



# Junior Site Bites

**Term 1  
Week 9  
6 April 2018**



**• Dates to remember:**

[Calendar](#)

- **9 Apr** – P&C BBQ
- **9 Apr** – 12 & U North Gungahlin Swimming Carnival
- **10 Apr** – Athletics Carnival
- **10 & 12 Apr** – Preschool Nutrition Magician
- **13 Apr** – Whole School ANZAC Assembly at Senior Site
- **13 Apr** – Last Day of Term 1
- **30 Apr** – First Day of Term 2

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We hope you all had a great Easter break with family and friends.

What a busy week we have had with Three Way Interviews being conducted across the Junior Site. It was so great seeing students, teachers and parents working in partnership to set learning goals with students for the rest of the semester. If you have not had a scheduled meeting with your child's teacher they will make contact with you shortly to arrange a suitable time to meet to discuss your child's learning goals. Parent and teacher communication is critical to the success of student learning. Setting goals with all key members involved is important in working in partnership to support student learning. We thank you for being a part of this learning journey.

This morning at assembly we had the pleasure of acknowledging all our participants in the Swimming carnival including celebrating our age champions! Our age champions are:

8 yrs boys 1st Adam P 2nd Jordan H	9 year boys 1st Jordan F 2nd Shaun J	10 year boys 1st Samuel V 2nd Stuart W	11 year boys 1st Jared M 2nd Matheus S	12 year boys 1st Cameron S 2nd Christian D
8 year girls 1st Lilliana S 2nd Tamsyn R	9 year girls 1st Alexis R 2nd India W	10 year girls 1st Sienna S-P 2nd Zoe H	11 year girls 1st Jazmin H 2nd Mackenzie C	12 year girls 1st Imogen R 2nd Charlotte S



A huge congratulations to Wattle as our Junior Site Swimming Carnival winners! Next Tuesday is our Junior Site Athletics Carnival! We invite all parents and friends to come and join us and cheer our students on!

Over these holidays we will be having a number of upgrades to our school environment. Firstly we are very excited to announce that our Joint Facilities Hall will be upgraded with the floor being resurfaced, timber panelling fixed and a whole repaint! We look forward to revamping this area, and encourage everyone to join us at our first assembly next term! The Year 3/4 building will be recarpeted, including new linoleum in the bag bays. We will also continue our playground renovations with plans coming together to improve the playground and environment centre areas. We will look at continuing to beautify the outdoor area, and will be undertaking some painting of concrete to give students some more activities for recess and lunch. We are also looking at updating our school toilets – stay tuned for more information regarding this at a later date, as this is an identified area we acknowledge needs work. Phew – busy holidays ahead!

Finally, this is a friendly reminder regarding the playground in the mornings. There is only teacher supervision in the courtyard from 8:30am each morning. As you can imagine it sometimes does get quite congested in this area, therefore please remind your child that ball and chasing games are dangerous and not allowed in the courtyard of a morning. For the safety of students they are also not to play on the playground equipment near the two Year 2 classrooms of a morning. Students are only to be on the playground equipment if a parent/carer is supervising them. Thank you for your support in this area.

Yours in learning,  
Jacqui

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## Year 1 News

After a successful start to the new school year, the students all enjoyed investigating concepts linked to the first Unit of Inquiry for the year, 'Who We Are'. The students learned about their own and other's physical and emotional characteristics and they gained a greater understanding of their own and other's abilities. Students brought in their baby photos to share with their peers, to reflect on how their abilities and characteristics have changed over time. Thank you to our parents and carers for supporting the students learning, by helping them to select and bring their photos to class for sharing and for stimulating class discussions.

The students have now begun their new Unit of Inquiry, 'How We Organise Ourselves'. During this investigation students will be inquiring into concepts linked to communities such as features of a community, and how and why communities change over time. This unit will culminate in students constructing their own community building as part of a connected city or village. Could you please begin collecting spare small boxes, approximately 'shoe boxed' sized and smaller, as well as other craft items etc. for re-using, towards the later stage of the inquiry. A note will come home in due course to provide further details. Many thanks, from the Year One team!

