

# Junior Site Bites



**Term 3  
Week 1**  
16 July 2021

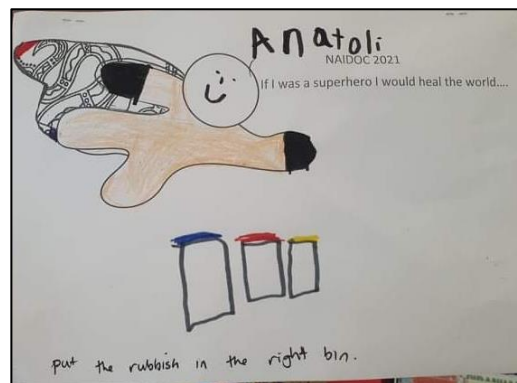
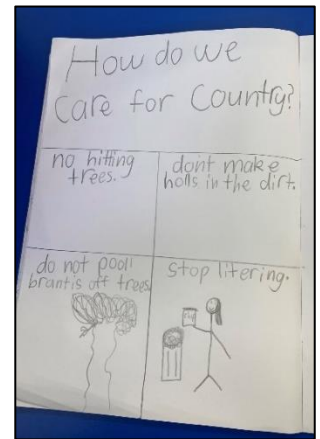
**Dates to remember:**  
[Calendar](#)

- 23 Jul – Book Club Loop orders close
- 26 – 28 Jul – Kindergarten Health Checks

Check out the P&C website:  
<http://goldcreekschoolpandc.org.au/>  
Follow us on twitter:  
@GoldCreekSchool



Welcome back to Term 3! I have spent some time in classrooms this week and have enjoyed seeing students refreshed and eager to learn, engaging in learning related to NAIDOC Week. At assembly today we also acknowledged NAIDOC Week, which was officially held from 4-11 July. The theme this year is *Heal Country* which calls for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction. Whilst many classes participated in a variety of learning experiences around this theme this week, we are planning a whole school event later in the term. We will celebrate our connections with the land and acknowledge and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' cultural knowledge and understanding of Australia - so keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks!



I would like to give an update on some changes to our staffing arrangements, welcome some new and returning staff to Gold Creek and acknowledge staff members who have left us. Firstly, Ceira Becker-Young will be commencing maternity leave shortly and we welcome Tajpreet Gill to the Year 3 team, teaching 3A. Stephen Green has moved on to other ventures and we welcome Aleisha Bryant back to the Year 4 team, teaching 4B. Jodie Adamantine has moved interstate and we welcome Tanya Matthews to a full-time position on the Year 2 team, teaching 2A. Kate Moskal has returned to join the Year 1 team, teaching 1C Thursday and Fridays. Catherine Geraghty will continue teaching 1B. Deb Wilson will continue teaching 3C Wednesday-Friday. We wish the staff members who are leaving us all the best in their next chapter and thank them for their contribution to our school community, they will be greatly missed.

Cont./

# Junior Site Bites

Whilst many of us got into somewhat of a false sense of security, with no locally acquired COVID-19 cases in the ACT over the past year, we have recently been reminded, with the increase in cases nationwide, that this global pandemic is certainly not over. I would like to remind families of some of the health, hygiene and safety practices that we have in place currently, which are guided by the ACT Education Directorate and latest advice from the ACT Chief Health Officer and the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee:

- We welcome parents onsite however all adults (staff, parents and carers) must use the *Check In CBR* app as they enter the school grounds. QR codes are located at all entrances to the school.
- Visitors must not exceed one person per two square metres, up to 1000 people.
- Physical distancing of 1.5 metres from other adults must be adhered to at all times. This is particularly important to remember during pick up time at the turning circle and in the hall during assembly.
- Hygiene measures still apply, whereby students and adults must utilise hand sanitiser at the entrance to the school site and the classroom. Students will continue to practice hand hygiene routinely throughout the day and we continue to employ extra cleaning of high touch surfaces at scheduled times each day. Students are supervised from 8:30am at school and staff are on duty to provide hand sanitation at the gates from then. Please ensure that your child arrives at school at 8:30 or after to ensure that we can follow the correct procedures.
- School bubblers remain open
- If your child is unwell they must stay home from school until there are no symptoms of illness. People must get tested if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.
- We ask families to please be vigilant in keeping on top of the updates from the ACT Health and ensure that you abide by the quarantining guidelines if/when needed. Information can be found on the [ACT Government COVID-19 webpage](#).



If we all work together, I am confident that we can continue to keep the ACT and our school community safe. We once again thank you for your support as we navigate our way through the pandemic.

Stay safe and connected!

