

Junior Site Bites



Term 4 Week 9

14 December 2018



Dates to remember: [Calendar](#)

- 17 Dec – P & C BBQ
- 19 Dec – Yr 6 Graduation
- 20 Dec – Yr 6 Graduation Assembly
- 21 Dec – Last Day of Term

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Wow! Where has the year gone? I can't believe that I am writing my final newsletter of 2018! It has certainly been a busy and eventful year! This week we celebrated all our fabulous parent and friend volunteers who have generously offered their time to help us! Our parents and friends who volunteer play such an important role in our school and we thank each of you for your contribution – big and small. A special mention to our P&C who have organised such fabulous events such as our Mother's and Father's Day breakfast and of course, the Colour Run! I look forward to strengthening our parent volunteers next year, and again thank everyone for your continued support.



Today we celebrated our Personal Achievement Awards Assembly. This assembly recognises those students who have worked incredibly hard this year to be the best they can be. I love this assembly, especially as our teaching staff have the honour of reading their chosen student's attributes to the whole school. It's so fabulous to hear how these students demonstrated care for others, being role models in their classroom and silent leaders committed to learning. We also had some PE awards presented to students who show exceptional sportsmanship, Limelight Awards and Korean Language Awards. Congratulations to these and all our students for their hard work this year.

A reminder that reports will go out mid next week. This is a great time to talk about those attributes that make great learners – perseverance, grit, practise, being reflective and developing/fostering positive attitudes! Remember the reports are not an outcome, but rather a moment in time – celebrate the growth!

Classroom placements for 2019 are almost finalised. We have spent a considerable amount of time in this process and remind everyone that ultimately decisions have been based on the learning needs of your child. It is a complex web, and current year level teachers work exceptionally hard to ensure that your child is placed with the best staff member and students to help them learn. Due to student numbers, we will be returning to composite classes in years 5/6 to maximise learning. This will not affect languages or camps for 2019. Our class formations for 2019 will be:

5x Kindergarten	5 x Year 1	5 x Year 2	4 x Year 3	3 x Year 4	5 x Year 5/6
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We will be emailing parents directly in 2019, prior to the school year, regarding who your child's teacher will be, and your child will receive an introduction letter from the class teacher. There will be no lists up at the front office. Remember, school gives students the opportunity to work with a variety of different people. Through an inclusive approach we develop the lifelong learning skills of resilience, communication and problem solving. **Please be aware that there will be no further changes will be made to classes for 2019, except in extreme circumstances.**

Building works

Our building works are coming so close to being finalised – we can't wait to be handed the keys and get into the new build! Even more exciting is the concrete has been laid for the basketball courts! You will have noticed that the oval is also being resurfaced over the next few months. The oval will be closed from next week until early March, as they lay new synthetic turf. What an exciting start to next year!

As this is the final Junior Site Bites of 2018 I feel it is important to recognise the staff that come to school each and every day to make a difference in children's lives. We are so incredibly lucky to be surrounded by exceptional and hardworking staff, who go above and beyond to make sure that every child can achieve at his or her best. We thank each staff member for their dedication. We recognise that this year we will be farewelling a number of staff who will be taking up positions at other schools. We bid a sad farewell to:

- Carly Maddelena
- Christine Nydegger
- Kim Barnett
- Lisa Ryan
- Kathy Moir – 12 month temporary
- Jodie Graham – 12 month temporary
- Sam Burgess – 12 month temporary
- Ben White – 12 month temporary
- Kirrally Talbot – 12 month temporary

We thank each of these staff for their amazing contribution. As a school community we wish you all well in your new pursuits! We have not yet finalised the staffing arrangements for new staff, but I can say that we continue to build an amazing team of staff at Gold Creek!

Have a safe and peaceful holiday break and remind your child that learning happens every day in small, yet amazing ways - make the most of every opportunity!

Yours in learning, Jacqui

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Year 3 News

We have had a busy term in Year 3. We investigated the ways in which signs and symbols help us to communicate both locally and globally. Students inquired into a range of specialised systems of communication, exploring what they are used for, how they work and how they help people to better understand each other. Our Defence Transition Mentor, Colin, gave a fascinating presentation on Morse Code. He showed us how to use a Morse Code machine and students sent their own messages via Morse Code. We also gave a beautiful presentation of 'What a Wonderful World' in Auslan at our assembly.



In our final weeks of this term, we have been learning about how different cultures celebrate significant events. Students have been preparing a Learning Showcase, presenting their knowledge and understanding about a diverse range of celebrations to share with the school community. They have been exploring Eid and Ramadan, Diwali, Holi, Chinese New Year, Day of the Dead and the Olympics, to name a few.

We held a very successful Support Som School fundraiser, selling over \$300 worth of ice blocks.



Year 3 Team

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PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Chloe E	James Le	Youssef E	Katya E	Brooke M	Esi A	Alyssa M
Darya T	Balroop S	Ayana K	James G	Teagan N	William D	Tyronne M
Jake M	Tilly B	Noor U	Tahleya V	Amanda P	Craig M	Toby W
James K	Nicole G	Lily T	Kayla H			
Pedro T	Aariz K					

PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Cooper H	William M	Ebony C-S	Jasna C	Hayden A	Litia K	Lauren J
Hayatt A	Kobi S	Adam P	Jordan F	Daniel O	Ruby B	Samuel H
Lara B	Nethun S	Wesley D	Jayden B	Samuel V	Beth L	Kaitlyn C
Lillian P	Cooper R	Olive F	Aaron B			
Lola N	Riley D					

- TERM 4 ASSEMBLY
- ROSTER
- Wk 10 Year 6
- Graduation
- (Thursday)