Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

What a specular School Production last week. Our acknowledgement and thanks to all the students involved and the Arts Team, in particular Ms Dale Thain – Producer and Director. Well done!

This week we held our Personal Achievement Awards Assembly for years 7 to 10 on the Senior Site. This acknowledged the effort and hard work for a student in each course. Next Wednesday morning we will hold our Academic Awards Ceremony (P to 10) in the Senior Site Gymnasium. This ceremony acknowledges and awards the highest academic performer in each course. Parents are welcome to attend this Ceremony and morning tea will be served following this Assembly.

Students are in the last few weeks of the academic year and the final pieces of assessment are being completed and reports written. Students are reminded to remain focussed until the end of the year and ensure library books are returned as we prepare for our annual stocktake. Towards the end of week 9 and beginning of Week 10 we are offering an Activities Program for years 7 to 9 to engage in. Students and parents will receive more information about this next week.

Year 10 students are especially reminded to return all textbooks, library books and English literate in order to successfully complete their leaver’s procedures. We have a timetable in place for students with scheduled times for rehearsals for the Graduation and Formal and their Final Assembly following the Breakfast on Friday December 5.

I hope to see you all at Evening on the Green next Thursday afternoon. It is certainly looking like a fun event.

Yours sincerely,
Priscilla Wray

Date to remember:
- 1 Dec - EALD Excursion
- 2 Dec - Board Meeting 3:30-6:30pm
- 3 Dec - Whole School Awards Ceremony 9:15am
- 4 Dec - ‘An Evening on the Green’ from 5:30pm
- 5 Dec - Year 10 Farewell Assembly and Breakfast
- 5 Dec - Year 9 Drama Excursion
- 9 Dec - Year 8 & 9 Dickson College Math Day
- 10 Dec - Year 10 Graduation and Formal

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STUDENT INJURY
Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The ACT Education and Training Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT.

PRIVACY NOTICE
School Accidents/Incidents

Gold Creek School collects information about injuries and incidents which occur at school or on school-organised activities, on behalf of the ACT Education and Training Directorate. Some of the information may be personal information as defined in the Privacy Act 1988 and the Health Records (Privacy and Access) Act 1997. The information is usually included in a Student Accident/Incident Report or Notification of a Critical Incident together with any accompanying witness statements.

The purposes for which the information is collected include notifying the Territory’s insurers and legal advisers of injuries and incidents and ensuring that the school itself has accurate and complete records.

The Directorate usually provides the form and any other information relevant to the accident/incident to the ACT Insurance Authority and the ACT Government Solicitor. Information may also be provided to WorkSafe ACT in accordance with the ACT Work Health and Safety Act 2011.

Schools have a duty of care to keep students safe. Where an injury or incident occurs schools have an obligation to determine what has happened and therefore may question students. Schools may also ask students to make statements in writing and to sign these statements.
**Senior Site Bites**

**EALD (English as an Additional Language or Dialect)**

At Gold Creek School, we have two EALD classes – one Year 7/8 and one Year 9/10. These classes are to help international and domestic students, whose mother tongue is not English, improve their skills in English language acquisition. In classes, the students read aloud from a novel or play to increase their fluency and accuracy. New vocabulary and expressions are studied to develop students’ knowledge of the language. The classes are small, with a maximum of 15 students, so students receive a lot of help from the teacher. In some of the lessons, the students can work on their assignments from other subjects, asking for clarification and help from the teacher. The classes are a good chance for the students to interact with others from different language and cultural backgrounds. We try to have excursions to Questacon, the National Museum of Australia, the Australian War Memorial, the movies and even some cooking in one of the school’s kitchens.

Sara Hillier

**NEWS FROM SCIENCE**

Learning continues as the end of year approaches!

In year 10 classes we are looking at astronomy and learning among other things, how we determine the distances between stars.

In year 9 classes we are investigating simple circuits and making simple motors as part of our work on electricity.

In year 8 classes we have just completed dissection of the liver, heart, lungs and trachea as part of our work on body systems and how they work together.

In year 7 classes we are investigating simple machines – lever, gears and how they make jobs easier.

Regards,
The Science Faculty.

