

Senior Site Bites



Term 3 Week 3

10 August 2018



Dates to remember: [Calendar](#)

10 August

- Trivia Night JS 7pm

13-17 August

- Science Week

14 August

- ICAS Mathematics Competition

15 August

- Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45am, Kitchen
- 7/8 & 9/10 Girls Netball
- Homework Centre 3-4:30pm, Library
- **P&C Meeting**

16 August

- Y10 Careers Expo-Epic, 10-2pm

17 August

- Choral Eisteddfod
- Dr Karl, National Convention Centre

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<http://goldcreekschoolpandc.org.au/>

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Dear Parents/Carers

The new school term/semester is well under way and we're all busy working in new electives, rotations and Community Connection classes. Year 10 Personal Projects are being submitted for final assessment and everyone's exploring new IDU (Inter Disciplinary Unit) inquiries.

Beauty and the Beast, our school musical for this year, is also well into rehearsals heading to its week 10 show time. Students from both junior and senior school sites are happily giving up their afternoons each week to design and develop this creative feast.

While this is a big sporting term for Gold Creek School students it is also a busy Arts and Design one. Students will be representing the school at the Choir Eisteddfod in week 4, the ACT Band Festival in week 8 and in two Floriade performances in week 9.

This is also the term for the Tournament of The Minds creative challenge (TOM) and we have a number of interested students looking to form their teams for this fun event.

Please remember to continue rugging up warmly in school uniforms as the days, and the winds, still have some winter bite.

For those of us unsure:

- AIME tops can only be worn on the Thursday of each week and also on any AIME celebration days.
- Students now have access, through their PC classes, to self-refer themselves onto Student Support/Services if they are in need of wellbeing support and guidance.
- When a student is absent from school for more than three (3) consecutive days a Doctor's note should be submitted upon their return.
- Please continue emailing your child's absences through to the school's App or 24hr absence line and at the same time also try to include your child's Pastoral Care teacher.

Stephen Crabb
Director of School Culture

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MINUTES OWED

Gold Creek School has resumed 'Catch-up Sessions' where students who miss class time due to unauthorised lateness or absence can repay this time after school on Tuesday afternoons, or during lunch on Fridays. We are expecting that our new attendance database has accurately collected the attendance data for your child. If you believe it has not, please ask your child to speak to their Pastoral Care teacher, or contact them yourselves to check. They will be able to give you further information, update attendance records for absences with parental approval and make corrections as required.

Reasons why your child may have missed class time include:

- arrival at school after 8:50am without parental notification (please use the school App to notify the school if you know that your child is late).
- late arrival to class or leaving class early without a signed note from a teacher.
- truanting part of a lesson or a whole lesson.
- absence from school for a full or part day without parental notification (please use the school app to let us know if your child will be absent)
- an error in the roll marking procedure.

Attendance Working Group,
Aaron Harding, Niels Hider & Hamish McDonald

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES – SENIOR SITE

Our 24 hour dedicated absences phone number is
6142 1323



To report your child's absence, please leave a short message stating their name, year, Pastoral Care class, name and reason for absence - sick/leave, etc by 9:30am. You can also report absences via mobile phones through our school App or by emailing info@goldcreek.act.edu.au.

ICAS & AMT COMPETITIONS	DATES
Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC)	Thursday, 9 August 2018
ICAS Mathematics	Tuesday, 14 August 2018
Australian Informatics Olympiad (AIO).	Thursday, 23 August 2018
Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad (AIMO).	Thursday, 13 September 2018

SOCIAL MEDIA

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SCHOOL APP

Did you know that you can report student absences, check the school calendar, read newsletters and receive important information via sms on your mobile phones (provided you allow push notifications) all through our school App!

iPhone – Go to the app store, enter - Gold Creek School, press install, enter your iTunes password.

Android – Go to Google Play, enter – Gold Creek School, press install. Download the school App NOW, to help us keep in touch!

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IN THE BUILDING



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MOBILE PHONE RULES

Rules for mobile phones, when students are in the buildings their phones must be off and in their bags.

If you need to contact your child in an emergency please call the school direct on 6142 1300 and we will get the message to them.

For non-urgent messages you can send an SMS and students can check their phones during breaks.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND THE TRIP TO MALAYSIA IN 2019

The Malaysian trip is by no means just a tour of another country. The learning opportunities when travelling are endless and Sam Beattie and I are already discussing how students can further their interdisciplinary learning in preparation for travel and whilst overseas. We plan to facilitate personalised projects whereby students inquire into areas of interest in an authentic way and then support students to showcase their learning to the school community. Furthermore, stepping out of your comfort zone is a great way for students to develop and strengthen important soft skills such as resilience, leadership and team work. In short, an overseas trip can be a life changing experience and we're super excited to facilitate this for your child.

Although this is not a language specific tour this is the first opportunity Indonesian students have had to travel to a country where they can practice their language. This is such an amazing opportunity for them to build interest and continue to be global learners. In year 12 I was the only student in my Indonesian class to take up the opportunity to travel to Indonesia. That experience was the catalyst for me to continue with the language and 10 years on I've never looked back. Unfortunately, many of my friends didn't continue their effort and drive and frequently share how they wish they had kept the language up and made the most of their 4-6 years of language learning. Furthermore, my overseas experience planted a seed of wanting to see the world and have real and authentic experiences with local people rather than just seeing it through a tour bus. Finally, the life skills and confidence that trip built for me were life changing.

