

Junior Site Bites



Term 4
Week 1
19 October 2018

Dates to remember:

[Calendar](#)

- **22 Oct – 2 Nov** – PIPS Testing
 - **22, 23 & 25 Oct** – Preschool Bus Wash
 - **26 Oct** – World Teachers Day
 - **29, 30 Oct & 1 Nov** – Preschool Cockington Green Excursion
 - **29, 30 Oct & 2 Nov** – Preschool Grandparents & Special Friends Day
 - **1 Nov** – 2019 Preschool/Kindergarten Information Session
 - **1 Nov** – 2019 Year 7 Parent Information Evening at Senior Site
 - **1 Nov** – Outdoor Classroom Day
 - **2 Nov** – K – Yr 6 Grandparents & Special Friends Day
- Check out the P&C website:
<http://goldcreekschoolpandc.org.au/>
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Welcome back to Term 4, we have a very busy school term ahead. An Information night for perspective Preschool, Kindergarten and Year 7 parents will be held during Week 3, on Thursday 1 November. The Preschool and Kindergarten sessions will be held in the Junior Site library. The preschool session will take place from 3.30-4.30pm and kindergarten will run from 4.30-5.30pm. The year 7 session will be held at the Senior Site from 5:45-6:45pm.

PIPs testing for Kindergarten students will commence in week 2 for two weeks. This Australia-wide assessment was first completed in Term 1 and will now be repeated, testing students' early reading, phonics and numeracy skills using the Performance Indicators in Primary School (PIPS) program.

The end of year results are used to gauge individual, class and school growth. Families will receive their child's results later in the term. If your Kindergarten child is going to be absent during the testing period please speak to your child's classroom teacher.



Year 6 students will showcase their learning in their PYP Exhibition being held on 8 November. The students are working diligently with both their mentor and classroom teachers researching their social issue of choice, relating to the Central Idea, 'Media plays a role in the choices of individuals and societies.' More information on this will be sent to families shortly.



As many of you may have noticed upon return to school after the holidays, the building program has commenced on the Junior Site. This exciting project will see, over the coming months, four new portable classrooms and basketball courts ready for the commencement of the 2019 school year. Whilst this is an inconvenience for us right now, the outcome will certainly be worth it!

Have a wonderful and restful weekend.

Julie and Cindy



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KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Welcome to our last term for the year! In our new Unit of Inquiry, 'Sharing the Planet', students have been discussing how plants sustain life on earth and play a role in our lives. This Unit involved students discussing rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things. As part of this Unit, Kindergarten has discussed various aspects of plants. We have been exploring plant cycles through hands-on experiences such as flower-craft making, leaf rubbings and creative writing. During our discussions in class we have been talking about what plants need to survive and how we can help them to grow. Furthermore, we have been discussing about living and non-living things in our environment. We found out that to classify something as 'living' they need to eat, breathe, reproduce and move. Some classes went exploring around school environment and identified what is living and non-living.



The Kindergarten Team

LANGUAGE LEARNING

Language acquisition in young children is a vital but natural process which occurs through listening, imitation, phonemic awareness, movement and sound perception. The ability of a child to gain the language skills which will be the basis of all other learning is dependent on the opportunities that a child has to interact with responsive adults or older children. Rhyme plays a key role in language acquisition as the ear attunes to the matching final sounds of words. Rhyme also plays a part of the lilt and flow of our speech and supports the word repetition which enables early word learning. Spoken rhymes and simple songs are a joy to children and they love sharing and learning language with their peers and caring adults. Children being explicitly taught phonics, the sounds in our language, is very much a topic of conversation amongst researchers. We learn to read and write through sounds.

How can you help at home? During conversations, especially with younger children, speak about our language. Play games associated with beginning, ending and then middle sounds in words! Nursery rhymes are another essential element. To learn to read and write children need to be 'code-breakers'. This means they need to know how to manipulate the 44 sounds in our language into which letters of the alphabet represent those sounds. This manipulation takes a lot of skill. The practice children have at home with oral language will support them in being able to employ all the necessary skills needed to read and write.

