



# GORDON EDUCATION CENTRE

"Towards Independence"

## PRINCIPAL LISA THOMAS

As the end of the term comes to an end it's a great time to reflect. And Wow this term has been amazing. Here are the highlights....

- We welcomed 7 new students who have all settled in well and have made amazing progress with their learning.
- We commenced our Water Safety Program at Wulanda Recreation Centre and the everyone has returned to school with a smile on their face and hopefully had a good night's sleep from all the exercise!
- We have been able to invite parents back on site for our Easter Day and Meet the teacher afternoon.
- We have held parent information sessions with Mission Australia, which will continue next term.
- And to finish the term we had a visit from Minister Blair Boyer who left the site in amazement at the achievements from all of the students.

We also:

- Feel very privileged to have two teachers of year working at our site, Mr Jamey Case and Mrs Ashleigh Calleja.
- Congratulate Carol Carruthers on her recent achievement in Auslan, which will enable her to be accredited as a Bilingual SSO.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to our amazing little school. I wish you all a wonderful term break.

### *Communication*

There are lots of ways that we communicate what's going on at school and ways that you can contact us.

- Telephone between 8.40-4.00
- Seesaw- we try to monitor everyday
- Pop in and make an appointment
- Newsletter
- Email
- Website
- Facebook GEC
- Facebook GEC parent carer share spot

### *Key dates*

14th April - Last Day of term Early finish  
1st May - First day of Term 2  
29th May - SFD  
4th - May - SFD

## What's Happening Next Program (WHN)

We had a visit from Mission Australia on Wed 22nd March. The Local Area Coordinator's (LAC) bought in a lot of brochures about Community Engagement for our students within our area. I've created a community engagement board in the front office where I've displayed all these brochures, come in & have a look & take some home. If you'd like some sent home just let the school know & we'll get them sent out to you.

Unfortunately we didn't have any parents come along to the session. We discussed that parents may feel more comfortable going to a coffee shop or the library to meet instead of school or even on a different day or time. I'll send a note home, if you could let your teacher know what you'd prefer that would be great. It can still happen at school if that's what parents prefer. We'll make another date for next term when we've got parents preferences.

I encourage as many parents as possible to come along to these sessions because they're very informative in an informal way. Sometimes it's great to hear other family's stories & realize that you may be having similar issues.

I have also created a Community Access & Inclusion Survey from Mission Australia, that they'd love for you fill in it only takes 3 mins.

Ali Pink  
WHN Coordinator



La2

## Linda Marano

The last few weeks have again been a very busy time for the LA 2 class. We have been cooking delicious meals in Maths such as pancakes with maple syrup, pasta bolognese and carrot cake. We have also continued our understandings of money, counting in 10's and in particular, collecting cans and counting these to take to the depot. In Art, we created beautiful artworks with our cracked mugs, putting them back together using gold paint and glue. We also made beautiful Autumn pictures using real Autumn leaves and they looked amazing. At the moment we are making Easter cards using buttons for patterning as well. In Literacy, we are doing Guided Reading each week with a different book. The students are using the Word Wall, identifying words from the stories and using these to write great sentences. Your students are doing great!

# La4

## Ashleigh Calleja

We have had a busy few weeks in LA4. We have continued with our literacy for all program. We have explored the texts 'Smelly Bertie' and 'We're going on an egg hunt'. We have continued with our exploration of number and number sense through Numicon resources. We have taken part in a 2D shape scavenger hunt and have been trialing some interactive white board resources through Oxford Press. We have continued with weekly swimming lessons and all of the students have thoroughly enjoyed these. We have taken part in the SRC purple day fundraiser for Epilepsy. We all enjoyed the special treats on the day and were happy to take part in a fundraiser that's proceeds went locally (Ella's Purple Promise).

# La5

## Jamey Case

Hello everybody, since our last newsletter update, we've been incredibly busy. In Literacy, students continue to complete activities surrounding the two focus letters of the week. This is to develop their understanding of letter names and sounds. Students are also becoming increasingly familiar with their individual writing tool, which they often use to assist them in communicating to an adult what they wish to write.

