Senior Site Bites

The year is quickly drawing to a close. The teachers are busy tidying up all the final bits and pieces, planning the Awards Ceremony and Year 10 Graduation, while some of us are madly planning next year. We are unusually late with Elective choices this year as we have been considering a change of timetable for classes. Next year students will do 8 classes as this will better cater for the requirements from both the Australian curriculum and IB. The school day will be the same, starting at 8.50 and finishing at 3pm with Tutor groups first and then 5 one hour lessons per day.

We will have an assembly next week to discuss these changes to the students and hand out the elective choices and language options. The students who are in advanced classes will also be informed.

Students will be given their end of semester reports on Tuesday or Wednesday. Please keep an eye out for these.

IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER

Please note that the correct date for the Yr 6-9 End of Year Pool Day is on Thursday 19 December, Week 10 at Big Splash Waterpark, Macquarie. Permission notes have been handed out and due back with payment by Monday 16 December.

REMINDEERS

Any student leaving Gold Creek this year is reminded to collect a leaver’s card from the front office and return it signed to an Associate Principal.

A friendly reminder to parents and carers, as per our previous letter sent home, we wish to advise that Gold Creek School has changed our banking details from Commonwealth to Westpac. Please update your records accordingly with the new details as follows: Westpac Bank, Account Name: Gold Creek School Management Account, BSB 032777 Account No. 001340
Second Hand Book Sales

This week I have been running a second hand bookstore at school for student textbooks. However, due to the lateness in the distribution of book lists for next year, I will also be selling any leftover books on Monday 16 December, from 8:30-10:30. If you would like to sell your current textbooks from the list below, please have them handed into me with the permission note by 8.30am on Monday so that they can be sold. Spare permission notes can be picked up from the upstairs staffroom. The school does not make any money from the sales. Whilst I do my best to sell all the books, the school appreciates donations if they are not purchased. If you would prefer to hold onto your book/s if unsold, please indicate this on the permission note. Unfortunately we will not be reselling standard mathematics year 9 and 10 books as they have become outdated with the introduction of the Australian Curriculum.

The following texts will be on sale (pending availability)

Year 10
Pearson Science
Advanced Maths – ICE-EM Book 1 & 2
Macbeth

Year 9
Pearson Science
Advanced Maths—ICE-EM Book 1 & 2
Romeo and Juliet

Year 8
Pearson Mathematics

Year 7
Pearson Mathematics

Thankyou,
Zac Hain, Executive Teacher, Mathematics and Science

Year 7 News

7NR have been working very hard over the last few weeks as part of their science unit Machines culminating in a Science Expo. The students have created an item or modified an existing item based on the principles they have learnt. There have been some fantastic items including a self ‘tooth-pasting’ toothbrush, Goldburg machines, a page turner, a portable chair bed and an automatic mail delivery system.

During the unit the students learnt about everyday machines that we often take for granted. Machines like, inclined planes, screws, zippers, gears etc. The students learnt principles that they can use to assist opening their tin of Milo and even increasing their batting average in cricket! They have experimented with pulleys, gears and incline planes to move items and looked at ways to improve their ideas when things don’t always work how they imagined it.

The Science Expo was held on 13 December, 2013.

Niki Richardson, 7NR Teacher