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Term 3 Week 5

24 August 2018



Dates to remember:

[Calendar](#)

- **28 – 31 Aug** – Step into the Limelight
- **29 Aug** – Yr 4 National Museum Excursion
- **30 Aug** – North/Gungahlin Track & Field
- **31 Aug** – Father's Day Breakfast
- **5-7 Sep** – Yr 5 Camp
- **5-7 Sep** – Yr 6 Camp

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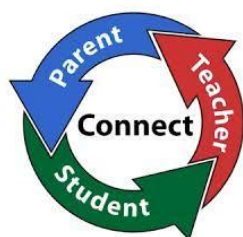


PYP Exhibition

Our year 6 teachers have been busy preparing for our annual Year 6 Exhibition Unit of Inquiry. Gold Creek year 6 students will formally begin their preparations for the PYP Exhibition shortly, with the Exhibition to be held week 4, Term 4. The PYP Exhibition is a time for students in their final year of the PYP to demonstrate their growth as a learner. The PYP Exhibition is a student driven inquiry that focuses on a social issue selected by students. The process of the exhibition requires students to use all of the essential elements of the PYP, including, knowledge, skills, attitudes, concepts and action to formulate their own inquiry and present their findings and reflections to the community. Thank you to those parents who attended the parent information session this week, your support in this process is invaluable. We look forward to sharing the journey with the school community!

Student Led Conferences and Preschool Learning Journeys

Student-led Conferences will be conducted on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th September for all students in Kindergarten to Year 6. They are a valued part of our reporting process and give students the opportunity to take ownership of their learning. If students are to become lifelong learners they must become acutely aware of their own strengths and weaknesses in order to become self-directed in their learning.



Students will lead the Student-led Conference, reflecting on their learning throughout the year and highlighting areas in which they need further consolidation. The conferences are run in an informal environment with a number of students sharing their learning with their families at the same time. This approach helps the students to feel comfortable and communicate alongside their peers.



Students play the key role in organising and executing the conference.

An email will be sent out shortly with more details about the Student-led Conferences and the PTO booking system. All bookings will be made online via PTO on the Gold Creek School website. Preschool Learning Journeys will be held Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th September. Bookings will not need to be made for Preschool Learning Journeys. More details will soon be sent to Preschool families.

Step into the Limelight

Some students from across the P-10 school have been preparing for the upcoming annual Limelight performance to be held at the AIS Arena next week. Limelight is a showcase of the amazing Arts talent we have in the ACT. The students will perform both a dance and in the mass choir. We thank our wonderful teachers who have worked tirelessly to bring it all together and look forward to watching our students perform in this event.

Staffing Changes

Today we farewell Kirrally Talbot for the remainder of the year, as she is going on long service leave. The school has been through a panel process and can announce that Mr Brendan Carswell will be acting Executive Teacher – Director of Student Advancement. Ms Nicole Toten will also be in an acting Executive Teacher capacity, as Year 1/2 team leader, and will also be working as a team with Brendan to support our students. The staffing changes will impact some classes, with the families of each class affected being notified via email. We want to acknowledge the amazing work that Kirrally has done this year, and can't wait to have her return 2019. Brendan, Nicole and Kirrally have spent significant time together to ensure the smooth transition of these roles.

Yours in learning
Jacqui and Cindy

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YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 have had a very busy start to the term so far. In Week 2, we held our very successful Support Som School Day. Students tested their entrepreneurial skills by preparing a range of exciting stalls including selling cakes, spider drinks and milos, target hitting, nail polish and lucky dips. Altogether we raised over \$2000. This will help to provide much needed resources for our partner school in Som, Cambodia. Thanks to the Gold Creek community for your support with our fundraising. We hope to raise \$2,500 overall with additional fundraising activities later in the year.

In *How the World Works*, we have been learning about how Earth's position in space impacts on living things. We have been investigating big ideas about time, exploring the causes of day and night, the seasons and how these impact life on Earth. We are making observations and predictions about how and why our shadows change throughout the day, recording and analysing data and communicating our findings. Our home learning task for this unit involves selecting an animal that migrates, conducting research about it and presenting it in book form to read to Year 2 students. We look forward to reading these books and adding them to our classroom libraries!



