

# Senior Site Bites



**Term 3**  
**Week 4**  
**17 August 2018**



**Dates to remember:**  
[Calendar](#)

**20 August**

- Book Week

**22 August**

- Breakfast Club  
7.45-8.45am, Kitchen
- **Personal Project Exhibition**  
**2.00 -4.30 pm**
- Homework Centre  
3.00-4.30pm, Library

**23 August**

- Australian Mathematics Olympiad
- 9/10 Mad about Money

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## SENIOR SCHOOL CAPTAINS REPORT

Hey guys what's crackalackin, here's the recent news!

The personal projects for year 10 have hit the deadline, all personal projects and corresponding reports should have been handed in by Monday, 6 August. The Personal Project Exhibition will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, 22 August (Week 5A-next week). It will be taking place along the balcony of Level 1 in the south building of the school from 2-4:30pm. Students will be talking all about their projects and their journeys of creating them. We invite all friends, family, and carers to come and view all work that's been going on.

Year 9 and 10 now have PE electives, and year 10 have English electives! All students have been split up into classes that are more directed to their own learning and what they want to learn. PE classes were split into world sports, leisure sports, football codes, girls group, personal fitness, and outdoor education. English classes were split into crime, literature & popular culture, comedy, dystopias, comedy/satire, and world literature. Students have chosen one of these classes and will learn according to that subclass. This has been generally very well received by students as they can learn what they want to learn.

Yesterday, on the 16th of August year 10 went to a careers exhibition. There were many different schools from all over ACT and NSW at the expo learning about possible future careers and universities. There were a wide range of different opportunities that we could visit and get some information, as well as lots of freebies! All the students that attended seemed to have a great time, and we believe it was a day well spent and it may help influence our futures and career opportunities.

Whippykyay  
Captains.

## GOLD CREEK SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

On Monday, 13 August you should have received an email in regards to completing our annual satisfaction survey. This survey is very important to our school as it provides valuable information for us to guide our improvements. 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.

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## REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES – SENIOR SITE

Our 24 hour dedicated absences phone number is  
**6142 1323**



To report your child's absence, please leave a short message stating their name, year, pastoral care class and reason for absence – Late/Sick or Leave by 9:30am. You can also report absences via our school App or by email to [info@goldcreek.act.edu.au](mailto:info@goldcreek.act.edu.au).

ICAS & AMT COMPETITIONS	DATES
Australian Informatics Olympiad (AIO).	Thursday, 23 August 2018
Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad (AIMO).	Thursday, 13 September 2018

## SOCIAL MEDIA

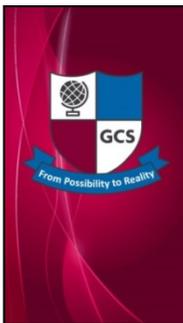
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### SCHOOL APP

Did you know that you can report student absences, check the school calendar, read newsletters and receive important information via sms on your mobile phones (provided you allow push notifications) all through our school App!

**iPhone** – Go to the app store, enter - Gold Creek School, press install, enter your iTunes password.

**Android** – Go to Google Play, enter – Gold Creek School, press install.

Download the school App NOW, to help us keep in touch!

### MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

If your child suffers from a known medical condition for example - anaphylaxis, diabetes, epilepsy, asthma or other allergies, the school requires a 'known medical condition response plan'.

Please note that in the absence of this plan only standard first aid would be administered. The forms can be found on our [website](#). Once completed please return to the school as soon as possible.



### IN THE BUILDING



IN THE BAG

### MOBILE PHONE RULES

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.

Gold Creek School

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Absences: 6142 1323

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## Y10 PERSONAL PROJECTS

The time has finally arrived. The Personal Project Exhibition is ON!

It will take place on the afternoon of **Wednesday, 22 August (Week 5)**. It will happen on the balcony of Level 1 in the south building of the school from 2.00-4.30pm.

Even if students have not completed their whole project, they are encouraged to fill in the attached form in the Google Doc link below\*. They can also bring a piece of fabric/tablecloth to put on their table, along with their completed project.

\*<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15Otn8Z8PuIissUJTzM907WWLCb8Gs1eZacFkIXQ1XR/edit> (please make sure you don't alter the document without making a copy of it which you can do under the 'FILE' tab above, then click 'make a copy').

If you can make it, please come and support the hard work of our Year 10 students.

*Ross Hunter, Personal Projects Coordinator*



## SCIENCE

The Education Perfect Science Championships begin on Monday. We're asking students to log in to Education Perfect and answer as many Science questions as they can between Monday 13 August and Monday 20 August. Students who reach bronze, silver and gold level will be entered into the draw for the chances to win an iPad or iTunes cards. We came second in the ACT for Mathematics – let's see if we can win for Science!

## SCIENCE WEEK

Spring is around the corner and Gold Creek is getting the buzz for it.

Winter may still hold its icy cold grip on Canberra but that doesn't mean the forward thinking geniuses of the STEAM ROLLERS are not thinking ahead.

This week, they were busy out the front of the school getting the totally amazing Bee Garden all set up for the new season of pollinators!

