Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 3 is flying past. We had a fabulous presentation on Tuesday from the Royal Military College Concert Band. The Junior site, including preschoolers, came up and thoroughly enjoyed the show. Gold Creek School is very keen to build our music profile in our community. On the Senior Site we have staff running an after school music workshop for those interested in building rock and roll skills in our version of ‘School of Rock’.

Congratulations go to our very successful group of year 7 and 8 boys who have now become the ACT School Soccer Champions. This group of students are dedicated to their sport and all their hard work and practice has paid off. Thank you boys, you have made our Gold Creek School community very proud of your achievement through your application and diligence. Well done.

Students who participate in the Outdoor Education program went on camp on Thursday for some abseiling and caving activities. These students are to be commended for the responsible and respectful attitude they bring to these activities. Staff have commented on the students’ self-motivation and reliability, a demonstration of excellent life skills.

Next week is the Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 16 September. Students have been very involved in preparing for the carnival during PE lessons. The Athletics Carnival is being held at the Australian Institute of Sport. Our students will be able to utilise a professional level facility to showcase athletic skills and demonstrate team and school pride. All students are expected to attend the carnival as school is being relocated to the AIS for the day and alternative programs will not run.

Kind regards,

Brenda Ryan
Associate Principal
ACT Year 7/8 Soccer Champions

A fairly warm day greeted the team for the Boys 7/8 ACT Soccer carnival. We were down a couple of players due to illness however, this did not diminish the boys enthusiasm. We started off the day matched in a pool against Burgmann, Calwell and Telopea Park School. Our first game proved to be a challenge, but the team managed a 1-0 win over a solid Burgmann outfit (who we would eventually meet in the Grand Final).

Our second game was against Calwell School, who unfortunately were in the dire position of only having 7 players. The boys respectfully went about their job and won 14-0. Towards the end of the game some of our players came off to even the ledger slightly.

Our final pool match was against fellow IB school Telopea Park. In our best performance of the day, the boys won 4-0 in a great display of ball control, pressure and precision. This result meant we finished first in our pool and we would play the second placed team in the Semi Final, Trinity Christian School.

High drama greeted the team in the Semi Final, which saw the boys lead 1-0 until the last play of the game, where Trinity miraculously levelled the score. This meant the game went to a cut throat penalty shootout. Controversy greeted the boys in the shootout, with Trinity asked to retake their second shot due to a problem with the net. Fortunately their re-take was missed. Eventually it came down to whichever team scored the next penalty went through to the Grand Final, and Trinity had the first shot. Elliot J (MVP) saved the day with an incredible save, deflecting the ball on to the cross bar with the ball harmlessly clearing the goal. Jacob K then coolly stepped up to the mark and slotted the final penalty to drag the team in to the Grand Final.

At this stage of the day, and with very few players to substitute off, the boys were extremely tired. This did not deter them in the grand Final, with Sean A slotting the vital lone second half goal against Burgmann School. For the last 7 minutes of the game, the boys held on to secure the title of ACT Champions.

Every player in the team made valuable contributions to the day, however, special mention to Elliot J who in his first ever turn at Goal Keeper, only let in 1 goal for the day and saved numerous penalty shots which was vital in helping the team secure the title. A great result, full of resolve and dedication to each other. The team was ably led by Captain Savan B. Well done! Thank you to Aaron L and Matthew S who coached the team over the course of the two carnivals, and to the linesmen who supported the team on the day, Lochlan S and Harry G. The team was:

Savan B
Hayden T
Brandon M
Blake W
Jacob K
Sean A
Brock G
Connor M
Elliot J
Mitchell B
Alex S
Jose M
Angus K
Stefan M

Coaches:
Aaron L and Matthew S

Brent Felix
A Midsummer Night’s Dream – Gold Creek School Production News

The school production is coming along well in class with Senior Drama Students almost complete in the blocking and learning their lines for the major parts. Similarly a lovely group of Senior Dance students are working very hard to create a beautiful wedding dance complete with fairy magic. Year 8 Students are also working well on their ‘Mechanics’ section of the production to create memorable characters and learn the complicated art of making people laugh! Junior School students have had their auditions and are excited with a number of fairies and goblins rehearsing their ‘war’ dance. Technical aspects and costuming is well under way with students halfway through costuming and production planning, including lights and sound. Soon sets will be constructed and publicity will skyrocket for the show, with a number of high profile guests being invited to attend during the Premier and Gala Night Performances.

Some students attended the excursion to the Canberra Theatre Centre to see Bell Shakespeare’s version of the same play. This excursion included exclusive backstage access to the large theatre and interviews with the talented cast. We all left with some stars in our eyes!

Sponsorship opportunity for our Gold Creek Trade Families

Part of the play includes a group of tradespeople (played by our lovely Year 8 Group) putting on a play for the King’s wedding and rehearsing in an enchanted forest where magic and mayhem ensue. For costuming, I am hoping that Gold Creek families in trade would consider donating fluorescent or coloured business shirts, which advertise their business, that can be worn by these characters. It would provide a marketing opportunity for the many talented businesses in our community and also give an authenticity to these characters beyond the text. These donations can either be new or worn-in and would happily be accepted in all sizes.

Like to Sew? Or have some suitable costumes / props to donate?

There are still a number of costumes that will need to be manufactured before the production. If you fancy making a few togas, fairy and goblin costumes, enchanted forest shaped beanbags and cushions complete with vines, please don’t be a stranger and contact Dale Thain about how you can become involved. If you have any of the following items hanging around that you no longer need, donations would be appreciated:

- Costume jewellery, brooches etc that can be fashioned into crowns, capes and ties for Grecian style togas and hair pieces;
- Artificial flowers and vines – particularly those that appear more in the wild and are not cultivated;
- Beanbags (or beans that go inside them), cushions preferably in Green or Floral tones;
- Fairy or goblin costume parts that can be recycled;
- Wedding style props eg, veils, topiary bushes, posies;
- White Christmas Lights and White Fairy lights;
- White Circular Lanterns.

Publicity – do your part!

Please start to advertise our school play by word of mouth. A high definition poster has been designed and is available for distribution should you have particular distribution outlets.

Showtimes and prices are as follows:

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For any questions, concerns or donations, please don’t hesitate to contact:
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Conceived and Developed by David De Silva

Book by Jose Fernandez
Lyrics by Jacques Levy
Music by Steve Margoshes

Title song “Fame” written by Dean Pitchford and Michael Gore

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