



GORDON EDUCATION CENTRE

"Towards Independence"

PRINCIPAL LISA THOMAS

Welcome back to all of our families and carers. Its been amazing to hear all about your adventures over the summer break. The school has been a buzz of laughs, songs and smiles as we move along term 1.

Welcome

Welcome to all our new students and their families. We have 1 x reception students, 1 x year 4, 1 x year 5, 1x year 7.

Welcome back to Miss Rebekah who returns after the birth of her beautiful baby boy.

Finally we welcome Miss Emma who is returning as a fully fledged teacher. We look forward to supporting you and seeing you fly in your first year.

Meet the teacher night

Next Tuesday 3-5 is our meet the teacher afternoon. We would love to see you and be able to show you our amazing school and talk about the year ahead.

AGM and Governing Council

Next Tuesday 5-6 is the Governing Council AGM and the first council meeting for 2024. We are always looking for new members of Governing Council. We met twice a term to discuss how your school is moving forward and gathering your views on where to next. If you are able to join us pop along to the AGM and have a voice about your school.

Key dates

11/3 - Adelaide Cup
(Public Holiday)

18/3 - Student Free
Day

29/3 - Good Friday
(Public Holiday)

1/4 - Easter Monday
(Public Holiday)

12/4 - Last Day of Term
2pm Finish

Pick up and drop off

Pick up and drop off times get very busy at GEC. I would like to remind all families to obey the speed limit and don't leave their vehicles unattended. I would also like to remind all parents that students must not arrive at school until 8.40. Staff are not available to supervise until 8.40.

Medication

Medication is a very serious part of our duties at GEC. All of our families can help us by making sure all medication is in the original packaging or preferably a webster pack and no more than two week supply or two webster packs are brought to school at any time.

Consent forms

We love to share our students celebration photos in our newsletter and on our social media platforms. Please return all consent forms so that we can ensure we follow your wishes.

School values

GEC prides itself on its three values of

I am a learner

I am responsible

I am safe

During the year we focus on the three values and look deeper into what they mean for us as individuals. Please take a few minutes to think about your child and what these values mean to them.

Aussie of the month

This term we have started a new achievement award "Aussie of the Month". The award comes from the government and recognises exceptional students who are contributing to their school community and demonstrating the values of Fair Go, Mateship, Respect and inclusion. We will be nominating 10 students throughout the year for the award. Check later in the newsletter for this terms recipient.

Farewell

Its also with a very heavy heart that we will be saying farewell to Mrs Miles in a few weeks time. Mrs Miles has been at the school for many years as an excellent teacher and a dedicated leader. Mrs Miles is moving into a position as Behaviour Support Coach based in Mount Gambier. We wish her the very best of luck and I hope you pop in from time to time.

Many thanks.

La1

Jack Vanikiotis

Hi everyone and welcome to a fresh new year. LA1 has started very well, getting to know each other and settle into routines. We have been busy reviewing literacy/ numeracy areas to establish where students are at to determine directions needed for the year. We are working on Living/ Non - living things for Science and have begun with growing potatoes and exploring the garden. For Geography we have begun work on countries around the world including Australia. Students have also enjoyed their cooking sessions on Tuesdays. So far we have made roast potatoes, pancakes and 2 minute noodles/toast & custard. Looking forward to a great year and working with you all...thanks Jack



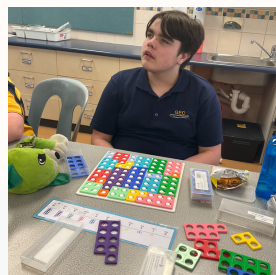
La2

Jamey Case

Hi everybody and welcome back to GEC for 2024. I hope everyone had a lovely summer holiday period. In LA2, we have started the year off with a bang. We had a very successful 'setting up for success' period over the first two weeks. During this time, students became familiar with their new classroom, their daily routines and got to know their peers, myself and our amazing team of SSO's.

We have already had some great successes throughout commencing our literacy and numeracy journey this year. The students have dived right into their guided reading groups, writing activities and numeracy stations. Students have also started their integrated subjects; such as, visual arts, design and technology and physical education. The students are also very excited to start swimming on Wednesday.