A whole range of new plants were added to the garden and some much needed tending was given to those who had survived the winter ordeal.



Special thanks to Tim Kane and the Garden Club who helped out and have been STUNG by the pollinator bug as well, and are setting up a pollinator corridor within their gardens as well!

## It's your move- Safe Cycle program

It's your move- Safe Cycle program is rapidly approaching!

It is a free program run at the school during school time and bikes can be provided if needed.

Dangerous Dr D has the permission slips please see him ASAP to get one!

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## INDONESIAN

### Michael J Music Concert

On Wednesday, 15 August 23 Indonesian students from year 7-10 went to see Michael J perform live at Melrose High School. Michael J is an Indonesian pop star who had his debut on Indonesian Idol. Students were out of their seats cheering and singing along with Indonesian songs. Gold Creek students were so excited that Michael J personally invited one student to sing a chorus and gave two others signed hats. Students finished up the day with an Indonesian lunch from IndoCafe. Mr De Zylva, the Indonesian teacher running the excursion says "I'm really proud of the students being risk takers and getting involved in different cultures. Speaking another language is important, but embracing other people and cultures is key to global citizenship".



### Students share their culture with the class

Year 8 Indonesian students are planning a holiday to Indonesia as part of their unit on Travel. Each week a student volunteers to cook and bring in a dish significant to them. This may be cultural food or simply one that has played a role in their life. Dishes so far have included Indonesian beef rendang, Southern Indian coconut slice, maple syrup sweet dumplings and this week South African food. Bu Umi, Indonesian Learning Teaching Assistant, also brings traditional food in to share with the students. Students are stepping out of their comfort zone and trying new things from green pancakes to this week's chicken lempers- glutinous rice wrapped in banana leaves. It's an exciting initiative that was inspired by our beloved Linda Kwong and her high school experience of learning French. Each week she joins the students and shares her passion of food and culture. Stay tuned for more delicious dishes.



## IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND THE TRIP TO MALAYSIA IN 2019

There are seven spots remaining on the 2019 Malaysia Trip. **I've extended the deposit due date to Friday 24 August**. Today students heard from some of the students locked in for the trip and I've already had expressions of interest and requests for more information. So here it is.

The Malaysian trip is by no means just a tour of another country. The learning opportunities when travelling are endless and Sam Beattie and I are already discussing how students can further their interdisciplinary learning in preparation for travel and whilst overseas. We plan to facilitate personalised projects whereby students inquire into areas of interest in an authentic way and then support students to showcase their learning to the school community. Furthermore, stepping out of your comfort zone is a great way for students to develop and strengthen important soft skills such as resilience, leadership and team work. In short, an overseas trip can be a life changing experience and we're super excited to facilitate this for your child.

Although this is not a language specific tour this is the first opportunity Indonesian students have had to travel to a country where they can practice their language. This is such an amazing opportunity for them to build interest and continue to be global learners.

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## Key Information:

- The 2019 Malaysia Trip is open to students commencing years 8-10 in 2019. Consideration will be made for students in year 11 based on interest, however, this is subject to college Principal approval. Please note that priority will be given to students attending Gold Creek School in 2019.
- The trip runs for 12 days in the 2019 July school holidays.
- WorldStrides is the organisation chosen to facilitate the trip. Please see information about WorldStrides attached.
- The cost is \$2,999-\$3,299 based on student numbers. This payment is broken into five instalments. **The deposit is \$400 and is due on Friday, 24 August.** Please note this deposit is non-refundable as per WorldStrides terms and conditions, unless minimum numbers are not met whereby deposits will be refunded by the school.
- Group Travel insurance comes at an extra cost of \$104.
- Vaccinations are under the recommendation of your travel doctor and are not included in the cost.
- Student passports (must have 6 months' validity from date of return)
- Australian passport holders do not require a VISA
- Numbers attending the Malaysia trip will be capped at **20 students with 2 staff.**
- The trip will only commence progress if student numbers are met.
- Find presentation from information evening <http://bit.ly/2OGWY1c>

## How do I secure my child's place?

Make payment at the Senior Site front office or direct transfer to:

Gold Creek School Management Account  
BSB No: 032 777  
ACC No: 001340

**Please include student name, class & payment detail**

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

*Philip De Zylva, Language Acquisition-Indonesian*

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## WORLD CHALLENGE TRIVIA NIGHT FRIDAY, 31 AUGUST 2018

The World Challengers from the Amaroo & Gold Creek combined team would like to invite you to a trivia night to raise money for their upcoming trip to Vietnam and Laos.

**When:** Friday, 31 August 2018

**Where:** Podilato Restaurant, Mantra Macarthur Avenue, Turner

**Starting time:** 6.00pm (Trivia from 6.30pm)

**Cost:** \$30 per person

Includes:

- 1 Gyro (lamb, chicken, vegetarian) with sweet potato chips and salad
- 1 house beer/wine/soft drink
- 1 bowl potato crisps per table.

**PLUS** from 5.00-7.00pm is **HAPPY HOUR!**

10 people **MAX** per table.

**How do I pay?** See the PDF attached. Any dietary requirements should be listed on the note attached.



World Challenge  
Trivia Night.pdf