Junior Site Bites

Gifted and talented students in ACT public schools – information session for families and the community Tuesday 8 April 2014
Families and members of the community are invited to attend an information session focusing on how ACT public schools and families can work in partnership to support gifted and talented students in ACT public schools. This information session will take place at 5:30–6:30pm on Tuesday 8 April at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive, Stirling ACT. Registration for this session is not required and tea, coffee, water and juice will be provided beforehand. Principals are required to ensure that appropriate strategies and provisions are made for all gifted and talented students enrolled at their school. Principals and staff will work with families, students and community members to support the process of identifying and meeting the needs of all gifted and talented students at their school. Schools will be active in engaging families and the community throughout this process.

On 28 February 2014 the Minister for Education and Training launched the Gifted and Talented Students Policy 2014. A copy of the policy is available at http://www.det.act.gov.au. At Gold Creek School the first point of contact is Brenda Ryan who can be contacted on 62051814.

Three Way Interviews
It has been fabulous to see so many parents and families participating in our reporting processes, namely the three way interview. Students have led their parents through their goal setting for 2014, and clearly articulated their timeframe and strategies to achieve their goals. Thank you to parents for supporting this valuable process.

Lost Property
We have an exorbitant amount of lost property at the front office, so much so that we can’t close the lid on the box! Much of it is labelled, so please send your child to the front office to look through the lost property box, or feel free to drop in and have a look for yourself, as often the kids don’t look as thoroughly as we would like... There are lots of jumpers, and with the cooler weather approaching, these will be much sought after items in every home.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say Bullying, No Way! and to strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. On Thursday we acknowledged this day through a whole school activity. Students worked with buddy classes across campus to further develop their understanding and role in taking action against bullying. Check out the pictures on the third page! A fun day was had by all.

Kate Stuckey
Associate Principal

Notes home
-Yr 5 camp EOI
-Yr 6 Shirts
-PSSA Swimming

TERM 1 ASSEMBLY ROSTER
• W1 no assembly
• W2 Junior School
• W3 P-2 (Specialists)
• W4 3-6 (Year 3)
• W5 P-2 (Year 2)
• W6 3-6 (Year 5/6)
• W7 P-2 (Kindergarten)
• W8 3-6 (Year 4)
• W9 P-2 (Year 1)
• W10 Anzac Assembly (K-10 Thursday)

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Year 3 News
The Year 3 teaching team and students have launched into their inaugural unit of inquiry, “Earth’s position in space impacts upon living things.” We have learned that as the third rock from the sun, the Earth’s tilt in combination with our orbit around the sun influences our seasons. We have also learned that the moon plays a critical role in generating daily tides around the world.

We are beginning to explore naturally occurring cycles on the planet that we have no control over, such as the water cycle.

Students from all three classes have created some fabulous artwork, held some intriguing conversations about our position in space and have been working hard at our persuasive writing and number strands.

Our learning journey continues.

Ms Pickering, Mrs Harding, Mrs Giampietro, Mr Warre and Ms Birch

OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update
For the remainder of March and the beginning of April our educational program at OSHClub will focus on Our Living Planet and then Outer Space. The week leading up to Easter will be full of fun Easter activities and crafts.

Please remember when you come in to check lost property under the sink in the Comets room.

Our up and coming holiday program is filling up, so please book now. Look out for our full newsletter at the sign out area and on your email. We hope all families have a safe and happy break over Easter. Kathleen and team.

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0402 611 484
Program Manager: Kathleen Rigby
Coordinators: Alisha, Sophie and Lia
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Gold Creek School P&C Meeting

The P&C General Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 March 2014 at 6:30pm in the Primary Site Office, followed by a barbecue with new parents. This is the first P&C meeting since the amalgamation of the Preschool Association with our K-10 P&C. At the meeting, to assist parents applying for Working with Vulnerable People cards, we will be offering a ‘sight and sign’ session to witness documents. A copy of the application is attached and applicants should bring the completed form and two passport sized photos. More information on the Working with Vulnerable People requirements is available at http://www.ors.act.gov.au/community/working_with_vulnerable_people.

A copy of the agenda and more information is also available on the P&C website at http://goldcreekschoolpandc.org.au/2014/03/19/agenda-pc-meeting-wed-26-march-new-parents-welcome/.

Please encourage new families to the school, particularly from the Pre-school, Kindergarten and Defence families to attend.

Paul Singer
Secretary, Gold Creek P&C

Year 5/6 News

Greetings! Can you believe we are already at the end of week 7?!

We have just wrapped up our three-way interviews and we are very proud of our students and their confidence in leading us through their work and goals. If you did not get a chance to meet with any of us, please send us an email and we can work out a time to meet.

We are just finishing our Identity unit and are astounded by the quality of work being created. Next week we will begin our next unit: How we organise ourselves; which will discuss government and decision making. By the end of the unit, the students will be familiar with various forms of government, and will have designed their own personal country and government.

Year 5/6 Team