



## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Term 4 Week 1

October 2025

*“Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere.”  
May Schlich*

**Welcome Back!** We hope you've all had a restful break.

### Sun Smart in Term 4

As the weather warms up in Term 4, all students are required to wear their school bucket hats during outside playtimes and PE lessons. This is part of our school's Sun Smart policy to keep everyone safe in the sun. Students who do not have their hat will need to spend their break time in the Activity Room. Please help your child remember to bring their hat to school each day.

### Important Parking Update

Families are reminded to take note of the recent parking changes at the front of the Junior School. The newly painted yellow dotted lines now indicate a **drop-off zone only**, meaning drivers must not park or leave their vehicles in this area. These changes are in place to keep our students safe and to help traffic flow more smoothly during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.

### What's On – Don't Miss Out!

A copy of the Term 4 calendar is attached to this newsletter, and a hard copy will also be sent home in your child's school bag. Please check it for important dates and upcoming events. One exciting event not to be missed is the **Halloween Disco this Friday!** We can't wait to see all the fun costumes and enjoy a night of dancing and celebration.

### Home Reading

At our Junior School, we place great importance on developing strong reading habits, and we expect all students to read at home at least **five nights a week**. Regular reading not only supports literacy development but also builds vocabulary, comprehension, and a lifelong love of learning. Whether reading independently or with a family member, these consistent reading sessions make a big difference in a child's progress.

### Classes For 2026

This term staff will spend a considerable amount of time planning for 2026. Class placement is a big part of this work. If your child is in Reception-Year 5 and is not returning to GDC next year, please let your child's class teacher know and also provide us with written confirmation via Seesaw or a letter. When we place students into classes we take into consideration learning needs, people they work well with and people they don't work well with, gender balance, special needs, friendship groups, class size, previous class placement and special circumstances. Class teachers have a major role in class placement, as they know students in the school setting very well. If you think that your child has some exceptional circumstances that class teachers may not already be aware of, please first discuss this with the class teacher and then confirm in writing addressed to me ASAP.

Kind Regards,

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### DIARY DATES

#### WEEK 1

R-2 SWIMMING WEEK

#### WEEK 2

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 12.10pm  
WHOLE SCHOOL  
ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY  
in the Pavillion

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct @ 1.30pm  
ASSEMBLY  
in the Pavillion

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct  
HALLOWEEN DISCO

#### WEEK 3

3-5 SWIMMING WEEK

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct  
GOVERNING COUNCIL @ 6pm

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct  
CHOIR @ STARPLEX





# 2025 Term Four

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b> R-2 Swimming Wk JS Newsletter	13/10 TERM 4 STARTS	14/10	15/10	16/10	17/10
<b>Week 2</b>	20/10 Term 3 Awards Assembly 	21/10	22/10	23/10  JS Assembly	24/10  Halloween Disco
<b>Week 3</b> 3-5 Swimming Wk JS Newsletter	27/10 Governing Council 6.00pm	28/10  Northern Choir Concert	29/10  2026 Reception Transition Visit 1	30/10	31/10
<b>Week 4</b>	3/11	4/11  Volunteers' Morning Tea	5/11  2026 Reception Transition Visit 2	6/11	7/11
<b>Week 5</b>	10/11	11/11  Remembrance Day	12/11  2026 Reception Transition Visit 3 Yr 6 Camp 	13/11 Yr 6 Camp 	14/11 Yr 6 Camp
<b>Week 6</b> JS Newsletter	17/11 PUPIL FREE DAY	18/11	19/11  2026 Reception Transition Visit 4	20/11  JS Assembly	21/11
<b>Week 7</b>	24/11 Governing Council 6.00pm	25/11	26/11  Jacaranda-Variety Christmas Party	27/11  Showcase	28/11
<b>Week 8</b>	1/12  Awards Night @ Starplex	2/12	3/12	4/12  Yr 7 Transition Yr 6 Deadly Nunga Grad	5/12 Yr 7 Transition
<b>Week 9</b> JS Newsletter	8/12	9/12 Movie Day: 4/5 & 5/6 2/3 & 3/4	10/12  Walk & Talk Movie Day: R/1/2 Jacaranda Movies Yr 6 Graduation 	11/12  JS Assembly	12/12 LAST DAY OF TERM 2.15 DISMISSAL