



# Gawler Primary School Newsletter Week 5

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*Welcome to our new newsletter format we are trialling for 2022.*

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## Leadership News



Dear families

I am very excited to have been given the opportunity to work in your school community in 2022 as Curriculum Coordinator. My role entails working as part of the leadership team to ensure students and staff are supported with their learning and everyday school operations are running smoothly. As well as providing professional development opportunities for staff, I will be working alongside teachers and students to provide opportunities for students to both fill gaps in their learning and extend their thinking.

### **Pupil Free Day**

Currently I am finalising our learning program for pupil free day next week (Friday 11th March) when teachers will spend the day exploring the new curriculum planning documents provided by the Department for Education to ensure that our planning allows every child the opportunity to achieve their personal best.

### **Governing Council**

The AGM for Governing Council was held on Monday the 28th February where I had the pleasure of meeting several families and hearing about some of the highlights of 2021 in Celeste's Annual Report. These included

- Phonological programs embedded across site
- Increase in 4 out of 5 year levels in numeracy performance

- Increase in 3 out of 5 year levels in reading performance
- Increase in school attendance of 3%
- Completed refurbishment of student toilet block
- Updated website
- Highly successful fundraising events

A copy of the complete Annual Report will soon be available on our website.

It has been evident when speaking with families before and after school in the yard that Gawler Primary School is very community minded and welcoming. We would like to congratulate the following people on their election as Governing Council office bearers for 2022.

- Chairperson – Rachael Mahoney
- Deputy Chairperson – Tracey Reed
- Treasurer – David Reiman
- Secretary – Louise Egan
- General members – Paige Carter, Rikki Loadsman, Melisa Cavallaro, Azin Marandi and Susie Cahalan

It's not too late! If you would like to be involved please contact the front office. Governing Council meet twice a term. Our meeting dates for this year will alternate between an early meeting commencing at 3:45pm on Mondays (usually in week 4) and a later meeting commencing at 5:30pm on Wednesdays (usually held in Week 9 of each term).

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### **Literacy Opportunities at Home**

As we approach the middle of first term and our younger students establish or re-establish routines, I would like to remind families of the importance of families' roles in developing children's language and literacy skills.

- Children who start school with greater literacy skills perform better in school, and not just in language-based subjects like English.
- Oral language skills are an important predictor of reading and writing skills, so the better your child can speak, the better their overall literacy skills will develop.
- These skills are developed through different activities and forms of communication, including music, movement, dance, storytelling, visual arts and drama, as well as talking, viewing, reading, drawing and writing.

Some ideas to further develop your child's language and literacy skills

- Share rhymes, poems and songs. Encourage your child to join in.

- Share and talk about family histories and family photos.
- Look at picture books or art books. Ask your child to describe what is happening in the pictures and make up stories together.
- Play vocabulary games with your child such as “What’s the opposite of ...?” (for example “what’s the opposite of big?”) and “What’s another word for ....?” (for example “What’s another word for angry?”).

**The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go.**  
-- Dr. Seuss

## COVID

As restrictions are beginning to ease we look forward to recommencing events such as interviews, assemblies and sports day. We will continue to keep you updated with information on how these events will look as we receive directions from SA Health and the Department for Education. In the meantime please continue to keep students home if they are unwell, obtain a PCR test and keep the school informed should the result come back positive. For students isolating at home, work is available at [Our Learning SA \(education.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.education.sa.gov.au).

I look forward to meeting more families as the year progresses and COVID restrictions are eased. If you see me in the yard please say hi and introduce yourself.

