Junior Site Bites

For daily communication and updates on school events, please see our new community display board located in the courtyard in front of the Memorial Rose Garden.

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The period for parents to apply for their child to be withdrawn from some or all of the NAPLAN assessments is open now.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

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 WW1”.

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.

Car park Issues
Please take note of new signage erected at the Preschool. We often have people from TAMS and the AFP ensuring that these signs are being adhered to. They have been issuing warnings and fines to people.

Keep our children safe—slow down

Competitions
Please make sure that you have returned the permission slip if you wish for your child to participate in the competitions over the course of the year. The note was included with the Week 6 Newsletter, and is also on the website. Additional copies can be requested from the front office if necessary.

Dates to remember:
10 April
Whole School ANZAC Assembly
11 April
Last day Term 1
28 April
First day Term 2
6 May
French Performance
23 May
Walk safely to school day

Gold Creek School
Kelleway Ave, Nicholls, ACT, 2913
www.goldcreek.act.edu.au
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.

French News

All year 5 and 6 students are invited to attend Gold Creek’s first school French incursion on 6 May (week 3, Term 2). This is a joint activity together with Holy Spirit and the students will walk over to the hall around 12.00pm and return to class at 1.00pm to have their lunch.

The performing duo is part of the “Cultural Infusion” group in Melbourne and will showcase a variety of French historical figures and re-enact their mannerisms and features. The show is very entertaining and will be held in English to cater for all students. Please return your permission notes and pay $6.50 to the front office by 1 May 2014.

Kaarina Hill – SLC Languages

Tournament of Minds (TOM) is a problem solving program where teams of students are faced with demanding and open-ended challenges that they have to creatively solve. These challenges come from different disciplines including:

- Applied Technology
- Language Literature
- Maths Engineering
- Social Sciences

Tournament of Minds is for students with a passion for learning and problem solving. It provides an opportunity to develop and demonstrate their skills in an exciting and public way. As an inter-school competition, Tournament of Minds is one of the fastest growing international school programs encouraging student engagement and responsibility.

During Term 2 students who have committed to representing Gold Creek School in TOM will attend regular coaching sessions in the lead up to the competition in Term 3. Students who are interested and can commit to participating in this program are encouraged to see Mrs Giampietro (3MG), who will be coaching participating teams for 2014, with Mrs Angela Spence.