*Cindy Condon*

## NO LEARNER PROFILE AWARDS – NAIDOC WEEK ASSEMBLY

- •
- **TERM 3 ASSEMBLY**
- **ROSTER**
- • Wk 2 Kindergarten
- • Wk 3 Yr 5/6
- • Wk 4 Yr 1
- • Wk 5 Yr 3
- • Wk 6 Yr 2
- • Wk 7 Book Week
- • Wk 8 Yr 4
- • Wk 9 Specialist Teachers
- • Wk 10 No Assembly –
- Colour Run
- •

# Junior Site Bites

## YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 have wished Ms Becker a well-deserved break, and an opportunity to prepare for the arrival of her first child. We also welcome Ms Tajpreet Gill to the Year 3 team!

Our efforts to raise money for the Som school in Cambodia was a great success. We raised \$1686 in total. This could not have been achieved without the continued support of parents and students within the Gold Creek School community. A big thank you to everyone for their contribution! We are very proud of the teamwork and dedication our budding entrepreneurs showed on the day.

It was an enthusiastic start to Week 1, as our Year 3 students were fully engaged and demonstrating their thinking, self-management and social skills while participating in learning tasks. We are beginning our new Unit of Inquiry around the theme 'Sharing the Planet. We investigated some related resources and even had a go ourselves at trying to figure out our new Central Idea: The earth's position in space impacts upon living things. We definitely saw some great connections and analysis skills in their suggestions!



The Year 3 Team

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Scholastic Book Club** magazines have gone out this week. Orders are to be paid by credit card online through LOOP at [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP). Orders need to be completed by Friday 23rd July.

**Chief Ministers Reading Challenge** participants need to stop reading on Friday August 6. All completed signed Reading Sheets are to be delivered to the library no later than Wednesday 18th August.

**Book Week** is in Week 7 this term - 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'. The Book Week committee will be keeping you informed throughout the term.

**Overdue notices** will be handed out for next weeks' returns. Please help your child/ren to find any books still in their name from last term and return them to the library next week. Any lost or damaged books will need to be paid for to maintain our collection.

Keryn Hoeschle  
Junior Site Teacher/Librarian

# Junior Site Bites



## OSHClub News

Welcome back to term 3! Our team hopes that you had a great break over the school holidays and got to spend some quality time relaxing with family and friends!

We had a great holiday program, we ventured out to the zoo and to the movies, both excursions were a lot of fun! We also had an external supplier come and run a nerf war, and funnily enough, the children enjoyed shooting our staff the most! Below are some pictures for your enjoyment!

Please remember to check your bookings for this term – there are plenty that haven't rolled over! Please contact the service on the below details if you require assistance with this.



## STAFF MEMBER PROFILE

Each week this term I'm going to include a staff member shout out, this is so that when you see us around the school, we aren't strangers! We spent a significant amount of time at OSHClub getting to know the children, so it only makes sense that families get to know us too!



First up – Me!

I'm Emma, I am the one who normally writes these pieces for the newsletter. I am the lead coordinator of the program and have been working here for 5 and a half years now. I am your first point of call for any questions or concerns about the program.

I'm working towards a bachelor or primary education and am hoping to finish at the end of next year. I am originally from Wodonga, which is on the border of VIC and NSW. I have 2 younger brothers as well as a step brother and 2 step sisters. My favourite person in the entire world is my little niece, Charli (pictured), She is two years old and full of personality (and attitude!).

I love watching sport, particularly Netball and AFL. I play netball three times a week, and if my knees would allow, I'd play more! I also have a deep love of all things Christmas, and I'd have a Christmas tree up year-round if my boyfriend would allow! I look forward to seeing you around!

# Junior Site Bites

THANK YOU

MANY THANKS TO ONE OF OUR PARENTS, NINA FAHEY, WHO KINDLY VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE HOME ALL ITEMS IN OUR LOST PROPERTY BOX TO WASH OVER THE HOLIDAYS. NAMED ITEMS ARE BEING RETURNED TO THEIR OWNERS. YOUR HELP WAS MUCH APPRECIATED!

Did you know you can place an online lunch order for your child via flexischools?



Online ordering is a convenient way to place orders, providing 24/7 payment and ordering system that can be accessed from home, work or a mobile device.

Visit flexischools at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)  
[Canteen menu](#)

## SCHOOL APP & REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

### Option 1

Using the school App allows you to 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 this is available through our school App!

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

(Download from Apple Store or Google Play).

### Option 2

email [GoldCreek.StudentJuniorAbsences@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:GoldCreek.StudentJuniorAbsences@ed.act.edu.au)

### Option 3

The other option is by leaving a short message via our dedicated absence number:

**Junior Site: 6142 1344**

**If using the number above, please leave a short message stating student name, year, PC class and reason for absence eg. Late/Sick or Leave.**

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on [Twitter](#)



[Facebook](#)



[website](#)



Gold Creek School

Phone: 6142 1340

Absences: 6142 1344

Kelleway Ave, Nicholls, ACT, 2913

[www.goldcreek.act.edu.au](http://www.goldcreek.act.edu.au)

Info [@goldcreek.act.edu.au](mailto:@goldcreek.act.edu.au)