



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Term 3 Week 1
July 2024

'One of the greatest gifts adults can give—to their offspring and to their society—is to read to children.'
Carl Sagan

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3!

We hope everyone is recharged after a restful break. We have some BIG things planned for everyone to get excited for this term. A big welcome to our new Mid-Year Receptions and to our new students. Term 3 is going to be jammed packed with high quality learning and lots of fun too!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

With the chillier weather it is time to check your children have the correct school jumpers / jackets and long pants. The Uniform Shop is now selling the new (very popular) black hoodies in our Junior School sizes. Remember jeans, clothes with prominent stripes or logos and hoodies (excluding our Yr6 Commemorative jumpers) are not acceptable. Besides the official uniform items, any other clothing must be plain black or navy (no logo.) Don't forget to name all items so clothing can quickly be returned to its owner. Throughout the cooler months we will be encouraging all children to maintain the excellent standard we achieved in Terms 1 and 2.

Please note that appropriate dress code DOES NOT include:

- Baseball caps
- Jeans
- Mini skirts and brief shorts- nothing shorter than mid-thigh
- Make up, nail polish, tattoos, skin or clothing graffiti, body piercing, **false nails**
- Jewellery – standard sleepers or studs for ears only -for safety

The purpose of this is to develop a sense of school pride and unity amongst the members of the school community.

If you require support in accessing acceptable clothing for your child, please speak with a member of the leadership team.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Teachers begin yard duty in the morning at 8:30am. Please make sure your child is not coming to school before this time. OSHC is available from 6:30 until 8:30am in the mornings. With Winter upon us the mornings are chilly and often wet. It is still **very concerning** that a number of students are arriving well before 8.30am (as early as 8.00am!!) by entering through the back gate or Senior School. **There are no staff on duty at this time.** Please check that your child does not enter the grounds before 8.30am.

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.

Kind Regards,

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DIARY DATES

WEEK 1

Monday 22nd July

GOVERNING COUNCIL

WEEK 2

Dental Van here

Friday 2nd August

WINTER'S NIGHT IN

WEEK 3

Wednesday 7th August

2025 RECEPTION PARENT INFO MEETING

Thursday 8th August

ASSEMBLY 1.30pm
in the Pavilion

Our Term 3 Calendar of important dates and events is attached- for you to display at home.



BOOK WEEK

Book Week is fast approaching and will be celebrated in Week 5, 19th -23rd August.

The theme for 2024 is 'Reading is Magic'.

Our Book Week committee are working to ensure this special week is one to remember. Students will participate in a range of activities throughout the week. As always, we will celebrate in style for our Book Week Parade on Thursday 22nd at the Pavilion. Families are welcome to attend to watch their child/ren showcase their character.

The theme 'Reading is Magic' opens up a world of possibilities for dress ups and costumes for Book Week parade. Students can choose from witches, magicians, fairies, unicorns, or their favourite book character! There will be prizes for best dressed on the day.



****finishes on 6th September!!!!**
(end of Week 7 - Term 3)

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NEW REGULATIONS

To make our schools a healthy and safe place for everyone, new regulations have been introduced which expand the smoke-free and vape-free areas around schools and preschools. This message provides you with an update on the new rules and outlines expectations for parents, teachers and visitors to schools. The laws aim to reduce the danger to children and young people from passive tobacco smoking and passive e-cigarette vaping.

From 1 March 2024, you must not smoke or vape anywhere on school grounds and within 10 metres of the school boundary. This includes:

- at school drop-off and pick-up zones that are within 10 metres of the school fence, gate or boundary
- on school ovals and sporting fields and within 10 metres of the boundary of the oval or sporting field
- footpaths, roads, public nature strips and public recreation areas that are within 10 metres of a school boundary.

These rules apply all the time, even outside of school hours. If caught in smoking or vaping in these areas, you may receive a fine from police or an authorised government officer.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for children and young people.





We're thrilled to announce that after years of dedicated fundraising, our Nature Play Space is finally being built! The overall plans are available for viewing on the window of the Junior School front office. We have loved watching this amazing space being created and now our students can start exploring and enjoying it! Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this dream a reality.

Our Nature Play area has taken shape. The frame and swing are now in place, and the landscaping with large rocks has created a fantastic natural environment for our students to explore and enjoy. Additionally, the tree house has progressed beautifully, promising a fun and adventurous space for imaginative play. Our students are going to love discovering this amazing new addition to our school grounds!

