



# Gawler Primary School Newsletter Term 1 Week 3

## Our School Values

**Success**

**Mutual respect**

**Active participation**

**Responsibility**

**Teamwork**

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*Important dates to remember for Term 1*

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- *Wednesday 21st February - Hewett Bakery Day - Orders close via Qkr Monday 19th February 12 noon*
    - *Friday 23rd February Assembly hosted by HB6 2.30pm*
      - *Friday 8th March - Pupil Free Day*
      - *Monday 11th March - Adelaide Cup Day*
    - *Wednesday 13th - Monday 25th March - NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5*
      - *Friday 15th March - School Photo Day*
    - *Monday 18th March - Friday 22nd March - Parent/Teacher Interviews*
      - *Friday 22nd March Assembly hosted by HB4 2.30pm*
        - *Friday 29th March - GOOD FRIDAY*
        - *Monday 1st April - EASTER MONDAY*
      - *Friday 5th April Assembly hosted by HB8 2.30pm*
        - *Friday 12th April - Sports Day 8.50am*
    - *Friday 12th April - Early Dismissal 2.05pm Last day of term 1*
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## From our Principal



Welcome back for the 2024 school year!! I would officially like to welcome the families of our new Reception students and other families that have joined our school community for the first time this year. Welcome also to Cathy Raha-Lambert who will be teaching Science Wednesday-Friday, Abbey Underwood who will be working in HB4 with Maddison on a Monday and also to Karryn Przibilla who returns to us as Deputy Principal.

### **External School Review**

Next week our school will be undertaking an External School Review where a representative from the Department for Education will spend Monday and Tuesday at our site chatting to staff, students and parents about our improvement work. We will then receive a report with directions to work towards for the next three years. All South Australian schools are externally reviewed every three years.

### **Governing Council**

Thank you to all parents that have indicated they wish to be on Governing Council. We encourage all parents to have an active say in whole school decisions and this is a way that you can contribute. Just a reminder that our AGM is Monday 26th February at 3:30 followed by our first Governing Council Meeting for the year. This meeting will be held in the staffroom.

### **Meet and Greet**

It was fantastic to see so many of our families visit classrooms and then stay on for a sausage Wednesday afternoon. We are always looking for ways to improve our communication and involve our families in school life, so if you have any feedback regarding the Meet and Greet we would love to hear it. Thanks to those that have already provided us with feedback.

## Leadership News



What a great start we have had to 2024. Students have settled quickly into new classroom routines and are engaging well in classroom learning. Our junior primary teachers are working together to deliver a consistent synthetic phonics program across our site. This has involved making adjustments to the phonics sequence and testing of decodable readers to assign levels to students. You may have noticed some changes to the take home readers in the middle area. These have now been closely aligned to the teaching sequence in class and a large number of fluency readers have been added for students to use once they have thorough knowledge of the extended phonic code.

Fluency is the ability to read text accurately, quickly and with expression. Students that read with fluency, without conscious effort, can then apply their cognitive energy to gaining meaning from reading.

Staff at Gawler Primary School have been involved in tracking and monitoring students' oral reading fluency for the past two years using DIBELS assessments.

Families are encouraged to help build their student's reading fluency by

- listening to students read aloud,
- reading texts repeatedly to build confidence
- and modelling fluent, expressive reading by reading texts to students.

Students can also access apps such as *Epic!* to read along while listening to a range of children's books.

Karryn Przibilla  
Deputy Principal



Welcome to our Receptions 2024



1 - Our 2024 Receptions (photo taken by The Bunyip)

We would like to welcome our 2024 Receptions and Families to our school community.

## School Captains 2024



Congratulations to our School Captains for 2024 pictured with our Principal Celeste Matthews.

Lilly Mold (School Captain), Kai Tuohy (Vice Captain), Eddie King (Vice Captain) and Zach Reiman (School Captain)

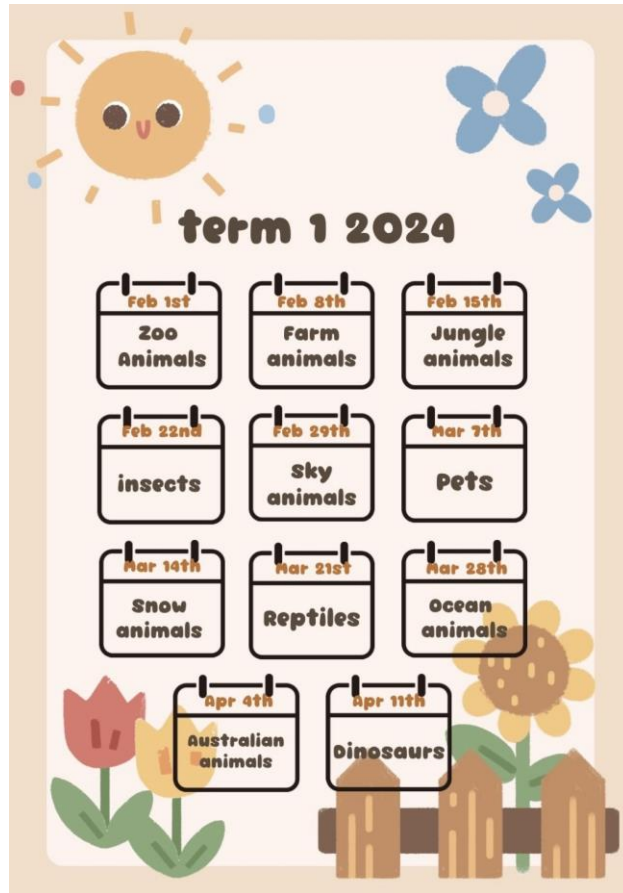
## Assembly week 2

Congratulations to award winners at our Term 1 week 2 assembly.



