



GORDON EDUCATION CENTRE

"Towards Independence"

KEY DATES

23 MAY - SPECIAL PERSONS DAY

30 MAY - SPORTS DAY (*TIME TO BE CONFIRMED WITH MT HIGH*)

9 JUNE - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

20 JUNE - STUDENT FREE DAY (*ALL SCHOOLS*)

4 JULY - EARLY FINISH FOR THE LAST DAY OF TERM

PRINCIPAL

LISA THOMAS

Welcome back everyone. It's been great to see so many smiles and here so many stories of your adventures with your family and friends.

This term our priority focus is 'Our Community Partners'. This phrase has so many connotations do we mean our school community, our education portfolio, Mount Gambier or South Australia??? We mean everyone!! We are working hard to bring our community into our school through special days and parent events in the hub. We are creating learning opportunities within our immediate community by supporting our senior students to start a breakfast club, our junior classes to begin work on our garden, taking our students out of the school building on amazing excursions and talking to local businesses / people and getting them involved in our school.

We will also be talking to all of our parents, especially those in Yr9 and up, about their child's pathway to post school options. Post school options are something that creep up on us very quickly and can be very daunting. We want to support all of our families with their child's journey at all stages. If you need support in planning for your child's post school journey please let me know.

Have a great few weeks and we'll see you all Next Friday at 2pm for special persons day.

La1 ISABELLE SWANBURY

We have had an exciting start to Term 2! In Science we have been discussing the changes in seasons and how plants change in Autumn, such as leaves changing colours and seasonal produce. In Art, we have made our own collages and artworks out of Autumn leaves. LA1 was very excited to finally dig up the potatoes that have been growing in the school garden and explored different ways of cooking them: as chips, mash potato and curly fries! LA1 also enjoyed their first swimming visit for the term!



La2 LISA RYE

We are already at the end of Week 3, Term 2 – this year is going to fly! We have changed things up a bit this term, with doing something new on Wednesdays. Instead of cooking every week, we are trying another life skill, woodwork. We have integrated this into our Design and Technology lessons where students have been investigating their ideas of what to create with the assistance of staff. Their first project was working on something for Mother's/Special Person's Day, which was a Wood/Wool Art design. This tested students' perseverance and their skills with hammering nails and threading the wool around the nails.

We will be continuing this term with integrating our curriculum around the theme of 'Community and Community Helpers'. Our goal is to engage with community through outings and inviting visitors. I warmly encourage parents and carers to visit and see how the students are progressing in class



La4

ASHLEIGH CALLEJA & MICHELLE ADAMS

We have settled back into the routine of school well after the term break. We have been exploring Spot books for shared reading as a whole class text. For literacy we have been focusing on the Letters Cc, Dd, Ee and Ff, how they are formed and where we might find these letters in lots of different places; in our names, in stories, animals/items starting with these as well as the sounds the letters make when we say them. We have been doing some fantastic writing using images of ourselves enjoying school activities or images of our favourite characters as writing prompts. In numeracy we have been exploring positional language and focusing on the numbers 6 & 7. Swimming and bus outings have been fun weekly activities as part of our integrated studies. We have been exploring motion and forces with hands on activities like cars racing on tracks, skittles and ball, experiments with different shaped ball and observing how they move for science. We have celebrated numerous birthdays with hot chips, cakes and muffins and lots of singing 'Happy Birthday'.



La5

EMMA BRAMICH



Welcome to Term 2 LA5 families. This term is going to be busy for all of us. For Science and Geography we will be having a focus on plants, animals, dreamtime stories and local natural spaces. Students will explore changes that occur in the environment over the term, and we will be establishing a school garden. The students are all very excited! During numeracy we will continue to explore number and work on our addition and subtraction, students will also engage in a range of activities regarding pattern. Please keep your eye out for permission slips in your child's bag for upcoming excursions.

Lab TAMARA CAMERON

Hello and welcome to term 2, we have had a lovely start to the term getting to know each other and our new class members as well as settling back into the school routine. We also have a student teacher Madison with us for most of this term who will be in class with us full time bringing some exciting lessons to our class.

In English we will continue to work on phonics, comprehension of stories and students seeing themselves as a writer, and during math's we will focus on quantity, numeral and measurement. For science we are focusing on biological science, focusing on the physical features of plants and animals and the areas in which they live and grow. For the arts and HASS we are investigating aboriginal art and dance and local history including local dreamtime stories. We had our first Thursday morning excursion this week which was a great success, the students all enjoyed being outside exploring nature, we were able to look at a range of different insects, bugs and plants and took some samples back to school to further investigate. Next week we are off to the bottle recycling plant to discuss recycling and look how bottles get recycled.

I really look forward to the rest of this term as we immerse ourselves in some exciting learning experiences.



LA7

DAKOTA MILLER

Welcome to term 2 of 2025 for LA7. We have had a busy couple week as we have all been working hard to get back into our school routines. The student's in LA 7 have been looking at the letters Y, I, B and F so far this term. In numeracy LA7 have been enjoying making collections of item to learn about number and quantity as well as looking at 2D and 3D shapes. The class has also been enjoying integrated studies in the afternoon. They have been taking part in cooking lessons, HASS community outings, weekly swimming lessons and visiting the school garden for science.



LA8

TAMARA FLEMING

The start of Term 2 has been a busy few weeks. We have started back with our shopping and cooking on Mondays. In Week 2, we made sushi! It was very tricky, but Liliana and Ella had a go at using the rice roller, and they both did a fantastic job!

We have also had our first swimming lesson. We will be swimming every Friday this term.

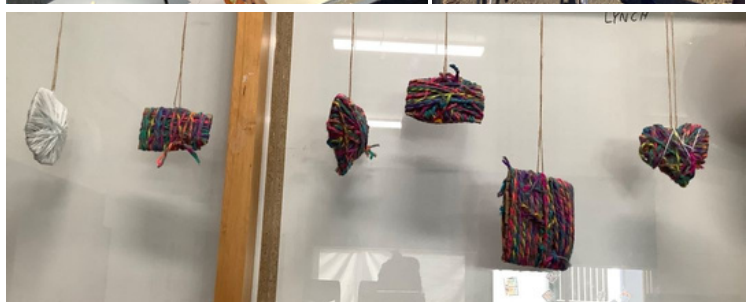
In Math, we have started our work on measurement. During this unit, we began by measuring objects and are now working on comparing and ordering the length of objects.

In Literacy, we are continuing our work on reading comprehension. During this time, we have the choice to work in small groups or on our own with an SSO. In Writing, we are focusing on building complex and interesting sentences. This will help improve all of the writing we do.

LA9

REBEKAH EDEN

LA9 has had a fantastic start to the term! We've been joyfully preparing nourishing recipes that we'll be cooking in the coming weeks, celebrating seasonal produce and the sweetness of honey. Our journey into the world of handicrafts has been equally enriching. We began by crafting our own woollen shapes and look forward to expanding our skills and crafting more unique items. Our novel studies have commenced with "The Faraway Tree," and we've delighted in using water paints to bring the story to life. This artistic expression has wonderfully supported our writing journey. Our morning walks will continue, allowing us to connect with nature and document the seasonal transformations we will soon witness.





School

VALUES AWARDS

