

# Gawler Primary School Newsletter week 7

# Our School Values

Success

Mutual respect

Active participation

Responsibility

Teamwork

Important dates to remember

Sports Day Friday 8th April

End of term early dismissal 14th April 2.05pm

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### Leadership News



Principal *Celeste Matthews* Deputy Principal *Jennifer Pinnock* Curriculum Coordinator *Karryn Przibilla* 

#### Covid-19 Update

As we come to the end of week 7 term 1, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our staff, students and families for their diligence around adhering to Covid-19 safety precautions and keeping lines of communication open. To this point we have had very few students across the site that have recorded positive results for the illness in comparison to other schools within our partnership. Thank you also to all the parents who have been extremely supportive in picking up your child when the school has rung to say they are unwell and for communicating positive test results. Student and staff attendance at school continues to be lower than normal due to rules around isolating as a close contact outside the school setting.

#### Sports Day – Save the date!

Please make note that, weather and Covid permitting, Gawler Primary School will hold their annual Sports Day on Friday 8th of April. The event will be held across the road from the school on the oval

next to the Gawler Sport and Community Centre and more information will be distributed shortly. Sports Day will run until around 1pm when families will be able to sign their child out and take them home. Remaining students will be supervised by their classroom teacher for the remainder of the afternoon and dismissed at normal time to OSHC or home.

#### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

You will soon receive a link that enables you to book a parent/teacher interview with your child/rens class teacher/s. Interviews will be conducted on site in your child's classroom (please remember to wear a mask). They will be conducted from Monday 4th - Thursday 7th and on Monday 11th of April. We strongly encourage all families to make a time to chat with your child's class teacher to ensure you are aware of how your child is travelling academically, socially and emotionally at school.

If you are isolating due to Covid-19 there will be an option to have a phone or teams conversation. Please ring the office for further information.

If you would like to know how your child is travelling in Science (Jo Button) or Japanese (Melissa Amner) then please ring the office to make a time.

**Celeste Matthews** 

Principal

### Curriculum News

Developing numeracy skills early gives children an important foundation for their learning and development. It helps prepare them for daily life, including general problem solving and handling money.

#### **Numeracy Opportunities at Home**

Developing mathematical language

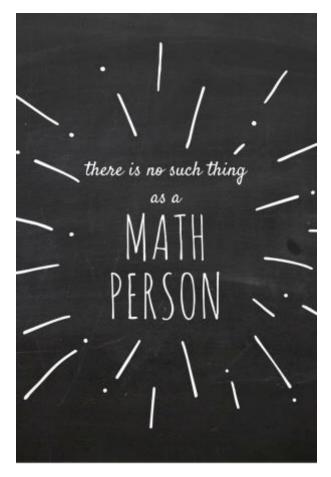
It is important for children to develop specific language skills related to maths.

Visits to the playground, or helping at home, provide rich and meaningful contexts to develop these skills. It might take time for your child to use these terms and language effectively, but exposure to this mathematical talk is a strong support for future learning.

Some activities to develop mathematical language:

- Use specific terms when asking for items. For example, ask your child to get the 'one litre' milk bottle from the fridge, or the 'one kilo' bag of flour from the cupboard.
- When cooking, talk about different measurements used, such as teaspoons, millilitres, litres, and cups. Discuss ideas about empty and full.

- As you walk, talk and play together describe your child's movements as they climb 'over' the fence, slide 'between' the poles, and swing 'under' the monkey bars. This helps your child understand language related to spatial awareness.
- Sorting activities support your child to understand concepts such as 'same' and 'different'. Use recycling as an opportunity to sort items to place in the rubbish. For example, paper, plastic, food waste and general waste.



'Never share with your children the idea that you were bad at maths at school or you dislike it – especially if you are a mother. Researchers found that as soon as mothers shared that idea with their daughters, their daughter's achievement went down.' Jo Boaler Professor of Maths at Stanford University

#### **NAPLAN Readiness Test**

On Thursday the 24th of March, years 3 and 5 students will participate in an online NAPLAN practice test. Students from across Australia will participate in this single test (45mins) to ensure they (and our technology!) are prepared for when the real test takes place early in term 2.

