

# Junior Site Bites



**Term 1**  
**Week 4**  
1 March 2019

**Dates to remember:**  
[Calendar](#)

- **4 Mar** – Catch up Photo Day
- **5 Mar** – ‘Shoot Key’ for photos given out
- **11 Mar** – Canberra Day

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Today at assembly we introduced our Cultural Integrity focus. As an IB school, we are committed to ensuring we develop respect and cultural understanding of all students and families in our community. At Gold Creek we are committed to ensure that our school environment demonstrates respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures, knowledge systems and languages. As a whole school, students from Preschool to Year 10 will commence a two week focus on developing our understanding of how ‘Communities evolve through intercultural understanding’ – with a focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. We will be showcasing our learning at the Senior Site Library on Harmony day, Thursday 21 March! Details below:



**Harmony Day Learning Exhibition**  
Thursday 21 March  
Senior Site Library  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

We also welcome this week our new Indigenous Education Officer, Ms Belinda Kinchela-Bashford, who will help support us at Gold Creek School. Belinda will be working with both staff and students to assist us to build our Cultural Integrity and to meet the needs and aspirations of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Belinda will be with us each Thursday and Friday - if you see her around please make her feel welcome!



As an International Baccalaureate school, we work to developing the attributes of the Learner Profile in all our students. I am sure that many of our existing families know these well, as we build on these skills each day! For our new parents, our 10 Attributes are: Knowledgeable, Caring, Reflective, Inquirers, Open-Minded, Communicators, Risk-takers, Principled, Balanced and Thinkers. Please talk to your child about what it means to be, for example, Principled, to help further develop these skills beyond the school grounds. If you want some further information about our Primary Years Programme, please visit [PYP Programme - Gold Creek](#).

Our PBL focus this week has been around being safe – including being SunSmart when outside. Our hats we have as uniform are either:

Broad Brim hats



OR



Legionnaire hats

Please don't allow your child to wear baseball caps, as they are not deemed sun safe by the Australian Cancer Council. Please also ensure that all hats are labelled to prevent lost hats!

Finally, this week I posted a photo on Facebook of our oval upgrade! If you get a chance, come over and look at our new outdoor environment!

Have a great weekend enjoying the last of our summer warmth!

Yours in Learning, Jacqui

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## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Wow, what a busy start to the year we have had in Kindergarten! During our first few weeks we have started investigating letters using a hands-on approach. We have focused on the letters Ss and Aa and are moving towards Tt.



We have been identifying who we are, who is in our family and what we do with our family that makes it special to us.



We have also been looking at different types of patterns and identifying and counting whole numbers.

### Home learning

The Kindergarten team would like all families to read at home with their children. Reading should be fun and joyful for your child. You can read stories to your child, with your child or listen to your child read. If your family speaks a language other than English, we encourage you to read to your child in your first language.

You can show your child the title of the book and where the sentences start. Then as you read you can point to the words as you read them. You can also talk with your child about letters of the alphabet.

*The Kindergarten Team*

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## LIBRARY NEWS

We have been very lucky this year to be receiving assistance in the library from a variety of volunteers. They provide an invaluable service to you and your library and the library staff appreciate their help very much.

### Thank you library monitors:

Year 4 - Chloe M, Anureet D, Kayla H, Katya E, Elodie B, Emily M, Sami C, Laila S, Tahleya V, Caitlin A, Stephanie M, Caitlin M, Lily M, Sumaiya K,

Year 5/6 - Abbi R, Michon M, Zunairah S, Alishba K, Amanda P, Lachlan R, Chloe F, Max F, Phong H, Harry N, Anastasia E, Kunna K, Neve O, Natalie D

Not only do they re-shelve books and tidy up, they also take care of our littlest students 😊 We really have a dynamic group of library monitors this term!!



