



Gawler Primary School Newsletter



Term 3 Week 6 – 27th August 2021

Our School Values

Success
Mutual Respect
Active Participation
Responsibility
Teamwork

Student Absence Hotline

Phone 85222988

SMS 0401 121 559

email

dl.0141.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Attendance rate for Term 3

89.9%

Same time last year:

91.7%

HB6 best attendance up to date

**IT'S NOT OK TO BE
AWAY!**

**Gawler Primary School is
NUT FREE**

Important Dates

**SCHOOL
CLOSURE DAY
Monday 6th
September**

**Pupil Free
Day
Tuesday 7th
September**

Principal:

Celeste Matthews

Deputy Principal:

Jennifer Pinnock

School Road

GAWLER SA 5118

Telephone: 8522 2988

Fax: 8523 0498

Email :



From the Principal:

2022 Enrolments and Classes

We are beginning the process of looking at class structures for 2022. Schools need to be very specific with numbers as it not only determines the number of classes but the learning programs that can be offered.

If you have a child who is due to start reception in 2022 **please contact the front office** to confirm that an enrolment form has been completed. Or if you are planning to enrol your child at another site next year, please let the Front Office know **as soon as possible.**

Attendance

A child of compulsory school age must attend at the school in which they are enrolled on every day, and for such parts of every day, that instruction is provided for the child at the school.

Whilst there is normally a spike in absences once winter has settled in, we have seen a bigger than normal increase in absence. Research shows that absence from school has a significant impact on students:-

- Frequent absences make it difficult for teachers who have to continually re-teach information and skills.

Being half an hour late to school each day from reception to year 10 equals **missing one year and one-and-a-half terms of schooling**

Leaving school early on a regular basis also equates to missing vital learning time

- Being absent five days a term from Reception to Year 10 adds up to **more than one year of missed schooling.**

The Education Act 2019 has also seen changes around attendance. This includes:-

- The maximum penalties for a parent or carer who fails to enrol their child in a school or an approved learning program, or fails to take reasonable steps to make sure their child attends school or participates in an approved

learning program, has increased from \$500 to **\$5,000.**

- Principals of government and non-government schools having to notify the Chief Executive if a child is failing to attend school or participate in an approved learning program, without reasonable excuse, for 10 or more days in a school term.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, please contact the Front Office to make a time with leadership to discuss an Attendance Plan.

Reminder

Please **DO NOT** use School Road (Permit Parking) to drop off or pick up your child/children. You will be fined if caught by the council and it is also for the safety of our students that parents/caregivers **DO NOT** drive down School Road.

Update of personal information

It is vitally important that the school has correct personal information for your child, especially with the uncertainty with the ever changing conditions with COVID-19.

This includes change of phone numbers, emergency contact details, medical condition, permissions around use of photographs etc.

If information for your child needs to be updated, please inform the front office at your earliest convenience.

Student Safety after school dismissal

I have had a number of parents/carers contact me with concerns around the safety of students leaving the school grounds at the end of the day. These include:

- students running out across the crossing without looking,
- not using the crossing at all
- and riding bikes/scooters out of the school grounds at high speed

I ask that all parents/carers please speak to their child/ren around road rules and keeping safe near roads.

Celeste Matthews

SSO Week

This week is SSO (School Service Officer) week. At Gawler Primary School we are fortunate enough to have a fantastic team of highly skilled and dedicated SSOs who support students, staff and learning programs across the school.

On Thursday a special assembly was held where students presented a card and gift to each SSO followed by a sit down lunch provided by leadership and teaching staff to show our appreciation to our SSO's.

On behalf of the school community, thank you for your outstanding contributions to our school.

Melisa Powell – Administration
Rebekah Walker – Finance
Tracy Tye – Intervention Support
Trudi Enight – Curriculum Support
Clare Whitwell – Curriculum Support
Kerry Hayden – Curriculum Support
Kimberley Price – Curriculum Support
Hannah Steel- Curriculum Support
Kelly Bryan– Curriculum Support
Ben Schmidt – Curriculum Support
Brian Tomlinson - Groundsman
Kimberley Winter – Pastoral Care Worker
Kob Schmaal – Aboriginal Education Officer



WE WANT YOU



To come and join the Willaston Cricket Club for the 2021/2022 Season!!

Juniors wanted for Under 11's and Under 13's

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Please like our Willaston Cricket Club Facebook page for further information



If you know of anyone interested in joining, please pass on the following details
Jarrold Hicks – 0408 277 154 or email the Willaston Cricket Club
willastoncc@gmail.com



**WE ARE
LITTLE ATHLETICS**

Season **2021-22** Open Now



Gawler Little Athletics Centre
Back Oval, Trinity College, Alexander Avenue, Evanston South

<https://www.facebook.com/Gawler-Little-Athletics>

Starting: Sunday, 19th September 2021

Register at: <https://salaa.org.au/>

REGISTER TODAY

GAWLER PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Mon 19/07/2021	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL				
Week 2 Mon 26/07/2021					Newsletter Online
Week 3 Mon 02/08/2021					
Week 4 Mon 09/08/2021				Pizza Lunch	Newsletter Online
Week 5 Mon 16/08/2021				Popcorn Day	
Week 6 Mon 23/08/2021				Wombat Stew	Book Week Parade 9am Newsletter Online
Week 7 Mon 30/08/2021		Bakery Day			
Week 8 Mon 06/09/2021	SCHOOL CLOSURE	PUPIL FREE DAY		Subway Day	Newsletter Online
Week 9 Mon 13/09/2021				Chicken Rolls	
Week 10 Mon 20/09/2021				Sausage Sizzle Newsletter Online	FAVOURITE SPORTS COLOURS DAY EARLY DISMISSAL 2.05pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES

