Junior Site Bites

Associate Principal

After School Care 2014
As mentioned in previous newsletters the Before and After School Care Provider for 2014 will be OSHClub. Information on enrolling your child is available on the OSHClub website www.oshclub.com.au or by contacting OSHClub on 1800 460 870. Please be aware that existing bookings with the YMCA will not roll over to OSHClub. You must re enrol your child for 2014. Further information is available at the front office.

Leader of the Pack

Many families have had the opportunity to see this wonderful performance, showcasing the talents of our Arts students on the senior site. Our Years 3-5 students have also had the opportunity today to view this outstanding production. I would like to congratulate the students and staff involved in putting together such a fine showcase and I know that from the feedback received from our students who viewed the performance today that we are all very excited about future Gold Creek School performances.

Sun safety

As the summer temperatures increase can I remind all students and parents about the importance of practising sun safe procedures. Please ensure that your children apply sunscreen before arriving at school and that they have in their possession a bucket or broad rimmed hat for break times and PE lessons. Any child without a hat will be asked to sit down in a designated ‘no hat area’ during breaks or will be asked to apply sunscreen and wear spare hats for PE lessons.

Book packs lists

Information regarding bookpack lists will be sent home next Friday with the whole school newsletter.

Year 2 Dinosaur Museum Excursion

On Tuesday, Year 2 went on an excursion to the National Dinosaur Museum to learn more about dinosaurs and why they became extinct. We got to go on the school bus for the first time. Thank you Leighton for driving us. Each class had their own guided tour of the museum where they saw lots of replica dinosaur bones and learnt many interesting facts.

Fact box
What features make a dinosaur?
- Their legs are under their body
- They have scales
- They lay eggs
Can you think of an animal that lives today with these features?

We also got to make a fossil cast using old fossils. We ate our recess amongst the dinosaurs while improving our sketching techniques. Thank you to our great teachers for taking us on this excursion!
2013 BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all who participated in our Joint Facilities Book Fair last week! You purchased $9000 worth of books. Our commission of $1800 will be used to purchase book resources for students in 2014. Reorders have been placed and will be delivered to classrooms as soon as they arrive.

We also had $142 worth of books donated to class libraries. These books have been processed and covered and will spend the rest of the year in your child’s class. At the end of the year they will be placed in the general collection in the library.

Happy reading!

STUDENT LOANS

All student books need to be returned to the library by the end of this week. Overdue notices will be sent home on Friday. Any payment for lost or damaged books can be placed in an envelope with the overdue notice and returned to the library. Please contact me if you have any queries about your child's overdue notices.

HELP NEEDED

As you can imagine the end of the year is a very busy time in the library. There are many administration jobs which need to be completed so the library is organised and tidy for a new start in 2014. One of the things we have been working towards is the colour coding of information books so that younger readers are able to access this collection more easily. This involves placing a colour sticker on the book spines and covering it with a spine label protector. If anyone can spare some time between now and the end of the year to help move this job on it would be very much appreciated! Even 15 minutes every now and then by a couple of people will make a huge difference to having this ready for next year.

Keryn Hoeschle and Anne Kunicki (Teacher/Librarians)

Parent Helper & Volunteer Thankyou Morning Tea

Have you taken the time to assist in the classroom, served on the P&C or the School Board, helped out with school events, assisted with carnivals etc in 2013 at Gold Creek School?

All volunteers are invited to attend the Thankyou Morning Tea being held in the school library at

11am on Friday 6 December 2013

Please inform the front office of your intention to attend. You may receive a personalised invitation in the coming weeks.