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**Term 3
Week 3
30 July 2021**

**Dates to remember:
Calendar**

- **4 Aug** – AMT Australian Mathematics Competition
- **4 Aug** - P & C Meeting
- **5 Aug** – Athletics Carnival
- **5 Aug** – Yr 5/6 Girls Basketball
- **6 Aug** – NAIDOC Celebration Day

- **TERM 3 ASSEMBLY ROSTER**
- 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

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This week our teachers were privileged to engage (virtually) in a keynote presentation delivered by Trevor Mackenzie, an educational guru from Canada as a part of our involvement in the ACT PYP Network. It was an informative and engaging presentation which focussed on student agency through inquiry pedagogy. Trevor enthused us to really reflect on the experiences which allow opportunities for our students to co-construct and co-design both the learning and the environment; the value we place on relationships within the classroom; and the importance of providing the time, space and structure for students to reflect on their learning. It was a great learning opportunity for our teachers and the conversations and changes in practice which have followed have been wonderful to see.

This morning at assembly we celebrated our Futsal teams' achievements, with acknowledgement of the efforts of the Under 12 boys, Under 10 boys and Under 12 girls teams. The Under 12 girls team were presented with their first place plaque by Adam Villatobas from Futsal ACT, after they went through the tournament undefeated, being crowned champions!



As we enter into August next week we move back into our 'hats on' period. It is a known fact that ultraviolet (UV) radiation damage from the sun during childhood is strongly associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Therefore, in order to reduce this risk, and as a Sunsmart school, we are asking our students to pop their hats back on for any outdoor experiences, including break times. Students are expected to wear a broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat to ensure that they are getting the best protection.

A reminder to always label any clothing, hats included. We currently have our lost property overflowing with jumpers and other bits and pieces, so if your child is missing anything please head up to the admin building, where you will find the lost property just outside, and retrieve anything that might belong to your child.

One of these things is not like the others

CAPS DON'T KEEP THE SUN OFF!

Broad brimmed, legionnaire and bucket hats protect the neck, ears, temples and sides of the face – offering very good sun protection to these vulnerable areas which are common sites for skin cancer. Baseball caps and visors do not provide adequate protection.

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Next week we look forward to the Junior Site Athletics Carnival on Thursday. Parents are welcome to attend but are reminded to please check-in by scanning the QR code upon entering the school and ensure social distancing from all other adults while onsite. We are also having our special NAIDOC event on Friday which will involve the students engaging in a series of fun experiences including dancing, sports, art activities and an art show in the hall. Experiences will be centred around the NAIDOC theme of *Heal Country* and will further develop students understanding and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and histories.

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YEAR 4 NEWS

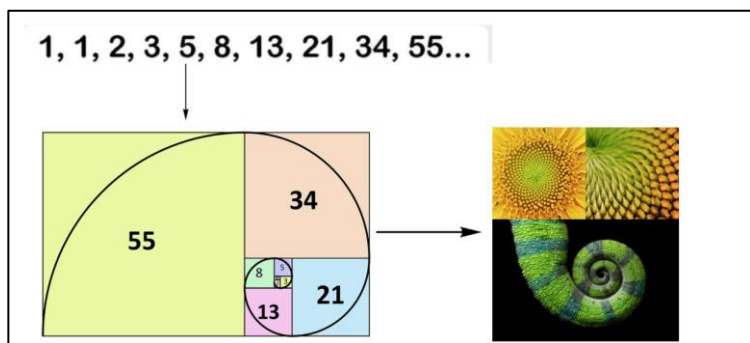
This Semester Year 4 has started off the term with an inquiry into How We Express Ourselves. Students are learning to appreciate the different ways ideas are expressed in the world around them. We have looked at ideas expressed through a range of mediums including visual art, music, Mathematics and written texts. Students have discovered that it is important to select the medium that expresses the idea most effectively. Throughout this inquiry, students will be reflecting on the skills that enable discoveries to happen.



One of the works students viewed and responded to was 'The scream' to investigate how artists express ideas through Visual Arts.

An important part of expressing ideas is being able to state a position and justify it with evidence and examples. Students have been choosing a position in response to the ideas and discoveries they are finding out about and are learning how to structure their thoughts into a solid argument.

Students also discovered that Maths is a way people express ideas - particularly when they are explaining things they have noticed in the natural world. Students learned that the Fibonacci sequence explains a pattern commonly found in nature.



They enjoyed creating their own designs using this pattern!

