Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we dedicate the front page to celebrate the career of an outstanding educational leader who has contributed so much to our school community over the past 8 years, and to the system over the past 36 years. Our Associate Principal, Ms Glenda Websdale will be taking long service leave with the view to retirement starting on Friday 23 May.

Glenda started her career in teaching in 1978 as a mathematics teacher at Stromlo High, formally known as Weston Creek High School. After two years working in the mathematics faculty, she was successful in winning a position at Canberra College, formally known as Phillip College. Interestingly enough, the criteria to be able to join the maths faculty was the ability to play Bridge! Glenda quickly upskilled in this area and spent many lunchtimes playing bridge with her colleagues. Glenda has always had a passion for mathematics and problem solving and was involved with the Canberra Maths Association throughout her career.

Her career was interrupted to have three children who have grown into delightful adults that she is extremely proud of. She continued to work in the college system whilst raising her family, completing teaching blocks at several local colleges in between children.

Career highlights for Glenda have been diverse and fulfilling. Glenda has taught maths at all levels, she has trained as a careers advisor, written college courses for students, was the Board Chair of the Mathematics panel for the Board of Secondary Senior Studies for seven years, abseiled, SCUBA dived and camped under the stars.

Glenda is a vibrant and dynamic leader, who has shown commitment to providing engaging and enriching programs for students throughout her career. Her service to the ACT Education Directorate has been highly valued and she will be greatly missed by her colleagues and students.

Kind Regards,

The Leadership Team
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**Gungahlin College Open night:** Thursday 22nd May 2014 – 6pm to 8pm  
**Applications for year 11 (2015) Open:** Wednesday 30th April 2014  
**Applications for year 11 (2015) Close:** Friday 30th May 2014  
**Year 11 (2015) Course Information evening:** Wednesday 30th July 2014 – 6pm to 8pm – This is a really important evening to find out about all the courses available before students need to select.  
**IMPORTANT WEEK:** Course selection interviews week – Monday 18th August – Friday 22nd August 2014. During this week students and their parents will meet with a Connect teacher from Gungahlin College to select their courses of study for 2015. Information will be provided about the booking process. It is essential for the students’ best chances of getting the courses they want to be available during this week.
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PARENT WORKSHOPS

This year we will be running parent information sessions on the International Baccalaureate and the two programmes being implemented at Gold Creek School. In terms 2 & 3 there will be separate sessions for the PYP and MYP so that parents of students who are participating in both programmes may attend. In term 4 it will be a combined session.

Our Term 2 session on Thursday 29 May will provide parents with information on the key elements of both programmes to provide you with information and ideas to support your students as they undertaken their learning in the programmes.

The PYP session begins at 5.45pm and the MYP session follows at 6.45pm – both sessions will be held at the Senior Site Library. Tea and coffee will be provided. All parents are welcome to attend.

IB parent workshops - claim the dates:

Term 2 Thursday 29 May (Week 5) PYP 5.45-6.30/MYP 6.45-7.30 – senior site library
Term 3 Thursday 7 August (Week 3) MYP 5.45-6.30/PYP 6.45-7.30 – junior site library
Term 4 Thursday 30 October (Week 3) PYP and MYP 7-8pm – senior site library

Michelle Morthorpe & Angela Spence
IB Coordinators

ENROLLING IN AN ACT PUBLIC SCHOOL - NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2014 AND 2015

The ACT Education and Training Directorate has updated the enrolment and transfer arrangements for all ACT public schools.

All new student enrolment applications for 2015 open from 28 April 2014 (Day 1 Term 2).

If you are enrolling your child to start school in 2014 or if your child is transferring to an ACT public school at any stage you will need to use the same online form.

To make this process easier for those wishing to enrol or transfer, please use the online enrolment/transfer form and Parent/carer guide to enrolment/transfer for ACT public schools located on the ‘Enrolling in an ACT Public School’ section of the Education and Training Directorate website www.det.act.gov.au

If you have difficulty accessing a computer to complete the online enrolment form please come to the school for assistance. Please make an appointment on 6205 1814.

To make the process more equitable, all enrolment requests are stored electronically and sent to the first choice school after 30 May. Decisions regarding offers of enrolment/transfer are made after the closing date.

Applications for 2015 close on 30 May 2014.

