



GORDON EDUCATION CENTRE

"Towards Independence"

PRINCIPAL LISA THOMAS

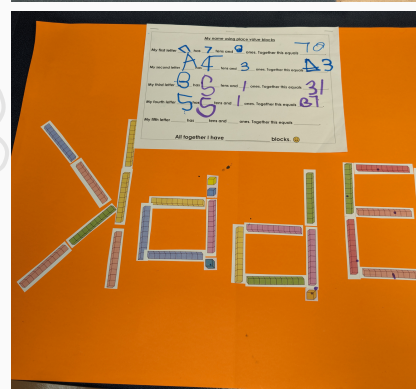
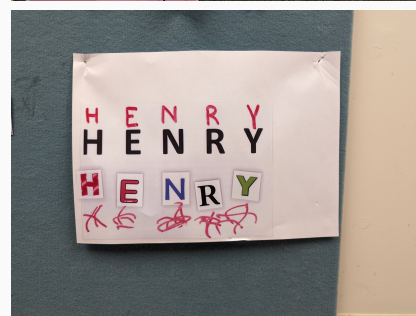
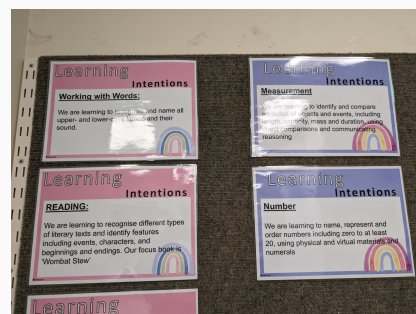
As we come to the end of Term 1 it's a great time to reflect on all the achievements of the past term. We start each day we our 'Welcome Circle'. We gather together to say good morning and share our welcome to country. We then share any special days and achievements and discuss our school values. Our school values are currently I am a learner, I am safe, I am responsible. Through our work with Berry Street we are looking at our behaviour policy and our values to ensure they are reflective of our current beliefs and site strategies.

Our comprehensive literacy program is showing great results for our students. We are currently looking at the progress of all of our students and I can share that every student has come on in leaps and bounds. Every day the children completed reading and writing tasks such as shared and guided reading, independent writing and a range of activities to build their letter name/sound knowledge. We use our AAC (proloquo2Go and PODD books) to support every students learning.

Term 2 will see the school focus shift slightly to wellbeing as we complete our Berry Street training and develop our personalised wellbeing program. Watch this space as we share our journey.

Thank you for all your help and support over term 1. Have a great term break and enjoy your family time.

Please see the acknowledgement of country attached with this newsletter.



Last day of term 12th April, early 2pm finish.

AUTISM AWARENESS DAY 2024

2ND APRIL

On Tuesday 2nd of April GEC celebrated Autism Awareness Day by participating in lots of fun activities with a buddy class, building on our awareness of Autism and in support of people with Autism and their families. There is over 45% of our students at GEC with Autism Spectrum Disorder as their primary diagnosis and even more as their secondary or third. The school was a haze of blue with many students and staff dressing in blue for the day. Students participated in lots of sensory activities like using slime, shaving cream, playdough, crafts and painting and colouring. Students were introduced to the infinity and butterfly symbols used to celebrate the diversity of autism and they all enjoyed a blue jelly as a special treat too. Check out the photos over the page.

I'd love to hear from any parents of students with autism about their feelings, concerns, celebrations and how we can best support their child and family to feel more included in our community.



La1

Jack Vanikiotis

LA1 has been reading the books 'All about spiders', 'Bonkers likes to bark' and 'Elephant car wash' for literacy. Students have been using these texts for guided comprehension, reading and other literacy activities. We have also been working on phonics, 'ng', 'ch', 'oo', 'ee', 'ight' and compound words over the last few weeks as well.

We have celebrated birthdays for Grayson, Nikolai, and John with cake and activities in our class. For cooking we have made various coloured jellies, cookies and hotdogs. Last week we had fun with easter activities, craft and an Easter egg hunt. On Tuesday we also celebrated Autism Awareness Day with lots of activities around the school including blue hair painting, blue jelly, blue bubbles and lots of other fun activities. We enjoyed our last swimming session for the term in the 'Splash Pad' yesterday and next term we will be swimming in weeks 2 and 9 with 3 sessions in each week. Term 1 has been very busy and we have had many positive learning outcomes and laid good foundations for a successful year.



La2

Jamey Case

Hello from LA2. In Literacy, the students have been busy progressing through their daily activities. It is great to see them eager to get into their individual routines as they arrive to class. In Numeracy, students have finished up learning about 2D and 3D shapes and will finish the term by continuing to undertake a range of number activities aimed at consolidating their knowledge of using physical strategies, to count and solve addition and subtraction problems.

Students have also nearly concluded their community excursions for this term. They have enjoyed their weekly swimming lessons and trips to Coles. Students looked forward to the process of writing a shopping list and ticking it off as they collected each item. Once back at school, students loved following recipes and cooking a range of meals. It has been a wonderful term and I look forward to updating you again early next term.



