

# Senior Site Bites



**Term 2**  
**Week 4**  
25 May 2018



## Dates to remember: [Calendar](#)

**28 May**

- Reconciliation Day Public Holiday

**29 May**

- 7/8 Boys AFL

**30 May**

- Breakfast Club 8am-8:45am
- Y9/10 Girls Volleyball
- Homework Centre 3-4:30pm, Library

**31 May**

- Nth Gungahlin Cross Country

Check out the P&C website:  
<http://goldcreekschoolpandc.org.au/>

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@GoldCreekSchool



Dear Parents/Carers

Last week, the year 10s received their hoodies and shirts and it's safe to say, they LOVE THEM! Another order is being placed for students who missed out or if students would like more, so make sure to keep an eye out for any announcements. Big shout out to Jodie Chang (Y10) for organising this for all year 10s.

Whilst year10 students have been extremely busy with school work, they have also been preparing for college. Last night was Gungahlin Copen night, the school that most of our year 10's will be attending. Enrolments close on the 11 June, so don't forget to fill out your enrolment forms! For students residing outside the ACT, please head to the Melba Copland College website for more information on enrolling.

During term 4 last year, year 9, who are now year 10, started their personal projects. Personal projects are a part of the IB MYP curriculum and a requirement for all students to complete. Students can choose anything they want that peaks their interest, they then have an extended amount of time to create a product, as well as write a detailed report on how and why they did it. These reports and projects have a deadline towards week eight of this term.

Over the past couple of weeks years 7 and 9 have been completing NAPLAN testing. This year was the first year that NAPLAN has been completed online. Feedback from the students was positive; many of them found that completing the tests online was easier to engage in.

In the performing arts, the cast for Gold Creek ' 2018 school musical 'Beauty and the Beast' has been announced! Congratulations to all our cast. Rehearsals are now underway, so make sure to keep an eye out for when tickets go on sale!

As well as this, last Sunday, our senior site band won gold at the Australian Band Eisteddfod. Members of the band awoke early in the morning, facing the biting cold of Canberra's winter. They waited outside for their turn to be called, and although they faced a crisis when the bass-clarinetist forgot his instrument, leaving the band without a bassline, they overcame this and went on to perform very well.

## School Captains



**Gold Creek School**

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## ENROLMENTS FOR 2019 ARE NOW OPEN

We would just like to confirm enrolment procedures for current Gold Creek students in Preschool and Year 6.

Current students in a Gold Creek School Preschool **do not** need to reapply to attend Gold Creek Kindergarten in 2019 unless their current enrolment for preschool was accepted on a '**one year only basis.**' Families who have received this letter will need to complete an enrolment form to continue in an ACT public school.

Current year 6 students at Gold Creek School **do not need** to complete a new enrolment form to progress to year 7 if continuing at Gold Creek in 2019.

All other enrolments can be made through the [Education Directorate Website](#).

## REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES – SENIOR SITE

Our 24 hour dedicated absences phone number is  
**6142 1323**



To report your child's absence, please leave a short message stating their name, year, Pastoral Care class, name and reason for absence - sick/leave, etc by 9:30am. You can also report absences via mobile phones through our school App or by emailing [info@goldcreek.act.edu.au](mailto:info@goldcreek.act.edu.au).

ICAS & AMT COMPETITIONS	DATES
ICAS Writing	Thursday, 14 June 2018
ICAS Science	Friday, 29 June 2018
ICAS English	Tuesday, 31 July 2018
Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) 2018	Thursday, 9 August 2018
ICAS Mathematics	Tuesday, 14 August 2018
Australian Informatics Olympiad (AIO).	Thursday, 23 August 2018
Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad (AIMO).	Thursday, 13 September 2018

**Y7-10 COMMUNITY CONNECTION & Y9/10 ELECTIVE GUIDES AND FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR [WEBSITE](#)**

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### Y10 PERSONAL PROJECTS

Hello parents and carers of year 10 students, I expect you know that the year 10 cohort is in the process of completing the bulk of their IB Personal Project, which they began back in term 4 last year. There are four main parts of the project: The Goal, The Process Journal, The Product and The Report.

A Personal Project is almost limitless in term of what can be done and will be following an interest or passion which the student wants to inquire into.

The Product, which is really putting The Goal into practice, is due by the end of week 8. So there is still time, even if your year 10 is behind. A lot can be accomplished in a month.

Please ask your year 10 where they are at and ask them to show you what they have accomplished so far.

If students are keeping a good (detailed, reflective, inquiring) Process Journal, this will make the final step, The Report, much easier to complete. The Report is not due until the end of week 2, term 3.