THE 4TH MINISTER’S STUDENT CONGRESS

The 4th Minister’s Student Congress was held on Friday 11th of May 2014 at Gungahlin College and was attended by student leaders from both the Junior and Senior sites. Bailey Lutton and Beth Dingwall represented the Senior site with Jacinta Rush and Humza Shaikh representing the Junior site. The theme of the fourth congress was “Empowering young people to be leaders through understanding self, life choices and change”
Guest speaker was the internationally renowned career consultant Gray Poehnell, from Vancouver, Canada. Gray is widely recognised for his ability to work with diverse client populations, including youth and those with multiple barriers.

Gray gave an excellent presentation, focusing on self assessment of recognised skills. Gray emphasised that academic skills are not the only skills students have, nor the only skills they need for a career. He explained that every activity in which students participate, both in school and out of school have valuable and marketable skills attached. He was able to show students that they have more skills to offer than they realised.

During the presentation, students participated in two short practical workshops to apply the principles they had learned about self assessment in order to explore career alternatives and the making of effective career decisions.

After the presentation of the Congress Executive Report to the ACT Minister for Education and Training by the Congress Executive on behalf of the Congress, Ms Joy Burch MLA officially opened the 4th Minister’s Student Congress and launched the new Careers and Transitions (CaT) website, called “Pathways”.

The new CaT website has been designed for students, to enable them to create their own Pathways Plan. Visit the site, sign-up and start creating your own Pathways Plan now.

http://pathways.act.edu.au

quote The Pathways Plan is to help you think about who you are, what you know, where you are going, how you will get there and who can help you. unquote

The next Ministers Student Congress, will be held in October 2014 at a date to be advised.
TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Tournament of Minds (TOM) is a problem solving program for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. They are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges from one of the following disciplines:

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

Tournament of Minds is for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant, and public way. Tournament of Minds is one of the fastest growing international school programs, providing for the increasing demand for sophisticated, educational opportunities. The annual involvement of thousands of participants demonstrates that Tournament of Minds is a worthwhile investment in the education of our youth, and is an integral part of our collective future.

Gold Creek School has a fine tradition of involvement in this program and has had 17 teams in the competition in the last two years. Gold Creek won its first prize last year in the Applied Technology Division, and we were recognised for having the most teams in the ACT in 2012. Anyone who is interested in participating needs to see Mr Mackillop for Years 7 – 10 and either Ms Buckman or Ms Giampietro for Years K – 6.

To participate, you must be available on 6 September to attend the Manning Clark Centre to present your solution to the Long Term Challenge and to attempt the shorter Spontaneous Challenge. Teams need seven members with no more than four from any Year group. High School Teams need a minimum of two Year 7s.

Principal for a Day!

Want to try your hand at leading and managing a high functioning, dynamic learning community? I am seeking a suitable candidate from both Junior and Senior Site to gain first-hand experience of the day to day running of our school.

To be in the running you need to submit a written application letter convincing me of the skills, attitude and knowledge you would bring to the position for the day. You may also like to highlight: your skills as a public speaker, your ability to be an active listener, to be well organised, well presented and able to communicate effectively with staff, students and families.

As leader of our school for a day, the successful applicants will receive a show bag with all the goods needed for your day on the job. Students will join other successful candidates from around Australia in a national conversation about leadership and the issues relevant to today's students.

When: Principal for a Day – 6 June, 2014

Application Letter Due: Wednesday 21st May (letters to Class Teacher/ Tutor Teacher)

I look forward to hearing from you and appointing two students to support me as Principal for a day.

Linda Baird
Principal
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME (PYP)

The Written PYP Curriculum

The PYP is organised so that there is a balance between the acquisition of knowledge and skills, the development of conceptual understandings, demonstration of positive attitudes and of taking responsible action.

One of the most distinctive features of the PYP is the overarching organising transdisciplinary themes that allow students to explore local and global issues in a context that goes beyond that of the traditional subject areas.

Transdisciplinary Themes:

Who we are—an inquiry into the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human.

Where we are in place and time—an inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationship between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives.

How we express ourselves—an inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values; the ways in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity; our appreciation of the aesthetic.

How the world works—an inquiry into the natural world and its laws, the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment.

How we organize ourselves—an inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities; the structure and function of organizations; societal decision-making; economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment.

Sharing the planet—an inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and other living things; communities and the relationship within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution.

Students learn about and through the subject areas in the context of one of the above transdisciplinary themes. These are called Units of Inquiry. The Units of Inquiry being explored currently in each class are addressed in the Community Connections information sent home last week or are available on the school website.

