

# Senior Site Bites



*Term 3*  
*Week 1*

*16 July 2021*

Key Dates:  
[Calendar](#)

#### 19 July

- Makerspace Club  
3:15pm – 4:30pm  
SG120
- 2022 Year 11  
Gungahlin College  
Course Information  
Visit

#### 21 July

- Breakfast Club  
8am – 8:45am

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

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Term 3!

What a fun filled and productive first half of the year we have had here at Gold Creek. I would like to take the opportunity to share our assessment and reporting strategies in the senior school.

#### Reporting

During the last term staff upskilled in the new directorate reporting system. We hope you found the reports easy to navigate and an opportunity for you to celebrate your child's academic success. We have already started to investigate the results. We are looking forward to a focus on working together to boost overall student grades. As part of this early discussion, we are looking at ways to improve our collection of evidence of learning, and how important it is for us to actively build positive relationships with students and parents.

#### Assessment

If for any reason you are concerned about your child's progress please don't hesitate to contact the classroom teacher, who is the first point of contact. You are also most welcome to communicate with the pastoral care teacher and the subject group executive teacher.

Furthermore, as it is a new semester, don't forget to consult the updated assessment calendars and new semester unit outlines posted on the school website. I encourage students to have a printed copy of the assessment calendar located in an obvious place in the home, as this will foster family communication on what's happening at school and help students purposefully engage in their learning.

Best wishes to all for a successful term 3,

Ingrid Little

Director of MYP Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting

Executive teacher Language Acquisition

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## CAREERS

**Careers Expo** – This event has been cancelled for 2021 by the organisers due to the current circumstances. Apologies to those students who were really looking forward to checking out career options. Please let me know if you would like to have a chat about some ideas and organise work experience. Please note, anything in the medical field is difficult to get placements for, however not impossible.

**Master builders Association** – Construction Sampler Session – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 Fyshwick Office. 10am – 11am. Students interested in attending need to contact Jacqui Bennett in Student Services. We only have 10 places available.

**Cert I – Financial Literacy Certificates** – Presentation of Certificates will be Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 2.15pm in the front office. The students who participated are required to attend.

Cheers,

Jacqui Bennett

**Careers Practitioner | Work Experience Coordinator | Education Support | TAE Facilitator**

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## NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week 2021 is celebrated from 4-11 July. This years' theme of Heal Country refers to respecting the land and caring for the land and waterways that have supported life for thousands of years. At Gold Creek School, we recognise and honour the Ngunnawal Peoples of the land on which we come to learn every day.

Over the school holidays, our staff shared some photos on our school's Facebook page, and paid respect to the Traditional Owners of the Country on which they visited. We share some photos with you in this weeks' bites.

NAIDOC Week will be celebrated over the next few weeks at Gold Creek School. Stay tuned for more information!



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## **IMPORTANT REMINDER - MOBILE PHONE RULES**

Don't forget our rules for mobile phones; when students are in the buildings their phones must be off and in their bags.

If you need to contact your child in an emergency, please call the school direct on 6142 1300 and we will get the message to them.

For non-urgent messages you can send an SMS and students can check their phones during breaks

## **IMPORTANT – PICKING STUDENTS UP EARLY?**

To help reduce the number of interruptions in class time caused by runners or making announcements over the PA, we ask parents wanting to pick children up early for appointments etc to provide a note so the child can show it to the teacher before making their way to the administration office to await pickup. Students must sign out and in if returning after an appointment.

Where possible we ask that appointments are made outside school hours, your assistance in this will be greatly appreciated in reducing disruptions during class time.



## SCHOOL WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS



## **REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES**

Option 1 (School App): 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).

Option 2: Email [GoldCreek.StudentSeniorAbsences@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:GoldCreek.StudentSeniorAbsences@ed.act.edu.au)

Option 3: Leaving a short message via our dedicated absence number SS: 6142 1323

when using the number above, please leave a short message stating student name, year, pc class and reason for absence eg. Late/sick or leave.



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