Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Once again it is a busy time in the term with so many fantastic academic and extracurricular activities for students to be involved in.

The Senior Site recently welcomed Minister for Education and Training, Joy Burch, for a visit. This included a visit to the newly established Sustainable and Memorial Garden, a tour of the school and the Multicultural Room where the Minister was presented with handmade gifts by the students. She was impressed by the school environment and student learning. Thanks to all our staff and students for their support in this.

The Royal Military College Band has given us the opportunity to host a concert and workshops at Gold Creek School. The RMC Band has put together a show specifically for high school students. They have invited the entire school to attend. The concert will take place on Tuesday 9th September at 10:00am and the experience will be invaluable for students.

Mid-semester reports will be available soon. They are an important opportunity to receive feedback on each student’s performance in each of their subjects in terms of the students:

- academic progress (achievement) – S (satisfactory), C (cause for concern), U (unsatisfactory)
- attitude - S (satisfactory), C (cause for concern), U (unsatisfactory)
- effort – score where 1 is high and 5 is low

This feedback is timely as we follow this up with Parent-Teacher Interviews on Thursday Sept 25. This is an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to work together on strategies to improve individual student’s results.

It is always important that we work together to support student learning and well-being.

Warm regards,
Priscilla Wray
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Math and Science day
Gold Creek entered three teams in the Gungahlin College Mathematics and Science day last week. All teams represented the school well and ended up coming second and earning some prize money for the Math and Science departments to purchase new resources. Congratulations to Bebin, Bhavesh, Michael, Dom, Scott, Frank, Lilee, Beth and Fin on a great result!

Mathematics challenge
Ten students completed the Australian mathematics trust challenge program in term 2 across years 8 – 10. Congratulations to Kate and Bhavesh for earning credits (in the top 50% Australia wide), Bebin and Himalaya for earning Distinctions (top 30%) and Caitlin for earning a high distinction (top 15%).

Book Week
Last Friday students were invited to dress up as their favourite book characters as part of Book Week celebrations. The 3 students photographed are the best dressed winners and won a book each, proudly donated by Dymocks book store. The second photograph is a selection of our fabulous teachers who also dressed up for the occasion.

Debating
Our last debate for the 2014 season was held on Wednesday night. This was a catch up round between Gold Creek 1 and a team from Canberra Girls Grammar. Tara and Tessa debated with only two in their team and they won! The topic was that Corporations should not be allowed to make donations to political parties and Gold Creek argued the Affirmative. Tara and Tessa spoke well and made what the adjudicators described as ‘sophisticated arguments’ emphasising why political parties should not receive funding from Corporations. This was a great effort from the girls of which we should all be proud.

Pho Phu Quoc Vietnamese Restaurant in Dickson is supporting Gold Creek School students raise funds for their expedition to Vietnam and Cambodia. We have a special buffet menu on Thursday 11th September at 7.30pm. We have 130 tickets to sell. The students have shown some initiative to create this fundraiser but so far no tickets have been sold – please can you support this event and make a delicious reservation with us.

Tickets per person are $30 each (does not include drinks).

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Tickets sold to first in best dressed. If you would like to purchase tickets please send $30 per ticket in a clearly marked envelope to Leona Anton, Gold Creek School Senior Site.

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