

# Junior Site Bites



## Term 2 Week 8

21 June 2019



### Dates to remember:

#### [Calendar](#)

- **24 – 26 Jun** – Kindergarten Health Checks
- **25 & 27 Jun** – Preschool Art Show
- **28 Jun** – Rostrum School Finals
- **28 Jun** – Yr 3 Market Day
- **1 Jul** – P & C BBQ
- **5 Jul** – Last Day of Term 2
- **22 Jul** – First Day of Term 3

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This week at assembly we celebrated our music program. Jaki Fraser and Anita Leung, our music specialists, shared the learning of all year levels! We also celebrated our band as they played my personal favourite, 'The Pirates of the Caribbean'! It was great to see the rhythm and beat involved in all the songs shared. A highlight was the amazingly complex Kindy performance. Well done Kindy! We can't wait to see how this will translate to musical instruments as they progress through the program!



Our students have been busily sharing some amazing writing with me. I love it when I get to see students dedicate themselves to the full writing process! Writing for purpose is one of the best ways we engage students and maximise their learning. I was particularly impressed with one year 4 boy who wrote to the Prime Minister!! What an incredible piece of writing – and how proud we are that you are advocating to save our environment! Here's just a snippet for you to read...

Dear Scott Morrison,

*This pollution problem is getting worse as we speak. Every minute the whole world produces 1 million pieces of rubbish. Australia used to be the cleanest country ever, now we're third cleanest country, not very good when you think about it.*

*People are getting used to polluted lakes and rubbish everywhere. And it gets worse - the landfill island is twice the size of Texas! Now if we don't stop, it will pollute the whole ocean. The worst piece of rubbish is straws, it kills our environment and animals like turtles.*

*Coffee is another one of the worst polluters. One billion coffee cups get sent to landfill every year. There is 6.3 billion tons of rubbish in the world. 9% gets recycled, 12% incinerated, 79% gets polluted in our world. Every minute we produce around 1 tonne of rubbish and in an hour 60 tonnes...*

How can we reduce our rubbish? We can't wait to see Mr Morrison's response! This is true Action in action!

Our Student Representative Council met today to discuss ways to make our school a better place. We explored ways to build inclusivity, sustainable practices and positive school culture. Our school leaders have a very important task this upcoming week – to apply their critical thinking skills as they develop strategies for maximum change. It was great to unpack with students the challenges they see and build some strategies to support change. We will keep you updated as we start Term 3 and implement some exciting initiatives.

### Fire Evacuation

In order to keep our students safe, we participate in mandated Fire Evacuation and Lockdown drills each term. These are a vital part of our approach to ensure that students are safe in the event of an emergency. Often during these drills, we may have parents and carers within the school grounds. Please be reminded that you are also required to join us at our evacuation place when drills, or indeed emergencies, occur.

Yours in learning  
Jacqui

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## PRESCHOOL NEWS



### YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ART SHOW!

To conclude our term 2 Unit of Inquiry "How We Express Ourselves", we will be holding an Art Show. This will showcase how the children have expressed their imaginations and emotions through the arts. We would like to invite family and friends to come and see your child's art on display.

#### When

Tuesday 25 June - Laughing Kookaburras, Legless Lizards, Perunga Grasshoppers and Swift Parrots

Thursday 27 June - Spotted Frogs and Rainbow Bee-Eaters

Time: 8.30am-9.30am

We look forward to sharing our learning with you.

Preschool Teachers



Week 8 Term 2  
The sun is shining and preschool has been turned into a Construction site. The children are holding meetings, building pipes and putting out house fires.

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## No Principal Awards – K – 6 Music Assembly

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## NEW STAFF MEMBER

Hello all, my name is Sam Richards and I am the new Indigenous Education Officer (IEO) here at Gold Creek School.

A little bit about my background, I am a Ngyiampaa descendant from the Wongaibon tribe and spent the majority of my early years in Brisbane before moving to Canberra to work within Department of Defence as an HR Clerk. I have always had a passion for working with youth so recently joined ACT Education to take up the role of IEO. My life outside of work includes playing Rugby for Gungahlin Eagles during the winter and cricket for Eastlakes however I enjoy any sort of sport/physical activity.



My main role as the IEO is to support Gold Creek School in building Cultural Integrity to meet the needs and aspirations of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students through supporting school staff to engage with families and community and help embed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives across the curriculum. I will also be involved in the organisation of celebrations for significant events for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students including NAIDOC Week and Reconciliation Week.

I will be at the school full-time, floating across both Junior & Senior campuses trying to get to know everyone so please, if you see me, don't hesitate to come up and say hello. I am extremely excited to be here and look forward meeting and doing some great work with everyone as the year goes on.

Regards

*Sam Richards, Indigenous Education Officer (IEO)*

## 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 is currently on scholarship with the ACT Academy of Sport and in the Australian National Hockeyroos Development Squad. Tina has a double degree in Sports and Exercise Science and Human Nutrition and 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*

## P & C END OF TERM BBQ

Notes went home this week for the P & C End of Term BBQ on Monday 1 July. If possible, please order via [flexischools.com.au](http://flexischools.com.au) or send payment along with the note **by Thursday 27 June**.



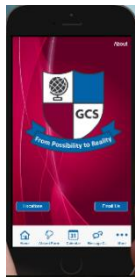
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Our 24 hour dedicated absences phone number is  
6142 1344



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.



Woolworths Earn & Learn **finishes next Tuesday 25 June**. Remember to gather the last of your stickers tucked away in your wallet, shopping bags or car console and drop into the Front Office at either the Junior or Senior Site. We will advise the grand total of stickers once tallied and keep you posted on which fabulous resources have been earned for Gold Creek School!