

Senior Site Bites



Term 3
Week 5

13 August 2021

Key Dates:

[Calendar](#)

13 August

- **P&C Trivia**
6.30pm

16 August

- **Maker Space**
Club

check out the P&C website:
<http://goldcreekschoolpandc.org.au/>

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Dear Parents and Carers



National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology.

National Science Week will run from 14 - 22 August, and will feature more than 1000 events around Australia, including those delivered by universities, schools, research institutions, libraries, museums and science centres. The school theme for National Science Week 2021 is Food: Different by Design. It honours the United Nations International Year of Fruits and Vegetables and the International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development. At Gold Creek School we will be focussing on a few related themes in our teaching and student learning. We encourage you to get out and about as families to find and participate in activities. Click [here](#) to see what activities are happening in the ACT!

Niels Hider, Head of Sciences & Mathematics.



School will send regular updates about school closure.

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2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The *2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey* will be available online from **13 August to 3 September**. The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents and carers will receive:

- a letter about the **student survey** outlining the reasons for collection and privacy provision for the data, and
- an email about the **parent survey**, including a unique link to access the survey. **Genuine survey invitation emails will have the title 'The 2021 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey is now open!' and will be sent from EDU Surveys & Evaluation with 'from' address EDU@qualtrics-survey.com.**

If you do not receive the survey invitation, please check your Junk email folder; if it is not there, send your contact details to EDUSurveysandEvaluation@act.gov.au to request a survey invitation. If you do not have an email listed with the school, please contact the School on 6142 1300.

The Parents and Carers Survey will be available online in other languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish and Telugu. Respondents can select their preferred language when they start the survey. A shortened paper-version of the Parents and Carers Survey is also available in the following 5 languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon. These surveys are available at the Front Office.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.

For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

ICAS competitions Any parent that has not completed the permission forms need to return them ASAP. Permission forms are available from our website.

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ICAS English – Monday, 16 August 2021

ICAS Science – Monday, 23 August 2021

ICAS Spelling Bee – Tuesday 24 August 2021

ICAS Mathematics – Monday, 30 August 2021

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COVID UPDATE

It is a public health requirement that all restricted activities (for example, sporting activities) use the Check in CBR app. All ACT public schools are now required to register for the app to obtain a unique QR Code to display at entry points.

All staff and visitors to schools, including parents and carers, should be strongly encouraged to use the **Check In CBR app** when they attend schools. Normal school sign-in processes also apply. Visitors to our school, including parents and carers, should sign in using established processes, meet density requirements of one person per two square metres, and maintain physical distancing of 1.5m from other adults.

Please keep your child home if they are sick. The COVID-19 pandemic is not over. Restrictions are still in place - including in our schools - and we all need to be vigilant.

If your child has any kind of illness, even if it is just a runny nose, they must not come to school. If your child is unwell at school, you will be asked to collect them.

It is important that we limit the spread of disease during this pandemic. By doing the right thing you can help keep Canberra COVID safe.

COVID Vaccine Update

From Monday 9 August, children aged 12 to 15 years with either specific medical conditions or who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander will be able to receive a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is voluntary and free for everyone in Australia, even if you are not an Australian citizen or permanent resident. This includes people without a Medicare card, overseas visitors and international students.

Parents should read the [COVID-19 eligibility checker](#) before [booking their child's vaccination](#). For more information, visit [Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine approved for at risk children aged 12-15 years | Health Portfolio Ministers](#).



Gold Creek Senior Site students will be participating in the Education Perfect Science Championships that begin 4:00pm on Monday 16 August and finish up at 4:00pm on Monday 23 August. We encourage all students to log in to Education Perfect and apply their scientific knowledge and skills to answer as many questions as they can. Each correct question earns them a point and counts towards individual and school totals. Certificates and prizes are up for grabs!

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We would love to follow-up with our outstanding win as the top ACT school for Mathematics by also winning as the top ACT school for Sciences!



ACT Instrumental Music Program

Secondary Student Extension Ensembles - 2022

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students who will be in Year 7 to Year 12 in ACT public schools in 2022 to audition for secondary extension ensembles.

Current Year 6 students continuing to a public secondary school in 2022 can apply for -

Percussion Ensemble: Years 7-12 students in ACT public schools in 2022

Junior Concert Band: Years 7 & 8 students in ACT public schools in 2022

Senior Concert Choir: Years 7-12 students in ACT public schools in 2022

Auditions will be held at the ACT Instrumental Music Program Rehearsal Room adjacent to UC High School Kaleen, Baldwin Drive, Kaleen.

