

# Junior Site Bites

**Term 1  
Week 5  
9 March 2018**



**• Dates to remember:**

[Calendar](#)

- **12 Mar** – Canberra Day Long Weekend
- **15 Mar** – Yr 3/4 & Yr 5/6 T20 Cricket
- **16 Mar** – National Action Day Against Bullying & Violence

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There was a buzz of excitement across our school on Wednesday and Thursday this week. The National Science and Technology Centre - Questacon - spent two days entertaining our students with a myriad of science experiments. Questacon are trialling a new show called *Shell Questacon Science Circus*. The presenters were a group of science graduates who are bringing lively presentations of science to towns and schools across regional Australia while they study for a Master of Science Communication Outreach. All Kindergarten - Year 2 students explored liquids and their properties. One of the highlights was making slime. They also investigated shapes and forces. Students from Years 3 - 6 explored high and low pitched sounds and they ways the can be made and amplified. How can you catch a bubble? The students found out that they can be caught with wet hands. Does the shape of the tool change the shape of the bubble? This problem was also solved.... the shape of the tools never changed the shape of bubbles - they were always round.

This week our fabulous kindergarten teachers presented a workshop about supporting your child when reading at home. Thank you to those parents who attended, it is great to see such keen involvement in strengthening our home/school partnerships. Some tips for parents when reading with your child are:



- Be confident that your child will learn to read. Give positive messages and involve them in everyday conversations and opportunities to read.
- Read aloud to your child. It helps them to learn about the language of books and will encourage them to enjoy books and reading.
- Read to your child in your home language if your first language is not English.
- Make reading enjoyable and talk about books, magazines and computer stories that you have read together.
- Try not to let television intrude on reading time. Make a special time for reading with your child, away from interruptions.
- Listen to your child read as often as you can, every day if possible, even if only for a short time.
- Give books in print or electronic form as treats and presents.
- Remember the 3 P's - Pause, Prompt and Praise when your child encounters a word that is difficult for them.



Next week Gold Creek School will be actively involved in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence! Friday 16 March is an Australia wide movement which we are proud to be a part of. Our first action during this week is to ensure that everyone within our school has a shared understanding of what constitutes bullying. We are using the national definition of bullying for Australian schools :

*Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships*

*through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).*

We will be working intensively with students next week during SEL time to build a whole school culture that says NO to bullying! Stay tuned via Facebook for more information during Week 6!

Have a safe and peaceful long weekend.

Julie, Cindy and Jacqui

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## Year 2 News

Year 2 have been doing a lot of work on place value and how to represent whole numbers in different ways. One way has been to use MAB blocks to create pictures such as monsters, or build towers and record the value of their creations.



We have started our Friday cooking experiences with great enthusiasm and excitement. Each week, we will be making something and writing up a recipe to go with it. This week, 2D made freshly squeezed juice, 2C made mini fruit pizzas, 2B made fruit smoothies and 2A made two-fruit cups.



Year 2 participated in the water fun afternoon. There was much fun and laughter as we rotated through different activities such as; fishing, water painting, water balloon and spoon races and wet sponge throwing.



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## Principal Awards – Week 5

<b>3A</b> Elya C Riyanna D	<b>3B</b> Gabrielle H James G	<b>3C</b> Jayden B Aaminah O	<b>3D</b> Seth H Kayla H
<b>4A</b> Sarah P Katie B	<b>4B</b> Connor W Georgia L	<b>4C</b> Charlotte C Ayden P	<b>5A</b> Esi A Lachlan C
<b>5B</b> William D Thomas B	<b>5C</b> Anna C Craig M	<b>6A</b> Matheus N Stuart M	<b>6B</b> Kamil B Josh B
<b>6C</b> Alma B Jazmin E			

## TERM 1 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

- Wk 6 Year 1
- Wk 7 Harmony Day
- Wk 8 Kindergarten
- Wk 9 Year 5
- Wk 10 Whole School  
ANZAC Assembly

## Road Safety Survey

A School Crossing Supervisor Program has been introduced in the ACT at 20 crossing sites. 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 this survey to help capture attitudes to children travelling actively (i.e. walking or riding) to primary school.

To complete the survey please click [here](http://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/4172882/School-Crossing-Supervisor-Survey), or copy and paste the following link into your browser:  
<http://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/4172882/School-Crossing-Supervisor-Survey>

**The survey should take about five minutes.** The survey will not collect any identifiable information, and all responses will be kept confidential.

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

## IMPORTANT! - STUDENT INFORMATION CHECK SHEET

Student information check sheets will be handed out to all students early next week. It is important that the information on these forms is correct as we use this for the primary contact with parents/carers especially in the case of an emergency.

Things to look out for:

- Correct spelling of names
- Students date of birth
- Address – residential and postal if different
- All phone numbers for priority contacts 1, 2 & 3
- Email addresses - specially the home one as this is the email address that is used for most school communications.
- Medical Emergency Information is up to date (forms are on our [website](#))
- Access alerts/court orders etc are up to date

Please mark any changes clearly on the form and return to the school **by Friday 24 March**.

Thank you, Student Records



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