Scores from the practice test will not be collected, but we encourage students to approach the test with a positive mindset ready to 'have a go' as this will be the first NAPLAN experience for all our students with the test being cancelled in 2020. Further practice test resources and information are available at <u>NAP - Home</u>.

Karryn Przibilla Curriculum Coordinator

# HB7 Learning



In art this term, HB07 have been learning about different artists around the world, focusing on Romero Britto, who is a pop artist. He uses pattern and bold colours as well as precise line work to make his pieces come to life. Students in HB07 have been taking Britto's style and applying it to their own drawings, finishing their pieces with oil pastel colours to make them pop; here are some of our finished products!





### ACEO news

Meet Kob our ACEO (Aboriginal Community Education Officer)



Kob has been busy working both in classes with children and with individuals. Here is a picture of some amazing lemon myrtle biscuits Kob and Nate baked this week that lots of students and staff had the opportunity to enjoy!

Parents/caregivers of Indigenous children are encouraged to contact the school to find out more about the school's cultural program and ways they can be involved in supporting their student at school.

Upcoming Events

#### Sports Day

Friday the 8th of April



#### Silly Socks Day

Thursday 14th April students are invited to wear silly or odd socks to school for a gold coin donation. All funds raised will go towards our year 6 graduation in term 4.



#### Subway lunches

Subway lunches will be available to order for Wednesday the 30th of March and Wednesday the 13th of April.

- Order forms are available from the front office
  - Payment can be made via Qkr



#### Year 3-5 Camp

Notes have been sent home inviting our year 3-5 students to attend camp in week 6 term 2 (6th to the 8th of June). To ensure your student is able to attend a permission slip and \$20 deposit is required to be returned by Friday the 1st of April (payment now available via Qkr). Further information and spare forms are available from the front office.



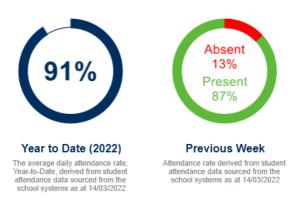
### Attendance

Student Absence Hotline

Phone : 8522 2988

SMS : 0401 121 559

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



So far this term we have 91% attendance.

### 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 1 Calendar



Interviews week 10

Sports Day Friday 8th April

	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 4 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 ? Mon 28/03/2022			Subway lunch	Last day lo pay camp deposit (years 3-5)	
Week 10 Mon 04/04/2022	Parent/heacher Interviews	Parent/teacher Interviews	Parent/teacher Interviews	Parent/teacher Interviews	Sports Day
Week 11 Mon 11/04/2022	Parent/teacher		Subway kinch	EARLY FINISH 2.05pm Silly socks day (gold cain donation fundralsing for yr 4 graduation)	GOOD FRIDAY

# Community news









# Multi Sports Gawler Primary





# GAWLER

Programs run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

🗸 AFL 🗹 SOCCER 🗹 BASKETBALL 🗹 NETBALL

This weekly program gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm and participation and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them increased confidence in the future.

#### For year R - Year 4 students.

#### COST: \$52 - 4 WEEK PROGRAM

Begins: Term 1. March 23rd - April 13th Day of the Week: Wednesday Time: 3:15pm to 4:15pm

Location: Children to meet the coach between the two buildings in the playground straight after the end of day school bell.

What to Bring: Hat and Drink Bottle.

#### **REGISTER WITH A FRIEND TODAY !**

 Website:
 kellysports.com.au/greater-north-adelaide

 Contact:
 CRAIG PUSSER

 Email:
 craig@kellysports.com.au

 Phone:
 0434 354 448

 Facebook:
 #KellySportsGNAdelaide



### Traffic Reminders





Staff have witnessed some near misses in the recreation centre carpark, with children running through the car park after school, behind cars attempting to reverse. Please chat to your children about the dangers of moving behind parked cars as little ones often can't be seen!

Please remember to observe the traffic rules

- Slow down to 25km/h in school zones
- Park only in designated areas
- Give way to pedestrians waiting at the crossing

# 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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