Welcome back to Term 4. We hope you all had a safe and enjoyable two week break. This term is one of our busiest terms of the year. Our Year 10 students start the countdown to graduation and formal and the rest of the school look forward to the progression of their schooling life.

There are a number of school and P&C fundraisers approaching that we kindly ask for your support. The Spell-athon and Halloween Trivia night are great concept’s that will prove beneficial for the school and our students.

On Thursday next week we will be hosting a delegation of Japanese school staff and 9 students. A special assembly will take place to officially welcome them to our school and return the hospitality shown to our students that recently visited Japan. On Friday next week the Junior Campus students will meet up with our Senior Campus students to participate in a Yarn-Bombing activity. This is a great opportunity for cross campus connections and to bring the whole school together.

Don’t forget to visit our new website. We have a great news feed that is updated regularly with important information. We also maintain a Twitter account that is an excellent source of staying in touch with Gold Creek School.

Have a great term everyone.

Reminders

Our Spell-athon fundraiser is taking place next **Wednesday 23 October**. In the past this has always been a very successful and worthwhile event for Gold Creek School. Please encourage your child/children to participate and seek sponsorship from as many family and friends as possible to help keep the tradition of this being a fabulous fundraiser. Best of luck to all!

The MS Read-athon closes on **Thursday 31 October**. Could students who have participated please complete their fundraising and return any receipt books. Thank you.

A reminder that our P&C are hosting a Halloween Trivia Night on **Friday 1 November** in the Junior Campus Hall at 7pm for 7.30pm. Invitations and raffle tickets were sent home with Youngest in the Family this week. Please return your payment and raffle ticket money to the Front Office as soon as possible. Come along and help make it a “Hoot” of a night.

Towards the end of last Term a revised information sheet for email, contact numbers and newsletter distribution was sent home with students who are the youngest in the family. To ensure our records are kept up to date, could all information sheets please be returned to the Front Office or Student Services as soon as possible. Your cooperation is much appreciated.
Japan Trip 25 Sep – 8 Oct 2013

Thirteen students and two teachers have just returned from a two week Japanese Cultural Study Trip, which was the first overseas trip from Gold Creek School. It was a busy schedule where students had many cultural experiences every day. We visited Nara, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Tokyo. Students stated the best part of the trip was the home-stay and school visit after Disneyland. We participated in Sport Day at Nara University High School and gained some good results. (photo below) Nara School will visit Canberra next week and we will host them this time. Gold Creek School was famous in Nara as we were on TV and 4 different newspapers for Sport Day and Cultural experience organised by Nara City council and Soroptimist. (photo below) All students behaved excellently and proudly represented Gold Creek and Australia throughout the trip. I believe that this experience will give them many positive influences in their future.  

Michiko Barber (Japanese Teacher)

Mainichi Newspaper

The international meeting where Australian students experienced traditional Japanese culture was held at Japanese Garden ‘Yoshiki-en’ in Nara Park on 29th. Students seemed interested in Japanese culture through the tea ceremony and dressing in Kimonos. It was organised by the international Soroptimist Nara-Heijo, inviting 15 students from Canberra and 17 overseas students. They also visited Todai-ji temple. The president Ms Fukutome said, ‘We hope they have a good image of Japan through cultural experience.’

Lauren Neale who visit Japan for the first time said with a smile, ‘We do not have a game like paper balloon in Australia. It is simple and fun.’

Our Week 4 Newsletter will publish written accounts by some of the students who attended the Japanese Cultural Study Trip along with more photos.

Student Services News

The Student Wellbeing team has been hard at work liaising with the Australian Navy Cadets to establish a Division of TS Canberra to operate from the Senior Site. We are now up to the stage of seeking interested Northern Canberra community members to form a Unit Support Committee to oversee the remainder of the TS Division formation.

6.30 to 7.30 pm Wednesday 30 October

In the proposed Ships Office at Gold Creek School Senior Site, Kellaway Ave Nicholls

Agenda
- Presentation of Cadets
- Presentation on TS Canberra Cadet unit
- Submissions from the floor
- Proposal
- AOB

Key roles of the Committee
- Establish a unit and have the committee incorporated
- Participate in the writing of the proposal document from a community perspective
- Help establish a TS Division
- Fund raising
- Promotion of Cadets
- Supporting Staff

If you are interested in supporting the Division, think your child or children would be interested in joining or have any questions, please contact me via the Front Office.

Thank you

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