*Melissa van Ree, Katie Bennet, Jasmin Cerni, Carly Maddalena and Jayne Bleckendorf*



## Principal Awards – Week 9

<b>3A</b> Jasna C Zachariah P	<b>3B</b> Stephanie M Shaun J	<b>3C</b> Laila S Sebastian J	<b>3D</b> Danny T Emily M
<b>4A</b> Jordan W Eliot R	<b>4B</b> Billy H Millie H	<b>4C</b> Lachlan R Zunairah S	<b>5A</b> Thomas B Litia K
<b>5B</b> Ruby B Bella O'B	<b>5C</b> Arshvir C Hannah R	<b>6A</b> Phebe S Gracie W	<b>6B</b> Ella K Freya S
<b>6C</b> Anuroop D Kaitlyn C			

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## Defence News



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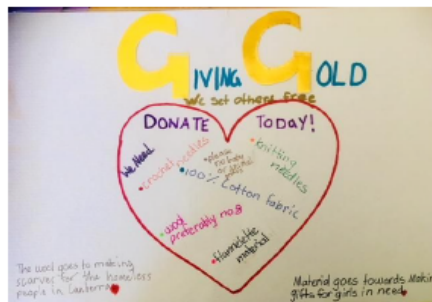
The Centenary of Anzac 2014 to 2018 is Australia's most important period of national commemoration. Marking 100 years since our involvement in the First World War, the Anzac Centenary is a time to honour the service and sacrifice of our original ANZACs, and the generations of Australian servicemen and women who have defended our values and freedoms, in wars, conflicts and peace operations throughout a Century of Service.

Gold Creek School will hold their **ANZAC Day Commemorative Assembly** in Week 10  
Friday 13 April 2018, 9:15 am at the Senior Site Gymnasium

Colin Wilson  
DTM/DTA

Dear parents/carers

Gold Creek School – Junior Site - have formed a group of children that are passionate about helping others in need. Our group is called *Giving Gold - We set others' free!*



Aim:

- To knit and crochet scarves for the homeless people in Canberra
- To make hygiene packs for girls so they can attend school (schools in East Timor will be our first priority)

Students from both sites will work together to make these hygiene packs. Under supervision, students from the Junior Site will cut out the patterns and students from the Senior Site sew and complete the packs.



Students will be taught how to knit and crochet squares. These squares will be sewn together to make scarves. Once students are competent we will progress and make beanies.

We would love it if you could donate the following items:

- 100% cotton material - preferably dark colours (no animal or baby/toddler prints)
- flannelette material – preferably dark colours (no animal or baby/toddler prints)
- wool - preferably No.8
- crochet hooks and knitting needles – suitable for no. 8 wool

Thank you for your help and support. We hope you can donate something to us so we can help others.

By Neve O'Byrne 5B, Jessica Reeve 5B, Natalie Donovan 5C and Litia Keni 5A

Julie Pickering will be overseeing and supervising these students. I will be working in conjunction with teachers from the Senior Site. Students from the Senior Site will work alongside our students to teach them the skill set required to support and participate in this service.

This club meets on a Monday from 10:30am-11:05am. If you are available to support our students during this time you are most welcome to attend. Thank you so much for supporting our students who want to make a difference to others in the world. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Free influenza vaccine for children aged 6 months to under 5 years

Last month, the ACT government announced it will provide a free influenza ('flu') vaccine to children from six months to under five years of age to help protect them from getting sick this flu season.

You can get the free flu vaccine for your child through your usual immunisation provider, including your general practitioner or ACT Health Early Childhood Immunisation Clinics. Families should be aware that GPs may charge a consultation fee. The vaccine will be available from April 2018.

The 2017 flu season was a particularly bad season around the country. In the ACT, children under five years were most affected. We know children under five years of age are at increased risk of hospitalisation and severe illness, including death, from flu. Young children also contribute significantly to influenza transmission in the community.

A yearly flu vaccine is the best way to reduce the risk of your child getting sick with the flu and spreading it to others.

Given the flu season usually occurs during winter and spring, I encourage you to have your child vaccinated when the vaccine becomes available from April prior to the flu season. It is important to know that if your child is receiving the vaccine for the first time, they will require two doses at least four weeks apart.

For more information about the ACT Childhood Influenza Vaccination Program, please visit [health.act.gov.au](http://health.act.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'PKelly'.

Dr Paul Kelly  
Chief Health Officer

29 March 2018