Band auditions will be in Term 4, 25 October – 5 November.

Choir auditions will be held in Term 4, with audition times to be allocated in early Term 4.

All audition requirements and pieces will be available on the IMP website by the end of Term 3.

The ensembles are an excellent opportunity for hard-working, skilled and committed young musicians to work together in an enriching environment. The groups are active performance ensembles and the families of students auditioning will need to be prepared to make a strong commitment to rehearsal and performance attendance for the year.

Further details and information about how to apply for an audition are available from the Instrumental Music Program website at www.imp.act.edu.au The application form can be accessed at this website or by clicking on the links below.

Information cards and posters are available at your child's school.

Complete your online application at

<https://forms.gle/8G52AqH56nvqVaAM9>

or scan the QR code for a direct link.



Applications are now open and close Monday 11 October.

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Chilada

School uniforms, toys,
shoes, & hats

Chilada offers and deals:

- Price match.
- Daily special offer " Spend \$100 and save 10% off".
- 20% off in December for school uniform.
- Same day delivery within ACT.

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One of our students just finished boxing with the police liaison officer at full throttle program.

Gungahlin: Shop G2 /48 Gungahlin Place, Corner
of Anthony Rolfe Avenue Gungahlin ACT 2912
Tel: 02 6242 4190

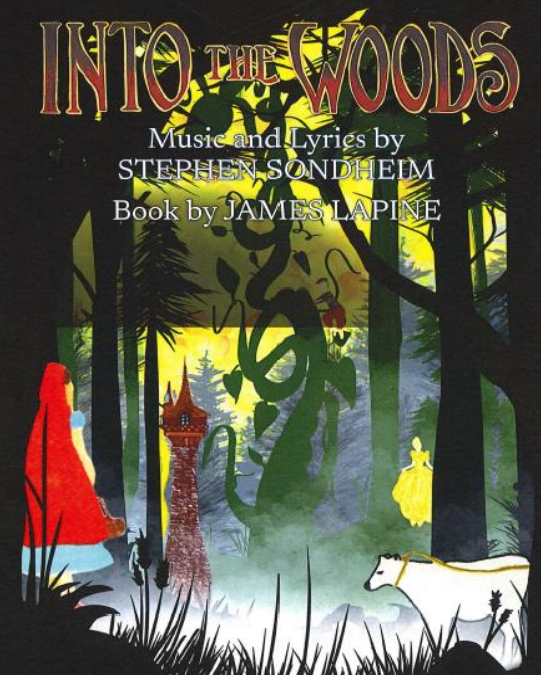
Trading Hrs: Mon–Fri 10-5 pm, Sat 9 am,

Sunday 10-4 pm, Public holiday 10-4 pm

GOLD CREEK SCHOOL PRESENTS

INTO THE WOODS

Music and Lyrics by
STEPHEN SONDHEIM
Book by JAMES LAPINE



Week 10, Term 3 2021, Senior Site Gym
Monday 13th September – 6:30pm
Tuesday 14th September – 6:30pm
Wednesday 15th September – 6:30pm

Tickets available via Flexischools
Adults – \$15
School Students – \$5
Coffee van and snacks available

Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine
Orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER - MOBILE PHONE RULES

Don't forget our rules for mobile phones; when students are in the buildings their phones must be off and in their bags. If you need to contact your child in an emergency, please call the school direct on 6142 1300 and we will get the message to them.

For non-urgent messages you can send an SMS and students can check their phones during breaks.

IN THE BUILDING

IMPORTANT - PICKING STUDENTS UP EARLY?

To help reduce the number of interruptions in class time caused by runners or making announcements over the PA, we ask parents wanting to pick children up early for appointments etc to provide a note so the child can show it to the teacher before making their way to the administration office to await pickup. Students must sign out and in if returning after an appointment.

Where possible we ask that appointments are made outside school hours, your assistance in this will be greatly appreciated in reducing disruptions during class time.



SCHOOL WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS



REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

Option 1 (School App): Using the school app allows you to report student absences, check the school calendar, read newsletters, and receive important information via sms on your mobile phones (provided you allow push notifications).

Option 2: Email GoldCreek.StudentSeniorAbsences@ed.act.edu.au

Option 3: Leaving a short message via our dedicated absence number SS: 6142 1323

when using the number above, please leave a short message stating student name, year, pc class and reason for absence eg. Late/sick or leave.



Download the School App now from either Apple Store or Google Play

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