Junior Site Bites

Dates to remember:

- 18 November
  Kindergarten Orientation
  1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
- 19–21 November
  Midsummer Night’s Dream
- 20 November
  Kindergarten Orientation
  1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
- 28 November
  Volunteers breakfast
- 4 December
  An Evening on the Green

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Associate Principal

On Tuesday we gathered as a whole school for a Remembrance Day Service at the Senior Site. The ceremony included some thought provoking speeches, and showcased the talent of some of our school musicians. It was attended by an array of current and ex servicemen and women and culminated in a morning tea in the library. Thank you to Hilary Kinraid for your organisation and execution of a respectful and dignified event.

Class Placement 2014

We value information from parents and carers and students themselves, and use information provided from all parties when considering class placement. Information provided from students and parents around knowledge on positive working relationships, friendship groups, class dynamics, peer relationships are amongst the factors considered when designing the class grouping for the coming year. We appreciate that parents have faith in the school to use the knowledge that we have gained in conjunction with the knowledge provided to choose the most appropriate class for your child. While we endeavour to meet all stakeholders needs, we are unable to give guarantees for parent wishes as there are at times competing wishes presented. Please email me directly (kate.stuckey@ed.act.edu.au) if you have a specific request or something that you would like to be considered when we are looking at staffing and student placement.

Principal’s Morning Tea

Congratulations to the students who won a spot at the Principal’s morning tea today. The menu included nachos, chocolate mint slice biscuits, and plenty of water to keep us all hydrated on this hot day.

Solar Oven Competition

On Thursday 13 November, seven students from years 3-6 represented Gold Creek School in the annual Solar Oven Competition held at Lake Ginninderra College. Our students competed in two teams against other schools to design and make Solar Ovens to either bake a muffin or boil a litre of water. With only three weeks preparation and having the youngest students in the competition, they performed admirably. While our water didn’t boil, nor our muffin cook fully, the students learnt a lot about what works and doesn’t work with Solar Ovens. Bring on next year’s competition!!

Congratulations to our talented students.

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.
Year 6 News
This term Year 6 has been examining the importance of biodiversity and the role that humans play in maintaining the balance within ecosystems. This Unit of Inquiry has required us to focus on building our independent and group-work skills as we completed tasks for the ‘BBB-CGR Environmental Agency’ as part of our Internship.

We have looked at the different biomes found on earth and found connections between the features of a biome and the kinds of animals that live there. We created representations of biomes to understand the different elements that contribute to a sustainable ecosystem. We were also able to walk to a local wetland and see an example of a biome we were learning about. We found that there were a lot of animals and plants that relied on the ecosystem but we also saw a lot of things that were there because of humans. These included useful things like concrete paths, drains and railings but also damaging things such as rubbish and pollution.

We have just begun our final Unit of Inquiry for the year. We are looking at how people’s cultural background has an impact on their beliefs, values and actions. You can expect your children to be asking you questions about their cultural heritage and commenting on their own family culture!

Year 6 is also looking forward to the Graduation Ceremony at the end of the year. The date for this event has had to change and will now be on the 15 December. We look forward to celebrating their achievements and encouraging them in the next stage of their education!

Red Cap Course
This week Red Cap students completed their 10 Week course which focuses on building social resilience, relationships and wellbeing. The students presented a range of scenarios dealing with successful and positive conflict resolution. We wish to thank the students for participating in the program and the Salvation Army team for running the program.

STUDENT LIBRARY BOOKS
Next week (week 6) is the last week for student borrowing. ALL student books are due back to the library no later than the end of week 7. Overdue notices have been sent home today. Please feel free to write on the back of the overdue notice if you have any information about the overdue book/s and return it to the library.

We would appreciate payment for any lost or damaged books to contribute to replacement costs. If you would like to call me regarding the overdue notice please call 6205 2957 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Scholastic Book Club – unclaimed item
We have an unclaimed Scholastic Book Club order at the Junior Site Joint Facilities Library. It was a cash order of $12 but unfortunately the owner put no identifying information on the order form. If you think this is yours (or your child’s) please ring (62052957) or come and see us in the library and describe the order you are missing.

Keryn Hoeschle & Megan Taylor
Teacher/Librarians
Please note that bookings for Before and After Care 2015 are now open online, so please jump on and book the dates you require as soon as possible.

www.oshclub.com.au

**Volunteers Breakfast**

By now you should have received your personal invitation to the Volunteer’s Breakfast being held at Gold Creek School. This is our chance to say thank you to all parents, carers, and community members that contribute to the development and progress of our school and the students within.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. ~Elizabeth Andrew

Dear

The staff of Gold Creek School would like to invite you to a thank you breakfast to recognise and celebrate the support you have provided us as helpers and volunteers in 2014.

Please join us on

Friday, 28 November 2014
8.00 am – 8.45 am
in the courtyard

RSVP: 6205 2955 by Monday, 24 November 2014

No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another. Thank you. ~Author Unknown

**TERM 4 ASSEMBLY ROSTER**

- **W6** Year 3
- **W7** Year 1
- **W8** Wed—WS Awards Ceremony
  - Friday Year 6
- **Wk 9** Junior Site—Kindergarten

**Notes home**

- Evening on the Green Dinner Invitation
- Year 6 Graduation Ceremony invitations

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**Term 4 Assembly Roster**

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**An Evening on the Green**

**THURS 4TH DEC 2014**

Come and join in an end of year celebration with Gold Creek School families on the senior site oval.

There will be yard games, music, food & an outdoor movie screening.

Pack your picnic rugs & come along with your family & friends.

**Save the Date! More details to come...**