

Junior Site Bites



Term 3

Week 8

14 September 2018



Dates to remember:

[Calendar](#)

- **17 – 27 Sep** – K – 1 Aquatots
- **18 Sep** – Floriade Band/Vocal Group Excursion
- **18 Sep** – ACT 12 & U Athletics
- **18 - 19 Sep** – Three Way Conferences
- **18 & 20 Sep** – Preschool Learning Journey
- **24 Sep** – P & C BBQ
- **24 – 26 Sep** – Beauty & the Beast
- **28 Sep** – Colour Run & School Birthday Celebration
- **28 Sep** – End of Term 3

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As we head into the last two weeks of Term 3 our whole school celebrations are ramping up! Firstly, we are all so excited about our School Performance 'Beauty and the Beast' Our students have been rehearsing madly, our props are being finalised as we speak and of course our teachers are working hard to make sure our Beauty and the Beast is amazing. Tickets are now available to purchase online through Flexischools , <https://flexischools.com.au/> If accessing via mobile device the website only shows two weeks in advance so you will need to press the 'help tab' at the bottom right corner and select 'visit desktop site' which will show all options. Tickets will also be available to purchase from both the Junior and Senior Site Front Offices from 30 August. Show dates are:

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Get those white t-shirts ready and those fundraising efforts going as we are on the countdown! With two weeks to go we have already had a number of students with exceptional fundraising skills build our tally, however we need everyone in our community to have a go at fundraising. There are a number of ways money can be raised. For example, ask your family and friends, work colleagues or neighbours to sponsor your child/ren. We can't wait to participate in this event and encourage all our community to attend! This year also marks our school's 20th birthday so there will be cake and birthday celebrations too! A reminder that any volunteers are always welcome!

I had the privilege last week to attend the Year 5 Camp, whilst our Year 6 students attended Camp at Berry. I want to acknowledge all the hard work that all staff put in to allow camps to occur, but also congratulate all our fabulous students – they were amazing! Next year's camp dates are:

- Year 5: 6-8 May
- Year 6: 6-8 May
- And for the first time.... Year 4: Dates to be confirmed...



Don't forget Student Led Conferences will be held next Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 September in your child's classroom – that's next week! If you haven't booked a time slot please do so via PTO (details have been sent via email). Preschool Learning Journeys will be held Tuesday 18 and Thursday 20 September.

We look forward to joining with the whole community over the next few weeks!

Yours in learning

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Year 5 News

Last week, Year 5 students went on camp to Camp Cooba which is just south of Cooma. Jess and Neve from Year 5 have written a reflection of their time at camp that they shared at assembly and it can be seen below.

We had to be at school by 7:45. Then we boarded the bus at 8:00. It was a loooooong trip (or it felt like a long trip!). We slept, talked and were over excited because it was our first camp!!! Finally we got to Camp Cooba! YAY! The staff were Tenielle, Brendan and Brandon (2 of them!!) The kind staff introduced themselves then took us upstairs for a meeting. They taught us the basic rules and told us what time our meals are. We were then told our teams (1, 2 and 3) and also our cabins. They had cooba wallets. Each team started with 150 cooba dollars then they would give us more money on how good we were. 20 dollars was the maximum that we can earn in one activity.

It was time for our first activity of the day. Neve and I were in group 3 so we did archery first. It was sooo much fun. We were split in groups and took turns at shooting a bow and arrow. We added our scores up and now it is time to shoot balloons!! We got 15 dollars because we were good at it. After that we had morning tea then got changed for a water activity called Survivor. Survivor is when there is a buggy that is in perfect condition but with 1 twist.... It has no engine. That's right. We were split into 2 teams white and red. The aim of the game was that there was 9 people in each team including a passenger and driver. We had to push the buggy around the course of obstacles like swamps and different stuff that ended up with us being covered in mud.

I was on red team for survivor there were 2 teams. So we got off to a good start, the buggy was pretty hard to push but we managed and we had to go up hills and around corners... Then we came to the SWAMP!!!!!! The swamp was 2 areas of mud and we got super-duper dirty and cold and wet. We had a task box. Our task was to get water from white teams swamp to fill up a big bucket with normal buckets sounds easy right. So we set off to the swamp and filled up our bucket but when we were coming back... wait for it.... there were holes in the bucket! Oh no so we had to run back as fast as we could to not spill the water. When we got back the buggy shed we had to take the tire off the buggy and put the buggy on the milk crate. We also put the cover over the buggy the man then told us to sit on the front of the buggy for a photo and he took the sick bucket (full of water) and he threw it at us.

