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Term 4
Week 4
6 November 2020



Dates to remember: [Calendar](#)

- **9 – 13 Nov** – NAIDOC Week
- **9 Nov** – Kindergarten Arboretum Excursion
- **9 Nov** – Yr 4 Raiders Tag Workshop
- **10 Nov** – Yr 3 & 4 ANZ Tennis Hot Shots
- **11 Nov** – Remembrance Day Assembly, at Senior Site
- **12 Nov** – 2021 Preschool, Kindergarten and Yr 7 Information Night

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It has been a wonderful week of celebrating learning with our annual Year 6 Exhibition and Support Som School day occurring this week.

The Year 6 Exhibition involved our Year 6 students showcasing their learning across various social issues ... and what an amazing showcase it was! The diversity in social issues chosen and explored by our students is a real credit to them and the well-rounded education they have received through the PYP at Gold Creek School! We saw issues with global significance including deforestation, social media, COVID-19 and environmental sustainability. It has been a tremendous amount of work for all Year 6 students, teachers, parents, and mentors to present the final Exhibition of their learning. The dedication of the students, the Year 6 team, and all the support people is to be commended, thank you! Thank you also to everyone who attended over the few days that the Exhibition was scheduled and ensured that our COVID-19 guidelines were adhered to - it is so fabulous to see the community support at these events. We certainly have received outstanding feedback!



Today during our Support Som School fundraising event we saw the Year 3 students facilitating some fun stalls for our Junior Site students to explore. We had hair spraying, jewellery making, lucky dip and of the course the much-anticipated raffle! The Year 3 students really had to think outside the box this year because of COVID-19, as all of the golden oldies such as slime and cupcakes were not able to be used. This amazing annual event is always a great opportunity for our students to take action in making a difference across the globe... I can't wait to see how many funds were raised to support the school in Cambodia!



Finally, a reminder that as we enjoy this typical Canberra springtime, the weather is very unpredictable, and students need to come to school dressed appropriately. We have lots of items of clothing overflowing in our lost property, so if you are missing something please get your child to have a look. If you have any school uniform items that you no longer need, our front office staff will gratefully accept them to add to our clothing pool, which is used to support families in need. If you are a family who could do with some extra uniform items but cannot afford them due to the fallout of COVID-19 please speak to the front office staff too.

Stay Connected
Cindy Condon

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YEAR 1 NEWS

In Year 1 we have been learning how to inform the reader about animals through creating information reports. Some of the animals we have inquired into include Emu, Filled Neck Lizard, Numbat, Koala, Snake, Kookaburra, Butterflies, Barramundi Fish, and Kangaroos. We have been inquiring into their classification, description, diet, food chain, habitat, reproduction, life cycle and interesting facts. This focus ties in with our Unit of Inquiry work, *All Living Things go Through a Process of Change*. To assist our learning in this area we have been learning to take notes, examining the structure of information reports, and investigating food chains. Below we have an example of an Information Report that 1A and 1E constructed together in small groups. The report was completed around an imaginary animal called, The Diamond Whopper. Going through this process has helped students to identify the different parts that they need to include in their own information report when they select an animal to research and write about.

The Diamond Whopper

By 1A & 1E

Classification

Diamond Whoppers are reptiles. They need sunlight to keep warm. They are active.

Appearance

Diamond Whoppers have five horns on its head. It has twenty heads, with dry scaly skin.

Habitat

Diamond Whoppers live in Africa under water in a diamond cave. In the cave there is a diamond rainbow.

Diet- Food Chain

A Diamond Whopper eats plants under the sea, along with fish and octopus. The Diamond Whopper's prey is a T-Rex. It only eats at night.

Reproduction

A Diamond Whopper's baby is called a diagre. The Diamond Whoppers eggs are green. The eggs have legs and are grassy. The eggs stick together even if they are sisters or brothers.

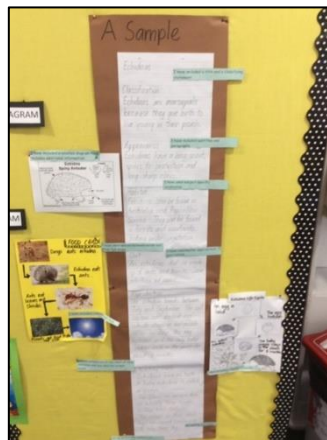
Interesting Facts

Diamond Whoppers can grow its wings, legs, and tail in one day. The first egg that hatches from a Diamond Whoppers nest is always a girl. The Diamond Whopper can lay 100 eggs at a time.

