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Associate Principal

Michelle Morthorpe and Angela Spence presented our first community information session about the International Baccalaureate (IB) in the Senior Site library last Thursday. The group looked at the mission of the IB program and explored the ten attributes of the ‘learner profile’. The parents, carers and community members who attended came away with an understanding of how the learner profile works. The next two IB sessions will be site specific and devote the sessions to exploring the MYP or Middle Years Programme on the Senior Site and the PYP or Primary Years Programme on the Junior Site.

Organisation hint:
The unit outlines for each subject area should have made it home and are also in the process of being available on our website. A suggestion for our students is to map out the assignments in each subject area. The students should use the due dates as the deadlines; encourage them to work backwards breaking the assignment into manageable chunks. Students could then map out the tasks in their student diaries. Encourage your child to talk to their tutor teacher or subject teacher to ask for support in timetabling and to also seek feedback with the subject teacher with drafts and how the assignment is progressing.

Thank you to those families who have updated their contact details; if you haven’t already please send them in.

Brenda Ryan

Fun at the Year 7 Camp

Our Year 7 staff and students returned safely from their camp held 26-28 February at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen. A report from the those who attended will follow in our whole school newsletter next week.
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Defence News

Our first **Morning Tea for Defence Parents/Carers** was held in the Multi-purpose room on the Junior Site two weeks ago. Thank you to all the parents that came along. I hope you enjoyed talking with our Associate Principal Kate Stuckey. It was a great opportunity for me to meet some of you and for you all to get to know each other. It was lovely to see so many new parents to the school there. I will organise another morning tea later in the year.

The **Meet & Greet Get-Togethers** for the Defence students at the Senior Site were held last week. They were a great opportunity for the students to get to know each other and for me to catch up with them over some food and cordial. Thank you to Aaron Kingma, our SLC Pastoral Care, for helping me to run the sessions. Further get togethers for Senior Site Defence students will be organised throughout the year.

You will have recently received an e-mail from me which included a link to the Defence Family survey. As funding for the Defence positions in our school is determined by the number of Defence students in attendance, it is important that we are working from an accurate information base. The survey will only take a few minutes to complete and your efforts in this regard are greatly appreciated. If you are a Defence family with students attending the school and didn’t receive the Defence Survey, please e-mail me at Hilary.Kinraid@ed.act.edu.au and I will send it to you.

Remember the Defence Community Organisation’s (DCO) Defence Family Helpline phone number 1800 624 608 is there if you need advice, support or connection with your local community. This helpline operates 24-7 and is staffed by qualified human services professionals including social workers and psychologists.

Anzac Day Writing Competition

This year is the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I. To recognise the significance of this anniversary Gold Creek School is holding a writing completion. Full details including rules for the competition and guidelines will be available in the whole school newsletter next week.

*Hilary Kinraid*
*Acting DSTA/ DTM*

Pavers/Old Bricks Wanted

We are extending our garden on the junior campus and are seeking donations of old bricks or pavers you may have lying around your yard that you are not going to need. Our volunteer gardener would like to create a path using different shapes and sizes of bricks and pavers. This path will be located in the internal court yard of the junior campus outside of the staff room and offices.

If you have any of these and you want to get rid of them, please bring them to the junior campus.

*Kerry Lyttle*
*Business and Facilities Manger*