Next we had our own lunch then had free time!! There was a game room and a soccer field. We could explore and go for a walk around the camp.... Or like Jess and I did, stay in the cabin. Next was dinner. There was chips, fish, lasagna, pasta, potato bake and wait for it..... Chocolate or vanilla moose! YUM. after that we had a discoooooooooo party. It went from 7:30 to 8:30 and there was another school that came too. We did the nutbush, macarena, and sang to all the songs (even let it go).

After a long day at camp we got ready for bed. The usual, brush our teeth, get our PJ's on and all that other boring stuff.

It is the next day. We get ready and go outside to line up for breakfast. We had toast, scrambled eggs, spaghetti, bacon and cereal. Our first activity of the day was bubble ball soccer. We had to get in a big ball and try and roll and run around inside it. First we had a relay in the balls where someone would go to the end of the track, kick a ball into the goals and come back in the ball then they get out of the ball for another person to get in and do the exact same thing. Then we had an obstacle course..... We would have to roll through some poles and hit a red ball on top of us after that then do it all in reverse! After all that we had an actual soccer game! Finally! Everyone would bump into each other while trying to score goals. We got 20 bucks!!! After that was morning tea. We had a biscuit and some fruit.

Now was the big swing, yay I was super super excited because it was really high. When we got on it really hurt but it was worth it. We had to be harnessed and we got to choose how high we wanted to go i went $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way and jess went to the top. There was a whole team to pull you up the swing and when you were happy with how high you were they would count down and then there was a delay and you would pull a red ball and... Weeeeeeee! While connected to the rope then you would go up and down, up and down, up and down, until you come to a stop. Then we had morning tea. Next we had mountain bike riding! We had to do cool obstacles and competitions. We got 20 dollars from it!!! Then we had lunch, hamburgers!

Now we have more free time. Neve and I did the exact same as last free time.... Again. We had dinner next. It was pizza and wedges.... Delicious. For dessert we had ice cream with strawberry, chocolate or caramel topping or plain .It was a workout to eat the ice cream because it was sooooo hard to stab with the spoon. I think i had burned more calories eating ice cream other than pushing a big buggy!!!! Next we had a movie night and we watched a movie called tooth fairy. It was a really good movie. Then we went to sleep.

The next day and we had breakfast which was the same as yesterday. We did a few bush activities and it was sooooo much fun. After the bush games we had lunch, a sandwich. Unfortunately our camp trip was coming to an end but we had one more thing, cops and robbers. We had a game of cops and robbers in a paintball field but now it was time to say goodbye to camp cooba.

With money and points Team 1 got the most money, congratulations Team 1. Our whole school got \$150 in real money to take to the school from the camp. We all got on the bus to head back to Canberra. Once again it was a long drive back but we made it!

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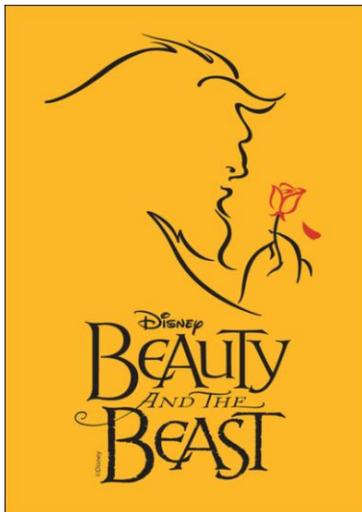
Principal Awards – Week 8

3A Tahlia S Jim G	3B Anaya K Georgia E	3C Jayden B Laila S	3D Jaramogi G Cooper S
4A Channing S Chloe F	4B Zoe H Liang H	4C Allishba K Waaiz A	5A Sienna P Phong H
5B Neave O Mackenzie C	5C Erson S Anastasia P	6A Zain A Nik K	6B Julianna I Sam L
6C Christian D Noah L	Korean Jade W Daniel O Angela J		

<p>TERM 3 ASSEMBLY ROSTER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wk 9 Music Assembly • Wk 10 Year 5
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SCHOOL PRODUCTION

The students and staff invite you to watch the awesome musical that they have been working on. Please join us in week 10, across multiple nights in the gymnasium. It's only \$5 for children and \$10 for adults, which is an absolute bargain!



Hot food and drinks will be on sale from the Canteen after 3pm. Light refreshments will be available in the hall throughout the performance.