In Numeracy, students are progressing through their Numicon activities, building their knowledge of number. Students are also powering through their unit on recognizing and naming 2D shapes. We still have our community outing each week to Wulanda for our swimming lessons which is a clear highlight amongst the students. In Term Two, LA5 aims to go on several more outings, increasing our community engagement.

I look forward to updating you all again in Term Two.





# La6

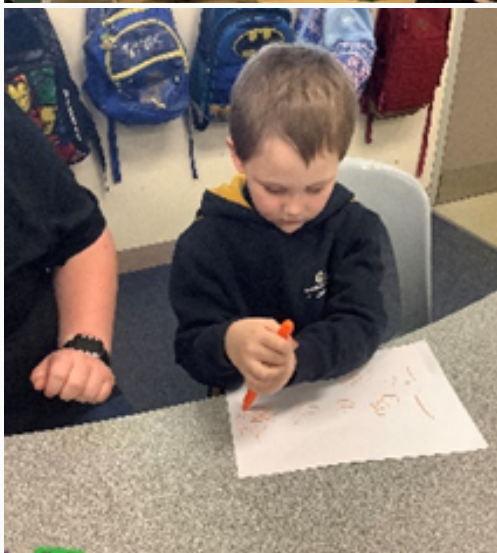
## Sarah Cameron

It's hard to believe we are at the end of week 9 already! LA6 students continue to work hard and take part in lots of different learning activities. It's been a busy term with swimming for some students, special days (such as Purple Day and Cricket) as well as our learning in the classroom.

We have loved reading a range of 'Pete the Cat' books this term. Altogether we have read 7 Pete the Cat books during shared reading time! Our latest book is 'Pete the Cat's Groovy Imagination'. In Literacy our letters for the fortnight have been 'I and J'. For some fun we had ice-cream for the letter 'I'. A couple of weeks ago we also make Pizzas after reading 'Pete the Cat and the Perfect Pizza Party'.

The pizza making (and of course the eating) was enjoyed by everyone! During Maths the students have been exploring using the online Numicon software. Some students were able to count by 10's to 100, using the Numicon tiles to help them.

In Maths with Mr V, students have been working on the measurement units of metre, centimetre, kilogram and gram and in Digital Technologies work has included experimentation with left, right, back, forward, up and down commands using a drone and the Bee-Bot robots. Wishing you a lovely school holidays!



# La7

We have had a fantastic term filled with fun and learning. We have spent the last couple of weeks enjoying Easter activities. We hope you all have a fabulous holidays and look forward to seeing you next term. Cant wait to hear all the exciting things you've been doing over the break!



# La8

Brian Judd

Well, the term has flown by. I hope everyone had good and safe Easter and gets plenty of rest and fun in the school holidays.

Next term we hit the ground running with the school swim program being condensed into Week 1 and 2 from Monday to Wednesday. Week 3 we will commence a new and exciting animal-based wellbeing program where by students observe and interact with horses and other farm animals. Should be good.

Our class really enjoyed the Easter celebrations and was good to catch up with parents. Our visit from the Education Minister went really well.

Well, done to all students for their excellent efforts in the classroom and working so well as a team. See you all next term.



# La9

## Rebekah Eden

LA9 has had a wonderful start to the year! Term 1 was full of amazing learning. Read below students highlights:

Paige: My favourite thing I did this term was Book Making. I really liked making books about horses.

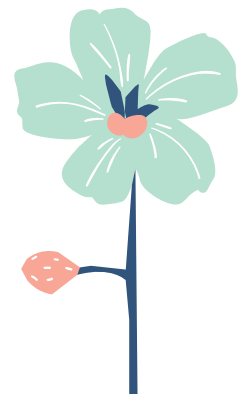
Alyssa: I liked writing, because I can write.

Taya: I loved going swimming.

Jesse: I really liked cooking this term. My favourite thing we cooked was stir fried rice, we used my recipe because it was my idea.

Ursula: I loved cooking this term, I chose to make my favourite dish, pasta carbonara, it was so yummy. I want to make it again.

Well, done on a successful term LA9. It has been wonderful to observe everyone work so hard. Wishing LA9 and their families a safe and happy holiday! See you in term 2!!



# PBS AWARDS