Please seriously consider this opportunity and let me know if I can do anything to help out.

Philip De Zylva, Language Acquisition-Indonesian

SCIENCE

Science Week hits Gold Creek with a BANG.....

Did you know that fungus is neither a plant nor an animal!

Gold Creek totally awesome students now do ...because they are awesome! Also fungus is pretty amazing too!



This week as part of the National Science Week learning adventures into Game Changers and Change Makers, members of the Gold Creek student body known as the Fungi's (Fun-guys!) attended a workshop by Fungico, a company paving the way into leading edge fungus research and development and learnt all about the ways fungus can be used in food production, waste reduction and even how it may build the homes of tomorrow!

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However, as we know Gold Creek students are never ones to not jump in on something as exciting as game changing research and they have spent the last term building their own fungus monuments of total awesomeness! This will be showcased at the Fungico display at this year's 'National Science in ACTION' week long adventure into STEM!

Bugging out with Gold Creek and GOTERRA!

It is official! Gold Creek is on leading edge of 'Game Changing' research – joining forces with GOTERRA, a local Canberra company that focuses on using insects to enhance feed for farms, decrease waste and even produce the odd tasty snack for the discerning diner!

As part of the Gold Creek National Science Week totally awesome line up of amazing learning adventures, members of Gold Creek's 'Bugging Out' crew attended a workshop with Olympia from GOTERRA, to discuss some of the uses of insects in industry and some of amazing advancements her team of forward thinking entrepreneurs have spearheaded.

This all culminated in a brainstorming session on how to enhance their Entomophagy program of Gold Creek!



Working with insects! They may be small but they are making huge changes in the world and Gold Creek is there to ride the wave into the future!

Social Entrepreneurship leading the way to fit unhealthy living!

This Semester students of Gold Creek embarked on an exciting adventure into entrepreneurship- using the incredible creative skills of some of our students and the resources of the Australian Government, students at Gold Creek plan to tackle one of the largest issues looming over Australia today.

How to make us all a lot healthier!

On the way to figuring out this riddle students are learning all about system planning, design thinking, project management and health promotion.

Look out Richard Branson and Bill Gates, there is a new generation of entrepreneurs hell bent on redesigning the world!

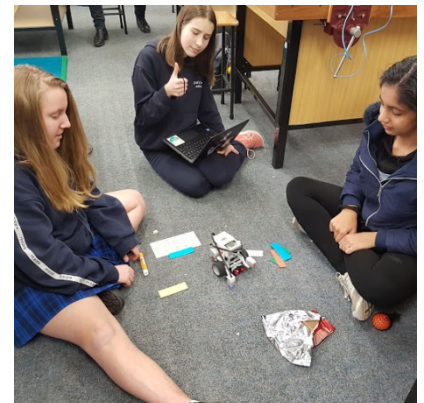
ROBOGALS and Gold CREEK students paving the way for more women in STEM

Did you know that only 28 per cent of employed STEM-qualified Australian workforce aged 15 years and over were female in 2011 compared to 55 per cent for all fields in the tertiary qualified population.

That sounds like something that definitely should change.

And what better time to do it than during National Science Week when the theme is Game Changers and Change Makers!

Dangerous Dr. D and the amazing female STEAM ROLLERS attended a workshop this week hosted by the Australian National University 'RoboGals', a team dedicated to encouraging female high school students to crack that glass ceiling and take on careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.



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During this workshop, students learnt about potential careers, what uni is like in these disciplines, and then the real fun began with students flexing their creative muscles by figuring out some robotic programming.

With these students taking the lead, it looks like that percentage of 'Women in STEM' is about to really Change!

Dr D White

Science & Psychology Teacher, Social Entrepreneurship program Coordinator, STEM/STEAM Coordinator, 'STEAM ROLLERS' CLUB, Computational thinking & Digital Technology Coordinator & 'CODE BREAKERS' Club



Please join the [2018 Sport Noticeboard](#) for all your ACT school sporting events, dates and other information.

Parents and students can join the code is

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Join now so you don't miss out!

Fun fact



Staff collaboration to the max!

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JOIN US THIS STEPTEMBER!



It's time for all of us at Gold Creek School to step up for kids with cerebral palsy.

I'm excited to say that Stepember is coming soon and that this year Gold Creek School will be Steptembering with the best of them!

The challenge is to take 10,000 steps a day for 28 days straight. If you want to know more, you can check out the Stepember website [here](#). The average office worker takes only 3,000 steps a day, so Stepember is a great way to boost your own fitness and do something great for children with cerebral palsy at the same time.

Just organise a team of four colleagues, and nominate one person as your team captain. The captain [signs themselves up](#) (using the code: **GOLDCREEK2018** so that all team member's registration costs are covered) and invites three team members to join. Each team member will receive an email invitation which they click on to complete their registration.

Ask your family and friends to sponsor you. Lots of us here at Gold Creek School will be taking part, so there'll be no shortage of people to keep you motivated.

Children living with cerebral palsy are counting on us. The more of us who go Steptembering, the bigger the difference we can make.

Join me to start a proud Gold Creek School tradition by organising your team and asking your Team Captain to [sign up for Stepember now](#).

Thanks so much,
Jill Shearer
Student Services