

Junior Site Bites



Term 1
Week 3
22 February 2019

Dates to remember:
Calendar

- 25 Feb – 1 Mar – Kindergarten PIPS Testing
- 26 Feb – Kindergarten Health Check Information Due Back
- 27 Feb – P & C Meeting at Junior Site
- 4 Mar – Catch Up School Photos

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What a busy week we have had! Yesterday we held our Junior Site Swimming Carnival which was of course a resounding success! Organising these days are incredibly complex, and I wish to publicly thank Mr David Russell for all his hard work, organisation and knowledge to make this day amazing! Although we started the day a little late due to issues with the timers, we quickly caught up and ended the day with our fabulous War Cry competition! Thank you also to our school community who rallied behind every competitor, cheering them on with great gusto! Finally, thank you to our wider community, our parents, carers and friends, who came down to volunteer in multiple roles – we can't have a great day without you!



As we head towards week 4, I am absolutely in awe of how settled students are, and the amazing learning occurring in our classrooms. One of the fantastic ways in which we share our learning is through the SeeSaw platform. Each class will be allocated a QR code so that teachers may post learning, share information or celebrate growth! Please take the time to sign up to this fantastic communication tool – if you haven't received information, contact your classroom teacher directly.

This week we also held our beginning of the year Meet 'n Greet! Thank you to all our parents who attended. We recognise that for our working families it is challenging to attend these afternoon events and will ensure that we forward the PowerPoint shared with all families.

**The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go**

Dr. Seuss

A focus for Gold Creek School this year is to develop our students as Literate Global Citizens. One of the ways we do this, is ensuring that all classrooms are equipped with fabulous rich literature that students can explore and dive into! Remember, reading is the path to gaining more knowledge. It is the greatest gift we can give our students, and as such, staff are really finding creative ways to develop the love of literature in their classes. Last week, we held our first Library Lover's Day – a huge success where we celebrated books through our 'mystery borrow' lucky dip! Please remind your child that we have the most amazing library – they and you are always welcome to come and grab a book! Spending 10 minutes a day reading with your child can be the most rewarding!

Finally, have you liked our Facebook page? We have revamped our Facebook page and love sharing our learning with you! Look for Gold Creek School and press like!

Yours in learning

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YEAR 5 and 6 NEWS

Unit of Inquiry

This term Year 5/6 have begun to inquire into the concept of culture through the transdisciplinary theme 'Who We Are'. The central idea for this unit of inquiry is:

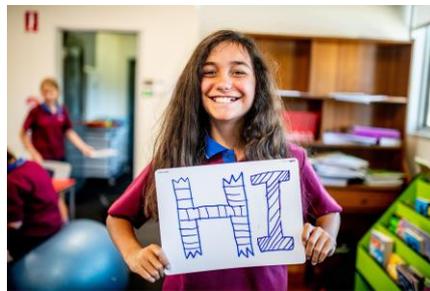
Culture may impact on beliefs, values and actions.

When exploring the question of 'What is culture?' we developed research questions using the key concepts. Some of the questions students formulated were;

What causes culture to change over time?

What can culture be used for?

How are cultures connected?



We found culture can be connected by language.

Essential Agreements

To support positive classroom culture, each class has developed a classroom Essential Agreement. This has helped us to look at our own culture, our school culture and our learning culture as well as learning to appreciate and understand other perspectives on culture.

This unit will continue over the year as we explore how our own individual home cultures are connected to our shared cultural experience at school. This will form a natural reflection of learning at school over the year.

Korean Visit

Year 5/6 also had the pleasure of welcoming students from Korea to visit our school recently. We showed them around our school, played games and put on a performance to welcome and celebrate our connection with Korea.

Year 5/6 Team

The Junior Site Student Leadership Council (2018) had many entries for the competition to rename Fruit Break. There were many finalists and the winning name is..... MUNCH & CRUNCH. Through this name change we want to promote healthy food to be eaten during this break, fruit and vegetables mainly. We would also like to promote movement of some kind during this brain break to refresh everyone's mind. We will market this new name through the GCS Bucks expectation of **responsible**. The expectations for this break are going to be linked with the implementation of the PBL Framework.

The 2019 SLC will continue to take this forward, particularly in the area of increasing activity.

We would like all teachers to please **change the name to Munch & Crunch** for 2019!

Thank you all for your support,

2018 Student Leadership Council & the future 2019 Student Leadership Council

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PRINCIPAL AWARDS – WEEK 3

KA Isabel G Jayden S	KB Kaylee B Lucas D	KC Tyler M Ekam K	KD Emma Y Ethan C
KE Mary B Haridath G	1A Braxton G Evelyn H	1B Xavier G Taranvir S	1C Carter W-B Torin M
1D Ricky T Darya T	1E Emily N Antonio S	2A Bonnie N Nethun S	2B Emma L Ethan D
2C Mia F Gianna S	2D Ethan L-A William M	2E Tilly B Blake J	

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- **TERM 1 ASSEMBLY**
- **ROSTER**
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- ● Wk 2 Year 5/6
- ● Wk 3 Year 2
- ● Wk 4 Year 4
- ● Wk 5 Year 1
- ● Wk 6 Year 3
- ● Wk 7 Harmony Day
- ● Wk 8 Kindergarten
- ● Wk 9 Languages/EALD
- ● Wk 10 ANZAC Assembly
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GOLD CREEK JUNIOR SITE HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2019

House captain elections were held on Thursday 14 February with each potential house captain having to give a speech to convince their fellow house members that they have the right attributes to make their house successful in 2019. The victors in some tight contests were:

- Wattle Cooper Targett and Yeon Mei Seo
- Eucalyptus Ruby Baker and Kael Bosci
- Waratah Renae Martin and Cooper McMaster
- Blue Gum Litia Keni and Daniel Harmer

I believe all successful captains have asked the other nominees to be part of a leadership committee to help steer their respective houses to glory. Well done to all the students who nominated, it isn't easy standing in front of a quarter of the school population and talking about yourself.



David Russell
PE Teacher

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Attention Kindergarten Parents!

Kindergarten Health Checks are happening this year!

All kindergarten students in the ACT are eligible to receive a **FREE** health check

VISION CHECK **HEARING CHECK** **HEIGHT, WEIGHT AND BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)**

 If you have not returned your child's Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire

 **FIND** — Information packs will be sent home early in Term 1

 **SIGN** — Complete the Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire

 **RETURN** — To your school by 26th February 2019

Your school can provide you with the date of the health check.

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Central Southern Golf Association
Term 1 – 2019
Girls Golf Program



Thursdays 4pm – 5pm
between 28 February 2019 and 4 April 2019
at
 **Gold Creek**
COUNTRY CLUB CANBERRA

Cost: \$50
No experience necessary, all equipment provided or byo

To Register: Go to mygolf.org.au, enter postcode 2600,
select Central Southern Golf Association,
GOLD CREEK - CSGA Girls Golf Program

Contact: Sue Harrison on 0431550857 or sue@njg.com.au
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