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This year the production will be held in the senior site Gymnasium. Doors will open at 6:10pm and the show will start at 6:30pm sharp.

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR CONFERENCE TIME?

Student Led Conferences and Preschool Learning Journeys

An email has been sent to all parents outlining the schedule and the online booking arrangements. If you have not received the email please call the front office with your most current email address.

Student Led Conferences will be held on:

- Tuesday 18 September - 3.00-6.00pm (30 mins each)
- Wednesday 19 September - 8.00-8.30am & 3.00-6.00pm (30 mins each)

Preschool Learning Journeys will be held on:

- Tuesday 18 September - Monday to Wednesday Group 8.30-9.30am (1 hour session)
- Thursday 20 September - Wednesday to Friday Group 8.30-9.30am (1 hour session)

Please make sure you book in for your conference for students in K-6 using your password & login details to access [PTO](https://www.goldcreek.act.edu.au/pto). Preschool learning journeys do not require you to book.

All students have been preparing for your visit and are looking forward to sharing their learning with you!



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The Colour Run will be held on **the last day of Term 3, 28 September**. The day will be uniform-free, and we encourage a white/light shirt to show up the colours. The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school. All Fundraiser booklets have now been handed out. Timings on the day may be flexible, so if you want to be there for your child's time, please arrive on time. Times listed below are planned to be the earliest start time for that year group. See all the latest info including a volunteer signup sheet at <https://goldcreekschoolpandc.org.au/fundraising/colour-run-2018>

9:15am - Year K-2
11am - Year 3-6

The Gold Creek School P & C



Occasion:

Whole School 20th Birthday Celebration in conjunction with the Colour Run, celebration includes cake cutting ceremony and planting of a commemorative shrub.

Date:

Friday 28 September, Week 10

Time:

12.30pm – 1.15pm

Venue:

Gold Creek School – Junior Site Oval

ROAD SAFETY SURVEY

A School Crossing Supervisor Program has been introduced in the ACT at 20 crossings. School crossing supervisors (lollipop people) assist children to cross roads safely by directing traffic with a stop sign and providing instructions to students.

To help determine if the Program is successful, Transport Canberra and City Services have engaged First Person Consulting to evaluate the School Crossing Supervisor Program. One of the ways that they will be doing this is through surveys to help capture attitudes to children travelling actively (i.e. walking or riding) to primary school.

To complete the survey please click [here](https://www.surveymoz.com/s3/4535361/School-Crossing-Supervisor-Survey-Sept18), or copy and paste the following link into your browser: <https://www.surveymoz.com/s3/4535361/School-Crossing-Supervisor-Survey-Sept18>

The survey should take about five minutes. The survey will not collect any identifiable information, and all responses will be kept confidential. You may have completed a similar survey at the start of the year. Please note that this is a follow up survey and we would appreciate your input again.

Thank you in advance for your time in completing this survey. If you have any questions please contact the [TCCS Schools Program](#).



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SOCIAL MEDIA READINESS FOR PRIMARY AGED STUDENTS

Is my child old enough to use social media?

“Both the physical age of your child and their level of maturity and resilience can impact their ability to handle social media, but as a rule, each social networking site and app has its own criteria for minimum age requirements. Some services cater for more adult audiences (i.e. dating sites).”

If you have a child who is already accessing or wants to gain access to social media platforms, please visit the E-Safety website below to check the minimum age requirements for each social media platform and access resources to support your child in the ethical use of social media.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/staying-safe/social-networking/social-media-readiness>

Instrumental Music Program extension ensembles for 2019 - applications for auditions are now open

Current Year 3 – 5 students are eligible to apply for:

Primary Concert Choir – Singers in Years 4-6 in 2019 in ACT public schools

Current Year 6 students who will be attending a public high school in 2019 are eligible to apply for auditions for the following IMP ensembles:

Junior Concert Band – Brass, woodwind and percussion players in Years 7 & 8 in 2019 in ACT public schools

Percussion Ensemble – Percussion players in Years 7 - 12 in 2019 in ACT public schools

Senior Concert Choir – Singers in Years 7 - 12 in 2019 in ACT public schools

Website link - http://www.imp.act.edu.au/our_ensembles/auditions



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Inside this SunSmart E-News.

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- Generation SunSmart Teacher PL - A Teacher Identified Activity.
- Visit A Local Website - For ACT School Health and Wellbeing.
- Kidskin Education Classroom Resource - Great for Term 3 and 4.