The swimming carnival held on Wednesday was a huge success. The students participated with enthusiasm and a big thank you goes to our staff for a well organised and enjoyable day.

The Meet and Greet took place on Thursday evening and was well attended, giving an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with our teachers. The new format of the evening gave the parents and insight on how the student day occurs with movement from one class to the next.

By the end of this week students should have a unit outline for all eight subjects that they are studying. Please take the time with your child to discuss and plan the assessment and homework requirements.

Please remember that tutor group teachers are your first point of contact and an excellent way to communicate any relevant information.

Plans for the Year 7 camp from 26-28 February are now in the final stages. All payments should have been completed and medical forms returned. Staff and students are looking forward to a time of positive interaction and building strong peer group relationships.

Glenda Websdale
Associate Principal

All school staff have been working together forming ‘professional learning communities’. The Senior Site has moved to subject based faculties this year with specialists working together to inform the learning for our school.

We are enthusiastically viewing the International Baccalaureate as a tool that will support the deepening of the ‘learning’ for our students. We are expanding areas within our school where students can be working in small groups or individually catering for different learning styles.

Our student leadership opportunities have grown with the formation of the ‘student council’ and their important role in developing and achieving goals from our whole school strategic plan.

This is an exciting time to be part of Gold Creek and we welcome you to our ‘learning community’.

Brenda Ryan
Associate Principal
Maths Textbooks

All students are expected to have the appropriate textbook for their class to support their learning. They can be ordered through officemax (www.officemaxschools.com.au/) or through the supplier direct. Year 7 - Pearson Mathematics 7, regular or essentials edition. Year 8 - Pearson Mathematics 8, regular or essentials edition. Year 9 Standard – Cambridge Essentials Gold 9 Hotmaths bundle, Year 9 Advanced – ICE-EM Mathematics 9 (book 1 and 2). Year 10 standard - Cambridge essentials Gold 10 Hotmaths bundle. Year 10 advanced – ICE-EM Mathematics 10 (Book 1 and 2). There are a limited amount of second hand year 7 and 8 books available for purchase as well as advanced year 9 and 10. At the end of the year there will be an option of selling the textbooks that the math department will organise to alleviate some of the cost. If you are unsure about which book is required, or there is difficulty in supplying these books, please talk to your child’s teacher.

Zac Hain
Executive Teacher, Mathematics

Informatics Competition

A note for entry to the Informatics competition was made available for interested students on Monday February 17. Entries for this competition are due on Monday February 24. This separate competition note is due to an unusually early sitting date. Notes are available from Ms Cregan in the Downstairs Workroom or the front office.

Trish Cregan
Competitions Coordinator

Swimming Carnival

Thank you to everyone for your attendance on Wednesday at the Swimming Carnival. It was one of the most enjoyable carnivals to be a part of, the staff supervision and participation of competitors was great. The students were fantastic and we received some good feedback from the lifeguard who mentioned that we were the best school they have had there this year. Thanks must go to Mary-Anne Kirk and Brent Felix for their organisation of the carnival, well done. We were extremely lucky with the storm!

Grant Haigh
Executive Teacher, SHAPE

DTM/DSTA News

The Defence Transition Scheme is in place on both our junior and senior sites. It recognises families currently serving from the Australian Defence Forces. The primary purpose of the scheme being to assist students and their families to integrate into the school community and offers support and advice in relation to mobility and settlement due to postings and deployment. Gold Creek School captures information about our Defence families when students first enrol in the school. However, from time to time this data base needs to be updated to ensure the information captured remains current. Accordingly a survey will shortly be sent, via e-mail, to all Defence families listed on our data base. Could you please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire. If you are a currently serving Defence family and do not receive the e-mail please contact Hilary.Kinraid@ed.act.edu.au and a survey form will be forwarded to you. If you received the e-mail and are a civilian, or are no longer serving in the Defence Forces, please return the survey with this information so that we can update our records.

Our first “Meet & Greet” get-togethers (with light snacks) for Defence students on the Senior Site will be held over recess on Tuesday 25th February, for students in years 7 and 8, and on Wednesday 26th February, for students in years 9 and 10. Defence students should have received an invitation to these events, if they haven’t please ask them to see me in Student Services and I will ensure they get a copy of their invitation. They are able to bring a friend to these morning get togethers.

Hilary Kinraid
DSTA/DTM