**Junior Site Bites**

**Dates to remember:**
- 4 April: Cross Country
- 4 April: Disco
- 4 April: P-2 Assembly Yr 1 Item at 11:15am
- 10 April: Whole School ANZAC Assembly
- 11 April: Last day Term 1
- 28 April: First day Term 2
- 23 May: Walk safely to school day

**Notes home**
- Competitions Note
- Week 6
- AASSC EOI Term 2
- P&C Disco Note

**TERM 1 ASSEMBLY ROSTER**
- W9: P-2 (Year 1) 11:15am
- W10: Anzac Assembly (K-10 Thursday 11:30am Sen S)

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**NAPLAN WITHDRAWAL PERIOD**

NAPLAN assessments will be held for our year 3 and year 5 students from 13th - 15th May 2014.

The period for parents to apply for their child to be withdrawn from some or all of the NAPLAN assessments is open now.

If you would like more information about this process please contact Nicole Moore or Julie Pickering on 6205 2955.

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**Year 5 Camp**

We have had an overwhelmingly positive response to the Year 5 camp Expression of Interest. Students will be receiving notification in the coming weeks of how to register their intention to attend and pay a deposit. The camp details will be as follows.

- **Venue:** Camp Cooba
- **Approx. Cost:** $265
- **Dates:** 27-29 October 2014

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**Thiet created some magical BLTs last week during the Mini-Chef program.**

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**ANZAC Competition**

The closing date for our ANZAC competition has been extended to 11 April 2014.

Students can write a poem, short story or essay on the topic “100 years since the beginning of WWI”.

Entries to the competition can be handed in to the front office on the Primary site or at Student Services on the Senior site or they can be e-mailed to Hilary.Kinraid@ed.act.edu.au. We have received some wonderful entries on the Primary site, please keep your entries coming.

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**Thank you to all the families that attended the successful P&C welcome BBQ on Wednesday night. We had a great turnout, despite the poor weather, and were able to get through a lot on the agenda. For those of you who wish to be involved, and have ideas to discuss, please visit the P&C website (address on the left hand side of page) and come to the next meeting. Thank you to the volunteers who cooked the BBQ for us to enjoy.**

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http://goldcreekschoolpandc.org.au/
Year 1 News
Wow what a busy term we have had! Year 1 have settled in well to the 2014 school year and are working hard on learning about their similarities and differences with each other. Our next Unit of Inquiry is centred around family history and culture. The children will be coming home with lots of questions about their families and where they come from.

In numeracy we have been building our number knowledge and addition strategies in conjunction with using data in picture graphs and finally learning how to tell the time (months, days of the week, hour and half hour).

In literacy we have been building our phonemic awareness and spelling strategies. Over the next five weeks we are having a strong focus on the short vowel sounds. We are also working on narrative writing as a class and we will be moving to independent writing in the next few weeks.

A big thank you to all the parents and students for coming to our first three-way conferences. It was great to hear the children share their learning goals for the year and come up with a third goal with our parents. There have been some amazing goals around, math, literacy and personal development.

In week 9 Year 1 will have the honour of sharing an item at the junior assembly – Friday 11:15 in the hall.

If you have not provided your email to your child’s teacher can you please do so as soon as possible. We are planning on sending homework activities and spelling lists home via email.

Year 1 team

In addition to our in school ANZAC day writing competition, the Department of Veteran’s Affairs has also put out a competition which encourages students to learn about ANZAC day and why we commemorate the service and sacrifice of our veterans on this day. Any activity undertaken to commemorate ANZAC day may qualify for entry provided that it is relevant to the audience. The prizes are great - There are prizes for both Primary and Secondary schools and the winners from each state and territory will receive $1000, runner ups $500 and national overall winners an additional $2000. There are also special category awards of $500. See www.dva.gov.au/schoolawards for more information.

Change in enrolment processes for all ACT government schools
Our Directorate has taken on board feedback on ways to improve enrolment processes from parents, principals and school office staff across all sectors in our city and there is now a new streamlined process for enrolments for ALL government schools, from preschool to year 12.

Enrolment forms are ALL to be completed online (if support /access is required, each school’s office staff can help)
Applications for 2015 can be lodged online between 28 April 2014 (first day of term 2) and 30 May 2014
From 2 June 2014 principals look at enrolment applications and accept enrolments based on criteria outlined in Directorate policy taking into account the school’s Enrolment Management Plan
Parents will be notified of the school that has accepted their application
Applications received after 2 June will be considered within the individual school’s Enrolment Management Plan. A school’s Enrolment Management Plan takes into account school capacity, context and enrolment trends.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
Congratulations go out to the students that represented Gold Creek School at the National Day of Action against Bullying at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning. Our delegates proved to be extremely capable young people and provided a great voice to the minister regarding how we can best address bullying in schools.

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