



'Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his needs, is good for him'.
—Maya Angelou



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Term 2 Week 1

April 2026

Welcome back to Term 2 in the Junior School! We hope everyone enjoyed a well-earned break and is feeling refreshed and ready to go. Our classrooms are organised for students to settle back in, be ready to learn and reconnect with their friends.

This term promises to be full of wonderful learning achievements and memorable events. We have many engaging activities planned, including assemblies, special events, and fun learning that will encourage curiosity and creativity. Our teachers have been busy planning lessons that will challenge and inspire every student. We're committed to supporting each child to flourish. If you have any questions or need support, please reach out to your classroom teacher or the Junior School Leadership team.

Mother's Day Stall

We are excited to announce that our Junior School will be hosting a Mother's Day stall, offering a wonderful selection of gifts for our students to choose from. This fundraising event is not only an opportunity for our children to find special gifts for their mothers, but also a chance to support our school community.

The stall will feature an array of beautifully wrapped gifts, each adorned with colourful ribbons, perfect for celebrating that special someone on Mother's Day. Gifts will range in price from \$3 to \$30 ensuring there is something for every budget.

To ensure all students have the opportunity to participate, each class will be allocated a specific time to visit the Activity Room and make their purchases. We kindly ask that children bring their money in an envelope, zip-lock bag, or purse/wallet to keep it safe during their visit to the stall. Additionally, we are pleased to announce that the stall will be open for our families to visit and purchase gifts on Thursday at 2:15 pm, after school and Friday 8.30am (before school)and (after school) 3.15pm. This provides a convenient opportunity for parents to find the perfect gift for Mother's Day while supporting our school's fundraising efforts.

Please note that Friday will also serve as a catch-up day for any students who may have missed their allocated time to visit the stall.

Your support for this event is greatly appreciated, as it directly contributes to the enrichment of our school programs and activities. We look forward to seeing you at the Mother's Day stall and thank you in advance for your generosity.

Calendar Events

We have a number of special events happening this term including National Simultaneous Story time, Book Fair, VIP Day, Disco and Biggest Morning Tea. Attached to the newsletter is our Term 2 Calendar for you to display and refer to at home.

DIARY DATES

WEEK 1

Monday 27th April @ 10.00am
WHOLE SCHOOL ANZAC ASSEMBLY
in the Pavilion

GOVERNING COUNCIL @ 6pm

WEEK 2

Monday 4th May @ 12.10pm
**WHOLE SCHOOL
ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY**
in the Pavilion

Thursday 7th & Friday 8th May
MOTHER'S DAY STALL
(In Activity Room)

WEEK 3

Thursday 14th May
ASSEMBLY @ 1.30pm
in the Pavilion
(all welcome)



Mother's Day Stall - Junior School Fundraising Event

We are thrilled to be hosting a special Mother's Day stall for our students. A wonderful selection of gifts will be available, each thoughtfully wrapped in cellophane and finished with bright, cheerful ribbons—perfect for someone special this Mother's Day.

Classes will be scheduled to visit the Activity Room, where children can browse and purchase their chosen gifts. Prices will range from \$3 to \$30.



SNEAK PEEK





Happy Mother's Day

THURSDAY 7th MAY 2026

And Friday 8th May (pending availability)

MOTHER'S DAY STALL



Junior School Fundraising
Mother's Day Stall

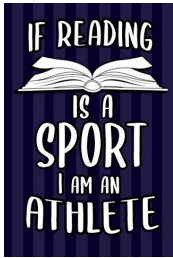
Great gifts for Mums, Grandmas or a special person

Gifts from \$3.00 to \$30.00 (incl. HST)

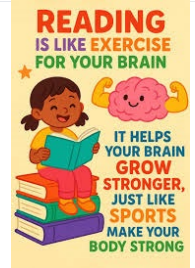
Closets will be allocated a time for purchasing these gifts.

Please remember your money on Thursday to ensure your Mum, Grandmother or special someone wakes up with a smile on their face on Sunday morning!





Why Regular Reading Practice Is Important for Primary School Students



Just like a professional sportsman trains every day to get better at their sport, primary school students need regular reading practice to become strong readers.

Reading every day helps build important skills, boosts confidence, and makes learning easier for all students.

BUILDING GOOD HABITS

In Junior School, students in Reception to Year 2 are expected to read for up to 10 minutes each day, while those in Years 3 to 6 should read for up to 15 minutes. These short, daily sessions help students develop reading stamina—much like athletes warming up before a big game.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

The more students read, the better they become. Regular reading improves reading skills, builds vocabulary, and helps students understand stories better. It also makes it easier for them to learn in other subjects.

SUPPORT MATTERS

A sportsman relies on coaches and support; students need help from teachers, SSOs, and families. Encouraging children to read, helping them choose books, and talking about what they read all make a difference.

CELEBRATE PROGRESS

Just like athletes celebrate wins, students should celebrate reading achievements. Completing a book or reading aloud confidently is something to be proud of.

Regular reading practice—10 minutes for Reception to Year 2, and 15 minutes for Years 3 to 6—is an essential routine. With the right support and encouragement, every child can become a confident reader, ready to succeed at school and beyond.