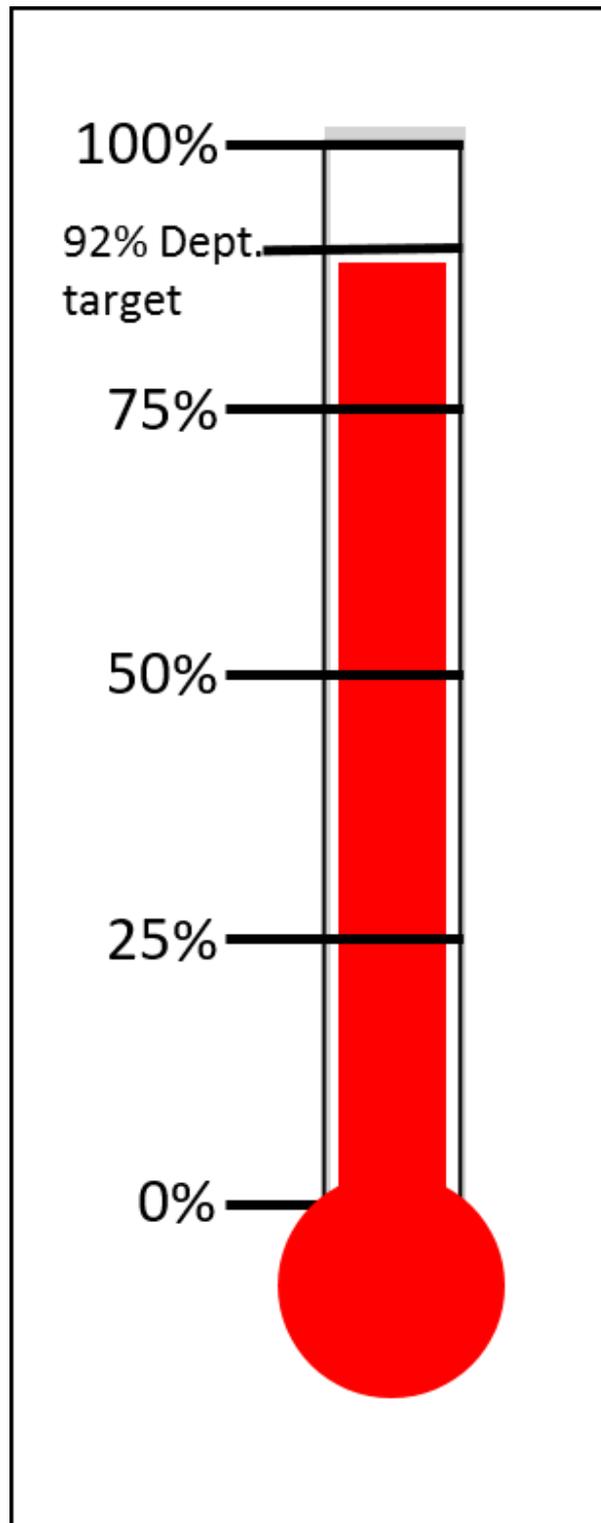
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## HB8 Learning

HB08 have been following the situation in Ukraine. We realise our democratically elected Federal Government is taking necessary steps on our behalves to support the Ukrainian people. To take personal action we have created a display of their sunflower national emblem to show our solidarity for their plight to show our school family. ‘Whatever you do may seem insignificant to you, but it is most important that you do it’ – Mahatma Gandhi.



## Attendance



**Student Absence Hotline**

**Phone : 8522 2988**

**SMS : 0401 121 559**

Email : [dl.0141.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0141.info@schools.sa.edu.au)

## Medication

If your child/ren needs to have medication at school it must be brought to the Front Office and discussed with Front Office staff. It is a Department for Education requirement that a Medication Agreement form is provided and must be completed by a GP or Specialist. Staff are not able to administer medication unless this form is provided to us.

Medication must be provided in original pharmacy packaging - clearly labelled. Staff are unable to cut or break medication.

Asthma Care Plans must be provided for a child to receive Ventolin.

## Term Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Mon 31/01/2022			Reception and Year 1's Return to School		
Week 2 Mon 07/02/2022					
Week 3 Mon 14/02/2022	Year 2-6 Students Return to School				
Week 4 Mon 21/02/2022		Tutu Tuesday			
Week 5 Mon 28/02/2022	SCHOOL PHOTOS				
Week 6 Mon 07/03/2022					PUPIL FREE DAY
Week 7 Mon 14/03/2022	ADELAIDE CUP DAY		Subway lunch		
Week 8 Mon 21/03/2022			Governing Council meeting 5.30pm	NAPLAN practice test years 3 and 5 Last day for Book Club orders	
Week 9 Mon 28/03/2022			Subway lunch	Last day to pay camp deposit (years 3-5)	
Week 10 Mon 04/04/2022	Parent/teacher Interviews	Parent/teacher Interviews	Parent/teacher Interviews	Parent/teacher Interviews	Sports Day
Week 11 Mon 11/04/2022	Parent/teacher Interviews		Subway lunch	EARLY FINISH 2.05pm Silly socks day (gold coin donation fundraising for yr 6 graduation)	GOOD FRIDAY

## Community News



**HAPPY HAVEN**  
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# Gawler

- Before School Care
- After School Care
- Early School Finish
- Pupil Free Day
- Vacation Care

**Get in touch**  
Anytime. Anyhow.

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## Contact Us





Don't forget to download the **Skoolbag App** to keep up to date with everything going on around Gawler Primary School!

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