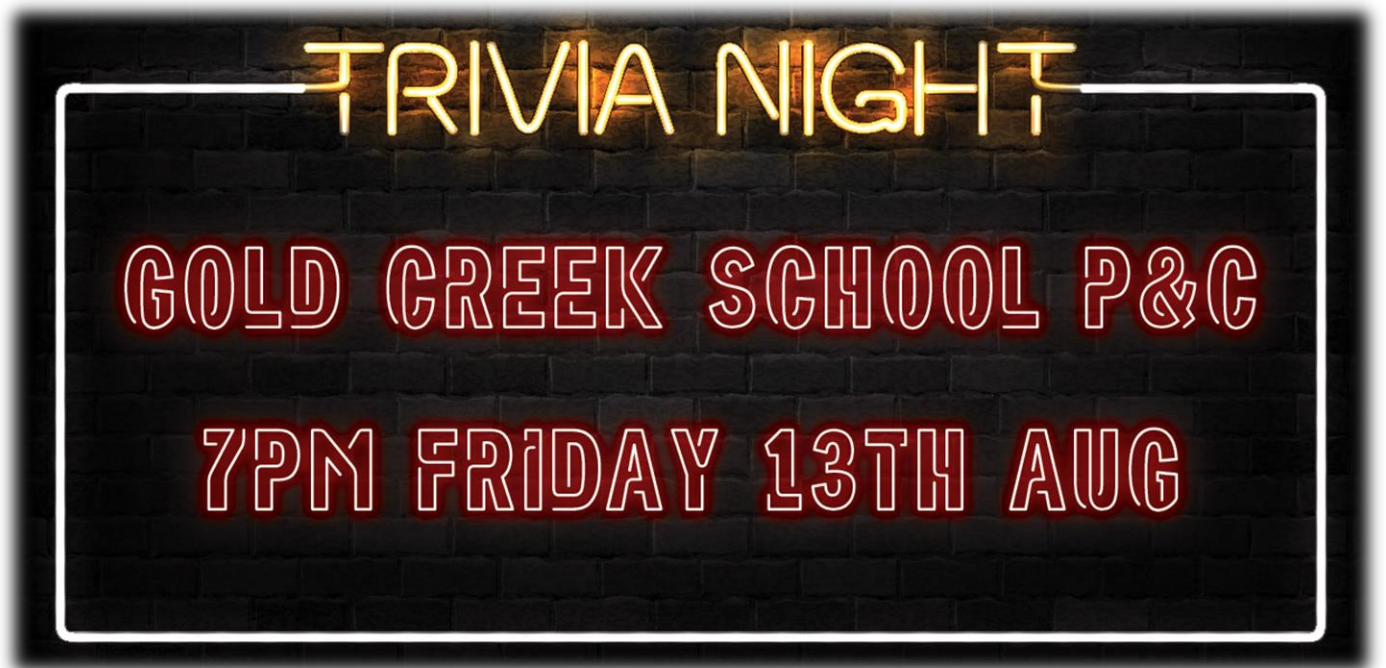


The Year 4 Team

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LEARNER PROFILE AWARDS - WEEK 3

3A Dyllon L Leigh T	3B Beau Mc Annabel E-S	3C Jack P Ben M	3D Razel P Samson S	4A Corran B Mykyala D
4B Sophia B Tridib P	4C Ryan H Holly R	5/6A Inaaya H Emily M	5/6B Leo D' A Kayde J	5/6C James T Cleo T
5/6D Noor U Aaminah O	5/6E Luka O Alex J	5/6F Sebastian H Roberta A		



GOLD CREEK P&C TRIVIA NIGHT

Such a big part of the school and P&C community is focusing on the children, but every now and then, adults need some attention too. Book in a babysitter, grab a bottle of wine, some snacks or dinner and come along to our trivia night! You know the drill: BYOD dinner, answer some trivia questions, play bonus rounds, a few games, and win some prizes!

Either book a table (up to 10) with your friends, or we can help put a table together for you to meet some new people. Why not start a table for parents of your kid's class or year group?

Over the years, we have seen some impressive dinners. Make it a "bring a plate" evening with your friends, order a pizza, or just bring some snacks – it's up to you.

When: 6:30pm for a 7pm start, Friday 13th August

Where: Gold Creek School primary site hall

Who: Everyone is welcome – parents, staff, friends

Tickets: Available from Flexischools

Please book early so we can appropriately plan a covid-safe event

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OSHClub News

Hi everyone!

We've had a fun week at before and after school care this week

We've started out art club this week, which will be running on Tuesday afternoons for the remainder of the term. For the first few weeks the children will focus on techniques for painting and work towards creating a canvas art of their own to take home at the end of the term. We look forward to seeing what they can create!

We've noticed that a few families haven't updated their bookings for this term, so please if you're struggling to do this, reach out and we can help! We can be reached by phone (0402 611 484) or email (nicholls@oshclub.com.au)

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!



Hi I'm Joshua Mario AKA the sports legend at OSHClub

I'm 23years old currently on a gap year from studying a bachelor of Education at the University of Canberra. I play football and touch footy four times a week, however am currently recovering from a fractured wrist.

I come from a very big Italian family who have embedded the Italian culture into me, which is to enjoy life, eat lots of a good food and support the Italians in any competition. (Very happy about the Italians winning euro cup 2021)

On the weekend you'd catch me hanging with mates, playing sport or working on my photography skills, I enjoy being behind the camera and my goal is to one day hopefully own a business in photography or clothing.

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WORKSHOP: TRANSITION TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Supporting school transition for students with disability and developmental delay

The ACT Education Directorate is hosting two workshops to support parents and carers of students with disability and developmental delay transition to a new school year.

While the workshop will focus on the transitions from preschool to kindergarten and year 6 to year 7, for students with developmental delay and disability, the sessions will provide ideas for parents to assist children at any transition time.

Attendees will leave the workshop with a toolkit of practical ways that they can support their child through school transition.

The workshops will be held at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning in Stirling:

- Friday 13 August 10.30am-12.00pm
- Monday 16 August 6.00-7.30pm

Register for a workshop via Eventbrite at bit.ly/TransitionToolkitWorkshop

For more information contact jean.walker@act.gov.au

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SCHOOL INTENTIONS FOR 2022

To enable Gold Creek School to transition students effectively from their current year level in 2021 to the next school year level in 2022 we need a clear picture of prospective student movement. This includes gathering data about known school leaver intentions. If you are aware of prospective changes, and your child/children will not be returning to Gold Creek School for schooling in the **2022 school year**, could you please complete the form using the link below. This form does not replace the Student Leaver's form which will also need to be completed at the time of your child's departure from the school.

[2021 Leaver Intention Form](#)

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
[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

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.

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is sick,
don't
bring
them to
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