Dates to remember:

- 24 Feb - Yr 7 & 8 Defence Students Get Together
- 25 Feb - Yr 8, 9 & 10 New Students Get Together
- 25 Feb - P & C Meeting 6:30pm Senior Site Library
- 25-27 Feb - Year 7 Peer Support Camp
- 2 Mar - Photo Catch-Up Day
- 5 Mar - 2016 World Challenge Parent Presentation 6:00pm Senior Site Library
- 9 Mar - Canberra Day Public Holiday
- 13 Mar - Yr 7 Immunisations

Associate Principal

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

As we reach the end of our third week back at school it has been great to see the engagement from students and teachers in the core business of our school. Students are all settled into their learning programme and all elective changes have been undertaken and classes are moving forward with high quality teaching and learning. All students should have received their unit outlines. These are useful documents for students and parents to help plan the assessment task timelines to ensure students can confidently approach their work. These unit outlines will be available on the school website within the next two weeks.

Currently tutor group teachers are establishing strong home school partnerships with families and have made contact with the parents and carers of students in their tutor groups. The tutor group teachers will be the first point of contact regarding academic and social queries. Aligned with that tutor group teachers have also made contact with families regarding Individual Learning Plan (ILP) meetings. If your student has previously had an ILP and the meeting has not been arranged, please make contact with your student’s tutor group teacher.

The ILP process for our G&T students is being coordinated by Mr Rael Matthews and he has made contact with those families. Those meetings will be happening soon.

Week 3 has been an extraordinarily busy week for students and teachers on the Senior Site. On Wednesday our students participated in our swimming carnival, held at Big Splash in Macquarie. It was well attended and our students should be justifiably proud of how well they represented Gold Creek in the Canberra community. Students participated in formal races, novelty events and had the opportunity to try out the slides at Big Splash. It was a beautiful warm and sunny day but the students made wise sun smart choices and relaxed under the wonderful shade trees at the venue.

This helped with our school photos on Thursday with students arriving in uniform and fresh faces ready for their photos. I don’t think anyone will hate their student ID photo this year. The students were highly efficient in the process and the photography company were justifiably pleased with how our students managed themselves. Catch up photos, for those who were away on Thursday, will occur on the senior site on Monday 2 March (Week 5).

We capped off Thursday with the inaugural Evening on the Green. This was a wonderful event and it was great to see our whole P – 10 community come together to celebrate the creative work of students across the school. Our south building was transformed into an Art Gallery and the talent of our students was certainly on show. Our students and staff should be proud of what they have achieved. We were also blown away by the musical talents of our students and staff who sang and danced throughout the evening. A particular congratulations to our solo singers who showed real courage in performing in front of such a large audience by themselves.

Our thanks go to the Gold Creek School P&C, Ms Kate Woods, Mr Rael Matthews and the junior and senior site teachers involved in setting up the event. We can’t wait for the next event.

Week 4 sees our year 7 cohort heading off to Narrabeen Sport and Recreation from Wednesday to Friday on their Year 7 camp. We wish the students and teachers attending a wonderful time. The year 7 students remaining at school will participate in some alternative events as well to help build a strong year 7 team. We also wish those of you who will be child free for those three days a relaxing time.

Warm regards,
Michelle Morthorpe
Associate Principal
Maths News
Maths Help is back on! Ms Gogia is available Monday and Tuesday in the Library at Break 1 and Ms Sharma is available in her classroom on Thursdays at Break 1.

Welcome Morning Tea
A welcome morning tea will be held on the Junior Site on Thursday 26 February for new and existing Defence parents, and for all other parents and carers new to Canberra. This is an opportunity to meet Shannon Birch (Acting Associate Principal, Junior Site) and Hilary Kinraid (DSTA/DTM), as well as to make connections with other families in our school community. See the attached flyer for further details. RVSP to Hilary Kinraid at Hilary.Kinraid@ed.act.edu.au.

Year 7 Camp
Final monies for the Year 7 Camp should now have been received by the school. The notes package containing the Medical and Consent form and the Permission to Participate in Swimming Activities form should also have been returned to school this week. Parents will also need to ensure that they have completed the online Medical and Consent form. A copy of the note with instructions for completing the online form is included below.

Dear Parents and Guardians

Your Child is about to attend a Sport and Recreation school camp at Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation organised through Gold Creek School. Prior to the camp all students must complete a Medical and Consent Form.

The information that Sport and Recreation needs about your child includes:

- medical conditions
- food related allergies
- special diets
- medication
- emergency contact details.

Sport and Recreation needs you to complete this form on behalf of your child. The form is available online and is easy to complete. Once you submit the form it is sent directly to the Centre so the staff can prepare for your child’s visit.

It is vital that you enter the following details to complete the online form:

Booking Number 0437776
Booking Start Date 25/02/2015
Booking Venue Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation

Please complete the Medical and Consent Form at dsr.nsw.gov.au/schoolcampmedicalform by 4/02/2015.
Senior Site Bites

Morning Tea for Defence Parents and other parents/carers new to Canberra
Term 1 2015

Date: Thursday 26th February (Week 4)
Time: 9.00 - 10.00am

Where: The Courtyard (behind the Administration block) at the Gold Creek Junior Site. Please sign in at the Front Office & receive directions.

Please join Shannon Birch and Hilary Kinraid (Defence School Transition Aide/Mentor) for morning tea. The aim is to meet us, and for new and existing parents within our school community to make connections, form friendships and have some fun. Babies & toddlers are most welcome.

RSVP: Hilary Kinraid (DSTA/DTM)
Junior Site Front Office: 6205 2955
Senior Site Front Office: 6205 1814
P&C Meeting Dates:

- Wednesday 6.30pm, weeks 4 & 8 each term.
- Terms 1 & 3 Senior Site Library; Terms 2 & 3 Primary Site Library
- School report usually first meeting each term

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These events all need volunteers to help run them.

They all contribute to the sense of community at school as well as raise funds for school projects. Please take the "2 hour challenge" and help out during the year. If you can help organise one, or turn up for even an hour on the day, please email goldcreekschoolpandc@gmail.com

Stay up to date through the P&C Facebook and website - www.goldcreekschoolpandc.org.au