

Junior Site Bites



Term 2
Week 7
14 June 2019

Dates to remember:
Calendar

- **19 Jun** – P & C Meeting, Senior Site Staffroom
- **21 Jun** – School Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Hearing Program
- **24 – 26 Jun** – Kindergarten Health Checks

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Wow! It's the end of Week 7 already! The term is sure flying by! Our teachers have been busy finalising student reports. This is a time when teachers analyse student learning, moderate with teachers and celebrate student achievements, together with identifying areas of focus for Semester 2. We reflect during report writing season on both the academic and social growth of students – from our Kindergarten students who now know letters and sounds, through to our Year 6 students who are better equipped to independently critically analyse information. As teachers, we get excited not only by academic progress, but also the social and emotional growth that students make. Are they more focussed and organised in class? Can they now join cooperative learning groups to problem solve more effectively? Do they ask deeper questions to extend and challenge their own learning? Learning growth is not always shown in reports, but rather in knowing the journey that students have experienced.

If you have been following us on Facebook, you may be aware that one of our lovely students, Jess Pearson, won a competition to be the ball carrier on to the field of the Matilda's versus Brazil game at the FIFA Women's World Cup in Paris! Last night, as we slept, Jess represented Australia and walked onto the field with these exceptionally talented soccer players – and what a match! The Matilda's won!! Coming back from behind to take victory! Ms Spence today shared this at assembly and reminded our students that sometimes when we take a risk, work hard, and have grit, then we can make our dreams come true!



At assembly today, we also had our annual Year 3 introduction to the Support SOM Day. This year, the Support SOM day will be held on Friday 28 June. Support SOM Day is a culmination of their Unit of Inquiry 'Sharing the Planet' investigating the central idea 'Distribution of wealth affects communities' and individuals' access to equal opportunities'. Each year, this event aims to raise money for our Partner School in Cambodia. A note will be sent home asking students to bring in 50c-\$1 to buy things to fundraise. This is an annual Unit of Inquiry so I'm sure our older students will remember the fantastic sense of pride they had in helping others!



We have finally received the topics for this year's Rostrum Competition! Students in Years 3-6 will begin preparing speeches to present to their class in the hope of making it to the School Finals. The winner will be representing Gold Creek in the Rostrum Semi Finals. Keep an eye out for the topics coming home very soon!

Just a friendly reminder of our parent communication processes and protocols. If you have any concerns about your child, your first point of contact is your child's classroom teacher, followed by the year cohort Executive Teacher if needed. The best form of contact with our teachers is via email. As our teachers are on class and attend meetings after 3pm, please allow 48 hours for a response to your email. We thank you for following this process and we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you.

Yours in learning, Jacqui

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POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING NEWS




To the wonderful community at Gold Creek,

As you may already know, students at our school are often rewarded with a buck when they demonstrate our school values. The four different types of bucks represent our school expectations, which are based on being Respectful, Responsible, Safe and a Learner. These bucks help to build up those oh-so-precious house points. We, the teachers, like to hand out the bucks generously as we love seeing all these examples of great behaviour choices.

However, we thought we'd love to acknowledge those people who go the extra distance to demonstrate the school values and the IB Learner Profile Attributes. So, we're not talking about just picking up some rubbish, or saying kind words to a classmate when they accidentally trip over a shoelace. We're talking about the whole kit and caboodle of demonstrating all those tip top behaviours that represent an outstanding Gold Creek citizen.

So, to acknowledge these paragons of exemplary behaviour, we'd love to announce...

THE GOLDEN BUCKS!

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|  <p><i>Principled</i> <i>Balanced</i> <i>Caring</i> <i>Reflective</i> <i>Inquirer</i></p> |  <p>The Golden Buck</p> |  <p><i>Knowledgeable</i> <i>Risk-taker</i> <i>Open-minded</i> <i>Communicator</i> <i>Thinker</i></p> |
| Awarded to: _____ Class: _____ House: _____ | | |
| Awarded by: _____ Signature: _____ | | |

These tantalising tickets of glory will gain the hard-working student an entry to win a fabulous, scrumptious and exclusive morning tea with... yes, none other than our esteemed Principals of Gold Creek. The students will be nibbling at treats, relaxing on some cushioned seating, and hobnobbing with the leadership of our school. Each teacher is armed with two Golden Bucks per week and we'll be on the lookout! Panda, the formerly Pesky, now somewhat reformed individual has already been seen in the playground, searching for those that are worthy. Students have been teaching Pesky about the IB Learner Profile and how to be Respectful, Responsible, Safe and a Learner.

For any queries relating to the GCS Bucks or the Golden Buck, please contact your nearest friendly Positive Behaviours for Learning team member. The team includes Mr. Carswell, Ms. Good, Mr. McCallum, Ms. Davis, Ms. Dunnnett and Ms. Kim.



Pesky Panda has forgotten how to be Caring when playing with others and is interrupting the game of soccer. He also didn't use his Thinking skills to follow the rules of the game and kicked the ball away 😞



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Students taught Pesky how to be Principled and play the game respectfully. He showed he was a Learner and played by the rules. Yay Pesky!!



Pesky decided to play on the play equipment. Unfortunately, he forgot how to play Safely and pushed students out of the way to use the flying fox.



Students taught Pesky how to be Principled on the play equipment and responsibly line up and wait his turn for the flying fox. Keep up the good work Pesky!!

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PRINCIPAL AWARDS – WEEK 7

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| 3A Matisse B Jacob H-K | 3B Wali K | 3C Emma T Harry S | 3D Samantha P Zakk R |
| 4A James G Matilda W | 4B Aaminah O Samantha C | 4C Matilda A Marcus W | 5/6A Alfie S Abbi R |
| 5/6B Ayden P Angela J | 5/6C Liana H Zunairah S | 5/6D Yembah M Charli T | 5/6E Esi A Aastha K |

TERM 2 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

- Wk 8 Music
- Wk 9 Yr 2
- Wk 10 Whole School
Special Awards, at
Senior Site

IMPORTANT - AWARDS CEREMONY, SEMESTER 1 2019

We would like to invite parents/carers to the Whole School Award Ceremony, Friday, 5 July 2019 at 9:00am in the Senior Site Gymnasium. We have an amazing guest speaker lined up. Her name is Tina Taseska and she is currently on a scholarship with the ACT Academy of Sport (ACTAS) and in the Australian National Hockeyroos Development Squad. Tina has a double degree in Sports and Exercise Science and Human Nutrition, and she is currently doing a Master of Occupational Therapy at the University of Canberra.

There will be performances by both the Senior and Junior students. This is such a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students. Please join us at this special event. All parents are welcome.

Amelia Machen



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REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES – JUNIOR SITE

Our 24 hour dedicated absences phone number is
6142 1344



To report your child's absence, please leave a short message stating their name, year, class group and reason for absence by 9:30am. You can also report absences via mobile phones through our school App ([download from Apple store or Google Play](#)). After 9:30am please call 6142 1340.



Remember to collect your stickers and drop into the Front Office at either the Junior or Senior Site. With every \$10 purchase you will receive 1 sticker. Help our school to earn some fabulous resources!