Senior Site Bites

Associate Principal

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Congratulations to everyone on a smooth start to the semester. Students have settled into classes and will receive unit outlines for each of their courses during next week. These will be available on our school website, under the curriculum tab in High School Unit Outlines, Semester 2. Unit Outlines provide important information about the content in terms of the skills, knowledge and understanding students will be learning within a course as well as the homework and assessment requirements of the course.

As a school community we have been doing a lot of work developing our school vision and mission statement. During Year Meetings and Social and Emotional learning this week students will have opportunities to unpack what this means for us and how we operate within the Gold Creek School community.

Gold Creek School Vision

We aim to give you an outstanding world-class education and provide opportunities to develop your whole of life skills within a multi-cultural environment. Our focus is on academic excellence and rigour in both teaching and learning across all key learning areas.

Gold Creek School Mission Statement

Gold Creek School is committed to providing high quality educational programmes.

The Gold Creek learning community fosters innovative lifelong learners who:

- strive for excellence;
- celebrate their own and others’ success;
- embrace and demonstrate mutual respect of others;
- promote inclusiveness, acceptance and understanding; and
- positively engage in citizenship.

There are many opportunities for students to engage in extra-curricular activities, excursions, in-excursions, the School Productions, school discos, etc this year. Students need to ensure they are not on the No Go List as a result of missing classes, being consistently out of uniform, on a Sand agreement or above to allow their participation in the above activities. Our Student Leadership Council have a disco planned for next Thursday, 14th of August and notes with details have been handed out to students this week.

Warm regards,

Priscilla Wray
Associate Principal

Dates to remember:

- 11 Aug - ACT Netball 13+ Yrs
- 12 Aug - Indigenous Health Day Excursion
- 13 Aug - P&C Meeting 6:30pm Junior Site
- 14 Aug - Disco 6:00-9:00pm
- 14 Aug - Chinese Tour Group Excursion
- 15 Aug - Farewell Assembly for Chinese Students
- 18 Aug - Yr 7/8 Boys & Girls Soccer
- 21 Aug - PSSA Athletics

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Check out the P&C website: http://goldcreekschoolpandc.org.au/
Student Success

Congratulations to Beth Dingwall who has been selected to be one of two student representatives on the Government School’s Education Council. Well done Beth.

Year 10 Careers Xpo

Last week, we had about 60 Year 10 students take up the opportunity to attend the highly organised Careers Xpo at EPIC. At the Xpo, there was a huge array of exhibitions including universities, CIT, ADFA, other education institutes for arts, accounting, business, trades and workplaces. Students could even try a trade like hairdressing, bricklaying and horticulture. There were companies representing chances to work overseas or applying for apprenticeships. Students comments included: it was really cool, interesting and informative about making life decisions about universities and careers; learnt more about other universities apart from those in Canberra; got lots of freebies and got great information about courses at CIT.

Sara Hillier
WEX & Careers Coordinator

Disco

The SRC will be hosting a disco on Thursday 14 August from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance during scheduled recess and lunch breaks in the canteen. Students must have a completed permission note to purchase tickets. This note must include 3 contact names and numbers and a signature from their tutor group teacher.

RYPEN Camp

The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) Camp/Seminar is being held at Old Mogo Town Friday 12th – Sunday 14 September 2014.

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) is a 3 day camp and program for 14 to 17 year old boys and girls. The aim is to communicate to these young people a series of ideas, problems and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards, and also to broaden their horizons culturally, socially and academically.

Nominees are accommodated in dormitory style modern rooms, and all meals are provided in a communal dining room. The District RYPEN Committee live in for the duration of the camp and provide counselling and security.

Gold Creek can nominate two students, 1 boy and 1 girl who will be fully sponsored by the Gungahlin District Rotary Club. If you are interested in attending this program please advise your Tutor Group teacher who will pass your nomination to Student Services for consideration.
ACTION Bus Route Changes

On Monday 1 September 2014 a significantly enhanced ACTION bus network, including more direct routes, better connections, increased frequency and improved weekend services, will commence. This will include a new school services network.

School Service Changes for Gold Creek High

Please visit the ACTION website www.action.act.gov.au or call the dedicated schools information hotline on 6205 5033 for full details of changes and new school service network routes, maps and start / finish times.

Please note: Although a school service may be unchanged in route and direction, please check the start and finish times.

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ACT CHIEF MINISTER’S ANZAC SPIRIT PRIZE 2015 COMPETITION

All students in years 9 and 10 are invited to enter the ACT Chief Minister’s ANZAC Spirit Prize 2015.

The competition is running as part of centenary commemorations of the 1915 ANZAC Landing at Gallipoli. All ACT students in years 9 or 10 in 2014, aged between 14 and 17 years of age, are invited to participate in this competition. Students who competed in previous competitions are eligible to re-apply unless they were previous winners.

Students are required to submit an original, creative response addressing the competition task. Information about the competition, including the Itinerary, Terms and Conditions, the Student Entry Form and the Assessment Rubric are available on the ACT Education and Training Directorate’s website: http://www.det.act.edu.au/act-chief-ministers-anzac-spirit-prize-2015.

STUDY TOUR DETAILS
Up to four winning students, accompanied by two ACT teachers, will represent the ACT on a funded 14 day Study Tour of Turkey, including Istanbul, Troy and the Gallipoli Peninsula, from 16 to 29 April 2015. The group will travel with a battlefield tour specialist and visit World War I commemorative sites and celebrate the centenary commemorations for ANZAC Day in 2015, at either ANZAC Cove in Gallipoli, or the Battlefields of France, subject to the Commonwealth Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade’s travel advice.

INFORMATION SESSION
An Information Session, outlining the Task and the Study Tour details, will be held for parents, students and teachers at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, 51 Fremantle Drive, Stirling at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 19 August 2014.

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2014 ANZAC Spirit Prize winners at the Australian Lone Pine Service at Gallipoli