MY HOME READING LOG				
Goal: Read at home 5 nights a week				
Month	Book	Pages	Comment	Initials
M Monday	Diary of the Wimpy Kid (poultie down)	5 book	Pretty Good	AB
T Tuesday	matilda	1 chapter	Very Good	AB
W Wednesday	matilda	2 chapter	Very Good	AB
Th Thursday	matilda	3 chapter		AB
F Friday	matilda	4 chapter		AB
Sat/Sun Weekend				
100% Teacher's Check				

HOME READING

It is essential for **ALL** students to spend time at home practising their reading each day. Reading is a fundamental skill that requires practise regardless of age or ability.

Students who practise their reading regularly will benefit significantly across all areas of learning. Home Reading will be carefully monitored and consistent efforts will be acknowledged and celebrated. Please talk to your child's teacher if you would like support with tips and strategies to use at home.

GDC Junior School Reading Diaries are provided to all students. Home reading requires a parent/guardian signature, which is checked by the class teacher.

Diaries can also be used by parents/guardians and teachers to communicate in writing. Students are to present them to their **parents/guardians for signing each week.**

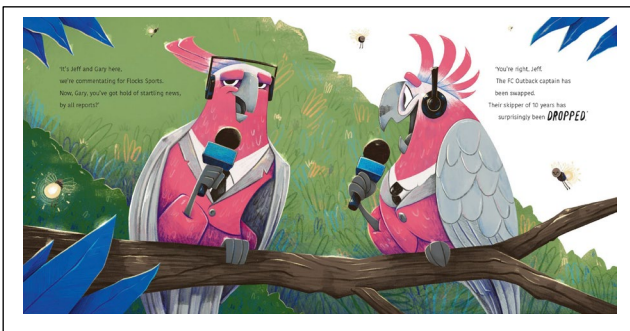
NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

ALIA's National Simultaneous Storytime is an event that celebrates literacy, imagination and connection through the joy of shared reading. Every year, a picture book created by an Australian author and illustrator is chosen for a free nationwide reading event unlike any other. Millions gather in schools, libraries, homes, preschools and bookshops to read the same story, at the same time, out loud, together.



On **Wednesday 27 May 2026** at 12.00 pm AEST (11.30am in Adelaide), millions of children, parents, teachers, and library lovers across Australia and beyond will come together to read Luna Roo at the same time — celebrating the joy of reading, storytelling and connection.

In 2026, that picture book is **Luna Roo**. A full-throttle, tail-thumping, goal-scoring, underdog story that brings the excitement off the pitch, across the outback, blending action, teamwork and fun to inspire young readers. Luna Roo was selected from 84 submissions from publishers around the country.



To celebrate this event,
we are offering a special lunch order.
Notes will be sent home soon.

National Simultaneous Storytime

On the Wednesday the 27th of May 2026 GDC B-12 Junior School will be celebrating National Simultaneous Storytime. All students will read Adam Jackson, Adrian Lloyd and Jake A Minton's, 'Luna Roo' simultaneously at 12pm.

We will be offering a **Party Meat Pie, Party Sausage Roll, Iced Cupcake and a Soccer Ball Fidget Spinner** for students to enjoy during Lunch, available for order...

ORDERS CLOSE MONDAY THE 25TH OF MAY 2026

\$5 GST FREE

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

LUNA ROO
the KANGAROO BALLER

27 May 2026
www.alia.org.au/nss #LibraryStorytime

Luna Roo - NSS Lunch Deal


Student's Name: _____

Quantity: _____ Class: _____

Please return completed slip along with money to class teacher or College Central Finance by Monday 25th May 2026



2026 Term Two

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	27/4	28/4	29/4	30/4	1/5
Week 1 JS Newsletter	TERM 2 STARTS 10.00 ANZAC Assembly 				
Week 2	4/5 12.10 Achievement Assembly	5/5	6/5	7/5  Mother's Day Stall	8/5  Mother's Day Stall
Week 3 JS Newsletter	11/5	12/5	13/5	14/5 Assembly	15/5
Week 4 National Volunteers Week	18/5	19/5  Book Fair (all week)	20/5	21/5  VIP Day	22/5
Week 5	25/5 Governing Council 6pm	26/5	27/5  National Simultaneous Storytime Special Recess	28/5	29/5
Week 6 Reconciliation Week JS Newsletter	1/6	2/6  Biggest Morning Tea	3/6  2026 MY Rec Transition 1	4/6 Assembly	5/6
Week 7	8/6 KING'S BIRTHDAY	9/6 PUPIL FREE DAY	10/6  2026 MY Rec Transition 2	11/6	12/6  WIRRA Fundraising Event
Week 8	15/6	16/6 COLOURS For Choir	17/6  2026 MY Rec Transition 3	18/6	19/6
Week 9 JS Newsletter	22/6 Governing Council 6pm	23/6	24/6  2026 MY Rec Transition 4	25/6 Assembly	26/6  JS Disco Fancy Dress
Week 10 NAIDOC Week	29/6	30/6	1/7	2/7 Semester 1 Reports Go Home	3/7