**Junior Site Bites**

**Associate Principal**

Students in years 3-6 enjoyed a presentation on ‘Say No to Racism’. This presentation equipped students with a better understanding on what racism is and is not, as well as supporting their attitudes to developing international mindedness. As an IBO PYP (International Baccalaureate Organisation Primary Years Programme) school, our mission is to develop Gold Creek students who promote inclusiveness, acceptance and understanding of others. This idea of global citizenship is also being explored in our year 5/6 classes in their current unit of inquiry on migration. The year 5/6 students heard migration stories from a variety of people in our community during the week and have learned of the opportunities and hardships that come with migrating. I urge you to continue these discussions with your children at home and how as Australians we can embrace and respect the diversity of both our school community and the Australian Community in general.

Thank you to our wonderful P and C who hosted the winter school movie night on Thursday. This was a wonderful family event and supported school fundraising initiatives of the P and C. A big thank you to Matthew and Cathy Willimott for catering this fantastic evening.

**CAR PARK:** Please ensure the safety of all students and parents by parking in the designated parking areas only. There is to be no parking in the preschool car park drop off zone and those parents collecting students should not under any circumstances double park and encourage students to enter their cars whist double parked on the road. As a community we have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all people by obeying the road rules and communicating respectfully should a situation arise.

Regards

Angela Spence—Associate Principal

IBO mission is to ‘develop . . young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect’.

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**Gold Creek School Snow Sport Report**

Last Sunday the 6 September the ACT Schools Cup was held at Perisher Valley Ski Resort. The Schools Cup is a competition for ACT schools only. After Gold Creek School’s success at the Interschool’s Snowsports Championships held in July, the team were excited and filled with confidence to continue cementing the School’s name throughout the Snow Sports community. The competition consisted only of the Alpine event being raced.

Due to injury and other School representative commitments the team were limited in our representative capacity. The Gold Creek team consisted of: Jasmin Hippit (4B), Zoe Hippit (1C) and Daniel Harmer (2C), along with fathers Graham Hippit and James Harmer. The team all displayed significant improvement with their Sking techniques and put in a lot of effort, impressing the crowd and their fathers for Father’s Day. Out of 25 participants competing in Division 5 (year 4 and below) Jasmin came 1st, Daniel 16th and Zoe 17th, all very respectable results considering they were racing against athletes who compete and train regularly. The whole event was conducted with a high amount of comradery and sportsmanship among participants.

The Gold Creek School Snows Sports team had a fantastic day. We really encourage any skiers and snowboarders from both the Junior and Senior sites to join the team for the 2016 season. It provides an excellent opportunity to develop as Skiers and Snowboarders and represent the school with pride.

Mr Brendan Carswell
Snow Sports Coordinator
Year 5 News
In year 5, we have been starting to think about the Primary Years Program Exhibitions for 2016, which will be the first time that Gold Creek have completed this International Baccalaureate process. We were extremely fortunate to be invited to see the Radford College Year 6’s exhibitions on Tuesday September 8. While we were a little hesitant about what it meant to do an exhibition, we came away from our time there feeling very excited about what lies ahead for next year!

This week we started working on our new unit of inquiry, focusing on the transdisciplinary theme of Where We Are In Place And Time, with a focus on human migration. We have broken down our Central Idea, ‘Human migration is a response to risks, challenges and opportunities’, and the Lines of Inquiry. The year 5’s and 6’s were really lucky to have six members of the Gold Creek community talk to us about their experiences of migration on Wednesday afternoon. We wanted to say a special thank you to Mr Watkins, Mrs Ahmed, Mrs Baird, Ms Needham, Mrs Arora, Mrs James and Ms Spence for their time and information.

We are MOST excited to be heading to Camp Cooba next Wednesday, it can’t come soon enough!

Merit Awards yrs P-6

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Payment Facility via Mobile Devices
Families are now able to make payments to the school from their mobile devices using the ‘Payment Tab’ on the school website.

Language Acquisition Forum
Supporting Learners with a Mother Tongue*
17 September at 6.30 - 7.30pm
Gold Creek Junior Site Library
Is your child a ‘native speaker’ of a language other than English?
Does your child understand more easily in another language?
Does your child use another language?

Parents and families of Multilingual students are invited to Gold Creek School for a Parent Forum about Language Acquisition.
Guest Speaker: Associate Professor Elke Stracke, Dr Applied Linguistics and TESOL from the University of Canberra
*Mother tongue is a term used for the language first learned by a student.

ACTION Bus Timetable Changes
On Monday 12 October 2015, ACTION will be implementing a new timetable for the weekday bus network. This includes some timing changes to the ACTION schools network.

There have been changes to your dedicated school service/s. Many regular route services have also changed and students using these services will be also affected. This new timetable information is now available on the ACTION website www.action.act.gov.au