

Senior Site Bites



**Term 3
Week 5**
23 August 2019



Dates to remember:
[Calendar](#)

28 August

- Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45am Kit 2
- Homework Centre 3:15-4:30pm, Library

30 August

- ACT Mt Bike Championship 8am-3pm Stromlo Forest Park
- Father's Day Breakfast 8 am Junior Site

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<http://goldcreekschoolpandc.org.au/>
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Dear Parents and Carers

Students around Australia this week are being encouraged to re-engage with the joy of reading, as we celebrate 2019 Book Week. The theme for this week has been 'Reading is my Super Power'. Reading provides so many opportunities for us, such as learning about the experiences of others, improving our vocabulary, developing skills to present our ideas and thoughts in a more sophisticated way and travel through space and time without ever leaving our little part of the world. In the words of one of the world's favourite authors (and philosophers) Dr Seuss, "*The more that you read, the more things you will know, The more you learn, the more places you'll go*". Please take this opportunity to encourage your child to spend some time in our wonderful library, and borrow a book to read. A big 'Thank You' to those senior site students who went down to our junior school to read with them throughout the week.

We have recently updated the school website with our Mission and Vision statement, the Assessment Schedule for Semester 2, as well as the Unit Outlines for each of the courses on offer. To locate the Assessment Schedule for your child, please click on this link [Curriculum](#) tab on the home page. Students have been encouraged to print off their assessment calendar and have it clearly displayed where they work at home. This should support students in being prepared for the busy phases which inevitably occur throughout the semester. If your child has any concerns about their assessment schedule, they can talk with their Pastoral Care teacher as soon as possible to see if any adjustments are needed.

As we seem to have returned to the cold weather, can I take this opportunity to remind you that correct school uniform consists of navy blue trousers or tracksuit pants, and a navy blue jumper and warm jacket. If any families would like assistance to purchase the correct uniform, please come to the front office to speak with the staff. They have a range of items in a range of sizes which are available for purchase.

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IMPORTANT! SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

Please take the short time it takes to complete the survey via the link below. The survey results will contribute to our school improvement processes and will also be used in public interest research projects and longitudinal studies aimed at improving the quality of services in the ACT. The reference number and school code has previously been emailed.

https://acteducation.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6LosQ3xQfheARzn

or

Scan the QR code below with your smartphone or tablet:



P & C Father's Day Breakfast

We would like to show our appreciation for fathers, grandfathers, uncles, partners and other carers this Father's Day. Please join us next Friday, 30 August on the Junior Site for a bacon and egg roll before school. The event is to start at 8am.

Thank you to our volunteers for making the morning happen!

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES – SENIOR SITE

Our 24 hour dedicated absences phone number is

6142 1323



To report your child's absence, please leave a short message stating their name, year, pastoral care class and reason for absence – Late/Sick or Leave by 9:30am. **You can also report absences via our school App ([download from Apple store or Google Play](#)).**

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CLUBS AT GOLD CREEK SCHOOL SENIOR

Gold Creek School kindly organises and offers a vast range of different academic, and non- academic clubs for the students to enjoy during school hours. Providing clubs that allow students to have fun and learn new skills to help support their academic journey during high school, the huge range of different clubs offered at Gold Creek School are sure to intrigue every student attending the school.

Some of these clubs include:

Code Breakers - 'Electronics, coding and building robotic overlords, to take over the world!'

Entrepreneurship - 'Designing, developing and having your input on the second generation of our Business program at the school.'

STEAM - 'From edible insects, fungus models and everything in between... Projects that break boundaries!'

Debating - 'Learn new skills that help teach students get their thoughts across to someone. Entering competitions and getting involved in lots of fun activities, debating is a fun club for everyone.'

Anime Club - For students who are interested in anime, to students who love sharing their opinions about the Japanese culture, Anime Club is the place to go!'

These academic and non-academic clubs hold many potential opportunities for all students attending Gold Creek School, teaching them how to further develop certain areas of their learning by further developing their ATL (approaches to learning) skills, as well as by further improving students' communication and social skills. These clubs offer huge potential for students who are looking at different creative ways to design, develop and share their input on the developing next generation. These clubs are places for students to openly interact with students from all year grades and have fun while sharing their identity.

(Students who are interested in being a part of these clubs can talk to their PC teachers for more information.)

Mia Brown, Year 8

DISCO

On Thursday, 22 August a disco was organised by a couple of year 9 students from the Community Connections class 'Giving Through Music' with some help from their friends. Several weeks of list making, selling tickets, organising food, venue, music, sound and staff, and even more list making. The disco was held in the drama room where students had the opportunity to dance and have fun with their friends.



The night was excellent and very successful with everyone on the dancefloor enjoying the music and creating a great atmosphere. This would not have happened without the help of the amazing Mrs Simpson and our lovely team of staff including Mr De Zylva, Mr Harper, Miss White, Mr McDonald, Ms Beattie, Mr Hider and Mrs Chapman. We are so glad that everyone enjoyed this fantastic event.



Dallandra McPhail, Abby Loughton, Charlotte Garbutt, and Kaidan Paull

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Here at Gold Creek, we have various Community Connections classes. Students get to choose which one they want to be in depending on their interests. In this article, I will be interviewing some people within the Community Connections to see how they work, and how they personally feel about them. Once you've read this, you should have a better idea which community connection you want to do next semester!

Giving Through Music

At Giving Through Music, students are encouraged to work on their musical talents. At the beginning of every lesson, they write down a goal to try and achieve. At the end of the lesson, they say whether or not they achieved it. There are also teams in it, and some students who aim to help the student body. Recently there has been a team working on the Disco. There are also students who plan to perform at floride, and others who perform for the concourse. Sophie is one of the year 7's at Giving Through Music, and this is what she has to say about it, "It's fun and I get to improve my music skills".

Newspaper

It would be hard to write this without talking about the newspaper! At the newspaper, you are expected to write articles about, well, anything. You have a lot of freedom, with the only exception that you do still have to talk about what happens at school. At the start of the semester, you get to choose who will help manage the people and what gets written.

Teaching Sport

In this Community Connection, you work in groups. The aim of these groups is to try and come up with a game to teach the junior side. Last semester, they didn't get that far though. Instead, they just taught the people within their community connection. Most people involved said that they enjoyed the feeling of teaching others.

We are very lucky to have so much time to spend on what we're passionate about. Many other schools don't even have clubs, yet we have clubs and community connections! These are only three of the available Community Connections at GCS. In our next newspaper, we will have more options to check out. Hope to see you then!

Hannah Robertson, Year 7



REMINDER - MOBILE PHONE RULES

Don't forget our rules for mobile phones; when students are in the buildings their phones must be off and in their bags.

If you need to contact your child in an emergency please call the school direct on 6142 1300 and we will get the message to them.

For non-urgent messages you can send an SMS and students can check their phones during breaks.

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The Gold Creek School's
Production of

COMING SOON!



ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL

Book by

Dennis Kelly

Music & Lyrics

Tim Minchin

Ticket Prices:

Adults - \$15

Concessions - \$5

Week 10, Term 3

Senior Site Gym

Monday, 23 September 2019 – 12:00pm

Monday, 23 September 2019 – 6:30pm

Tuesday, 24 September 2019 – 6:30pm

Wednesday, 25 September 2019 – 6:30pm

Food and drinks available for purchase prior to the performance

Tickets available via Flexischools or at the door

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).

All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

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