



# GORDON EDUCATION CENTRE

"Towards Independence"

## PRINCIPAL LISA THOMAS

We're having the most amazing term. We have so many people to thank for supporting our site.

### Excursion

Firstly I would like to thank Wulanda Recreation Centre and the amazing Lisa Rainey for organizing the whole school to attend water safety lessons. It's be great to see the smiles, hear the laughter and stories from staff. The children have all come back to school buzzing with excitement and waiting for the next lesson.

Secondly, Thank you to the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and Patch theatre for inviting us to their amazing performance at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. The staff and students thoroughly enjoyed the excursion and I'm sure will remember them for a long time to come.

### On site events

Today we held our whole school assembly. The children had an opportunity to sing songs, showcase their amazing class work and share their certificates for being a learner, being safe or being responsible. These whole school values look very different for every child and we celebrate them everyday in many ways.

Thank you to everyone for giving us the time to attend an professional learning day on the Child protection curriculum. This is vital learning for all educators and enables us to empower all of our children to stay safe in areas of their lives. If you like to know more please see the flyer attached.

### Media Consent forms

We would really like to use your child's photo in our media release which includes our newsletter and seesaw posts. If you haven't returned your form please do so asap. New forms will be in your child's bag tonight.

### *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 March - One Plan meetings commence  
27th March - Governing Council meeting (2)  
7th April - Good Friday  
10th April - Easter Monday  
14th April - Last Day of term Early finish

## What's Happening Next Program (WHN)

I've had a very productive couple of weeks, meeting with 2 Disability Employment Services (DES). They are keen to help our senior students obtain some work/voluntary experience within the Limestone Coast area. There is also work experience available at Orana, which is just down the road, starting with our year 12 students & including our year 11 students later in the year. If you want any more information, please contact me at school.

Mission Australia will be starting their information sessions at school on week 8 Wednesday the 22nd of March 9.15 – 10am starting with a general discussion & then you can book an individual appointment from 10am, you can come to the school or they can give you a phone call. The topics to be discussed will be:

- Role of Mission Australia
  - DRAS
- Community Engagement
- Need assistance in food, house & health search engines.
- Prepare review plans

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. If you have any topics for discussion, please let the school know or contact Mission Australia direct.

Your local contact details are:  
87147900

LACLimestonecoast@ndis.gov.au

Come in & have a cuppa & chat, it'll be great to see you here.

Ali Pink

WHN Coordinator



Linda Marano

LA 2 is such a wonderful class! In Literacy we have been doing lots of Guided Reading and using our word wall to help us write sentences, in particular, starting sentences with a capital letter and ending in full-stops. In Maths, our focus is on Money at the moment and we are looking at catalogues to guess what we can buy for under \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. We have also looked at coins from around the world. We have also been having lots of fun using calculators and we discovered that we can make words using numbers on a calculator if we turn the calculator upside down! The students are really loving swimming for Health and PE and we have created some beautiful artworks with Autumn leaves and cotton-buds as well in Visual Arts. In HASS we are learning about the map of Australia, the important landmarks in each state, the seas that surround our country and capital cities. Our Cooking sessions continue to be a hit and we have made a recipe folder and each week we have written recipes for the food we have cooked, i.e. beef stir-fry, ham salad rolls and pizzas.

Thanks, the LA 2 team!

# La4

We have had a busy start to the week with swimming at Wulanda on Monday. We had a great time in the water with our swimming instructors.

Our letters of the weeks are Dd and Hh. We have been lots of fun activities with these letters. We have used alternate pencils to write our letters which have included chalk, textahs and cut out letters.

We have also had some great times in the sensory room in the afternoons with the lights on so our young people can have their much needed and loved floor time.

We have been reading our class book which is called 'Now that's at hat! By Heath McKenzie. We all have had a good laugh and chatter about the silly hats that are mentioned in the book.

Looking forward to another great week together!

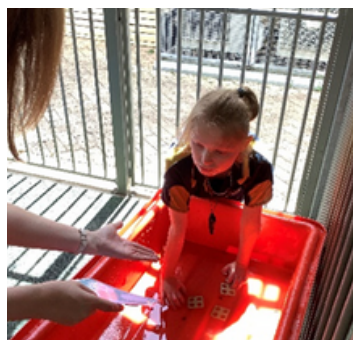
# La5

## Jamey Case

Greetings all, We've had a great three weeks since our last newsletter update. The students have now commenced their swimming lessons for the term and have had an excursion to the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre to watch the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra. I hope you've enjoyed the photos so far on Seesaw and I look forward to adding more as the term goes on.

Our students have also settled into their daily routines very well. We have now had a few rotations of our fortnightly Literacy block and the students have produced some fabulous writing samples in the process. In Numeracy, students continue to explore Numicon and progress with their activities in their various groups.

I look forward to updating you again in the weeks ahead.





# La6

## Sarah Cameron

The term is going quickly and it's hard to believe we are at the end of Week 6 already! LA6 students have been working hard and have been taking part in lots of different activities in the classroom.

