Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the busy final term of our school year. We have a number of important events that are happening this term so please put them in your diary.

**School Production: Midsummer Night’s Dream – Week 6**
Our drama expert Ms Dale Thain in combination with our Art’s team is in the midst of serious background work preparing for the school production of ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’. This production includes cast members from the Junior Site as well as the Senior Site. The production will move through different areas with amazing props and set designs. The production will have three evening shows beginning **Wednesday 19 November** at 6pm and a school matinee on Wednesday and a public matinee **Thursday 20 November** at 11am. We hope to see you at one of the performances being held in the Senior Site Drama Room.

Week 8 is going to be a particularly busy week of celebration for everyone at Gold Creek.

**Whole School Awards Ceremony**
On **Wednesday 3 December** beginning at 9am will be an Award Ceremony for the whole school. This will be held in the Senior Site Gymnasium and include prizes for academic excellence for students from Kindergarten to Year 10. Perpetual awards will also be presented at this ceremony.
A separate certificate ceremony recognising student effort will be held during Week 7.

**‘Evening on the Green’**
The whole school P to 10 will come together to celebrate the end of the school year with an ‘Evening on the Green’. The P&C, together with the school and wider community, are organising a very special evening **Thursday 4 December** on the Senior Site Oval. There will be fun for the whole family with yard games, live bands, dance performances and an outdoor movie screening.

**Year 10 Farewell Breakfast and Assembly**
This event is held on **Friday 5 December** and is our opportunity to say farewell and good luck to our graduating Year 10’s.

So please take note of just a few of the very important dates for the final term of school.

We are saying farewell to Trevor Thurling who worked as part of our Student Services team. We valued and appreciated his work during his time at Gold Creek School and wish him well in his new full time endeavour. Thank you, Trevor.

Yours sincerely,
Brenda Ryan and the Leadership Team
English News
Welcome back to Term 4, a busy and productive time for our English classes. Ms Hillier is away for the first five weeks of this term and her classes are being ably looked after by Ms Philippa Needham. We welcome her and thank her for her support of Ms Hillier and the students. We also welcome back Ms Jones after a brief absence at the end of last term.

Students in year 7 are currently undertaking a unit of work on film studies and will soon be working as part of co-operative reading groups on differentiated novel studies. Year 8 students are completing their work on persuasion and advertising and will soon undertake research into the Elizabethan era as preparation for their studies in year 9 into Shakespeare’s plays. Year 9 are engaged in investigating the tactics and tools utilised by the media in our Truth in Media unit and we encourage parents to watch the news and/or discuss current world events with students to help them understand key issues more fully. Our year 10 students are completing their studies on their class novels and will then begin a group investigation into poetry.

English lunchtime support
Every Tuesday at lunchtime, students may come to Portable 10 for support in completing assignments or homework for English. For further information you may contact michelle.morthorpe@ed.act.edu.au

Maths News
Burgmann College Maths day
Nine of our Year 10 students participated in the Burgmann College Mathematics Challenge day at the end of term 3. All students enjoyed the day and were enthusiastic ambassadors for our school. Well done!

Dickson College Maths day
In Week 9 this term we are sending 3 teams of year 8 and 9 students to the north side Maths day for these year groups. This is the first to be available for year 8 and 9 so it should be exciting. Interested year 8 and 9 students should talk to their Maths teacher for details.

Second Hand textbook shop
Each year the Mathematics department organises a shop to sell second hand textbooks to try to minimise costs for the next year. At this stage we will be accepting textbooks during Week 7, with the intention of selling them in Weeks 8 and 9. This is not for profit and all sales go back to the owners of the books. Of course the school appreciates any donations of books that remain unsold after the sales to improve school resources. Textbooks for next year will be on the book pack list to go out shortly so start digging out any current textbooks that have been sitting at home!

Languages News
Did you know that 94% of the world’s population don’t speak English as a first language and 74% don’t speak English at all. In Term 3 we conducted a survey of senior site students and found that we had in excess of 30 different language backgrounds of students at our school (findings from research conducted by Professor John Hajek, University of Melbourne). Therefore the Gold Creek School Vision, which states that ‘we aim to give you an outstanding world-class education and provide opportunities to develop your whole of life skills within a multi-cultural environment”, is particularly relevant to our community and to prepare students to be active citizens in our world.

To celebrate the diversity of language backgrounds at Gold Creek School the Languages faculty is running Languages Week celebrations in Week 4 this term.

Each day during Week 4, in tutor groups students will participate in group quizzes about the different language backgrounds at the school. The school radio will play music from different language groups. In Languages classes on Tuesday students will learn more about the importance of languages studies and about how languages develop. On Thursday in Languages classes students will cook a variety of food from the cultural backgrounds of the languages they study. They will also present videos and performances at year group assemblies.

All of this culminates with our Cultural Day on Friday 7 November. The food cooked by the Languages students will be on sale at lunchtime. We also invite students to dress in the cultural costumes of their language/cultural background, including Australian.
Senior Site Bites

PARENT FORUM

Gungahlin College 7.00-8.30 Thursday 23 October

Open to all parents with students in Year 8 to 12.

Come along to a small workshop and hear from staff, parents and students about and contribute to work on the following topics:

- Transition to College
- Personalising the Gungahlin College timetable
- Gifted and Talented Programs

To register for one or more workshops on the night please click here

This event is proudly hosted by the Gungahlin College P & C.

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Rotary

Club of Gungahlin

3.30-6pm Tuesday 21 October, 2014

INTERACT CLUB OF GUNGAHLIN

PLANNING MEETING

Training Room, Gungahlin Library, Town Centre

Interact is a service club for young leaders ages 12-18. Join us in starting this new club in Gungahlin and discover...

- your leadership skills
- new volunteering opportunities
- new friends
- how you can make a difference.

About Interact

Interactors seek to improve their community and build friendships between students around the world. Interact clubs are run by students and are self-supporting, with local Rotary clubs providing sponsorship, support and guidance.

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which turns international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs.

Several schools in the ACT and its surrounds have already established Interact clubs and have joined a network of 200,000 Interactors in clubs across Australia and in 109 countries around the world. Club membership varies greatly and can draw from the student body of a single school or from two or more schools in the same community.

Come and join us:

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