Julie Pickering

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PRINCIPALS AWARDS – WEEK 1

KA Liangjie W Hunter P	KB George A Sam B	KC Xzavier C Nolan A	KD Kartik S Abeera A
KE Aditya S Jack D	1A Maximus H Rayan Q	1B Nikita S Yalda J	1C Mia F Rylee S
1D Georgia P Nobel K	1E Norzom L Hannah N	2A Noah L Cameron R	2B Rohan N Scarlett L
2C Oscar S Ella R	2D Monika H Harry S		

- **TERM 4 ASSEMBLY ROSTER**
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- Wk 2 Year 3
 - Wk 3 Kindergarten
 - Wk 4 Whole School
Remembrance Day
Assembly (at Senior Site)
 - Wk 5 Year 4
 - Wk 6 Year 5
 - Wk 7 Year 2
 - Wk 8 Wholes School
Awards (Wednesday
at Senior Site)
 - Wk 9 Special Awards
Assembly
 - Wk 10 Year 6
Graduation
(Wednesday)
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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 6

Transition Days:

Gold Creek Students
 Date: 13 November 2018
 Time: 9.15am-2.45pm

Parent Information Evening:

Date: 1 November 2018
 Venue: Senior Site Gym
 Time: 5.45pm – 6.45pm

Chromebook Notes:

Due: 9 November 2018
 (notes available on school website)

Year 7 Camp2019:

Date: 6 – 8 March 2019
 Cost: \$385
 Notes Due: 2 November 2018
 1st Deposit Due: 2 November 2018
 Final Payment Due: 15 February 2019

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS



A reminder school banking has resumed for Term 4 and will be in operation each Friday morning right through to Week 9 (no banking will be taken for the last day of the school year). Volunteers are very welcome to come along and assist with the processing of student banking.

The Banking Team

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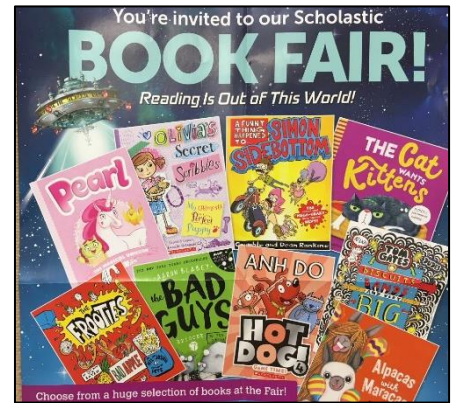
LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR is almost here!

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year with Book Club. We will not be having a Book Club this term as our annual BOOK FAIR is our major fundraiser. All money raised goes back into the Library to purchase resources for your children to enjoy.

Students will have an opportunity to view the books for sale during borrowing times in Weeks 2 and 3. They will bring home a Wish List - we will be reiterating that it is not a shopping list!

Parents, friends and students will be able to purchase books during Sales Times only. Further details about purchasing will be in the next Newsletter and Bites.



Tuesday 6 Nov	Wednesday 7 Nov	Thursday 8 Nov
8 - 8:45	8 - 8:45	8 - 8:45
	3 - 6 PM	3 - 6 PM

BOOK FAIR SALES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you can help out for an hour (or 2 or 3) at our book fair sales in week 4 please add your name, preferred day/times and contact details to the timetable below and return it to the library by Wednesday 31 Oct. I will confirm times with you by Friday 2 Nov.

JOBS COULD INCLUDE:

- Greeting guests and assisting shoppers
- Tallying orders
- Cashier table
- Tidying books on display

Tuesday 6 Nov 8 - 8:45	Wednesday 7 Nov 8 - 8:45	Thursday 8 Nov 8 - 8:45
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Thank you in anticipation!

Keryn Hoeschle
Teacher/Librarian

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Dear Parents and Carers

On Friday 2 November the Gold Creek Junior Site students from K - Year 6 will be celebrating Grandparent's and Special Friend's Day from 1.00pm-2.45pm. This day celebrates the contributions grandparents and special friends make to their families and communities. Students, their grandparents and special friends will have opportunities to engage in fun learning activities set up in their classrooms. We would like to extend this invitation to all grandparents and other family members to come in and celebrate with the students. This is a great way to spend time together, see your grandchild's school and celebrate your family and each other.

We look forward to sharing this special day with you.