Some students began swimming lessons. It's been nice going out on the bus and has been wonderful to see the students enjoying themselves in the pool.

We are really enjoying reading different 'Pete the Cat' books this term. Our latest shared reading book is 'Pete the Cat, Crayons Rock!'

In Literacy our letters for the fortnight have been 'E and F'. For some fun, hands on learning we cooked eggs for the letter 'E' and fruit kebabs for 'F'. The students loved it! They enjoyed preparing, cooking and eating (of course!).

During Maths we have enjoyed going outside and using chalk to write numbers 1 to 10 and beyond on the pavement. The students also made their own hopscotch.

In Science with Mr V the students have been learning about the importance of bees. Our radishes, sunflowers and tomatoes continue to grow well and students have loved being in the outdoors exploring in the garden.

Enjoy the long weekend!



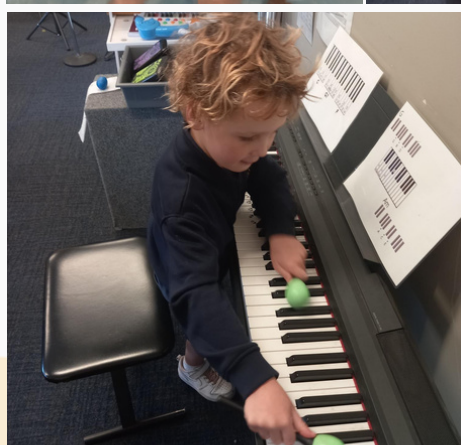
# La7

## Tamara Cameron

We are now 6 weeks into the school year and it has been a very busy 6 weeks. Students have really settled well into the school routine now and we have been able to increase our curriculum learning. We started swimming last week and it will continue until the end of the term. I love seeing how excited the students are for swimming and they are all enjoying it other than the getting out part!

In literacy we have just finished up with reading 'I went walking' and next week we will be starting 'The wonky donkey'. Students have been working on organizing the letters of their name, writing their names and engaging in multimodal mark making opportunities. In Math's we have been continuing to look at measurement and number. For science we are looking at the weather and how it affects other things, such as what we wear. For music this week we visited the music room where students explored a range of different instruments, which the students really enjoyed.

Monday is a public holiday, so enjoy your long weekends and we will see you Tuesday.





# La8

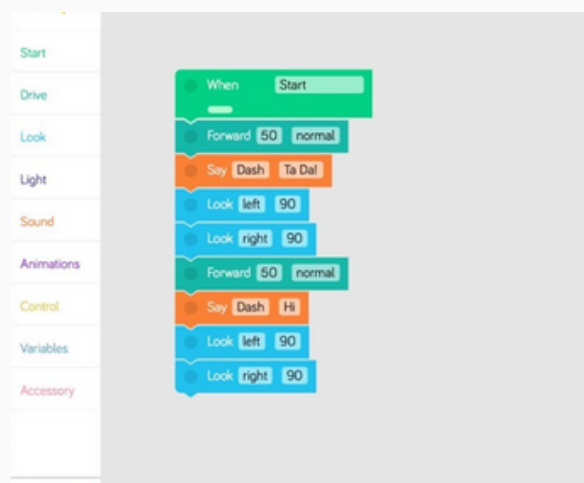
## Brian Judd

Hello everyone. Things have been moving along nicely in La8.

The trip to see the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre really was an eye opener for a lot of our students and it was great to see the Gordon Education students out and about with other schools in our area.

Swimming has started and has been a great success. Our class has got into the routine and are getting the most out of the experience and expert tuition that the new center has on offer.

The class has been focusing on coding during digital technology and we have progressed well in our ability to code the Bee Bot and Dash robots.



*Coding blocks for the dash robot.*

We have continued to focus on painting in art and have displayed some of our work in the foyer. Our next aim is to use water color paints to create landscapes.



# La9

## Rebekah Eden

There has been so much incredible learning happening in LA9. Students have continued their work on narrative writing and have investigated different genres and vocabulary. Students have worked hard to investigate new, and interesting words and have enjoyed adding these words to their individual word walls. It has been fabulous to observe how much growth students have made in their writing!

Students have also been investigating concepts of measurement, and have continued to participate in weekly cooking classes, where they have had to measure ingredients and adapt recipes. As part of our measurement unit, students have also created their own mini cities, and have calculated the area and perimeter of their city and have calculated the volume of their buildings. It has been wonderful to see students so engaged, and willing to help one another.

Students have also been lucky enough to attend several theatre excursions. Students had a great time dancing along to the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra performance and were also lucky enough to attend the Paper Boats performance, with students from Mount Gambier high School.

The biggest highlight however, for LA9 has been swimming lessons at Wulanda Recreation Centre. Students have learnt important skills in the water such as, listening to the instructor, learning to float with and without floatation devices and of course have enjoyed some free time in the water. It has been delightful to see LA9 behave in such a responsible and respectful manner when out in the community, and they are certainly doing a fantastic job representing Gordon Education Centre, with their beautiful senior behavior. Well, done, LA9. We look forward to updating everyone in our next newsletter!



