

Junior Site Bites



Term 3 Week 1

26 July 2019



Dates to remember:

[Calendar](#)

- **1 Aug** – Limelight ticket sales open
- **2 Aug** – Athletics Carnival

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I hope everyone managed some quality family time over the holiday break. I was fortunate to be able to visit our new Junior Site building earlier this week. The works are progressing very smoothly. The slab has been poured and the framework is now being constructed. I will also begin discussions in the near future about the building expansion on the Senior Site, scheduled for delivery in 2022. This is a really exciting time for Gold Creek as we work towards achieving our mission of building a learning community that is futures focused. Please see progress photos below and also on our website.



Our mission also outlines our goal of promoting inclusiveness. This is especially important in meeting the needs of all students. With this in mind, I am pleased to announce that Gold Creek School will now accept students with exceptional needs as part of a small group program on both the Junior and Senior sites in 2020. This small group program will offer more individualised supports for eligible students, whilst still maintaining mainstream education opportunities where appropriate. This is very exciting news for Gold Creek as we will be able to support more students in attending their local school.

At Assembly today we celebrated NAIDOC Week. The theme this year is Voice, Truth and Treaty. We held a whole school assembly to acknowledge and celebrate our connections through the voice of our students and school community. Thank you to Violet Sheridan, Anita Barlow, Nicole Baker and Jayden Goodrem for your amazing words and song. It is important to celebrate as a whole community the contributions of our first Australians and work towards a shared future.



I would like to welcome some new staff to Gold Creek. Firstly, Mr Dean Stewart has joined us in the 5/6 team as Maria Famelis prepares for the birth of her baby. Sam Hood is joining us also this term in the PE Specialist role. We also welcome Johanna Hooijer and Ava Trudinger to the staff as our new School Psychologists – Johanna will be on site Monday and Wednesday, Ava on Thursday. We also welcome back Mick as our Building Services Officer in Week 3, who will share the role with both the Senior Site, and with Terry! On another note, we also welcome three lovely baby boys to our school community, as Cara Slattery, Belinda Rawlinson and Brenna Tait have all welcomed boys into their family. Congratulations!

Can we remind all parents that the gravel area outside Preschool is reserved parking for staff. This ensures a reduction of students crossing the road during peak times. We have had a couple of near misses when reversing – so please remind your child about road safety.

Yours in learning, Angela and Jacqui

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YEAR 1 NEWS

Year One finished Semester One with the Unit of Inquiry **'Sharing the Planet'**. We inquired into how people can make choices to support the sustainability of the Earth's resources. We looked closely at deforestation, air pollution and water pollution. When inquiring into water pollution, we completed a hands-on activity with students following the journey of 'Danny the Drip' as he makes his way down the River Murray and encounters pollution.



As part of Year One students taking action, we are collecting eligible drink containers to redeem for a 10c refund under the ACT Container Deposit Scheme. It's a great way for students to get involved in recycling, help reduce litter and raise money for school programs. You can do your bit to help by bringing eligible containers to the school. Eligible containers can be dropped off to Year One classes in the Wattle Unit.

WHAT'S ELIGIBLE?



Eligible containers are those drink containers that are commonly found in the litter stream, including most glass, plastics, aluminium, steel or liquid paperboard (cartons) between 150mL and 3L in size.

WHAT'S NOT ELIGIBLE?



Containers not commonly found in the litter, including all plain milk containers, flavoured milk and pure juice drinks 1L or above, wine and spirit bottles, and cordials.



WHEN YOU **DROP OFF** YOUR CONTAINERS



OUR SCHOOL **PICKS UP** 10 CENTS FOR EACH

We are now exploring the new Unit of Inquiry **'Who we are'**, and inquiring into how 'Awareness of our characteristics, abilities and interests informs our learning and development'. The students have enjoyed tracing their bodies and writing everything about themselves as a provocation into the Inquiry. We will now begin exploring 'personal abilities and interests' through physical, social and emotional characteristics and the similarities and differences between ourselves and others.

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NO PRINCIPALS AWARDS – Whole School NAIDOC Assembly

- TERM 2 ASSEMBLY
- ROSTER
- Wk 2 Athletics Carnival, no Assembly
- Wk 3 Yr 5/6
- Wk 4 Yr 1
- Wk 5 Book Week Assembly
- Wk 6 Yr 3
- Wk 7 Kindergarten
- Wk 8 Yr 4
- Wk 9 Yr 2
- Wk 10 Colour Run, no assembly



Tickets go on sale for the **Step into the Limelight Gala Performance** on Thursday 1 August. Gold Creek school is performing on Friday 30 August.

Tickets will go on sale through Ticketek at 9am.

The show is performed on floor area at one end of arena – best seats in D, E, F, G, H sections which are front on to stage placement.

Katie Bennett



Our final tally for the Earn & Learn Program was **an amazing 24,266 points!!** A wonderful range of new literacy resources has now been ordered and is expected to be delivered during Term 4. A huge thank you to the school community for your support and commitment to collecting the stickers.

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DEFENCE NEWS

Centenary of Peace 19 July 1919 - 19 July 2019

Peace Day

The Treaty of Versailles, signed on 28 June 1919, formally ended hostilities. To mark this final ending of 'the war to end all wars' major buildings were decorated with flags. On 30 June church services were held and Australian and British ships fired a 101-gun salute in Sydney Harbour. Official celebrations were held on Saturday 19 July 1919, which was declared 'Peace Day' throughout the British Empire.



Friday, 19 July 2019 marked the Centenary of Peace. Gold Creek School was invited to participate in an historic National Peace Project at the Australian War Memorial to celebrate the Centenary of Peace Day (19 July 1919 – 19 July 2019) and help make giant peace poppy on the Forecourt.



The Education Team from the Australian War Memorial have been working closely with the OZY Youth Choir Honouring Defence Service to create a deeply engaging educational experience for all involved. The afternoon included an educational tour of the Memorial with special reference to the 15 Values in the Hall of Memory, a procession from the Hall of Memory through the Commemorative area to the forecourt outside the Memorial, and the forming and filming of a giant peace poppy on the forecourt and singing together as an 'improptu' Peace Choir.

Despite occurring during the school holidays, 6 Defence Students and their parents attended this event representing Gold Creek School and proved wonderful ambassadors.

Colin Wilson
Defence School Mentor



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Our 24 hour dedicated absences phone number is
6142 1344



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