



Junior Site Bites

Week 8

Term 4 2017



Dates to remember:

[Calendar](#)

- **4 Dec** – P & C End of Term Sausage Sizzle
- **5 Dec** – Korean Play
- **5 Dec** – Volunteers Morning Tea
- **5 & 7 Dec** – Preschool End of Year Celebration
- **6 Dec** – Vocal Group Performance at 'The Grove'
- **7 Dec** – 'Caught You' Morning Tea
- **8 Dec** – Personal Awards Assembly
- **15 Dec** – Last Day of Term 4

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The students of Gold Creek School celebrated two events as a whole school this week. We joined together to see the finalists from both campuses showcase their array of talents in Totally Talented on Tuesday morning. Eamon Moir from 2D delighted the audience with his miming. He was selected as the Junior Site winner. Erson Santiago was awarded Highly Commended for his rendition of Ed Sheeran's 'Perfect' on the ukulele. The overall winners of Totally Talented 2017 were our accomplished group of Year 6 girls. Charley Piper, Zoe Sant, Jasmin Hippit, Emma Copeland, Kiera Jack and Jessica Harmer worked collaboratively together, all term, to choreograph and present a dance sequence highlighting their amazing acrobatic and synchronisation skills.



On Wednesday we celebrated our Whole School Academic Awards Ceremony. It saw the inaugural Learner Profile Awards presented to each cohort across the school. We were very privileged to have Francesca Maclean as our guest speaker. She spoke about how she has always had a love of and thirst for learning, and linked many of her qualities as a learner to our Learner Profile.

A big congratulations to Aysha Chandra and Jake Shepherdson and to George Watkins and Holly Venebles who have been voted in as the 2018 Junior Site Captains and Vice Captains. We know they will do our school proud. It was extremely pleasing to see so many prospective leaders in Year 5 with all candidates proving they have the qualities to be exceptional leaders of the School. As a result Gold Creek would like to embrace the leadership potential of this year group and will be exploring further leadership opportunities for 2018 (watch this space). We would also like to announce that as a Restorative Practices school we are implementing a new leadership initiative starting next week that will see some year 5 students as Playground Mediators in the Kindy to Year 2 play areas. We are keen to see this blossom and the agency of our students grow.

We are very excited to be holding our Volunteers Morning Tea next Tuesday 5 December at 10.15am in the newly refurbish staffroom courtyard. This is only a small token of our appreciation for all of the hard work, time and effort our volunteers put in making a difference for our students, staff and wider school community. If you have volunteered your time this year please join us and RSVP to the Junior Sites front office by C.O.B. Monday 4 December.

As we come to the end of the year it is a time for our students to reflect, consolidate and further their learning experiences from the academic year. Years 5/6 will delve further into their inquiry around technology and safety by having ACT Police in to deliver the 'ThinkYouKnow' presentation on Tuesday 5 December. The presentation covers issues relating to children and young peoples' privacy and security online, their relationships with other users, and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they're accessing.

Have a wonderful weekend
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Kindergarten News

A big highlight this term was going on an excursion to The National Arboretum. It was very exciting travelling on a bus together. We explored a range of plants, and learnt about their needs and uses. We learnt that herbs are used for cooking, maple leaves are used for maple syrup, and we even discovered a leaf that makes latex rubber. It looked like a spider's web! After our excursion we were inspired to grow something of our own. We grew grass heads and conducted an experiment on what would happen if some seeds didn't have light, soil or water. Would they grow? We demonstrated our flourishing writing skills as we kept a 'Diary of a Grass Head' complete with labelled diagrams.



Another exciting day in Kindergarten was when the Firefighters came and delivered a Fire Safety session. We learned to 'stop, drop and roll' and 'get down low and go, go, go' when in a fire. The firemen taught us that we need to call 000 in an emergency and state our address. Students had a look at all the equipment on the fire truck and had a turn at spraying the hose!



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Student Leavers

All students **not** returning to Gold Creek School in 2018 must complete a **Leaver's Form** and hand it to the Front Office as soon as possible. Please ensure all library books and any outstanding equipment has been returned as this will need to be signed off by class teachers and the librarian.

CHANGES TO ENROLMENT PROCEDURES FOR NSW STUDENTS

The ACT Government has an agreement with the NSW Government to provide services to NSW residents from the surrounding ACT region. Each year, around 1,800 NSW students cross the border to attend one of Canberra's Public Schools.

Due to expected growth in the surrounding ACT region, the ACT Government, in conjunction with the NSW Government, has modified the procedures for NSW enrolments.

From now on, NSW resident families who are seeking enrolment at a Canberra Public School will be offered a place in one of the selected pathway schools. NSW resident students will only be accepted at one of these North-side or South-side pathway schools.

For **2018** these schools are:

	North	South
College Entry	Melba Copland Senior Secondary School	Erindale College
High School Entry	University of Canberra High School Kaleen	Calwell High Wanniassa School
Primary School Entry	Charnwood-Dunlop School Evatt Primary Florey Primary	Calwell Primary Gilmore Primary Richardson Primary Wanniassa School

This does not immediately affect the enrolment of any NSW resident student who is currently attending a Canberra Public School, however the new procedure will apply when that student transitions to the next stage of schooling.

NSW students in P-10 schools do not need to re-enrol to progress to the senior campus and accordingly will not be affected by these new procedures.

In the case where a NSW resident student is enrolled at a non-pathway school and the family wishes to enrol a sibling, the application will only be considered where the school has capacity, after accepting ACT resident enrolments and where both students will be attending the school at the same time.

This new procedure will provide greater certainty for NSW families, by providing specific pathways for NSW students seeking to attend Canberra Public Schools. Please visit www.education.act.gov.au for further information.

School Banking



Next Friday, 8 December, Week 9, will be the last School Banking day for this school year. Please send your books and deposits in as normal.

A big thank you to our families for the continued support of the School Banking Program.

School Banking will return again in 2018!

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No Principal Awards – Whole School Awards Ceremony

- TERM 4 ASSEMBLY
- ROSTER
- Wk 9 Personal Awards Assembly
- Wk 10 Year 6 (Thursday)



The Year 7/8 Leadership Team have organised a Giving Tree on both the Junior and Senior Sites, on behalf of The Red Cross. They are asking for donations of non-perishable foods and toys (unwrapped so they can be gauged for age appropriateness).

The Red Cross will use the donations for clients in their homelessness support services and their refugee settlement support services.

The donations will be collected on Wednesday 6 December, please support this worthy cause and help make someone's Christmas special.

Year 7/8 Leadership Team

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You are invited to attend a morning tea as a thank you for your wonderful help and contribution to our school throughout the year. It is through your support of that the community of Gold Creek is so fantastic.

To show our appreciation, please join us on:

Time: 10:15 am
Date: Tuesday 5 December
Where: Teacher's courtyard—Junior Site

We hope you can join us!

With Gratitude
From the staff at Gold Creek School

RSVP Friday 1 December
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