The Year 3 Team

No Principal Awards – K – 6 Book Week Assembly

- TERM 3 ASSEMBLY ROSTER •••••
- Wk 6 Year 3
- Wk 7 Kindergarten
- Wk 8 Year 4
- Wk 9 Music Assembly
- Wk 10 Year 5

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LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK: 'Find Your Treasure' - Students and staff have had a week packed with book treasures and adventures. Over the last few weeks Mrs Hoeschle and class teachers have read a selection of quality Australian literature titles from the Book Week competition. The winners of the National Competition can be found at this link: <https://cbca.org.au/winners-2018>

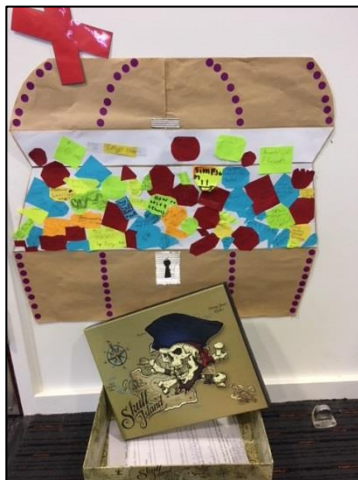


Nicole Godwin gave us a valuable insight into the processes it takes to be an author and write and publish a book. Her books 'Billie' and 'Ella' demonstrated to our students how the action of writing a book can make a difference in our world and how we can care about its animals and their environment.

Our **dress up day** was a great success with record students, and staff, participating in the spirit of the occasion. Everyone looked amazing! We were lucky to have warm sunshine which carried on throughout the day as students participated in our whole school **treasure hunt**.

The winners of the treasure hunt are 3B & 3D. Their teachers will decide on an appropriate time before the end of term when they will enjoy a movie on our large screen in our newly refurbished Mem Fox Room in the library, with popcorn and 'pirate gold'.

Each year junior classes look forward to our **Senior Site student visits** to read some more of the Book Week titles. This year was no exception with 20 senior students volunteering to participate.



Book Week 'Treasure' Competition: Win a \$20 book voucher at Dymocks Belconnen. On a blank piece of paper students draw a picture (either cover or favourite part) of **their favourite 'book treasure'**, write the title and an explanation of why this book is their treasure. **Don't forget to add your name and class!** Have your entry into the library by the end of Week 6 – **Friday 31 August**.

OVERDUE NOTICES: notices haven't been sent home this term. They will be sent home next week! Please help students look at home for any library books and return them in their borrowing session next week.

*Keryn Hoeschle
Junior Site Teacher/Librarian*

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STEP INTO THE LIMELIGHT 2018 GALA SHOWCASE

Students from Gold Creek School are performing in [Step into the Limelight 2018](#) at the AIS Arena on Thursday 30 August.

Ticketing information:

Tickets are on sale through Ticketek from August 1 .You can book tickets online through their website.

Direct links (2nd one is for use on mobiles)

<http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=LIMELIGH18>

<http://m.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=LIMELIGH18>

Cost - \$30 Adult

\$20 Junior/ Child – school aged children (P-12)

\$25 Concession – pensioner/full time uni student

\$85 Family (4) – 2 adult & 2 juniors

\$25 pp (Group of 10+) – get together and form a group of parents!



P & C Father's Day Breakfast

We would like to show our appreciation for fathers, grandfathers, uncles, partners and other carers this Father's Day. Please join us next Friday, 31 August on the Junior Site for a bacon and egg roll before school.

Hopefully we get better weather than we had for Mother's Day!

The event is to start at 8am.

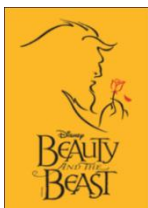
Thank you to our volunteers for making the morning happen!

GOLD CREEK SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

You should have already received an email in regards to completing our annual satisfaction survey which would have included your unique ID number. This survey is very important to our school as it provides valuable information for us to guide our improvements.

You have until **Monday, 3 September** to complete the [survey](#). Please do take the time to provide us both positive and constructive feedback to help us improve. Students in year 5 to 10 will also complete this survey during school time. Should you need assistance with translations please contact the school who will be able to give support.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION TICKET SALES



Tickets are now available to purchase online though [Flexischools](#). They will also be available to purchase from both the Junior & Senior Site Front Offices from 30 August. Performance will be 24, 25 & 26 September which is Monday-Wednesday of Week 10.

This year the production will be held in the senior site Gymnasium.

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TALKING WITH YOUR SCHOOL

Do you need help with an enquiry or concern? The Education Directorate has produced some information that could be of help and we have included it on our [website](#) for your convenience.

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