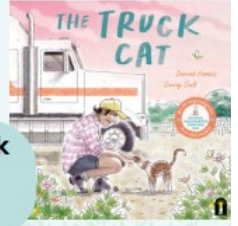
Michaela Selway

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

Skye Miller

Wellbeing Leader & AET

National Simultaneous Storytime



On Wednesday the 21st of May, the Junior School participated in National Simultaneous Storytime, with over 1 million students from across Australia!

Cookie and milk special recess fundraiser!

This year we read the book *The Truck Cat* written by Deborah Frenkel, illustrated by Danny Snell.

The Truck Cat follows Tinka and his human, Yacoub, as they search for home, identity, and each other after being unexpectedly separated.



Classes participated in various learning about the book!



Watching the live stream!



2025 Term Two

	Monday 9/6	Tuesday 10/6	Wednesday 11/6	Thursday 12/6	Friday 13/6
Week 7	KING'S BIRTHDAY	Scholastic Book Fair (all week)	2025 MY Rec Transition 2	VIP DAY	
Week 8		COLOURS For Choir	2025 MY Rec Transition 3		
Week 9 JS Newsletter	Governing Council 6pm		2025 MY Rec Transition 4	Assembly	JS Disco Fancy Dress
Week 10 NAIDOC Week				POLICE BAND Semester 1 Reports Go Home	

Colours for Choir Day!

Junior School Fundraising event to support our choir

Thursday 19th of June 2025

\$5
GST FREE

Musical themed dress up or colourful clothes,
Zoooper Dooper, temporary tattoos

Heaps of lunchtime activities run by
our Year 5/6 Choir

Karaoke - Just Dance - Classroom
Disco

PRIZES for Best
Dressed per
class!

\$1 Chocolates and Oreos
recess and lunch!

Colours for Choir
2025

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

Please returned the completed slip along with cash payment to the classroom
teacher or eftpos College Central Finance by Wednesday 18th of June 2025.



VIP DAY 2025

THURSDAY 12TH OF JUNE

SESSION 1
11:15-
11:45am

MORNING TEA
in the
Activity Hall
after each
session!

SESSION 2
11:55-
12:25pm

Dear -----

You are invited to visit me at school and share in our classroom
learning at Gawler & District College Junior School's VIP Day.

I hope you will be able to come!
Please let me know if you will be attending by filling out the slip
below for me to bring back to my teacher. Otherwise you can
RSVP to my teacher via the Seesaw app.

From -----

JS DISCO

Fancy Dress

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE 2025

Reception - Year 3
5pm - 6pm

Year 3 - 6
6:15pm - 7:30pm

*** Year 3 Children can choose 1 session to attend in the Activity Room ***

\$5
GST FREE

Heaps of Games And Prizes
LUCKY DIPS, FINGER LIGHTS, TREATS
GLOWING ACCESSORIES & SNACKS FOR SALE

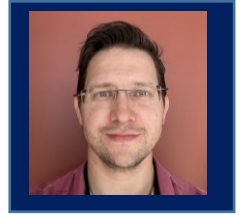
Ticket includes a drink and a packet of chips!

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

Will be attending: Reception - Year 3 Session / Year 3 - 6 Session



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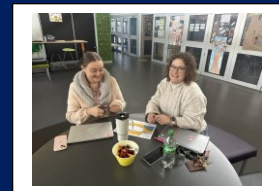
James Withey

Hi

I'm Mr. James Withey, our Junior School Science teacher at Gawler and District College B-12. I also work at Kaurna Plains School and our GDC Happy Haven Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) program.

I am passionate about making science exciting for students, encouraging them to explore and learn.

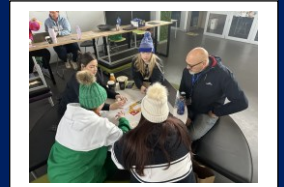
Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my wife and three children, playing board games, and watching soccer. I am a big fan of Liverpool FC, and love discussing the latest matches.