Further information regarding the PYP and its implementation at Gold Creek School will be addressed in a parent workshop hosted on our Senior Site campus on Thursday 29th May at 5.45pm (PYP) and 6.30pm (MYP). Please email Angela Spence if you require further information.

Angela Spence
PYP Coordinator

STUDENT ABSENCES – Junior Site

Our 24 hour dedicated absences phone number is 6205 5737

To report you child’s absence, please leave a short message stating their name, year, class/tutor group and reason for absence - Sick/Leave etc by 9:30am, any calls after this time should be reported to 6205 2955.

All absences must also be explained through a written format either via email info@goldcreek.act.edu.au or a note given to the tutor group teacher upon return.
LIBRARY NEWS  BOOK FAIR – JOINT FACILITIES LIBRARY 10-12 June

Reading with your child can have a significant and positive impact on their literacy development. Our library is holding a Carnival Book Fair soon and we would like to invite you to join in the fun! Carnival Book Fairs provide quality books for us to display at discounted prices. Every book you purchase helps us build resources for the children in our schools. This is our main fund raising event for 2014 with all proceeds going to the Joint Facilities Library to purchase student books and games. If you are able to participate in this fundraising venture we appreciate your support and thank you in advance!

Students will view the books during their class library time from 2 – 6 June and will fill out a ‘wish list’ to take home. Please do not send wish lists to classrooms as an order form. Purchases are only available during sale times.

Book Fair Sales days and times are:

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Purchases can be paid by cash, cheque or credit card (VISA and MASTERCARD ONLY). Please make cheques payable to Carnival Fairs. If you cannot attend the Book Fair you can make a secure online credit card payment at http://parentpayments.carnivalfairs.com.au. You or your child must bring receipt of this payment to the sale to make your purchase! Not all purchases can be completed on sales day. Reorders are usually filled within 2 weeks and delivered to classrooms, unless instructed otherwise.

Teacher wish lists will be on display during sales times. If you would like to donate a book to your child’s classroom for the rest of the year please look for the display and follow the instructions. At the end of the year all donated books will be placed in the general collection in the library.

This event is a busy time for library staff! If you can help out before or during sales times please either come in and see us or ring the library on 62052957.

Megan Taylor, Melinda Brown and Keryn Hoeschle
Joint Facilities Teacher/Librarians

PE AND SPORT IN TERM 2

As we start a new term at Gold Creek, all of our year groups will have a different focus for their PE sessions. Kindergarten will begin an introduction in how to kick, Year 1 will be working on an introduction to ball bouncing, Year 2 will be mastering the art of catching, Year 3 will master leaping and years 4, 5 and 6 will be mastering punt kicking. In addition to our regular PE sessions we will again be running our very popular Active After School Sports. Although the days had to change around we are still having the same two sports, Soccer will be on Tuesday afternoons (beginning in week 2) 3.00pm to 4.00pm on the Junior Site oval. Taekwondo will be on Thursdays (beginning in week 3) 3.30pm to 4.30pm at the Senior Site Gymnasium. Students who were successful in gaining places in the Active After School Sports Program have received a note with further instructions.

This term we are beginning a lunch time sports competition which is split into two sessions. Years 5 and 6 will be competing in a Basketball round robin during Thursday lunchtimes, and years 3 and 4 will be competing in an Indoor Soccer knockout competition. The winners of these competitions will play a teachers team after lunchtime Friday of week 10, with the whole school watching. There will be trials for various sports throughout the term and the possibility for students to represent our school in various team events. More information will be given to students as these sports call for nominations.

Congratulations to Rebekah Williams for her selection in the Nth Gungahlin PSSA Basketball rep side and Cooper Matheson for selection in the ACT Little League team to play Queensland.

We love to acknowledge our students achievements both in and out of school. Please be sure to let the school know if your child has been involved in something at a representative level outside of school to allow us to celebrate their success within our community.

Mark McLennan
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME (MYP)

This term teachers are beginning the process of mapping the scope and sequence of their teaching and learning programme with the Australian Curriculum and the framework of the MYP. Each faculty will undertake a planning day to align their curriculum documents to the MYP unit planners. This is an exciting opportunity for teachers as we think deeply about the units of work undertaken at the school and how adding the conceptual framework of the MYP and the inquiry process can deepen the learning at Gold Creek School.

Some parents will have noticed different marking rubrics being used in faculties such as Languages and English. These marking rubrics use the assessment criteria of the MYP to assess student outcomes on various summative assessment tasks. As the transition into using MYP unit planners and assessment tools occur throughout the year and more fully in 2015, other faculties will start using the MYP assessment criteria for their assignment tasks too.

