



Gawler Primary School Newsletter week 11

Our School Values

Success

Mutual respect

Active participation

Responsibility

Teamwork

Important dates to remember

Early dismissal 14th April 2.05pm

Year 3-5 Camp 6-8th of June

Pupil Free Day Friday 10th June

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Leadership News



Principal *Celeste Matthews*

Deputy Principal *Jennifer Pinnock*

Curriculum Coordinator *Karryn Przibilla*

Sports Day

Ready, set, go!!! Thankfully Gawler Primary School did 'go', and we were able to hold our Sports Day on Friday 8th April. What a fantastic day it was. We were blessed with beautiful weather and it was evident that staff, students and families were able to enjoy a day of great sportsmanship, competition and fun.

Congratulations to all students and parents/friends/staff that participated.

Special congratulations goes to the tied winning teams:

McKinlay – Blue

Martin – Yellow

Reid – Green (Sportsmanship award)

Thank you to Suzie and Paige and their families for their fundraising efforts in cooking the BBQ which was available for students and families at lunch time.

Interviews

Many of our families have taken the opportunity over the past week to meet with their child/rens class teacher to formally discuss how their child is travelling at school. Due to Covid interruptions there will be further opportunities to meet with class teachers if you were unavailable last week. We strongly encourage ALL families to make a time to meet with the class teacher early next term.

Easter and School Holidays

Wishing all families a safe and enjoyable Easter and School Holiday break. Take time to relax and unwind after what has been a very unpredictable and extraordinary term 1. We look forward to welcoming all students back happy and healthy at the start of term 2.

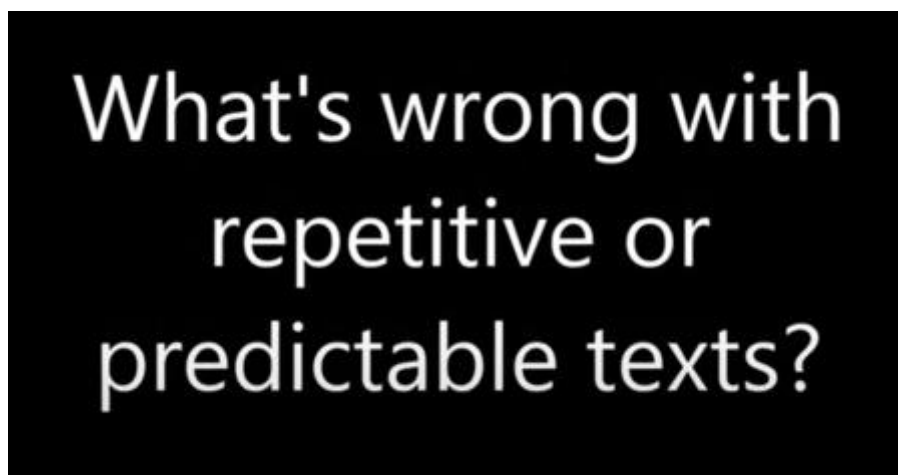
Celeste Matthews

Principal

Curriculum News

Decodable Readers

You may have noticed your child has brought home books to read for daily practice that don't have the 'traditional' level number attached to them. While we still encourage students to borrow books that interest them and increase their vocabulary, these books will need to be read by or in conjunction with an adult until students have mastered the alphabetic code that enables them to 'read' text. Students still learning and mastering the alphabetic code will be bringing home decodable readers to practice the phonics knowledge they have been taught at school. As they are exposed to more of the alphabetic code, they will be able to decode more complex books. Providing children with opportunities to read successfully and relatively independently as soon as they can is highly motivating for beginning readers. The video link below discusses the difficulties students face when attempting to read levelled texts that contain phonic knowledge they have yet to be exposed to.



1 - <https://youtu.be/jivzP3j7jbk>

Speech and language pathologist Alison Clarke has created a video explanation of the problems with repetitive text and how they compare to decodable texts



'If levelled books are given to beginning readers in the partial alphabetic stage, they tend to guess words rather than decode them. Beginning readers need to practise their reading using the letter-sound correspondences they have been taught. Levelled books are not designed to practice decoding skills.' Department for Education SA

Students will also be asked to regularly practice high frequency and 'red' words. These are words that make up a large percentage of words in children's books or are unable to be decoded through sounding out, such as 'the' and 'said'.

For further information on how you can help your child with reading practice at home, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or make a time to discuss it with me.

NAPLAN

Our year 3 and 5 students had the opportunity to participate in a NAPLAN readiness test in week 7. Most students enjoyed the opportunity to experience the format of the computerised test and all students showed persistence and resilience when faced with tricky questions. The real tests will take place in weeks 2 and 3 of term 2 and we know our students will all do their very best!

Further practice test resources and information are available at [NAP - Home](#).

Karryn Przibilla

Curriculum Coordinator

Friendly Schools









Gawler Primary School is already a safe and supportive environment for children, with recently reviewed policies in place to combat bullying and antisocial behaviour and identify safe spaces for children to play and grow in. A space that we are proud of and the students really enjoy, is our Friendly School's activity area. This area is located in a space that students identified as a safe and calm place within the school. It is full of large games (giant Jenga, giant Lego and building blocks, various other giant board games as well as bean bags and books for quiet reading/sharing with a friend) that staff and students worked together to choose. Students know this is a safe space and are able to use it during recess and lunch breaks when they are having troubles in the yard, wanting to make new friends, or just want some alone or quiet time. Our PCW (Pastoral Care Worker) and ACEO (Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer) use some of their time to communicate and check in with students in this space. The games and activities in this area promote and support students to work with others as well as allowing them the opportunity to create relationships with students of all year levels.