### Thank you community volunteers:

Leaf Lin  
Trudy Brown (and little Isabel)  
Joy Urquhart  
Tess McEvilly (and little Annabelle)

You don't have to book a permanent commitment to help out, Meredith Steele just popped in yesterday when she had a spare half hour. There is always something to do!

*Keryn Hoeschle*  
Teacher Librarian

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS – WEEK 4

<b>3A</b> Oliver G Dev G	<b>3B</b> Olive F Sophie W	<b>3C</b> Joseph J-T Mason S	<b>3D</b> Ginevra M Ashton M
<b>4A</b> Anureet D Jasna C	<b>4B</b> Emily M Narth S	<b>4C</b> Ryan M Leo C	<b>5/6 A</b> Kane B Faiyaz M
<b>5/6 B</b> Anastasia P	<b>5/6 C</b> Joseph I Abby H	<b>5/6 D</b> Kael B Zohal I	<b>5/6 E</b> Joseph H Daniel H

<b>TERM 1 ASSEMBLY ROSTER</b>
• Wk 5 Year 1
• Wk 6 Year 3
• Wk 7 Harmony Day
• Wk 8 Kindergarten
• Wk 9 Languages/EALD
• Wk 10 Whole School ANZAC Assembly

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## SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2019

Last Thursday the Junior School held the annual inter house Swimming Carnival at Gungahlin Leisure Centre. The day was a great success with high attendance and participation in the competitive races and the novelty activities on offer.

The Swimming Carnival is an important event on the annual calendar of our school and provides many positive, tangible outcomes including integrating with our broader community, strengthening our partnership with Gungahlin College, building strong school culture, encouraging and providing opportunities for physical development and risk taking and most importantly providing a fun day for our lovely students.

Whilst there were many stand out individual performances I would like to commend all attendees who contributed to make the day so enjoyable. Some of the most pleasing aspects of the carnival was the excellent behaviour of students who displayed all the school's values whilst in attendance. I also observed a positive sense of culture within each of the House teams, with our newly elected House Captains doing a commendable job in their newly elected leadership positions.

There were also numerous stand out individual and relay performances in the pool which will be highlighted at the awards assembly coming up

In our carnival 50m **heat** winners, those who placed first to fourth, received a place ribbon on the day. The results of all the heats will now be combined and ribbons given out at assembly to the top three recorded times in that event and age group. The presentation assembly will be a few weeks away as we need to have the pressed gold medallions for age champions. The school will also email parents of the students who will be receiving ribbons. Some of these swimmers will represent Gold Creek School at the North Gungahlin Zone Primary Carnival at the AIS on 8 April.

We had novelty events, water park fun and 15m races in the shallow pool. The day catered to all levels of swimming ability and a fun day was had by everyone.

A big thank you to all Gold Creek Junior Site staff for their support and efforts on the day with a special thank you to the volunteers and Mr Russell for all the additional time invested to ensure a fantastic carnival for all. Thanks also goes to Mr Miley for capturing the essence of the day with some beautifully detailed photography.

*Julian Fior*

*PE Teacher*



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## SCHOOL PHOTOS



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The 'shoot key' for school photos will be handed to students on Tuesday, 5 March, orders can be placed online from Tuesday, 5 March until Tuesday, 19 March. **Any orders received after the 19 March will incur a \$12.95 late/postage fee.** Please read below for more information. [Creativeschoolportraits.com.au](http://Creativeschoolportraits.com.au).

### PLEASE NOTE NEW WEBSITE

[www.creativeschoolportraits.com.au](http://www.creativeschoolportraits.com.au)

Select "Order Online", choose background & package (To see all packages available, click "View All")

To add other children at this school, click "change shoot" at the top left corner.

Please check all backgrounds/packages in cart carefully before checkout as changes cannot be made after order is completed.

All packages ordered before Tuesday 19th March will be returned to the school. If you have an issue with your order or missing your order, please notify us within 14 days of photos being returned to school.

**After Tuesday, 19 March a LATE FEE of \$12.95 will be added to the purchase price and the package will be posted directly to you**