Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break. The term has started with a buzz. The students are regularly running the Cross Country route in preparation for the Cross Country next Friday. We had a practice for NAPLAN last term and are now in the final preparations for the NAPLAN tests occurring in Week 3. It is not too late to complete a parent withdrawal form if you believe that is the appropriate action.

We are looking forward to welcoming the Year 6 students from Ngunnawal Primary and Palmerston Primary who will be spending a day with us along with our Year 6 students. It should be a fun and exciting day for all involved.

The programme of painting the whole school has continued with the gym foyer, drama and music areas being painted. The student art work is continuing to brighten our corridors and they look terrific.

The Open night is shaping up to be a huge success with a range of activities and information available for the prospective Preschool, Kindergarten and Year 7 students.

Glenda Websdale
Associate Principal

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**Death Cap Mushrooms**

The ACT Government has advised us that there have been confirmed cases of poisoning from the consumption of Death Cap Mushrooms in the ACT in the past week.

Death Cap Mushrooms are commonly found near established oak trees and possibly others, usually during later summer to early winter, after good rain or heavy irrigation. It is important for absolute safety, to avoid picking or eating any wild mushrooms.

Senior Site Bites

Gungahlin College

Gungahlin College Open night: Thursday 22nd May 2014 – 6pm to 8pm
Year 11 (2015) Course Information evening: Wednesday 30th July 2014 – 6pm to 8pm – This is a really important evening to find out about all the courses available before students need to select.
IMPORTANT WEEK: Course selection interviews week – Monday 18th August – Friday 22nd August 2014. During this week students and their parents will meet with a Connect teacher from Gungahlin College to select their courses of study for 2015. Information will be provided about the booking process. It is essential for the students’ best chances of getting the courses they want to be available during this week.

Defence News

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended our Whole School Anzac Day Ceremony. Our Defence parents’ presence in ceremonial dress uniform was very much appreciated. Your participation in the assembly was fantastic and added to the atmosphere of this event.

The DCO monthly coffee club will be meeting this term at Gungahlin Library Café on Tuesday 6 May, 3 June and 1 July at 10am, and at the National Museum of Australia (NMA) cafe, 28 May and 25 June at 10am. This is a great way to meet with other Defence families in the local area.

Hilary Kinraid
DTM / DSTA

Pavers/Old Bricks Wanted

We are extending our garden on the junior campus and are seeking donations of old bricks or pavers you may have lying around your yard that you are not going to need. Our volunteer gardener would like to create a path using different shapes and sizes of bricks and pavers. This path will be located in the internal court yard of the junior campus outside of the staff room and offices.

If you have any of these and you want to get rid of them, please bring them to the junior campus.

Kerry Lyttle
Business and Facilities Manager

Entertainment Memberships

In September and October this year, approximately 16 Gold Creek School students are participating in a three week charity and educational expedition to Vietnam and Cambodia and the group is undertaking lots of fundraising before they go. Proceeds from sales of 2014/15 Entertainment Memberships will this year benefit the World Challenge Group.

For those of you new to Entertainment Memberships they’re well worth a look – if you are a regular purchaser, you know how great they are. They will often pay for themselves within one or two purchases. One of the most exciting things this year is that the Membership is available either as the book, which includes tear out vouchers and a “Gold”card for some offers OR you are able to purchase a digital membership which can be shared on up to four devices.

To purchase the Entertainment Book, please contact Jodie Kerec on 0410 654 688 or ajkerec@gmail.com
Please remember to reference Gold Creek School World Challenge 2014 when registering your membership.