Week 5
Term 1

Dates to remember:
6 March
Preschool P&C Meeting
10 March
Canberra Day Public Holiday
11 March
Board Meeting
18-20 March
Three Way Interviews
21 March
Harmony Day
26 March
P&C Meeting
27 March
Evening on the Green Community Event
4 April
Cross Country
Disco

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Junior Site Bites

Welcome to the wonderful world of Year 4. Can you believe we are half way through Term 1 already? According to Riley Wilson “We are having lots of fun and doing lots of work”.

In Year 4 this year we are learning in a cooperative environment. Our teachers are working together too. Jacob Randell-Sly thinks the classroom environment is “helping us learn because we can work together with the other class in reading and maths groups”.

In Year 4 this term we have been using the inquiry process to learn about beliefs and values. We devised values for our classroom based on the IB learner profiles. We are also busy planning, writing and typing information reports. In Mathematics we are mastering addition strategies such as the jump, compensation and split methods. Feel free to challenge us with a tricky problem anytime!

We are enjoying PE with Mr Mac, art with Mrs Job and Japanese with Mr Chun.

“This is my first year at Gold Creek and it is fun. I have made some friends and I like it here” says Kayla Vermaak.

Family Portrait Opportunity

Our World Challenge Team would like to introduce a fantastic portrait fundraiser towards the expedition and support of the orphanage in Vietnam and Cambodia. $20 will secure you a 10" by 13" family portrait valued at $90. To be held on Sunday 30 March 2014 in the Senior campus library. Your voucher must be paid for and booked in advance – please see attached link for your voucher www.laurajean.com.au

Your portrait will be ready in time for Mother’s day, but hurry as places are limited!!

Mini Chef

Throughout 2014, Gold Creek School, Jr Site, will work with the Salvation Army on a range of programs targeting student wellbeing, engagement and emerging leaders.

Last week we held our first Mini Chef program. We looked closely at the need for appropriate hygiene during food preparation, safety, collaboration and our literacy focus for the week was concerned with writing procedures.
Defence News

Our first Morning Tea for Defence Parents/Carers was held in the multi-purpose room on the Junior Site two weeks ago. Thank you to all the parents that came along. I hope you enjoyed talking with our Associate Principal Kate Stuckey. It was a great opportunity for me to meet some of you and for you all to get to know each other. It was lovely to see so many new parents to the school there. I will organise another morning tea later in the year.

Defence Kids clubs have started up on the Junior Campus. They will be held on alternate weeks for each year group. Kindergarten and year 1 Defence students had their first session at lunch time last Friday and enjoyed a craft activity, puzzles, drawing and a time to engage socially with their friends. This is also a great way for me to get to know them better. This week Defence kids club will run on Thursday lunchtime in 1BB, Ruby unit, for years 3 and 4, and on Friday lunchtime in the multi-purpose room for year 2 Defence students. They are welcome to bring a friend along if they wish.

You will have recently received an e-mail from me which included a link to the Defence Family survey. As funding for the Defence positions in our school is determined by the number of Defence students in attendance, it is important that we are working from an accurate information base. The survey will only take a few minutes to complete and your efforts in this regard are greatly appreciated. If you are a Defence family with students attending the school and didn’t receive the Defence Survey, please e-mail me at Hilary.Kinraird@ed.act.edu.au and I will send it to you.

Remember the Defence Community Organisation’s (DCO) Defence Family Helpline phone number 1800 624 608 is there if you need advice, support or connection with your local community. This helpline operates 24/7 and is staffed by qualified human services professionals including social workers and psychologists.

Regards
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2014 Assembly Schedule

Gold Creek Junior Site assemblies are now scheduled each week. The beginning of each term will see the entire Junior Site join for a shared celebration. Each year level will present an item per term. The schedule for Term One is provided to the right. Preschool to Year 2 and Years 3-6 will join on alternate weeks for assembly. The schedule will be available on the school website as well as through the Junior Site Bites each week. A personal invitation will not be sent home as done so previously, however, we invite parents to attend any assembly and join in celebrating student success and featured classroom performances.