

Junior Site Bites



Term 2
Week 5
31 May 2019

Dates to remember:
[Calendar](#)

- 4 Jun – Yr 6 Band Eisteddfod
- 4 Jun - Preschool Photos, Hall & Nicholls (beginning of week)
- 5 Jun – Preschool Photos, Nicholls (end of week)
- 10 Jun – Queens Birthday Long Weekend

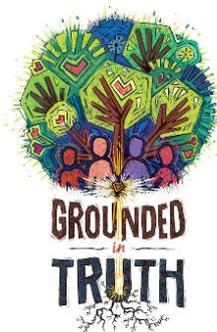
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Week 5 has been another busy week for everyone at Gold Creek School!

At our Reconciliation Week Assembly this week, we listened to some of the Year 5/6 students reading their own unique Acknowledgement to Country, it was wonderful to see the way in which the leaders of our school used their own words to make this connection to our country, and its Indigenous peoples. We also learnt more about the Reconciliation theme of *Grounded in Truth, Walk Together in Courage*. The key message from Reconciliation Australia this year is, **'To foster positive race relations, the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the broader community must be grounded in truth. Whether you're engaging in challenging conversations or unlearning and relearning what you know, this journey requires all of us to walk together with courage.'** Our students finished our assembly by walking together around our oval, whilst reading some of the 'truths' displayed. It was a wonderful way to move forward on this journey together.



Year 5/6 students held a mini exhibition of learning this week. The students presented the work they had completed during their *Sharing the Planet* inquiry. The concepts chosen were diverse in nature and allowed all students to express themselves and their understandings in a variety of ways. It was a complete success with many parents and carers attending the session to view their children's work. Most K-4 classes also spent some time wondering through and viewing the learning! The 5/6 students demonstrated a wealth of knowledge and we cannot wait to see the learning still to come, including Exhibition for the year 6 students later in the year!

Forty-six of our students braved the weather on Wednesday to attend the Zone Cross Country Carnival. Congratulations to all of those who attended and tried their hardest despite not feeling their fingers and toes! They represented Gold Creek well and special congratulations must be given to Rhys P for qualifying for the ACT Cross Country Championships which he will attend later in the year!

Yours in learning

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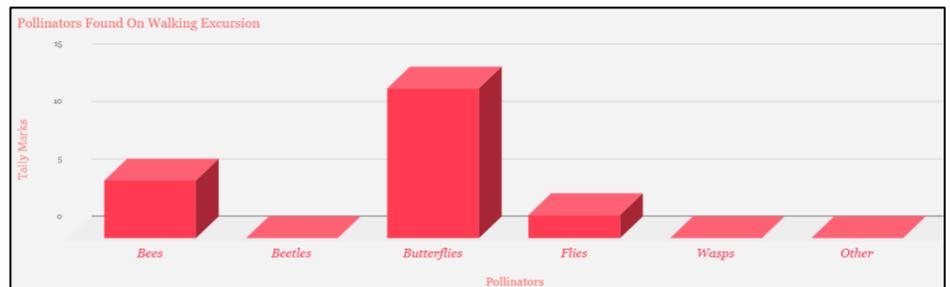
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YEAR 5/6 NEWS

Year 5 and 6 have been working very hard this semester exploring complex concepts such as biodiversity and interdependence for our unit of inquiry, Sharing the Planet. We have been exploring how *'Biodiversity relies on maintaining the interdependent balance of organisms within systems'*. Year 5/6 explored our local area to see the status of our pollinators, we have had a guest speaker to speak about dung beetles and we have been independent inquirers looking into endangered species. We realised that our actions, as humans, are impacting these species. Year 5/6 have also realised that we can take ACTION to prevent them from becoming extinct.

This week we showcased our learning across all of Year 5 and 6 through an exhibit. We were excited to show our learning to our school community, including students, teachers and parents. Along with our great displays, we showcased our presenting skills and our ability to adapt to different audiences. We were certainly proud of our learning and this was reflected in our enthusiasm and communication on the day!



Our Pollinator Count Walk around Nicholls and some of our results



Dung Beetle Guest Speaker

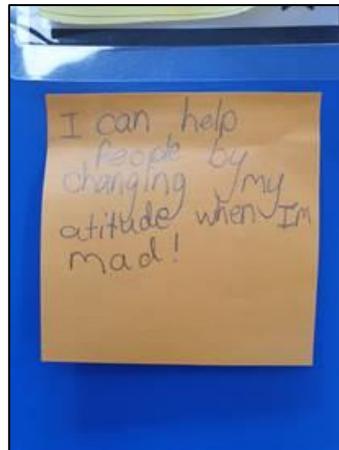
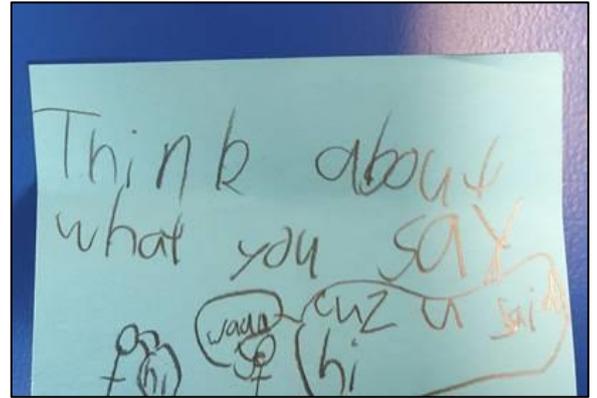


Sharing the Planet Exhibit - focused on our endangered species

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SEL/PBL FOCUS

In 4B we have been focusing on developing our social skills, in particular, being respectful, principled and caring and what that looks like in all settings at Gold Creek. This week we have brushed up on being respectful and caring by using toothpaste to freshen up our words. We covered the letter R in toothpaste (standing for respect) and spoke about how we can be respectful in what we say. We discussed how words are powerful! They can make someone feel amazing or they can make someone feel really hurt. Once words are spoken, kind or unkind, they cannot be easily taken back. Then we tried to put the toothpaste back into the tube. This represented trying to take back our unkind words. It was really difficult. The class then spoke about how even though we might say sorry, the words still hurt, and it is hard to take them back. To sum up our lesson we made some personal goals based around respect and how we can be respectful in what we say and how we act.



SCHOOL PRODUCTION



It is that time of year again where Junior Site students begin rehearsals for the whole school musical production of 'Matilda'. Students in Years 3-6 have been offered a permission note to participate in this amazing opportunity. Please be aware that this is an extensive commitment including rehearsals on Thursday afternoons from 3pm - 4:30pm and weekend rehearsals closer to the performance. Performance dates are Week 10 Term 3 - Monday 23 September, Tuesday 24 September and Wednesday 25 September. If you would like to be involved this year, please ensure you return the permission note by Tuesday 4 June ready to start rehearsals on Thursday 6 June. Permission notes are available through Jaki Fraser or the Front Office.

NO PRINCIPAL AWARDS - K-6 RECONCILIATION ASSEMBLY

- TERM 2 ASSEMBLY
- ROSTER
- Wk 6 Kindergarten
- Wk 7 Yr 3
- Wk 8 Music
- Wk 9 Yr 2
- Wk 10 Whole School
- Special Awards, at
- Senior Site

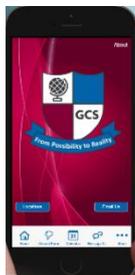
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