Associate Principal
I had a lovely start to the day today with the students at the Senior Assembly singing happy birthday to me. This softened the blow of being caught out by the ‘Power Rangers’ leaving my office light on when I wasn’t in the room. It was deemed that in actual fact, I had a lovely light filled room from the sun streaming in through the window and therefore had no need for any artificial light. Thanks for the tip kids, and for keeping me accountable! The Year 4 classes led a wonderfully thought provoking assembly today, and gave us some things to think about with regard to how we use the resources that we currently have more effectively to really maximise their potential impact on the school community.

Next Week is the final Associate Principal’s Morning Tea with the students’ who have been nominated for an award for being caught-out doing the right thing. This week Brock Oven’s received the final invitation to the morning tea. I look forward to sharing morning tea next Friday with the following students: Brock Ovens, Ashton Salway, Yasmin Long, Theo Saunders, Kaitlyn O’Neill and KJP.

Many parents will have now received their invitation to the Volunteer’s Breakfast to be held on Friday 28 November. We look forward to sharing this time with you and thanking you for the time and energy that you give to the school community.

I hope everyone has a ghoulish time at the Disco tonight, can’t wait to see the photos!

Kate Stuckey

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Year 2 News

The excursion to Gungahlin Valley Wetlands went very smoothly. Children had the opportunity to observe nature in a natural setting. They saw a range of macro and micro-organisms in their natural habitat. When returning to school they were able to reflect on the day through discussion and classroom learning activities.

The year 2 assembly was enjoyed by many of the school community. They sang the song ‘I am the Earth’ beautifully and almost brought tears to some people’s eyes. We have been requested to repeat the performance in Week 8 at the Whole School Awards Ceremony so anybody who missed out will have another opportunity to hear the students sing.

GATEWays Challenge

On Thursday 6 November, 18 students from years 3-6 represented Gold Creek School in the annual GATEWays Challenge held at Canberra Grammar School. Our students competed in teams of four against other schools in Canberra in scenarios such as ‘Marsward Bound!’, ‘Word Bank’, ‘The Great Chocolate Catastrophe’, and ‘Mixed Signals’. Each student was required to take the lead for a scenario and after three weeks of preparation at school, lead their team admirably. Congratulations to our talented students.

Remembrance Day 2014

This year for Remembrance Day a whole school assembly will be held on Tuesday 11 November commencing at 10.30am in the Senior Site gymnasium. All parents are welcome and encouraged to join us for this event.

This is an important day on the school’s calendar where we remember all those who have served and lost their lives in the First World War and in all other armed conflicts our nation has engaged in since.

Year 5 and 6 Defence students will be selling poppies in the playground and in classrooms on Tuesday morning 11 November. All proceeds will be donated to the RSL. Please encourage students to bring along a gold coin donation and support this venture.

Also available for sale will be:
- Poppy badges (silk): $2.00
- Poppy Wristbands: $3.00
- Poppy badges (metal): $5.00

All Defence families should have received, via e-mail, an invitation to join us for this assembly with light refreshments afterwards in the library. We hope to see you there and encourage you to dress in full ceremonial uniform where possible. If you haven’t already done so, please RSVP to Hilary.Kinraid@ed.act.edu.au if you are intending to come.
Mark Your Calendar — Nude Food Day
12 November 2014

What is Nude Food Day?
Essentially, kids bring their food — nude! This will reduce the amount of rubbish that goes into the bins, that goes into the ground or pollutes the planet. It aims to educate parents, teachers and children about nutrition and the environment through a fun, interactive program that specifically ties into the Australian Curriculum Sustainability Priority. We will be running a waste audit for each classroom and awarding prizes for the least amount of litter generated. For further information visit www.nudefoodday.com.au or contact info@nudefoodday.com.au

Volunteers Breakfast

By now you should have received your personal invitation to the Volunteer’s Breakfast being held at Gold Creek School. This is our chance to say thank you to all parents, carers, and community members that contribute to the development and progress of our school and the students within.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. ~ Elizabeth Andrew

Dear

The staff of Gold Creek School would like to invite you to a thank you breakfast to recognise and celebrate the support you have provided us as helpers and volunteers in 2014.

Please join us on

Friday, 28 November 2014
8.00 am – 8.45 am
in the courtyard

RSVP: 6205 2955 by Monday, 24 November 2014

No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another. Thank you. ~ Author unknown

Please note that bookings for Before and After Care 2015 are now open online, so please jump on and book the dates you require as soon as possible.

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