Senior Site Bites

Week 6 has been a busy and productive week for students and staff. Assessment is in full swing and we now look towards reporting on student achievement for the semester.

Next week we look forward to welcoming back Associate Principal Glenda Websdale from Long Service Leave.

We invite you all to our School Production “Leader of the Pack”. This event will take place next week over 3 nights. Hope to see you there.

Please make note of the 2014 start dates below. In the coming weeks we will be informing you of the end of year activities and pool day that will take place in week 10. Our Year 10 students have two weeks left of school at Gold Creek and the respective committees are busy preparing for the Formal/Graduation (17/12/13) and farewell assembly (6/12/13).

2014 start dates:
All year 7 students will start school on Monday 3 February at an assembly in the gym and will have a modified program for the day.
All year 8-10 students new to Gold Creek will start school on Monday 3 February for an orientation from 9-11am.
All students are required at school from Tuesday 4 February from 9am for a welcome assembly and timetabled classes.

Outlook Ed News

The Outdoor Ed students participated on a Caving/Abseiling camp at Wee Jasper from Wednesday to Friday last week (13-15 Nov). The nights were very cool (cold) but the days were quite warm, so overall we were pretty comfortable.

When we arrived on Wednesday, we left our gear at our campsite then went for a guided tour of Carey’s Cave. Thursday saw us split into two groups, one group caved Signature and Enigma Caves in the morning, whilst the other group abseiled and learnt how to climb the caving ladder. The groups swapped over after lunch.

On Friday morning we got to use all of the skills learnt the previous day, we abseiled into Daylight Hole, walked through the cave to the Rat Hole, climbed the caving ladder up to the Rat hole, then caved our way out. We got to renew our friendship with Peter and Acacia, and also met some new friends (one of them was a very cute baby goat ). We also got to prospect for fossils and try to ensure that Mr McLennan had a fun time on his last Outdoor Ed camp.

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WANTED: A fabulous audience to enjoy an upbeat evening of rock & roll and some scrumptious interval goodies made by Ms Press’ hospitality class!

It has been a steady and thorough process but “show time” it is finally here, the Gold Creek school musical “The leader of the pack”. Early in term two the school production elective began work on the “true story” musical. The students themselves have creatively produced the entire show from backstage to choreography, lighting, sound, singing and scenes to fundraising and advertising this has been their project. Directing their work alongside myself has been Mrs Campbell as well as Mr K on Monday and Tuesday and every other spare second he has had. All three of us have dedicated our time in recess, lunch and after school to rehearsals and as such now know 21 hits from the 60s off by heart and the life story of Ellie Greenwich and Jeff Barry to the very last word.

In semester two, Visual Art electives joined in the fun! Mrs Borg and her art class launched themselves into prop making and creating scenery with gusto. Mrs Borg’s vision of ‘larger than life’ props boosted my production team with a fresh and fun infusion. I myself cannot walk past a telephone the size of a microwave without answering it or resist pretending to apply lipstick that is as long as my arm. Needless to say I struggled to hand over the 1 foot tall, pastel colored, beehive wigs to their rightful owners ‘The Ronnettes’. So much fun (So many selfies). Every time the stage door opened and the Art class students entered I waited excitedly anticipating what was being revealed next. A life size lips lounge and half a car were on the list. It’s the material things that have made me happy!

Costumes - Imagine the excitement of the cast being fitted for bespoke, handmade costumes designed and stitched by their peers. This is how to make a cast of Gold Creek students feel like young professionals, actors and stars. Ms Thomas opened her door at the beginning of semester two to her costume making textiles class with a ‘Carte Blanche’ of skills and experience in making clothes. As if she had waved a magic wand she taught the students the skills to design and actually make dresses, skirts and outfits that are of retail quality. What an overwhelmingly satisfying feeling to be able to make your own clothes. The costumes/textiles elective gave the cast a boost of sass and swag and Ms Thomas gave her costumes/textiles elective class a skill for life.

Throughout the year, amongst the fun, we have called upon the skills and experience of two other teachers more often than I would care to mention. Mr Maz, and his wood and metal work of wonder. Hand that handy man half a car and you get it back propped up ready to use in a jiffy. No problem too big, no time scale too small and of course our music teacher Ms Nagy. No school musical runs without the skills and experience of the music teacher. Ms Nagy has dedicated her free time for rehearsals (even her Saturday) to support us. To all the staff, thank you for making this project so successful and so exciting.