Senior Site Bites

We have had a busy week with Linda Baird, Michelle Morthorpe and Angela Spence attending a conference for International Baccalaureate in Singapore. From the brief reports I have received it was a very informative and interesting conference. We look forward to learning more next week and there will be an article in the next newsletter.

Four students attended the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence Symposium last Friday. Our delegates have proven to be extremely capable young people and provided a great voice to the minister regarding how we can best address bullying in schools.

Immunisations were also last Friday for our Year 7 and 9 students. The brave students were very well behaved and had to sit for 10 minutes afterwards. Particularly brave were the Year 9 boys who were holding both arms as they had a needle in each arm. It certainly was quite a sight seeing our staff room transformed into a recovery room.

The beginning of winter often sees non uniform sweaters and other non-uniform apparel. It is interesting to note the strong correlation between the very small number of students who do not wear full uniform and the students who have behaviour issues. Students are expected to be in full school uniform at all times and not to have additional non-uniform items. We do have some second hand school sweaters and lost property if you are missing a sweater or shirt. Please ask at the front office or student services and we will try to help. Students who repeatedly do not wear full uniform will be placed on the No Go List. This means they cannot go on excursions or be a representative of the school.

Glenda Websdale
Associate Principal

Debating News

Wednesday night was the second round of the ACTDU Murray competition. Our two senior teams competed and did a great job.

Gold Creek’s senior debaters 2014
L-R Jed Scarlet, Rowan Muellner-Wong, Nic Hodson, Bebin Nepal, Tara Swanton, Tessa Stevenson and Kira Perry (Emily Russell not present)
Academic Competitions 2014

Academic competitions on the senior site kicked off on Tuesday this week with the Australian Mathematics Trust Informatics paper. This is a competition where students use logic in problem solving and is quite a challenge for participants. The Geography competition is next, please note that the date for the Australian Geography Competition has changed to Monday 31 March due to the NAPLAN Testing timetable. The English, Mathematics, Science and Writing competitions will follow in Terms 2 and 3.

It is not too late to enter the competitions and entry forms are available from the front office and the school website.

Trish Cregan
Competitions Coordinator

North Side Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 25 March, 13 students represented the Senior Site at the AIS. They all improved on their times from the school swimming carnival and displayed excellent sporting conduct on the day. Special mention to Hailey Abel, who performed strongly, placing in several events. Hailey and her sister, Jessica have qualified for the ACT carnival to be held on Friday 9 May. Casey Abel in Year 7 will compete at the Primary Championships on 1 April.

The other Gold creek competitors were: Nieve and Lydia Elliott, Ethan Garbutt, Rebecca Girdler, Connor Rowlands, Dillon Anton, Jacob Leishman, Zubair Iqbal, Rebecca Potter, Beth Dingwall and Connor Davies.

Sally Parker
SHAPE Faculty

Defence News

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.

Hilary Kinraid
DSTA/DTM

Outdoor Ed Surf Camp

The Outdoor Ed Surf Camp to Broulee took place this week, with students and teachers heading off in the rain on Thursday morning. The weather did not put a ‘dampener’ on the spirits of those attending, as the school bus with a full trailer attached pulled away ready for the adventure. A report on the overnight trip will follow in the next newsletter.