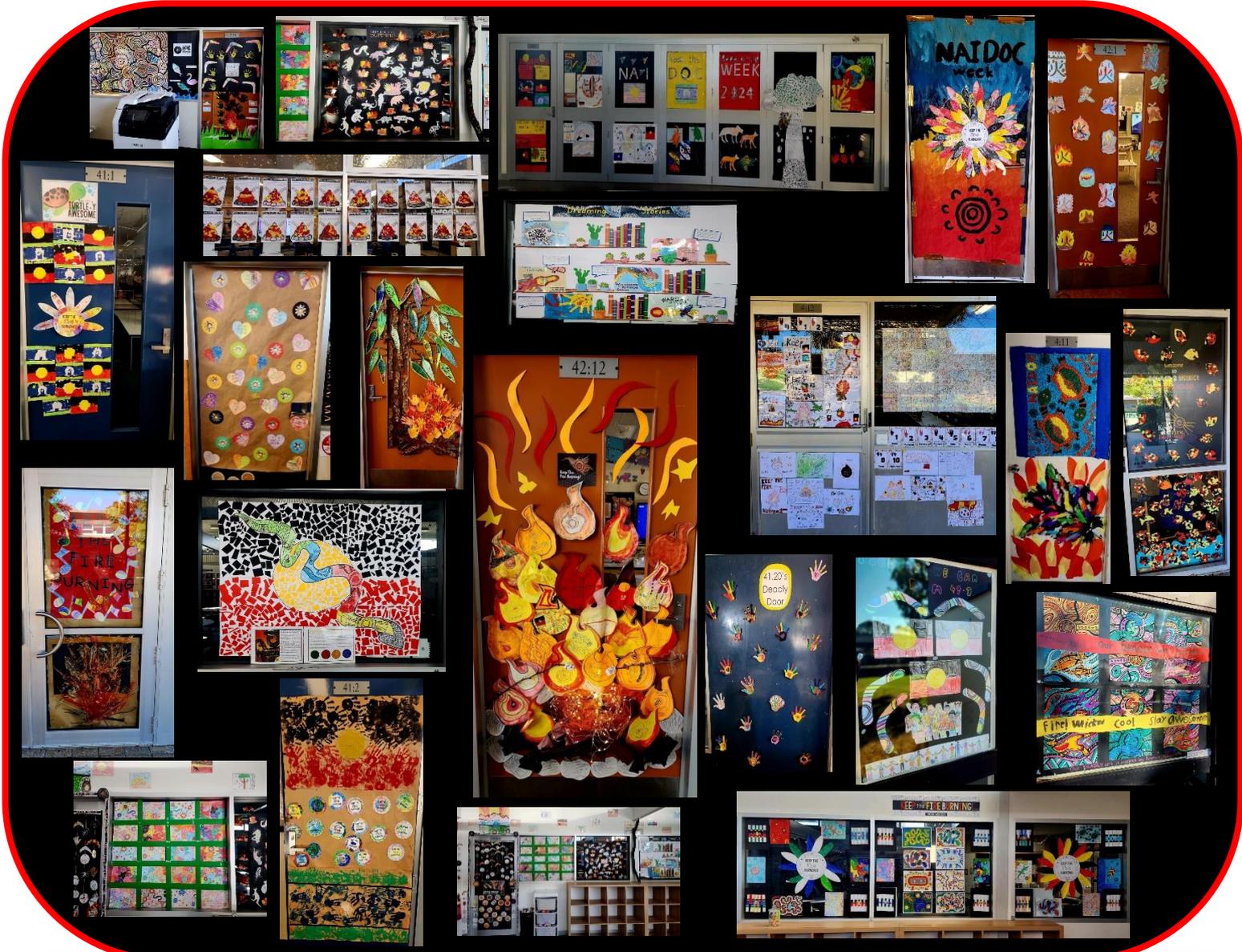
We are thrilled to announce that Stage 1 of our Nature Play project is now complete! Our new play space includes a tree house, sandpit, water play area, basket swing, and beautifully crafted Earthworks. The playground audit is currently underway, and once it is completed, the fencing will be removed, and our students will be able to enjoy this fantastic new space. We can't wait to see our students exploring, playing, and learning in our new Nature Play area!



**KEEP THE FIRE
BURNING!
BLAK, LOUD
AND PROUD**
7-14 JULY 2024

NAIDOC WEEK (7th-14th July) is a time for all Australians to come together to celebrate the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The theme "Keep the Fire Burning" has truly ignited the imaginations of our young artists and their incredible "Deadly Doors," are a showcase of their learning this week.



DENTAL FOR SCHOOLS

Scan the QR code to fill out an online consent form instead

DFS is scheduled to visit in:

Term 3 - Week 2 2024

Help us fight dental decay this year at Gawler and District College by getting your child to participate in our annual dental check-ups. Dental consent forms will be sent out shortly or can be filled in online via the QR code (please fill in a separate form for each child).

Check-up & Clean
Have your child's teeth shining bright again! We will provide a check-up in professional clean. Here we will identify any concerns and let you know if there are any areas that require further treatment.

Take home pack + Report
Participants will receive a take home pack with dental essentials as well as a written report of details of your child's oral health and any concerns.

Visit with friends
Take the stress out of your child's dental visit while they relax with their friends and classmates. Our clinics are fitted with movies to watch while they wait.

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WINTER SPECIAL

\$10

GDC

Available from the Finance desk during office hours in Term 2 and 3 or school holidays Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

TERM THREE Junior School Fundraising Event

WINTER'S Night In

FRIDAY 2 AUGUST 2024

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

Wear your Onesie or PJs. Bring a **PILLOW**, a **RUG** and a **MUG**.

