



# GRIFFITH TUTORING CENTRE CHALKBOARD

Quarterly Newsletter

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## GTC BRIGHT STARS

Our learning assessments are re-taken at the end of every semester to gauge how students are progressing and identify new areas for improvement for the students to work on with their tutors. We are super proud of the gains made by many of our students, a selection of which we have high-lighted below;

- Alexandra C.—Maths 97%
- Andrew M.—Spelling +1yr 5mths
- Austin S.—Comprehension + 1yr 11mths
- Billy C— Maths 92%
- Dante S.— Comprehension + 1yr 8mths
- Lachlan D.— Spelling+ 1yr 10mths
- Dean S.— Reading + 1yr 5mths
- Michaela T.— Comprehension 2yrs 7mths
- Noah B.— Spelling + 1yr 3mths
- Stella M.— Reading + 1yr 1mth
- William C.—Spelling + 4yrs 3mths
- Logan E.— Comprehension + 1yr 3mths
- Safwanul H.— Reading + 1yr 3mths
- Jasper W.— Comprehension + 1yr 4mths
- Aston R.— Comprehension + 1yr
- Chevy D.— Spelling + 1yr
- Cooper H.— Spelling + 1yr
- Shiloh N— Reading + 2yrs 8mths
- Sofiya H.—Spelling + 2yrs 11mths
- Violet C.—Spelling + 2yrs 3mths
- Xavier T.—Comprehension + 1yr 3mths
- Xavier W.—Reading + 1yr 5mths
- Aarvav R.— Reading + 1yr
- Alex R.— Reading + 1yr
- Keerat J.—Reading + 1yr
- Talon W.— Comprehension + 3yrs 7mths
- Lilliana D.— Comprehension + 10mths
- Luca V.—Spelling +1yr 6mths
- Imogen S.— Spelling + 1yr 7mths
- Arya R.— Spelling + 2yrs 3mths
- Ruby R.— Spelling + 11mths
- Apurv P.— Reading + 1yr 4mths
- Sami S.— Comprehension + 1yr 4mths
- Ruby S.— Reading + 1yr 3mths
- Oliver B.— Comprehension + 1yr 8mths
- Marnia H.— Spelling + 1yr 4mths
- Hayden T.— Reading + 1yr 2mths
- Austin L.— Spelling + 11mths
- Ethan B.—Reading + 2yrs 6mths
- William B.— Spelling + 10mths
- Celine D.— Reading + 1yr 1mths

We also often feature the achievements of our students on our Facebook page and website, so keep an eye out for the smiling faces of our proud students there too.



This term our raffle prize for a **Positive Attitude and Hard Work** goes to **Havana Carusi!**  
*Which prize will Havana choose?!*  
*What new prize should we add to the cabinet next?*



*We are always looking for new prize ideas, so that our cabinet stays fresh and exciting! We'd love to here your cool ideas!*

## Updated Maths Tests

Recently, we have reviewed our

Primary Maths Assessments to ensure that they cover all areas of the most recent curriculum for each year level. As a result, there is a greater variety of questions for students to answer across three main topic areas;

- ◆ Number and Algebra
- ◆ Measurement and Geometry
- ◆ Probability and Statistics

Unfortunately, the transition between old and new maths assessments has caused some difficulties with how to communicate results in the Student Progress Reports. If you would like this explained to you, please contact us on 0474328 911.



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*In 2023, students who display a strong work ethic and a positive attitude to learning during their weekly session, will enter the draw to win an end of year prize.*



## Unleash the Power of Knowledge through Reading

No matter your age, carving out time for reading every day can make a world of difference. Here's why:

**Academic Success:** Reading regularly improves language skills, vocabulary, and comprehension. It enhances critical thinking abilities and helps students excel in various subjects. Strong reading skills are the foundation for success in school and beyond.

**Expanding Knowledge:** Books are treasure troves of information and ideas. Daily reading exposes students to new concepts, cultures, and perspectives. It broadens their horizons, sparks curiosity, and fosters a love for lifelong learning.

**Improved Writing Skills:** Reading and writing go hand in hand. The more students read, the more they are exposed to different writing styles and techniques. This exposure enhances their own writing abilities, helping them become effective communicators.

**Enhanced Focus and Concentration:** Regular reading requires concentration and focus. By engaging with a book for sustained periods, students strengthen their ability to concentrate on tasks and stay engaged. This skill is invaluable for studying and completing assignments.

**Critical Thinking and Problem Solving:** Reading exposes students to diverse characters, complex storylines, and thought-provoking ideas. It stimulates critical thinking and encourages students to analyze, evaluate, and make connections. These skills are vital for solving problems and making informed decisions.

For children who are learning to read, an adult reading more complex texts, like chapter books, with them, is equally important and also has the added value of instilling a love of books.

## 2023 IMPORTANT DATES



### TERM 01

Tuesday, January 31st - Thursday, April 6th  
10 x Weeks.  
Closed Staff Development Day (Monday, 30th Jan)  
Closed Good Friday (Friday, 7th April)

**TERM 02**  
Monday, April 24th - Friday, June 30th  
10 x Weeks.  
Closed ANZAC Day (Tuesday, 25th April)  
Closed King's Birthday (Monday, 12th June)



### TERM 03

Monday, July 17th - Friday, September 22nd  
10 x Weeks.

**TERM 04**  
Monday, October 9th - Friday, December 15th  
10 x Weeks.  
Closed Staff Development Days  
(Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th December)



## Primary Tutors Needed!

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**Term 3 immediate start  
Please Spread the Word!**

## TEACHER FEATURES



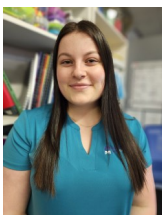
Charmi, a recent graduate of Marian Catholic College, joined GTC early in 2023. Charmi's expertise has proven invaluable for our senior students, who she supports with Mathematics up to HSC Extension 2 level.



Shivani is a qualified high school Mathematics Teacher who has been working at GTC for one term so far. She is passionate about supporting students as they develop their numeracy skills. Shivani works with small groups of secondary students each Thursday.



Catherine, our English Tutor, has published her first book—a poetry anthology! We offer a huge congratulations on this achievement, but it does also mean that she will be leaving us next term to tour the countryside. Best of luck, Catherine!



**Kate moves on to perseu her HSC**  
As exams draw near, Kate has decided to cut back on other distractions. Her friendly face and efficiency will be greatly missed. We wish her the best of luck in her HSC and beyond.

## 24 hours Prior Notice of Absence Required from Term 2, 2023

- ▶ Our Enrolment Terms and Conditions have been updated. This information has been communicated via SMS, email, Facebook and signage in centre.
- ▶ From Monday 24th April, 2023, this is the minimum notice required to be eligible for catch-up lessons.
- ▶ Thank you for cooperating with these changes which will allow us to make more catch up sessions available and better manage our staffing processes.