Senior Site Bites

Associate Principal

We have had a busy week on the Senior Site. We have farewelled Glenda Websdale for the rest of the year. Shannon Birch will be supporting Priscilla Wray as Associate Principal on Thursdays and Fridays. Paul Dorsett will be supporting the Student Services team as acting School Leader until end of term three. Priscilla Wray, Shannon Birch, Brenda Ryan and Kate Stuckey (Associate Principal’s) all work very closely with our Principal, Linda Baird, in realising our strategic goals for Gold Creek School. We are enjoying working with parents, carers and students in helping Gold Creek School maximise learning outcomes for all students.

This week we celebrated National Reconciliation Week at Gold Creek. Staff, students and families participated in a range of activities supporting and further developing understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. This culminated at our Thursday assembly with a presentation of completed art work and gifts to our invited guest Karen Murphy, our ATSI Family Support Officer.

This is a period of time in our academic calendar when student assignments are due. Students should be ensuring they are managing and organising their time well. Please encourage students to approach their teachers early to seek support and clarification of tasks and assignments. The tutor group teacher is someone who students, parents and carers can utilise in reaching specific subject teachers.

We have had a number of very successful excursions this week. Year 7 German students attended the National Capital Zoo and Aquarium and negotiated it via instructions in German. Year 10 students visited Gungahlin College in preparation for next year in the college setting. We have our Melbourne excursion for Year 10 History happening now.

Finally as the cooler weather is approaching we ask families to support Gold Creek School in the wearing of school uniform.

Thank you

Reconciliation Week

This week Gold Creek School recognised Reconciliation Week. Students participated across the school in a range of activities including boomerang throwing and Indigenous sports. We ended the week with a formal assembly during which time our students presented Mrs Baird and the school with several gifts including this artwork created by the hand of our students.
**Debate News**

Just a note to brag about our Gold Creek 1 debating team (Tara, Tessa, Kira and Emily). The latest news is that the team is 9th in the ACT debating Union competition out of a field of 38 teams. This places GC in the top ten debating teams in the ACT. What a great effort for the Girls and what a great result for GC.

**Science News**

On Tuesday during Reconciliation Week Ms McInnes, Mr West and Mr DeZylva took the Year 10 classes out to investigate the science of boomerangs.

**Defence News**

The following events are available for Defence families in Canberra this week which you may be interested in attending.

**Snapshot Seminars**

DCO Canberra invites Defence members and partners to attend quarterly information sessions on relevant topics of interest to assist a military lifestyle. The guest speaker for the first seminar will be from CONTACT, Canberra which is a resource of information as well as an advocacy and referral service for all residents of Canberra. In this seminar CONTACT will promote their services to Defence families, it will be particularly useful to new residents to Canberra. Refreshments will be provided, children welcome but childcare not provided.

*Where:* DCO Office, 8 Thesiger Court, Deakin  
*When:* Tuesday 3 June 2014 from 5.30-6.30pm  
*RSVP:* dco.canberra@defence.gov.au

**Soldier On Fundraiser – Ice Hockey Match**

Soldier On (www.soldieron.org.au) supports men and women who have been physically or psychologically wounded in service of their country. Soldier On raises awareness, support and money within Australian communities to help enhance reintegration and recovery of our veterans. This allows veterans better access to services including rehabilitation, community events, education, employment and empowerment. The Australian Ice Hockey League are supporting Soldier On through the following event:

*What:* CBR Brave vs Melbourne Ice, Ice Hockey Match  
*When:* Sunday 1 June 2014 5pm, doors open 4pm  
*Where:* Phillip Ice Skating Centre, Irving St Phillip  
*Tickets:* pre purchased through the Braves website https://cbrbrave.com.au or at the door  
*How:* Soldier On promoted at the event, proceeds from tickets to Soldier On, buckets handed around to collect money, Soldier On merchandise will be available to buy.

Regards  
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**Lost Property**

To ensure a speedy return of any missing items, please clearly label all clothing.