



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Term 1 Week 1
February 2024

*"The importance of reading, for me, it that it allows you to dream."
Eric Ripert*

A warm welcome to the 2024 school year.

I'd like to make a special welcome to our 44 new Receptions and their families as they begin their schooling journey. Welcome also to other students and their families who are new to the school. We start the school year with 365 students.

Before and After School Supervision

Teachers begin yard duty in the morning at 8:30am. Please make sure your child is not coming to school before this time. OSHC is available from 6:30 until 8:30am in the mornings. We have noticed students arriving before 8.30am (as early as 8.00am!!) by entering through the back gate or Senior School. Please check that your child does not enter the grounds before 8.30am. We know that every minute counts in learning. Our learning starts at 8.45am. It is extremely important for all children to be organized and ready to learn together in their classrooms at 8.45am. This year our Front Gate will be closing directly after the 8.45am learning bell is sounded. If your child is late, they will need to enter via College Central and then collect a late pass from our Junior School Front Office. Teachers are on duty in the afternoon until 3:30pm.

The first few weeks

During the first few weeks of the school year our learning focuses on:

- students and teachers getting to know each other
- discussing routines
- negotiating shared responsibilities along with talking about and practicing ways to work together to create safe and successful learning environments in our Junior School.

Acquaintance Night

We will have our Acquaintance Night next week on Thursday night 8/2/24 between 4.30pm – 5.35pm. We are providing 2 session times for families. Teachers will be available in their rooms and will present some information about their learning programs this year. There will be time for some questions and answers. The Acquaintance invitation have been sent home, please RSVP asap.

Hats on

Our Hat Policy takes affect this term. All children are expected to have a school hat that they will wear outside during P.E. and break times. To ensure your child is able to participate in P.E. and play during break times please label your child's hat clearly with their name and class.

Facebook and Class Seesaw

Please take up the invitation to join our school Facebook page and your child's classroom Seesaw app. They both enable us the opportunity to provide up to date information, reminders and alerts.

Kind Regards,

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DIARY DATES

WEEK 2

Thursday 8th Feb

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

4.30pm – 5.00pm
5.05pm – 5.35pm

WEEK 3

Tuesday 13th Feb

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Thursday 15th Feb

ASSEMBLY 1.30pm
in the Pavillion
(all welcome)

Our Term 1 Calendar of important dates and events is attached- for you to display at home.





GAWLER & DISTRICT
COLLEGE B-12



You are invited to
the GDC Junior School

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

Thursday 8th February 2024

4.30pm- 5.00pm

AND SESSION REPEATED

5.05pm – 5.35pm

Please join us as we showcase our Junior School learning.

Teachers will be available in their rooms and will present information about their learning programmes this year.

Classroom routines and expectations, including whole school Diary use and our Home Reading program will be explained in detail.

There will be time for some questions and answers.

Presentations will be held in all classrooms.

Teachers will present at 4.30pm and then repeat their presentation again at 5.05pm.

Families will have the opportunity to attend either sessions.

PLEASE RETURN RSVP SLIP BY 7TH FEBRUARY TO CLASS TEACHER OR REPLY ON SEESAW

We will be attending

Rooms: and

We will not be attending.

NAME



2024 Term One

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 JS Newsletter	29/1 TERM 1 STARTS *PRC Begins	30/1	31/1	1/2	2/2
Week 2	5/2	6/2	7/2 World Read Aloud Day	8/2 Acquaintance Night	9/2
Week 3 JS Newsletter	12/2	13/2 Photo Day	14/2	15/2 Assembly	16/2
Week 4	19/2	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/2
Week 5	26/2 12.00 Dux Assembly Governing Council 6pm	27/2	28/2	29/2	1/3 Clean Up School Day
Week 6 JS Newsletter	4/3	5/3	6/3	7/3 Assembly	8/3
Week 7 NAPLAN WEEK	11/3 ADELAIDE CUP	12/3	13/3 NAPLAN Writing	14/3 NAPLAN Reading	15/3 PUPIL FREE DAY
Week 8 NAPLAN WEEK	18/3 NAPLAN Lang Conventions	19/3 NAPLAN Numeracy	20/3	21/3 Harmony Day	22/3 JS Disco
Parent Teacher Interview Week Week 9 JS Newsletter	25/3 Governing Council 6pm	26/3	27/3	28/3 Assembly	29/3 GOOD FRIDAY
Week 10	1/4 EASTER MONDAY	2/4	3/4	4/4	5/4
Week 11	8/4	9/4	10/4	11/4	12/4 LAST DAY OF TERM 2.15 DISMISSAL