**SCHOOL APP**

Have you downloaded the Gold Creek School app to your smart device yet? The app allows parents, students and staff to instantly access information seven days a week. You can access our newsletters and calendar without having to go to our website and you can receive important pop-up notifications as soon as they are posted to the app. You can download the app by going to the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and searching for **Gold Creek School**. Once you have found it, press install or download.
**NDIS Information Evening for Students in Year 7 - 12**

A representative from the National Disability Insurance Agency will present an outline about the processes involved in transitioning to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Representatives from Disability Education will also attend the evening to answer any questions you may have from a school perspective.

**Where:** Lyneham High School Library - Goodwin Street Lyneham

**When:** Wednesday 10 December – 5.00pm – 6.30pm

**Who:** Parents, carers and interested staff of students in Year 7 – 12

*(An information evening for students in Preschool – Yr 6 will be held early 2015)*

If you have any questions about this evening please contact Kyrie Douch at Disability Education on 62052714 or kyrie.douch@act.gov.au

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**Pro Tennis Hits Canberra**

Canberra Velocity is hosting 2 rounds of the Asia Pacific Tennis League on the 6-7th of December at the Canberra Tennis Centre, Riggall Pl, Lyneham. The matches will feature internationally ranked tennis players with the team playing at 1pm Saturday and 10am Sunday. There will also be community activities from 10am-2pm each day including the Australian Open Trophies (Saturday only), Hit the target competitions, speed serve, and ANZ Tennis Hot Shots. Entry and all activities are free.
### Excursion Acquittal Form

**Name of Excursion:** Careers Expo  
**Date of Excursion:** 31/07/14

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**Teacher-in-Charge:** Sara H  
**Number of students attended:** 33

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**Total Income:** $241.95  
**Total Expenditure:** $142.50  
**Result (+ or -):** $99.45  
**Refund amount per student:** nil  
*(Nil if less than $10 per student)*

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### Excursion Acquittal Form

**Name of Excursion:** Language Zoo Day  
**Date of Excursion:** 22/08/14

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**Teacher-in-Charge:** Phil D  
**Number of students attended:** 129

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**Total Income:** $1,950.00  
**Total Expenditure:** $1,779.55  
**Result (+ or -):** $170.45  
**Refund amount per student:** Nil  
*(Nil if less than $10 per student)*

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### Excursion Acquittal Form

**Name of Excursion:** The Giver Movie  
**Date of Excursion:** 23/09/2014

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**Teacher-in-Charge:** Simone L  
**Number of students attended:** 21

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**Total Income:** $780.00  
**Total Expenditure:** $757.73  
**Result (+ or -):** $22.27  
**Refund amount per student:**  
*(Nil if less than $10 per student)*
Dear Parent / Carers,

The Gold Creek Senior Site Yearbook for 2014 is in preparation at this moment. Again this year a team of talented and dedicated students have put together a fabulous Yearbook. It is a pictorial and written record of the major events of the year and the students attending our school.

The Yearbook is a wonderful memento and record for you and your child to enjoy and keep for posterity!

The Yearbook costs $20 and must be pre-ordered. All orders must be received by the front office no later than Tuesday 9 December. The Yearbook will be ready for pick up from Monday 15 December week 10.

The 2014 Journalism Team

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GOLD CREEK SENIOR SITE 2014 YEAR BOOK

GOLD CREEK SENIOR SITE 2014 YEAR BOOK
GL CODE: 8103-000-00

Please return order and payment to the front office by Tuesday 9th December. No late payments will be accepted.

NAME: ................................................................. TUTOR GROUP: ..........................................
NUMBER OF COPIES: ................... AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $.........................

PLEASE INDICATE PAYMENT TYPE:

VISA: ☐ MASTERCARD: ☐ CASH: ☐ CHEQUE: ☐

Card no: _______/_______/_______/_______ Amount: $_________ Expiry Date: ______/_____

Name of Cardholder: ________________ Signature of Cardholder: ________________________

Direct Deposit to: Gold Creek School Management Account
BSB No: 032 777
ACC No: 001340
Please include student name, class & payment detail (Yr Book x1) Receipt No: ________________