Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

We are certainly amidst of a very busy but productive semester and term for us all. Many students are taking the opportunity to get involved in the corporate life of our school and get involved in the multitude of activities that are on offer – excursions in the Arts, excursions for Defence students, Bands and Music groups, the school Radio and representing Gold Creek School in sporting activities and ACT Athletics.

Our Arts staff and students are busily preparing for our school production of “A Midsummer’s Night’s Dream”. The actors, costume, set design and the backstage crew are all working hard and this will culminate in a number of sessions for students to view matinee and evening performances during Week 6 this term.

Last week we welcomed approximately 120 Year 6 students from the Primary Site, Palmerston and Ngunnawal Primary Schools and out of area enrolments which will form our Year 7 cohort in 2015. Students enjoyed a timetable with a range of activities to experience the knowledge and expertise of the High School staff. They also had an experience in Tutor Group where they did some getting to know you activities and were introduced to the IB Learner profile. I would like to thank all staff involved in supporting our thorough transition program.

Students are in a very important learning and assessment time as teachers are preparing each of them for their next year of learning, wherever that may be. For Year 10 students this is critical preparation for educational paths beyond High School into College and other pathways. It is vital that students remain focussed and apply themselves right up to and including their last day of school.

As the summer months are approaching it is important to check that students have and wear the correct school uniform. Students not wearing school uniform are not able to attend excursions and may miss out on other school privileges. Should financial assistance be needed please be in contact with the school and we can assist with this.

Warm regards,
The Leadership Team

Associate Principal

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**Nara University High School Visit**

In Week 2, students from Nara University High School visited Gold Creek School on Thursday 23 October and Friday 24 October. Students studying Japanese had a great time interacting with the Nara students. The Nara delegation, led by Principal Mr. Sakai, visited the school and joined us for a special morning tea on Thursday. This event has strengthened the friendship between Gold Creek School and Nara University High School. I would like to thank all the staff and parents involved in the visit.

Michael Chun

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**DSTA/DTM news**

On 28 October a War Memorial Activity day was held for Defence students in Years 9 and 10. This was a combined event with Defence students from other schools across the ACT. The students had an informative morning on a guided tour around the War Memorial and with some students able to point out the names of relatives who have served and are remembered on the commemorative walls.

Following this we walked the Kokoda Track behind the AWM to the top of Mt Ainslie for lunch and participated in a quiz finding information on the track on the way down. A fun day was had by all.

You will have recently received your invitation to the whole school Remembrance Day assembly being held at the Senior Site on Tuesday 11 November at 10.30am, followed by refreshments in the Library. We hope to see you there.

Hilary Kinraid
DSTA/DTM

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**South Building Halloween Disco**

The highlight of this week was the first ever South Building Halloween themed disco! A number of students and teachers worked very hard to decorate the halls of the South Building with everything from spooky lighting, pumpkin-headed skeletons and spider infested cobwebs. From 6:30 to 9:30, the corridors were laden with ghouls, zombies, grim reapers, mummies and skeletons tearing up the dance floor to all the classics and the hot pop tunes. There were dance offs, choreography and even a toddler break dancing! This was without a doubt one of the most memorable discos in Gold Creek history, as it also raised much needed funds to support Natesha Gill and her family. Our thanks goes out to all the staff and students who helped with the preparation and the running of the night. Also our congratulations to all students who participated responsibly and enthusiastically.
Senior Site Bites

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