Term 4
Week 6

Dates to remember:
18 November
Bandstrav Performance
26 November
Ten Cent Tuesday
Yr 2 Excursion to the Dinosaur Museum
27 November
Kindergarten Orientation

Communication

In 2014, we have put a concentrated effort into improving communication with families. Below I have included a table which outlines some of current regular forms of communication. In 2014, we will be adding to this by including a school ‘app’ which can be accessed by smartphones and tablets. This will give parents the option of receiving push notifications of upcoming events, being able to check in daily on school happenings, having access to permission notes, being able to alert the school of student absence and much much more. We are also looking to digitalise the majority of our communication in line with other schools in the Directorate, and will be sending newsletters and Junior Site Bites home through electronic media.

Please ensure that your email address is current with the school front office by writing a letter to your child’s class teacher, or emailing info@goldcreek.act.edu.au and advising them of your current email address so the database can be updated. We will send out a test email in the coming weeks.

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<th>Form</th>
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<td>Junior Site Bites</td>
<td>Weekly</td>
<td>Showcase student work, coverage of Junior Site specific events and happenings, updates from Associate Principal, advise on notes recently sent home and upcoming events.</td>
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<td>Community Connections</td>
<td>Termly</td>
<td>Inform parents of class specific curriculum areas and content to be covered at the beginning of each term.</td>
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<td>Term Calendar</td>
<td>Displayed on website, live document</td>
<td>The school calendar is a whole school calendar which informs the community of upcoming events and assists parents and students with their term planning.</td>
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<td>Website</td>
<td>Live</td>
<td>The newly launched website is updated regularly and is a ‘one stop shop’ for almost all information pertaining to Gold Creek School.</td>
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<td>Newsletter</td>
<td>Twice a term</td>
<td>This is a whole school newsletter that provides the P-10 oversight on what has been happening and what is coming up at Gold Creek School. It is a celebration of student work and achievements.</td>
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<td>Information email address</td>
<td>Live</td>
<td>The information email address is checked daily and emails are forwarded to the appropriate person to provide accurate and timely responses.</td>
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Preschool Transitions

During Week 6 and Week 7, students will be participating in transitions from Preschool into Kindergarten to familiarise themselves with their new learning environment for 2014. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn what it is like to be a Kindergarten student, and participate in some Kindergarten lessons such as indoor and outdoor investigations and gross motor activities. It is also a great opportunity to lessen potential anxiety that students may have about coming across to ‘Big School’. We look forward to seeing all the parents of the Kindergarten 2014 students at the upcoming Kindergarten Orientation Night.

Class Placement 2014

Teachers have been working hard on class placements over the past week. We value information from parents and carers and students themselves, and use information provided from all parties when considering class placement. Information provided from students and parents, knowledge on positive working relationships, friendship groups, class dynamics, peer relationships are amongst the factors considered when designing the class grouping for the coming year. We appreciate that parents have faith in the school to use the knowledge that we have gained in conjunction with the knowledge provided to choose the most appropriate class for your child. While we endeavour to meet all stakeholders needs, we are unable to give guarantees for parent wishes as there are at times competing wishes presented.

Please let the front office know in writing if you are not returning to Gold Creek School in 2014. This can be done either via email sent directly to the info@goldcreek.act.edu.au address, or via a handwritten note. Please make sure you include students full name, class teacher and year level. This assists us with your planning and staffing for 2014.

Parent Helper & Volunteer Thankyou Morning Tea

Have you taken the time to assist in the classroom, served on the P&C or the School Board, helped out with school events, assisted with carnivals etc in 2013 at Gold Creek School?

All volunteers are invited to attend the Thankyou Morning Tea being held in the school library at

11am on Friday 6 December 2013

Please inform the front office of your intention to attend. You may receive a personalised invitation in the coming weeks.