In the last newsletter we outlined the 10 attributes of an IB learner. The learner profile applies to the whole Gold Creek School learning community – students, teachers and parents. In the next few newsletters we will look more deeply at these attributes.

As IB learners we strive to be:

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SPORTS NEWS

On the 8th of May three Gold Creek teams attended the North side Touch Competition. The 9/10 boys had a tough run of competition, with three losses and a win. They won their consolation final against Brindabella Christian School. The 9/10 Girls did an extremely good job with two wins and two losses resulting in a consolation final against Amaroo. The girls beat Amaroo earlier that day but unfortunately couldn’t beat them the second time around.

The 7/8 boys put in an awesome effort with two wins, a draw and a loss to put them in 3rd place. They made it to the semi-finals but unfortunately Amaroo was too strong. Due to the efforts of the 7/8 boys they have been invited to participate in the ACT Touch carnival in September.

All our students did an amazing job and should be commended on their behaviour and efforts for the day. We would like to say a huge thankyou to Jessica Abel, Farrah Atalla and Clinton Schmidt for coaching the teams on the day. It was a massive help and you’re efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Abby Slater
Health and Physical Education Teacher

SCIENCE NEWS

This term we warmly welcome Adrian Wong to the team. He has stepped in as Aaron Kingma is now working in an office based job.

The recent Year 6 transition visits were very successful. Nick West ran the sessions for our visitors. The groups looked at some work that some of the high school classes were doing, then went on and did their own experiment with acids and bases. The students were excellent and asked some great questions... and only a couple of test tubes were broken!

15 Year 10 students have succeeded in reaching the second round of the Australia and New Zealand Brain Bee competition. They are to be congratulated on this success and we wish them well in the next round which takes place in June. Thank you to Jenni McInnes for promoting this competition and coaching the students through the process.

Year 10 have a major in-class assessment on Physics looming and are encouraged to revise their notes and complete all class work to prepare themselves.

The Science Faculty

LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Staff & Students

Once student ID cards are issued to all students, we wish to make it compulsory that all students have their student ID card with them in order to borrow. This saves time for everybody. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Julie Sherd             Lanny Hallahan
Library Assistant      Teacher Librarian (Senior Site)
STUDENT ABSENCES – Senior Site

Our 24 hour dedicated absences phone number is 6205 1792

To report you child’s absence, please leave a short message stating their name, year, class/tutor group and reason for absence - Sick/Leave etc by 9:30am, any calls after this time should be reported to 6205 1814.

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P & C NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2.

Next Meeting: Meetings are Wednesdays week 4 and 8 of each term. Wednesday Week 4, 21 May, is our next General Meeting, to be held at the Primary Site Library from 6:30pm. There will be a report from the School at this meeting and the week 4 meeting of each term.

10c Tuesday Primary Site Week 7: save your coins now!

Gold Program Info Night: The P&C has asked the school to conduct an information night for parents/carers about the Gold Program. Date tba.

Term 1: Your P&C has held a number of events during first term.

We have welcomed Preschool Parents into the P&C family this year for the first time. A special P&C welcome meeting/BBQ was held in week 8 for the parents of Pre-School, Defence and Kindergarten students.

Week 9 started with an end of term Sausage Sizzle for the Primary site and ended with our combined campus Primary Site Disco. Both events were extremely successful and we want to again thank all the volunteers and staff that showed up to help. Term 4 ended with an Easter raffle. Congratulations to all the 11 winners! Together, the three events together raised over $2,500!

Term 2 has started and we hope all Mums enjoyed the Mothers Day Breakfast that was run by the P&C together with the staff from the school.

Finally, we would like to thank Paul Singer for his commitment to the role of Secretary for the past year. As many know, Paul has resigned from this role to take up the opportunity to work on our Gold Creek School Board. Paul has done a wonderful job as Secretary, not only ensuring meeting minutes and agendas were sent out in a very timely manner, but also setting up our Website and keeping the community up to date through our social media portals - Facebook and Twitter. We have enjoyed working with you and wish you all the best for your new role on the Board.