Each classroom has an example of an information report structure to guide students along with an A sample that students can refer to. These displays help the students to improve their communication skills when constructing texts.



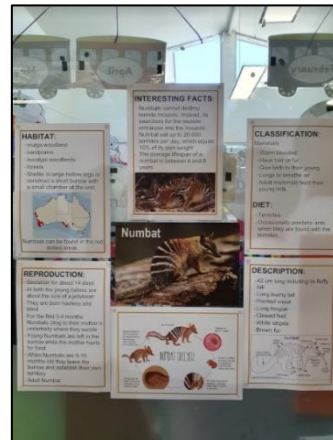
Turtle Fact Wall



Echidna Fact Wall



Emu Fact Wall



Numbat Fact Wall

The Year 1 Team

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PRINCIPALS AWARDS - WEEK 4

KA Mason B	KB Alec H	KC Zarah P	KD Esha P	KE Alex P
1A Kaylee B	1B Kahlan B	1C -	1D Robbie W	1E Mikael Z
2A Charlie S	2B Jack P	2C Xavier G	2D Jacob W	3A Mia T
3B Alexander w	3C Felix T	3D Michael M	4A Imran Q Z	4B Ava T
4C Ruby T	5/6A Jayden G	5/6B Caitlin Mc	5/6C Henry P	5/6D Georgia E
5/6E India W				

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- **TERM 4 ASSEMBLY** •
- **ROSTER** •
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- Wk 5 Remembrance Day •
- Assembly at SS, •
- Wednesday •
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- Wk 6 NAIDOC Assembly •
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- Wk 7 Kindergarten •
- Wk 8 Whole School •
- Awards, SS, Wednesday •
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- Wk 9 Personal •
- Achievement Awards •
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- Wk 10 Yr 6 Graduation •
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LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair

A huge thank you for your support during our annual library book fair. Our record was well and truly broken with \$18,404 worth of books being sold between both schools who use our library. Our commission will be going towards purchasing books on our student wish lists. We are presently waiting for the last 4 boxes of scholastic reorders to arrive. They will be delivered to your child's class as soon as they do.

Book Week Performance

The Tony Bones production of 'Hello Lighthouse', one of the shortlisted picture books, has been converted to a virtual production due to their lock down in Victoria. Students will have an opportunity to view the performance on Tuesday November 24 (Week 7). Permission notes and information sheets will be coming home soon.

[Click here to read reviews and find out more.](#)

End of Year Library Countdown

Please start to help your child/ren look for any school library books at your home. Any lost or damaged books will need to be paid for to maintain our collection. The following will be occurring over the rest of Term 4 to make the process manageable:

Week 5 - overdue notices - please start looking for and returning library books to school

Week 6 - last week of student borrowing

Week 7 - all student library books to be returned to the library by the end of the week

Week 8 - overdue notices handed out

Week 9 - 'Please Pay' notices for any lost or damaged books emailed home

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Happy Reading.

Keryn Hoeschle
Junior Site Teacher/Librarian

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OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program



Hi everyone!

We're nearly half way through the term, which seems crazy to think about!

This means that it's time to start thinking about what bookings you might need for next year. 2021 bookings are open, and you can create booking either via the iParent portal or by getting in contact with me at the service on the contact details below.

Our school holiday program is also open for bookings! I am currently in the process of planning some super fun activities for the children to engage in over the big break, including some water play, science activities, cooking experiences, fabulous art and craft activities and of course – lots of active games!

Details of our holiday program will be in next week's newsletter so keep your eyes peeled!

We have two more weeks of our after-school care incursion that I shared details for last week. The gladiator games will be running on Mondays and Fridays through until week 6. The children really loved the incursion earlier in the week – see pictures below.



Parent Information

OSHClub Nicholls Phone: 0402 611 484

Program coordinator: Emma Wink

OSHClub accounts: 1300 395 375

Program email: nicholls@oshclub.com.au

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember enrolment is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au. All bookings and cancellations can be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinators directly on the above number.

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[Canteen menu](#)

SCHOOL APP & REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

Option 1

Using the school App allows you to report student absences, check the school calendar, read newsletters and receive important information via sms on your mobile phones (provided you allow push notifications). All this is available through our school App!

Download the school App NOW, to help us keep in touch!
(Download from Apple Store or Google Play).

Option 2

email GoldCreek.StudentJuniorAbsences@ed.act.edu.au

Option 3

The other option is by leaving a short message via our dedicated absence number:

Junior Site: 6142 1344

If using the number above, please leave a short message stating student name, year, PC class and reason for absence eg. Late/Sick or Leave.



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