

Week ending 1 MAY 2009

TRINITY TERM

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ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CAMPUS NEWSLETTER



Gawura

ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL SCHOOL
Founded 2007

Welcome to Gawura

Welcome back to a busy and exciting Term 2 in Gawura and I hope everyone has had a relaxing Easter Holiday.

We also welcome Kade and Keon, who are joining Gawura in Year 4. The Gawura Campus enrolment is now at 24 students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

NAPLAN

We again have high expectations of what we want to achieve in class this Term as well as many cultural and school based events. In particular, over the next few weeks Year 3 and 5 will be preparing for and participating in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing.

Like Gawura, the National Assessment is in its 2nd year and replaces the NSW Basic Skills Test. I am confident that the students will do their very best and find it a rewarding experience.

- Tuesday 12 May: Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 13 May: Reading
- Thursday 14 May: Numeracy

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SONGS AND DANCES

A big thank you goes to Mrs Belshaw who continues to work with the Gawura students and community on establishing a bank of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander songs and dances.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The Winter Sport uniform includes the **School cap** and **full tracksuit**. During Term 2, the boys and girls in Years 3 to 6 will be participating in ASISSA OZ Tag and the Kindergarten to Year 2 children will be involved in skill development at In-School Sport.

Please remember your **drink bottle**, **School cap** and **full tracksuit**.

The **Homework Centre** operates each **Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:15pm to 4:10pm**.

HAPPY 2ND BIRTHDAY GAWURA!

It is always important to recognise milestones and important dates in the School calendar; the commencement of Term 2 marks Gawura's 2nd anniversary.

At this time many people need to be thanked, importantly the Gawura students who come to school each day with a smile on their faces and the Gawura parents, who whole heartedly support their children's education. Special mention needs to go to Mr Heath who is in his last Term at SACS.

Mr Heath's vision drove Gawura's creation and inspired its success. Our thanks and thoughts are with Mr Heath and his family.



UP COMING DATES FOR THE CALENDAR:

GAWURA PARENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING

Wednesday 6 May

3.30pm

Level 2, Robinson Centre

SACS CROSS COUNTRY

CARNIVAL

Thursday 7 May

NAPLAN (YEARS 3 AND 5)

12, 13 and 15 May

ASSISA CROSS COUNTRY

CARNIVAL

Thursday 21 May 2009

NATIONAL SORRY DAY

Tuesday 26 May

GAWURA NAIDOC WEEK

CELEBRATIONS

29 June to 3 July

Word for the Week:

ASININE