La4

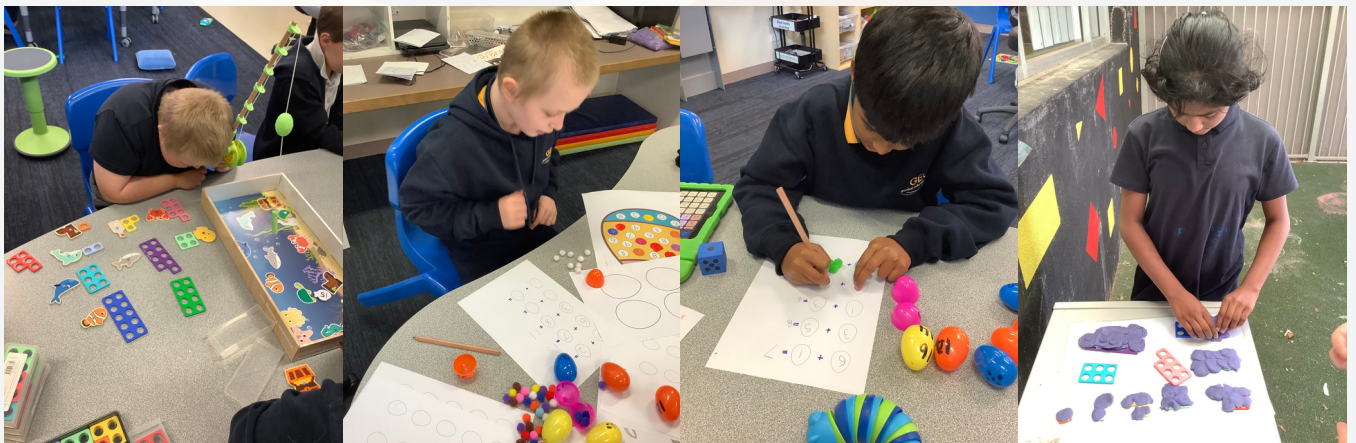
Ashleigh Calleja

We have had a busy few weeks in LA 4. We have had multiple birthday celebrations in our class where we have shared birthday cake. We have continued with our literacy for all program and have explore the books, "I went walking" and " Find Spot at Easter". We have continued with our numeracy program and have been working on our number of the week and 2D shapes. We have thoroughly enjoyed the swimming program at Walunda and look forward to continuing this next term. Our class highlight was the Easter egg hunt organised by the school SRC. It was a great session where students could spend time with peers and take part in finding Easter eggs in the playground. Everyone was able to participate and the students each got a sweet treat when they returned to class.

La5

Tamara Cameron

Here we are almost at the end of term 1, and what a busy term it has been. last week we celebrated Easter with some fun activities including an Easter egg hunt and decorating our Easter baskets. We also decorated Easter Biscuits and completed some Easter addition activities for maths. We have also been completing our individual posters where students designed a poster on a topic of their choice including a range of art, googled images and writing. Next week we will be finalising our curriculum subjects by doing some revision of what we learnt during the term. Swimming has now finished for the term and we will be starting swimming in week 3 next term on Thursday's. I hope you all enjoy your school holidays.



La6

Rebekah Eden & Emma Bramich

We've had a fantastic first term here at LA6! It's been wonderful seeing our students build confidence and friendships with classmates. Highlights this term have included swimming, exploring books, learning about classroom values, and participating in discovery play. We are certain the next term will bring even more enriching learning experiences and growth. Term 1 has been amazing and time has flown by so quickly! The students are settling into routine and demonstrating some wonderful learning. This term learning about measurement and our cooking sessions on Fridays have been a favourite for all. We ventured out to the Farm this term to finish off our science unit of living and non-living things. It was a wonderful experience to see all the different animals. We are excited for Term 2 and all the new learning experiences coming our way! Enjoy the fast approaching holidays and make sure you all have a break.



La7

Dakota Miller

Over the last 6 weeks we have been participating in swimming lessons on a Wednesday afternoon. Each student has had a great time splashing and playing in the water. Majority of LA7's swimming lessons is focused on helping the students to feel confident and comfortable in the water. Each student has developed their confidence so far and now they all get in the pool. I cannot wait to see how they continue to develop within the next terms. Below are some photos of the students enjoying the pool and the splash pad on the last day of swimming.



La 8

Brian Judd

La 8 have had a super busy couple of weeks with easter thrown in the middle. We have been looking at the word family "og" and choosing from a selection of picture prompts to start us off on our writing. We have been reading a funny book for shared reading about a hungry goat and also engaging in some lovely stories about Easter. We have been participating in lots of numeracy using numicon around number and the idea of time. (Days of the week, months of the year, sequencing and following schedules). For Geography this term our students have been learning a little about Australia each week. Students have enjoyed painting an outline of Australia, labelling the States and more recently capitals as well as locating and labelling our own home town. We have enjoyed watching little clips about Australia and what we are famous for. On Tuesday we joined with La 9 to do some fun activities for Autism Awareness Day. Sensory tools, painting, craft and autism friendly sensory programs on the whiteboard were some of the most favourite as well as playdough and eating blue jelly. Students are getting tired as we head to the end of term so luckily its nearly time for a short break and then we start fresh again next term.



La 9

Linda Marano

Hi everyone!

We can't believe this term is almost over and we have thoroughly enjoyed being together as a class, caring for each other and respecting one another. The last few weeks have seen us complete our fantastic Italy projects about the food, culture, music, fashion and geography. We have also proudly displayed our Easter Egg Mosaics at the library for the past week and have received many pleasing comments from the public about our work in Creative Arts. In Maths, we have been enjoying playing board games about money and learning more about telling the time. In our recent Science lessons, we have made nail polish remover, shampoo and even lip gloss. Your children's work folders are full of many pieces of work this term and you are welcome any time to visit.

PBS AWARDS

