

# Junior Site Bites

## Week 1

Term 1 2017

### • Dates to remember:

- **10 Feb** – Assembly hosted by Yr 2
- **13 Feb** - Meet & Greet, 3.30pm-5.30pm
- **15 Feb** - K – Yr 6 School Photos
- **22 Feb** - Swimming Carnival, Gungahlin Leisure Centre
- **22 Feb** - P & C Annual General Meeting

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Welcome to 2017! What a fantastic first week of learning! We welcome back all our students and particularly those new to Gold Creek School. It has been a privilege watching your children settle into the new academic year, and I thank you for all the preparation prior to school that has occurred to allow for such a smooth transition. You will have noticed that lots of work has been done during the holidays to make sure our environment at school is more productive and pleasing! It has been wonderful to hear such positive feedback about the changes and we look forward to continuing this process!

Throughout last week, all our staff returned and spent a number of days together learning new ways to support our English as an additional language / dialect students, and innovative ways to implement digital technologies. As teachers, we know the importance of continued learning, and we pride ourselves on being a community of learners. At assembly today, all staff committed to continue our learning as we completed the sentence:

*In 2017 I want to...*

As such, in 2017 the whole school focus will be on having the right mindset and grit for learning. We are embedding a culture of growth mindset – we can all learn something new and challenging, regardless of our age or experience. As teachers, we model this daily, and I encourage parents to talk to your students about how we all continually learn – even when school's long gone! The language that we use is pivotal in this, for example, the difference between asking “How was school today?” versus “Tell me three things you learnt today?” can give you very different answers. All staff will be working with students to model Growth mindset in all learning opportunities, to work towards learners for the future.

### Executive structure

As you are aware, Angela Spence will be acting Principal for this term, whilst the selection process for a new principal occurs. As such, this has created a change in our executive staffing. I will continue to work on the Junior Site, and we welcome Priscilla Wray, Associate Principal from the Senior Site, to work with us this term. We also welcome Mr Brendan Carswell as our acting Executive Teacher whilst Julie Pickering and Cindy Condon remain in their Executive roles. Garth Bradfield will also work with us two days a week to lead and support digital technologies and innovation.

### New Staff

Welcome to our returning staff for 2017. We welcome our new teaching staff:

- Katrina Maciver - Kindy
- Jasmin Cerni and Nicole Toten - Year 1
- Aleisha Bryant - Year 2
- Katherine Moir - Year 3
- Yvette Reed – Year 4
- Larissa Reason – Year 5
- Rob Whyte – Year 6

We also welcome William Steed to work with our students in Japanese, Kwang-Nam Kim will teach Korean to our Year 3 students, and Ruth Williams will undertake the Music and Drama role. We are also lucky at Gold Creek to welcome back our support staff, with the addition of Brenda Andrews. Please make them feel welcomed to the Gold Creek School community.

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## Parking



As existing parents will know, our carpark continues to be an area where we are persisting to work towards a positive and sustainable solution. We thank the community for supporting the school in this area and we remind all parents that the safety of the students is our main priority. Can we ask parents who are parking and exiting their cars to use the preschool carpark or alternatively the Nicholls shops to free the circle turn for pickups or drop offs only. Please do not stop in the zones marked red to drop off or collect students at the beginning or end of the day in either of the school carparks. We ask all parents and carers to obey the signage within the school. Please do not double park or encourage your children to walk between cars whilst you are stationary in the road area. Please also note, to help the smooth flow of traffic the signage for "No Right Turn" from the Preschool playground.

We will continue to work with Transport Canberra and the Schools Transport Liaison in this area. We thank everyone for your patience and tolerance in terms of the carpark as we strive to ensure the safety of all our school community.

Yours in Learning

Jacqui and Priscilla

### Parentlink

This initiative aims to enhance the communication and engagement of parents in learning and school life. If you would like to be part of this initiative please sign up at: [Parent Link form](#)

## DEFENCE NEWS

**\*Friday 10th Feb, 5:00 - 8:00pm - [DCO Canberra's Welcome by Twilight](#)** All serving Defence members, Defence partners and families living in the Canberra region are invited to DCO Canberra's 2017 event. **Whether you are new to the area or are already a resident, everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this event for all ages!** With stallholders providing local information, free & fun activities, competitions & much more...bring a picnic rug and enjoy the sounds of the RMC Band and watch the Great Zamboni Magic show, and visit the RAAF Hot Air Balloon up close. There will be a range of food and drinks available for purchase. We hope to see you there!

**\*Tuesday 7th Feb, 10am - [North Side Coffee Club](#)** Come along and join DCO staff at the **Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club** in Nicholls. This is a great opportunity to connect with DCO staff and Defence partners. Children are very welcome and the cafe is child friendly.

No Principal Awards – Week 1