This year for the first time we will be holding an exhibition of student projects, which will be open to the school community. Date to be announced.

*Ross Hunter, Personal Project Coordinator*

### YEAR 8 NEWS

Wow! Week fourteen's almost done, autumns coming to a close and first semester's three-quarters the way through.

With all the growth spurts and the colder weather hanging around, it's a good time to please check your child's uniform is in order, labelled and is keeping them warm. In case you have forgotten, we do have a good collection of assorted quality second hand uniforms for sale at the senior site front office.

The rollout of Chromebooks earlier this year has been a great resource for our students. They continue to be an invaluable tool for student research and class work, around the school and especially at home. Please take the time to go through your child's Chromebook with them. Let them show you the various classroom pages and how they've been learning to work with them. You can pass on any thoughts and suggestions to your child's Pastoral Care teacher [PC teacher] or directly to me

[Stephen.crabb@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Stephen.crabb@ed.act.edu.au).

While on the topic of Chromebooks, I need to report that sadly an increasing number of year 8 students are arriving at school without their Chromebook; either it's not charged or it's broken. It is the student's responsibility to come to school prepared for course work and ready to learn. There is only a limited supply of Chromebooks available for loan from the library and Smart phones are not an acceptable substitute. If phones are brought to school they need to be packed away, or handed in at the front office, until the student leaves at the end of their day. Your assistance in the management of this is much appreciated.

Please continue to inform the school if your child is absent, or running late, for any reason and a short email to your child's PC teacher will clarify absence records.

*Stephen Crabb, Year 8 Executive Teacher*

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## SENIOR BAND

On Sunday, our Senior Site Band met bright and early at 8:15am outside Llewelyn Hall, ANU School of Music for the 2018 Bands Eisteddfod. They presented a fantastic performance, playing 'Louie, Louie', 'Bohemian Rhapsody', and 'Don't Stop believing'.



They did really well to fill the massive sound space, despite there only being 20 of them on the stage! And this year they were awarded with a Gold medal. We're incredibly proud of them, and look forward to lots more music making this year!

*Phil Needham*

## CANBERRA THEATRE CENTRE'S ACT-UP

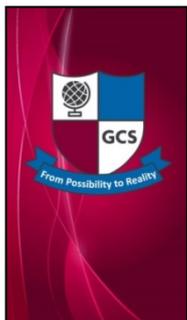
It's that time of year for Canberra Theatre Centre's *Act-up! Student Fringe* competition, where School groups and organisations can enter in a variety of categories including drama; movement; music – solo or band; media – film, digital art, animation; spoken word.

Students will get some insight into the professional side of theatre, seeing how lighting, stage management and all other aspects of production work. Gold Creek Senior Site has 3 groups nominated. On Thursday, May 23 the students were treated to a workshop with professionals from the centre in preparation for their performance. And on June 6, students will take to the stage!

**NIDA** (National Institute of Drama Art) are running their annual 'Short Courses for all ages' all around the country these coming school holidays. Courses will be run in ACT and NSW and generally cost between \$300 and \$600. Please see Miss Wilson if you would like a brochure or go to [nida.edu.au/national](http://nida.edu.au/national)

*Sarah Wilson*

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## SCHOOL APP

Did you know that you can report student absences, check the school calendar, read newsletters and receive important information via sms on your mobile phones (provided you allow push notifications) all through our school App!

**iPhone** – Go to the app store, enter - Gold Creek School, press install, enter your iTunes password.

**Android** – Go to Google Play, enter – Gold Creek School, press install.

Download the school App NOW, to help us keep in touch!

## MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

If your child suffers from a known medical condition for example - anaphylaxis, diabetes, epilepsy, asthma or other allergies, the school requires a 'known medical condition response plan'.

Please note that in the absence of this plan only standard first aid would be administered. The forms can be found on our [website](#). Once completed please return to the school as soon as possible.



## Did you or a family member leave school in 2017?

If you are contacted, please get involved and help the ACT Government and schools provide better services for young people in the ACT. Check out last year's publication at



[https://www.education.act.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0013/1132510/ACT-Post-School-Destinations-and-Pathways-in-2017.pdf](https://www.education.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0013/1132510/ACT-Post-School-Destinations-and-Pathways-in-2017.pdf)

## Dear Customer

We are moving to:

**Unit 4 / 83 Lysaght St  
Mitchell, ACT 2911**

## Chilada Gungahlin has move to Mitchell

To celebrate our opening at Mitchell, we are having 40% off storewide sale this includes school uniform, toys, shoes accessories.

Pre-opening from this Saturday.



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