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



La4

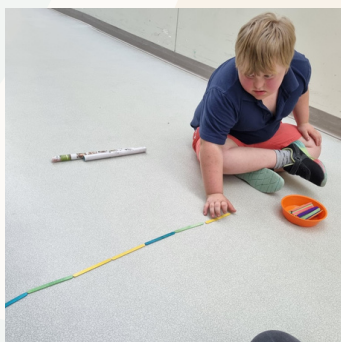
Ashleigh Calleja

Welcome to term 1 2024! LA 4 have started the year by making new connections and friendships. We have participated in celebrating National Pizza Day where the students cooked and ate pizza with our friends in the class next door. We have begun our literacy for all program daily and have explored the letters Rr, Ee, Ll and Mm, so far this term. We have read the book, "Five Little Speckled Frogs" and "The Wheels on the Bus" as part of our literacy learning. The student have explored numbers and shapes in numeracy. They have been supported in their learning with the use of the Numicon resources. Student's have enjoyed exploring the school through our integrated studies topic. Including a visit to the school library where they were able to select book to bring back to our class. The class made a trip up to the school garden, while there we were able to pick fresh fruit off the trees, including two varieties of apples as well as lemons. We are all looking forward to swimming lessons beginning next week.

La5

Tamara Cameron

Welcome to our first newsletter article for this year. We have had a great start to the year already, spending the first couple of weeks getting to know each other and engaging in some fun learning activities. We are now getting deeper into the curriculum and the students are doing a great job of engaging in learning activities. For English we are working developing our writing skills and gaining a better understanding of concepts of print. For math's we are focusing on number, from 1:1 correspondence to tens and ones and fractions. We are also looking at concepts of measurement using informal measurement strategies. Next week we will begin swimming on Tuesdays for physical education as well as our weekly bus trip outings where we will cover elements of Science and Health. For Design and technologies, students will be creating a poster on a subject of choice, using a range of different tools to create their poster. I look forward to sharing some of your child's learning with you on seesaw so please remember to check in now and again to see what we have been up to.



La6

Rebekah Eden & Emma Bramich

In LA6 we have been busy making new friends and working hard on learning new things. We have all been enjoying activities around The Hungry Caterpillar and Pig the Pug stories. During numeracy the students have been working hard with number and measurement, building towers, and measuring objects around the classroom using informal measurement. Every Friday we will be cooking this Term. We loved making scones last Friday. During the next session we will be cooking pizza. Reminder for next week – Swimming for LA6 students will be on a Monday, beginning Monday 19th February. Please remember to bring your swimming bag to school.

La7

Dakota Miller

Welcome to term 1 of 2024 for LA7. We have had a busy couple week as a few of us return to school and we welcome 4 new student into our class. We have been working very hard these last couple weeks as we learn about our school community and the routines of our class. Each student has been setting into school so well and it has been great to see everyone participating in learning. On a Wednesday LA 7 participate in cooking to make different edible sensory fillings. In our most recent lesson we made moon sand and the student's all had fun mixing the oil and flour together.



La8

Brian Judd



Welcome everyone to LA8 2024. The class has had a real busy start to the term with swimming being the main fun activity so far. The students once again have really enjoyed the program set up by the staff at the Wulanda. The instructors work really well with our students and get the best out of them.

Another activity that has worked really well so far is our Friday dance and movements sessions with the other senior class in the gym. All our students are responding very positively to it and are participating with smiles on their faces.

Cooking is done on Thursday where we are focusing on simple kitchen and food preparations skills as well as safety.

We will continue implementing a Jane Farrell based literacy program and also continue to use Numicon in our Maths curriculum. Michelle Adams takes the class on Tuesday and is focusing on our wonderful country Australia.

La9

Linda Marano

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Our Senior class of 10 students in Stage 1 and 2: Luke, Ursula, Louise, Taya, Alyssa, Shannon, Autumn, Jordan, Paige and Hunter are absolutely awesome!! Trish Miles and myself are covering the following subjects this term-Literacy, Numeracy, Scientific Studies, Physical Education, Society and Culture and Language and Other Cultures. Over the past couple of weeks, we have been setting up for success by allowing the students to assemble their own SACE folders with a focus on Preference Based Learning, (a combination of short, highly preferred activities and instructional tasks). As you are aware, the students have been swimming for the past couple of weeks and they have also learnt some Italian in Language and Other Cultures such as, 'Ciao!'- Hello, 'Come Stai?'-How are you? 'Sto bene grazie'-I am well thanks. The students have been very brave speaking another language and are enjoying it. We have cooked some fantastic meals so far every Wednesday and we are checking the Coles catalogues each week to look out for 'specials' as we are looking at percentages and 50% off for budgeting. In Maths the students are studying money. At present we are naming coins and notes and discussing why we need money, what we can buy , and where we use it. Please help by talking about money at home so the students understand the important role it plays in their daily lives. In literacy students have chosen books they wish to explore and have started writing information reports on them. Science lessons will commence soon. We will be studying and making personal hygiene products and testing them against store bought products.

Kind regards,
Linda, Trish and the LA 9 Team (Carolyn, Janita, Lynne, Lucas and Kim).

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