**Junior Site Bites**

**Associate Principal**

**Nude Food Day**

It was announced today that the winner of the Nude Food Day was KJP! They will all be receiving an ice-cream in a cone so as to have minimal impact on the environment during week 8. Congratulations to all that participated. Reducing our impact on the environment is a constant focus, and one that we will continue on with next year.

**Preschool Gardens**

Congratulations to the Preschool team who were successful in their grant submission to Preschool Matters. The grant was to the value of $500, which will be used to continue the works towards the finalisation and grand opening of the Preschool Indigenous Garden.

**Volunteers Breakfast**

This morning we hosted the Volunteer’s Breakfast for all those who have volunteered their time to assist the staff and students at Gold Creek School this year. It was a beautiful morning to come together and share stories about the work undertaken by volunteers in the school. I would like to acknowledge the ongoing support and continuous work of the P&C towards making Gold Creek even better, and the tireless efforts of Di Neumann to restore the school gardens with a focus on sustainability. There were so many stories shared of the work of individuals and collective groups of people that have had an enormous impact on our community. We thank you wholeheartedly and hope you enjoyed the opportunity to be served by us this morning. Thankyou.

**Uniform Transition process**

At the Board Meeting on Tuesday night the P-10 Uniform Policy and Guidelines was ratified. I have included the transition process into the full school uniform below for 2015 and 2016. It is expected that by 2016, all students from P-10 will be wearing the new school uniform.

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<th>All 2015 Gold Creek School students in Pre-School, Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 7 and Year 8 will be required to wear the new school uniform. All new enrolments across the school will also be required to wear the new uniform. It is expected at this stage that most of our Year 9 students will be in the new uniform, due to replacing old uniform items as a result of wear and tear. Junior Site to phase in redesigned maroon polo that is similar to the old middle school maroon polo. New polo will include some blue on collar to match the girls blue skirt.</th>
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**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Dear Parents/Carers

To avoid congestion and for safety reasons ACT Roads implemented a **NO RIGHT TURN** out of the **PRESCHOOL CAR PARK** between 8.30 am – 9.30 am and 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm **Monday to Friday**.

It would be appreciated if you could follow these directions for the safety and well being of all.

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Dates to remember:

- **3 December**
  - Whole School Awards Assembly
  - P&C Meeting (SS Library)

- **4 December**
  - An Evening on the Green

- **5 December**
  - Disability Sports Afternoon
  - Governor General’s Sports Day

Notes home

- Year 6 Graduation Ceremony invitations

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IB Primary Years Programme found to support positive learning outcomes

In a second study released recently by the International Baccalaureate, conducted by a Melbourne-based research team at RMIT University, it was found that IB primary students at 13 government primary schools in Victoria enjoyed learning outcomes higher than children in similar schools throughout Australia.

Using results drawn from the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), researchers found that: students enrolled in the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) had higher scores, on average, in reading and numeracy.

In addition, principals of the schools that offered the PYP indicated that the PYP has a high impact on student outcomes, particularly in terms of their deep understanding of concepts.

Principals and teachers alike voiced the opinion that the PYP contributed substantially to academic achievement, student development and student motivation.

Summary
The findings from this study suggest that the PYP can support positive student outcomes in Government schools, including academic outcomes on national standardised tests. The study also contributes to the growing literature that reinforces the importance of school leadership support, recruitment of suitable teachers, providing teachers with appropriate professional development and supportive workload allocations for effective education program implementation.

To see more detail of the study on primary education in Australia’s government schools, download the report, “The International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme in Victorian Government primary schools, Australia”. A summary is also available.

Junior Site Bites

Year 1 – Term 4

Early this term, Year 1 inquired into the Earth’s natural resources, and how people can make choices to sustain the Earth’s resources. We each chose a natural resource and from our research designed posters to educate students at our school to be more sustainable.

We are now learning about how images can communicate ideas and information. We have expressed ourselves through the use of colour, music, Auslan and movement.

Thank you to those parents who attended our assembly today. We hope you enjoyed viewing our art work inspired by Tchaikovsky’s 1812 overture. We used oil pastels with a watercolour background wash.

We have had a busy and productive year and wish everyone a relaxing, happy and safe holiday break.

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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.

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