Term 2

PUPIL FREE DAY

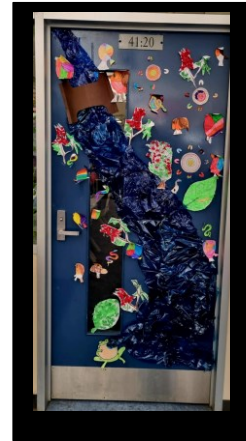
in the JUNIOR SCHOOL





🌿 DEADLY DOORS COMPETITION

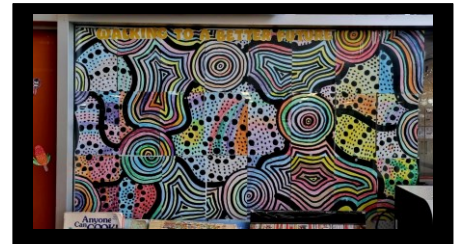
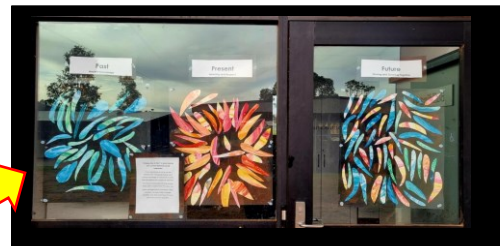
– Reconciliation Week 2025 🌿
On the 27th May – 3rd June, our Junior School celebrated National Reconciliation Week with our annual Deadly Doors competition! The 2025 theme, "Now More Than Ever," reminds us all that the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples must continue — and that reconciliation is everyone's responsibility.



Each class created powerful and creative door displays reflecting this year's theme and their growing understanding of First Nations histories, cultures, and perspectives.

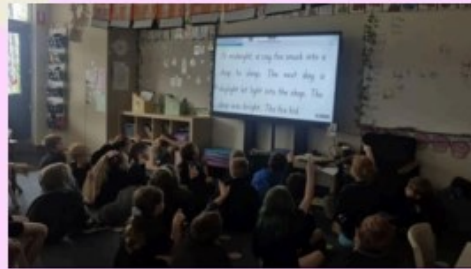
🎉 **A big congratulations to the Jacaranda Building — the winners of this year's competition, as voted by staff!**

Swipe through the photos to see the incredible displays from across the Junior School. We're so proud of the thought and effort that went into each one. 🧡💜❤️



Miss Mon's Classroom News

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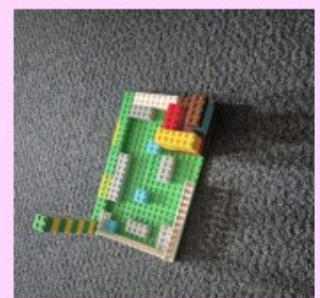


At the end of phonics, we practise our choral reading. We have been filming ourselves reading as a group and we love to re-watch to see how we did and where we can improve!

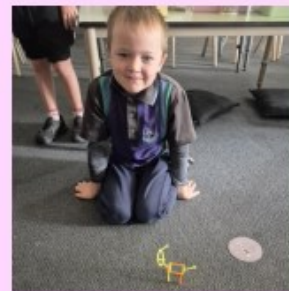
This Term in writing, we have been learning about narratives and the parts that are included in these types of stories. We have been exploring different fairy tales including, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack And The Bean Stalk, The Ugly Ducking and Three Billy Goats Gruff. After these lessons we get into small groups to work on our team work, where we have 10 minutes to create something from the stories. This could be a character, the setting or the problem.



Jacks beanstalk



Jack and his mums farm.



One of the goats from Three Billy Goats Gruff.



The Troll from Three Billy Goats Gruff.



This term we have been working on our quick thinking, recalling, persistence, resilience and encouragement when we go head-to-head with our quick facts game in Math. We've been having so much fun while really working on our 10 facts.



📍 On Tuesday 3rd June we hosted the
 📍 **BIGGEST MORNING TEA!** ☕🍰

In the morning, Gawler and District College B-12 Junior School came together for a special cause—The Biggest Morning Tea to raise funds for cancer research and support services. ❤️

A heartfelt thank you to all the families, staff, and community members who joined us and contributed so generously. Your support helps make a difference, with all money raised going directly to the Cancer Council.

Together, we're stronger. 🤝 #BiggestMorningTea
 #CancerCouncil #CommunitySpirit
 #GawlerAndDistrictCollege



Year	No. Of Students	Week 6
Re	47	84%
1	45	86%
2	48	80%
3	59	83%
4	54	88%
5	48	82%
6	65	84%
Total	366	

Every day
COUNTS! 
 School success starts
 with 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%
Week 3	363	13.13	0.04	85%	80.00%	85.0%
Week 4	365	14.69	0.04	81%	75.00%	92.0%
Week 5	365	13.88	0.06	82%	75.00%	89.0%
Week 6	366	9	6.3%	84%	90.00%	95.0%

Class	No.Of Students	Week 6
Mrs O'Rielly	30	86.0%
Mrs Seebohm	30	84.2%
Mr Wurfel	28	90.2%
Mrs McMahon	30	84.2%
Mr Deboer	27	85.2%
Miss Lauren	25	87.9%
Miss Zacharyj	15	84.0%
Miss Mon	25	81.0%
Ms Coomber	14	91.1%
Mrs Burne	15	86.7%
Miss Issie	27	75.9%
Mrs Richardson	28	86.0%
Miss Alycia	27	87.0%
Miss Mitchell	27	90.7%
Mr Singh	6	75.0%
Mrs Ros	12	70.8%
	366	84%

Chn in Care	20
Aboriginal	63