Keep up to date at www.goldcreekschoolpandc.net.au, where you can enter your email to receive automatic updates. Like the P&C on Facebook and follow on twitter. Email any queries to goldcreekschoolpandc@gmail.com

Gold Creek School P&C Committee
COMMUNITY NEWS

GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

The Gungahlin Cluster of schools is dedicated to providing the best in public education. As part of this commitment, we have listened to those of you who have asked for more information on the programs and pathways available to Gifted and Talented students in Gungahlin. To meet this request we have produced a brochure which provides an overview of the programs and opportunities existing at:

- Amaroo School
- Gold Creek School
- Gungahlin College
- Franklin Early Childhood School
- Harrison School
- Ngunnawal Primary
- Palmerston District Primary School

We would like to invite all interested families to attend the launch of the brochure at the Gungahlin College Theatre on Wednesday, 21 May at 5.30pm. It will be followed by an opportunity to meet with representatives from the schools involved where you will be able to ask questions and speak to teachers and students about their experiences.

Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Caitlan.prentice@ed.act.edu.au by 9am on Friday the 16th of May. Please include “RSVP- G and T” in the subject line of your email and indicate the number of people attending.

We look forward to seeing you there.
School Climate Survey

Gold Creek School is continually interested in gaining information that will assist in school planning and making decisions on an informed basis. In the coming weeks all students, staff and parents/carers will be invited to participate in a School Climate survey. The aim is to gather information about the school’s social climate, day-to-day experiences, the strengths of the school, and the future challenges. Students will complete the survey groups during school hours, whilst parents, carers and members of staff will be provided with access to the survey via our school web site.
In September and October this year, approximately 16 Gold Creek School students are participating in a three week charity and educational expedition to Vietnam and Cambodia and the group is undertaking lots of fundraising before they go. Proceeds from sales of 2014/15 Entertainment Memberships will this year benefit the World Challenge Group.

For those of you new to Entertainment Memberships they’re well worth a look – if you are a regular purchaser, you know how great they are. They will often pay for themselves within one or two purchases. One of the most exciting things this year is that the Membership is available either as the book, which includes tear out vouchers and a “Gold” card for some offers OR you are able to purchase a digital membership which can be shared on up to four devices.

Entertainment™ Memberships are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more!

Available as a traditional Entertainment™ Book OR the new Entertainment™ Digital Membership for your Apple or Android device, your Membership gives you over $20,000 worth of valuable offers valid through to 1 June 2015!

Order your new 2014 | 2015 Canberra Entertainment™ Membership from Gold Creek School World Challenge 2014 and 20% of your Membership purchase contributes to our school fundraiser

The traditional Entertainment™ Book Membership

Available from 10 April the new Book is only $60, and you’ll receive $20,000 worth of valuable offers which are valid until 1 June 2015.

The new Entertainment™ Digital Membership

Puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book in your Apple or Android device. Search for businesses, show your phone to redeem and keep track of your savings.

Order either Membership type before 10 April, and you’ll receive over $210 worth of Bonus Offers which you can use straight away!

Gold Creek School

Contact: Jodie Kerec
Phone: 0410654688 | Email: ajkerec@gmail.com

Please remember to reference Gold Creek School World Challenge 2014 when registering your 2014 | 2015 Entertainment™ Membership.
Did you know you can place a canteen order via Flexischools?

Online ordering is a convenient way to place orders, providing a 24/7 payment and ordering system that can be accessed from home, work or a mobile device.

Visit Flexischools at www.flexischools.com.au or phone 1300 361 769 for more information.

Do you have asthma or care for someone with asthma?

**DID YOU KNOW?**
- asthma affects 1 in 10 school aged children
- asthma is a leading cause of absenteeism in school students which can cause them to fall behind in their work in severe cases
- asthma is one of the most common causes of visits to the Doctor and hospital admissions.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

The Asthma Support Network is currently conducting a survey to gain detailed information regarding peoples’ experiences of asthma and linked conditions in the ACT. Results of the survey will help the ASN in developing strategies to best support people with asthma and their carers.

If you have asthma or care for someone with asthma and live or work in the ACT, please can you help by participating in the survey

http://www.asthmasupportnetwork.org/consumer-survey.html

For more information, please contact the Asthma Foundation ACT on 1800 278 462 or email training@asthmaact.org.au
WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2014

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 May 2014!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au
Masquerade
TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY AUGUST 1
7PM FOR 7.30PM
GOLD CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

Tickets are $10 each (Adults only event)
Maximum of 10 people per table
(For your own or join one on the night)

More information regarding ticket sales, raffles & silent auctions will be provided in Week 7 of Term 2.
All proceeds go directly to Gold Creek School