Ticket includes Entertainment, a Cookie and a Milo

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

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

Please returned the completed slip along with cash payment to the classroom teacher or efpos to College Central Finance by Thursday 1st of August 2024

Learning in Mr. Singh's class

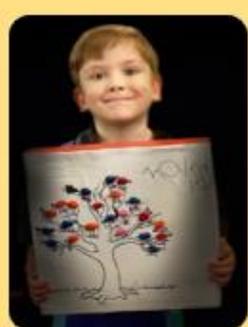
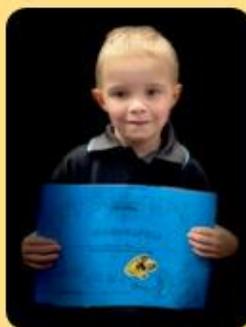
On National Simultaneous Storytime Day our class read the book *Bowerbird Blues* by Aura Parker. The children found it very interesting so we read it a few times every day, for next week or so.

After reading the book so many times, we had a collaborative discussion about creating something based on the book, in our art lesson. The main focus for us was to create a piece of art from waste.

For next few days, during our voyages around the school, our bowerbirds put up a team effort and collected a lot of random blue objects from the yard, hidden in the bark in the playground, under the bridge next to the library and from the flower beds and bushes. Our collection included cans, bottles, pegs, buttons, paint brushes and straws. We then gave the objects a good wash and through a consultation, selected the objects that we thought would suit best to our needs. Next step for us was to decide and select the material for the bowerbird and we decided to use some of our overflowing stock of pistachio shells.

We then printed our background, a bowerbird nest and glued it on a pizza box. After that we painted some pistachio shells in blue colour and glued them on the bowerbird. The pre-selected blue objects were then meticulously placed at allocated and marked spots on the box.

Sharing some photos of our work and some proud award achievers of this Term.



THE ADVENTURES OF 42:12 MS SEEBOHM'S YEAR 3/4 CLASS



Adelaide Zoo Excursion year 2, 3, 4 Friday 28th June 2024

Last Friday we caught the train and visited the Adelaide Zoo. We had a wonderful day looking at the birds, giraffe, hippos, pandas, lions and tigers and bears (Oh My!). I was very proud of how my class represented GDC. An unexpected surprise was seeing bats hanging from the trees on the walk to the Zoo!

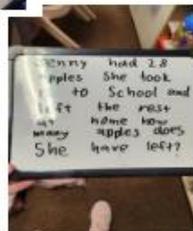
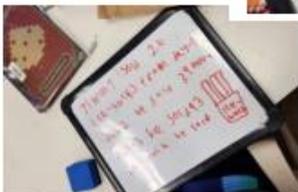
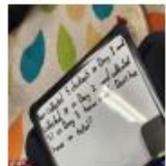
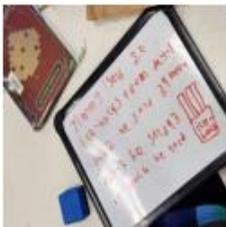
"I like to move, move it!"



**WE ALSO
FOUND
SOME
KUNG FU
PANDAS!!**

OUR MATHS SENTENCES

What better way to learn how to extract the important information from a maths sentence, than make our own! We then chose partners to solve them. The students love making them so much, that they have been writing them in their own time!



Colours for Choir Day!

On Wednesday the 18th June 2024, we had the opportunity to help raise money for our amazing choir, buy dressing up and getting tattoos and zooper doopers! We also had a costume winner in each class- ours was Rhys, with his banana outfit!!





2024 Term Three

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 JS Newsletter	22/7 TERM 3 STARTS Governing Council 6.00pm	23/7	24/7	25/7	26/7
Week 2 Dental Van	29/7	30/7	31/7	1/8	2/8 Winter's Night In
Week 3 JS Newsletter	5/8	6/8	7/8 2025 Reception Parent Info Meeting	8/8 1.30pm Assembly	9/8
Week 4 National Science Week	12/8	13/8	14/8	15/8 Wellbeing Day	16/8
Week 5 Book Week	19/8	20/8 Magic Millions-Choir	21/8	22/8 Book Week Parade	23/8
Week 6 JS Newsletter	26/8 Governing Council 6.00pm	27/8	28/8	29/8 Father's Day Stalls 1.30pm Assembly	30/8 Father's Day Stalls
Week 7	2/9	3/9	4/9	5/9 Pupil Free Day	6/9 School Closure
Week 8	9/9	10/9	11/9	12/9	13/9
Week 9 JS Newsletter	16/9	17/9	18/9 Choir @ Festival Theatre - Rehearsal -Performance	19/9 1.30pm Assembly	20/9 Sports Day & Colour Run
Week 10	23/9 Governing Council 6.00pm	24/9	25/9	26/9	27/9 LAST DAY OF TERM 2.15 DISMISSAL