Mr Smale

[ACEO news](#)

Promoting culture -

Ours is a storytelling tradition, one that stretches back over 100 000 years. One of the ways we can promote our culture with the next generation is by sharing stories with them. At school, we explore some traditional stories and lore, one of the ways you can do this at home is by sharing a book before bed or sharing a story about your day, or your child's day. By encouraging good storytelling, you are helping our children to become better communicators, language users and writers.

Help keep our culture strong

Strong culture = strong kids

Strong kids = strong culture

and besides, who doesn't enjoy a good story?



School Dentist Visit

The school dentist will be visiting Gawler Primary School in term 3, week 3 to do check ups for all students. Look out for permission slips in school bags from mid term 2, this will be at no cost to families.



Attendance

Student Absence Hotline

Phone : 8522 2988

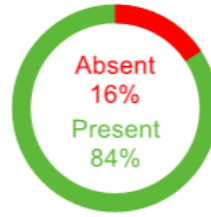
SMS : 0401 121 559

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



Year to Date (2022)

The average daily attendance rate; Year-to-Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 08/04/2022



Previous Week

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 08/04/2022

So far this year we have 87% 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 2 Calendar



NAPLAN Tuesday 10th of May - Thursday 19th of May

Year 3-5 Camp 6-8th of June

Pupil Free Day Friday 10th June

Queens Birthday Public Holiday Monday 13th of June

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Mon 2/05/2022					
Week 2 Mon 09/05/2022		NAPLAN testing commences			
Week 3 Mon 16/05/2022				NAPLAN testing finishes	
Week 4 Mon 23/05/2022	Governing Council meeting 3.45pm				
Week 5 Mon 30/05/2022					
Week 6 Mon 06/06/2022	Year 3-5 Camp	Year 3-5 Camp	Year 3-5 Camp		PUPIL FREE DAY
Week 7 Mon 13/06/2022	QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY				
Week 8 Mon 20/06/2022			Governing Council meeting 5.30pm		
Week 9 Mon 27/06/2022					
Week 10 Mon 04/07/2022					EARLY FINISH 2.05pm

Community news





Gawler

Before School Care

After School Care

Early School Finish

Pupil Free Day

Vacation Care



Get in touch

Anytime. Anyhow.

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Science

20-21 April:
Gawler Civic Centre 10am - 1pm

VACATION CARE

Only \$10 per student!



Science Shows and more!
Hands on activities with loads of STEM fun -
engineering, electric circuits, rocket launching,
slime making, non-stop individually timetabled fun!



Numbers are limited.
Book now!

admin@thesciencecollective.com
www.thesciencecollective.com



Register for Auskick

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW

Men's & Women's Seniors will be Coaches

Term 2 – Wednesday 4th May 2022

Location: WFC, Kelly Road, Willaston

Time: 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Sign up at: www.aflauskick.com.au

Search: WILLASTON FC Auskick Centre

Contact Person: Scott Burgess 0404671638



REGISTRATIONS OPEN



Auskick 2022 Sessions

First Session: Sunday – 1st May 2022

Last Session: Sunday – 3rd July 2022

Session Times: 9:00am – 10:00am

To Register go to: www.aflauskick.com.au

Search: **Gawler Central**

For Enquiries please contact:

Dave Reiman: 0478 805 528

Email: football.juniors@gcsc.com.au

INFORMATION, UPDATES & NEWS FOLLOW THE CLUB:

Please 'Like' the Club Facebook page to ensure you keep up to date.



On Facebook please search: Gawler Central Football Club

Website: www.GCSC.com.au

Kelly Sports Gawler Primary

KELLY SPORTS MULTI SPORT PROGRAM
TERM 2

FOR THE LOVE OF SPORTS
25
YEARS

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT
KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU

The advertisement features a central photograph of six children in blue Kelly Sports uniforms playing on a grassy field. Above them, various sports balls (soccer, basketball, tennis, and Kelly Sports branded balls) are arranged in a curved line. The background is a clear blue sky. The Kelly Sports logo, a stylized figure running, is positioned in the top left corner. The text 'MULTI SPORT PROGRAM' and 'TERM 2' is prominently displayed in the upper right. A circular badge in the lower left corner commemorates '25 YEARS' with the slogan 'FOR THE LOVE OF SPORTS'. At the bottom, the website 'KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU' is listed with the instruction 'BOOK ONLINE NOW AT'. The entire design is framed by a green border.

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

This term we will focus on the following sports:

✓ AFL ✓ SOCCER ✓ BASKETBALL ✓ CRAZY SPORTS

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: \$104 - 8 WEEK PROGRAM

Begins: Term 2. May 11th - June 29th

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



A reminder to remain in your car when using the 'kiss and drop' zone on Parnell Street and not to park on the verge along Nixon Tce. Expiation notices will be handed out by the Gawler Council.

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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