## Gawler Primary Playgroup





Our playgroup will run every Thursday morning from 9am till 10.30am in the breakfast club.

## School Photo Day



School Photo Day will be Friday 15th March - Photo envelopes will be sent home soon.



## Finance News

### Finance Reminders!

**Financial statements** are arriving in the post monthly and the 2024 M&S charges are due for payment now. If you are not eligible for School Card your family will receive the \$100 SA Government Rebate, reducing your fees to \$187 per child.

**School card applications** are due now. Please lodge your application as soon as possible. The online application process is quick and easy. Follow this link: [sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](https://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard).

If your family is experiencing financial difficulty, in this time of extreme cost of living, please don't hesitate to come and see our finance officer, about a payment plan.

Please be assured that wherever possible our school is looking for ways to minimise any cost to families yet still provide your children a unique and exciting learning experience.

So many ways to pay!

- Qkr
- BSB 065502 ACC 10495781
- EFTPOS
- Cash
- Centrepay

## Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club

Students are welcome to join us for a piece of toast every morning from 8.30-8.45.

Please remember to

- use your manners
- sit in breakfast club to eat your toast
- leave the area tidy when you are done

***For parents escorting their children to Breakfast Club, please wait outside the building.***

## Attendance

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*Just a reminder to all families of the importance of students attending school every day to support their learning and social development. If your child is absent for 3 days in a row or more a medical certificate is required as per department policy.*

### ***Student Absence Hotline***

***Phone : 8522 2988***

***SMS : 0428 402 425***

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

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## 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 a webster pack which a chemist can do - clearly labelled. Staff are unable to cut or break medication.

Asthma Care Plans must be provided for a child to receive Ventolin. Ventolin must be labelled with a label from a chemist and you must also provide a spacer labelled with your child's name.

## Community news



# Gawler

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

**Get in touch**  
Anytime. Anyhow.

 08 8155 5444

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 [gawler@happyhaven.sa.edu.au](mailto:gawler@happyhaven.sa.edu.au)





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## Auskick 2024 sessions Registrations Open

First Session : Sunday 29th April  
Session Times: 9–10am

Go to: <https://www.play.afl/play/auskick>  
and search for Gawler Central

For enquiries please contact:  
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[football.juniors@gcsc.com.au](mailto:football.juniors@gcsc.com.au)





# COME AND TRY HOCKEY!

WITH THE GAWLER HOCKEY CLUB

## Dates & Times

Wednesday 6th of March  
5:00pm - 6:00pm

Wednesday 13th of March  
5:00pm - 6:00pm

## Location

Trinity College Evanston Park  
(See our website for map).

## Cost & Equipment

The two come and try sessions are free of charge!

All equipment provided. Mouthguards recommended.



For all enquiries call:

Bec Barrett: 0411 241 853

Lisa Johnson: 0419 110 725

To register interest:

ghcjuniors@outlook.com.au

www.gawlerhockeyclub.com

# PLAYERS WANTED

**U9s**

**U11s**

WE ARE SEEKING JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS  
TO FILL OUR U9 & U11 TEAMS FOR THE  
2024 SEASON

STARTING WEDNESDAY MARCH 13 4.30PM

REGISTER NOW:

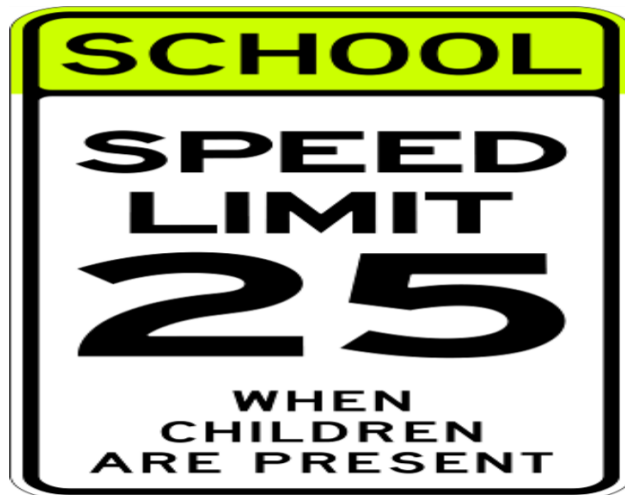
<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/2f0625>

CONTACT:

KIMBERLEY BATCHELOR 0412 231 018



## 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. No parking is permitted on School Road. (permit parking only) 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 **Audiri App** to keep up to date with everything going on around Gawler Primary School!

### **Gawler Primary School**

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