



# GORDON EDUCATION CENTRE

"Towards Independence"

PRINCIPAL  
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Welcome to week 6. What a busy term with excursions to the theatre, visits from speakers and our excursions in the local community. Our students are never still and our educators are always full of fun ideas!!

We had a visit from Olympian Nick Trimmings. He shared his story of overcoming challenges and never giving in. He was a true inspiration for our students. If you'd like to know more about Nick please use the below URL.

<https://www.olympics.com.au/olympians/nick-trimmings/>

Today the whole school visited the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre to watch a performance by the Patch Theatre. The children arrived at school very excited about their trip, full of smiles and laughter. The children returned with lots of stories and singing the songs from the performance. It's great to get out and about and give our students as many different experiences as possible.

This term the educators are working hard on each student's portfolio. The portfolios showcase the hard work the students have been doing to learn and show everyone our school behavior expectations. We focus on a different expectation each term and learn new strategies to ensure we are looking after ourselves and our friends. We love to share our students' achievements with you.

## Key dates

**Friday 1st September:**

Patch Theatre

**Monday 11th September:**

Jane Farral visit (Coaching)

**Friday 29th September:**

Early dismissal 2pm -

Last day of term 3.

## 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

Teaching Matrix – GEC PBIS

		Classroom	Playground	Routine/Setting	Bus	Transition
Expectations I am Safe I am Responsible I am a Learner	I follow instructions					
	I care for my equipment					
	I make choices					

## Media Consent

We have lots of ways that we share your child's achievements. Like our office notice board, some are within our school community such as our newsletter, seesaw and Facebook pages and some are externally such as the department for education website.

Please look out in your child's bag for the new media consent form so we can share GEC achievements far and wide.. Please return the form to your teacher asap.



# La1

## Lisa Rye

Here we are already at the end of Week 6!! What a blast we have all had this term. The students have been busy learning all about 2D and 3D shapes with fourth year teaching student Emma. During Science with Steven the students have been introduced to the life cycles of the frog and butterfly. We have continued cooking on Tuesdays and the children are thoroughly enjoying this.

Today Friday the 1st of September the students were lucky enough to attend the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre where they were able to watch an interactive performance by the Patch Theatre Company. Please ask your child about this experience as I am sure they have a lot to share!

As a reminder, over the next few weeks we have swimming coming up in week 8 and 9. Swimming will be on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Swimming commences on Monday the 11th of September – please remember to send their dry bathers and a towel.

# La6

## Sarah Cameron

This term is going by quickly and it's hard to believe it's the end of week 6 already! It's been a busy couple of weeks with the students taking part in lots of interesting activities.

Students thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lessons in Weeks 3 and 4. All students enjoyed the bus ride to the pool, cooperated well during the lesson and listened well to the swimming instructors.

Last Friday we enjoyed dressing up for Book Week and joining LA7 for mask making. It was wonderful to see so many parents at the Book Week parade.

During Literacy we are continuing to enjoy reading the 'Hairy Maclary' series by Lynley Dodd. In Math's, students are learning about money, recognizing coins and their value. We have made a class shop and are having fun taking in turns to buy items and be the shopkeeper.

Science lessons with Mr V continue to be a highlight of the week in LA6.

Students have loved learning about the weather and taking part in hands on experiments, especially making 'fake snow'!



# La2

## Michelle Adams

Over the last couple of weeks La 2 have been reading "The Day The Crayons Quit". It is a funny story about different coloured crayons. We have talked about the illustrations, wrote about our favourite colours and found some familiar words in the story. We have also been identifying the title of the book, illustrator and author and some punctuation we can find in our reading. We have also been busy reading our A- Z readers and answering questions about our reading. We have been focussing on the "ad" family and doing lots of activities around words ending in "ad". Some of us have been concentrating on the letters R and Y and the different items that begin with those letters. Each week we have been shopping at Coles to prepare for our weekly cooking. The students did a great job lining up, getting a number and asking for smiley fritz at the deli this week. I was particularly proud of their beautiful manners and how respectful they were out in the community. RESPECT is our class value for the moment so its fantastic to see our students practising it. Well done la 2.



# La5

## Jamey Case

Hi everybody! As always, we've been super busy in LA5. The students' are progressing well and completing many tasks surrounding our integrated studies unit on growing plants and vegetables. This includes learning about the basic stages of plant growth and what is needed to grow and maintain what we have planted. So far, we have looked at healthy and sometimes foods in Health, read related 'shared-reading' stories, completed the accompanying tactile and hands-on activities and cooked some delicious foods!

In Numeracy, students continue to work in groups primarily learning about number. We have now finished our unit on money and have moved into exploring collecting data and representation activities. Students will continue to complete a range of hands-on tasks across these topics at their individual learning level.

We have also had many special events this term. Including Book Week, Science Week, our class swimming lessons and this week's PATCH excursion to the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. It has been an eventful and fun-filled term so far and I look forward to providing you all with an update again in week nine.



# La7

## Tamara Cameron

It has been a busy time in LA7 with swimming during weeks 4 & 5 and book week in week 5. As per usual the students really enjoyed their swimming and it was great to see them beginning to show new swimming skills. Our book week parade happened on Friday and it was great to see everyone's awesome costumes.

For literacy we have been looking at the book *Too Many Pears* by Jackie French as well as story sequencing familiar stories such as the very hungry caterpillar. We are also focusing on mark making, book making and creating simple sentences. For Math's we are continuing to work on number and position where we are learning terms such as in, out, on, under, forwards backwards etc. Steven has been looking at lifecycles for science on Mondays specifically the Butterfly life cycle. For HASS we are making our family books using the family photos that are sent in. thanks to those who have sent their photos, the students are enjoying their personalized books.



# La8

## Brian Judd

Hello everyone. Isn't the term flying. La8 has been involved in some exciting activities in the past couple of weeks with Science Week and Book Week being a time for the students to both learn and have great fun.

A shout out to Mr. V for organizing a fantastic science show for the whole school to enjoy. We learnt about forces, bubbles, robots, air pressure and had lots of student participation and lots of laughs.

Book Week celebration was a fun day with the whole school getting together and dressing up as their favorite character.

The students in La8 have been involved in the planning of the dance program which combines one of the junior classes with us for a great dance session on Fridays. Well, done class.





# PBS AWARDS

