



Junior Site Bites

**Term 2
Week 1
4 May 2018**



• **Dates to remember:**

[Calendar](#)

- **7 May** – ACT 12&USwimming
- **7 & 8 May** – Yr 2 Hall Museum Excursion
- **10 May** – Cross Country Carnival
- **11 May** – Mother's Day Breakfast
- **15 – 17 May** – Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN
- **17 May** – Open Day

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Welcome back to Term 2! What a fabulous first week we have had – students and teachers alike have obviously had a relaxing holiday and are already engaged with learning! We have been busy undertaking a range of upgrades including revamping our hall and recarpeting the 3/4 Unit. Students and teachers in Years 3-6 had the pleasure of using the hall for the first time today and loved the new look!

School Environment

As I wrote last term, we are upgrading our toilets as part of our school improvement agenda. Can we ask all families to remind students of the importance of hygiene in the toilets. The school is using the messaging that only three “P”s go down the toilet – this may help you when talking to your children at home (ask your K-2 students what the three “P”s are). Remember no food should enter the toilets, and handwashing is important to stop the spread of germs.

Enrolments 2019

This week we held our first Open Day, whereby we showcased our fabulous school to new families. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive – a great testament to the incredible culture of the school! We will be holding our next Open Day on 17 May. Remember, all ACT schools’ enrolments for students for 2019 opened on 30 April. If you have a child who will attend preschool in 2019, or know of any parents who have moved in area that will join us next year, the enrolment process can be found at: www.det.act.au

NAPLAN

In Week 3 this term, our Year 3 and 5 students will be undertaking NAPLAN. A reminder to parents, that although NAPLAN is an important measurement of student growth, it is only one of the tools that we use to make sure we best tailor learning to student needs. At Gold Creek we embed a wealth of assessment strategies, both formal and informal so that we can plan and assess student learning and support teachers in professional development. It is often during the impromptu conversations and group discussions that we learn more about students understanding, and we endeavour to capture this evidence of learning as assessment too!

Staff Changes

We say a sad farewell to Mrs Kim Barnett today, as she leaves us to pursue an Executive position at another Canberra school. Kim has had significant impact both on her students and the school, and we wish her all the best in her new position. We welcome Ms Kiri Hudson to 4B and know that the school community will also welcome her.

Community Connections

This term we will be using the SEESAW platform to share our Community Connections and will also be placing them on to our website. Keep your eye out for these – and let your classroom teacher know if you are having any concerns accessing this platform.

Mother's Day Breakfast

Next Friday our fabulous P&C will be holding their annual Mother's Day Breakfast starting at 8 am. We invite all our wonderful carers to join us and celebrate the amazing work our significant mum's /carers do!

Finally as we approach the cooler months can I remind parents to label all jumpers and equipment. Our lost property tubs are always popular this time of year – if we find a jumper with a name it is always easier to find its owners!

Have a fabulous Term!
Yours in learning
Jacqui

Gold Creek School

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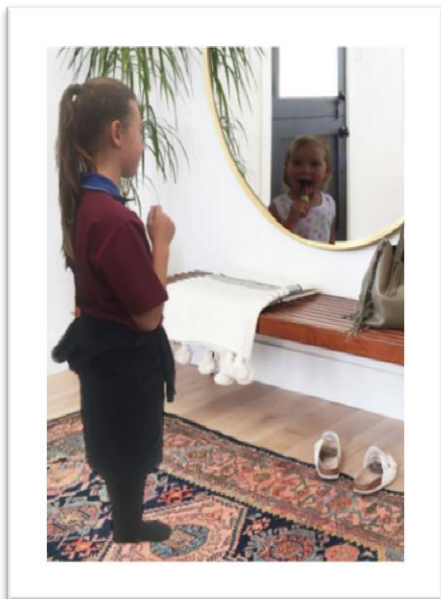
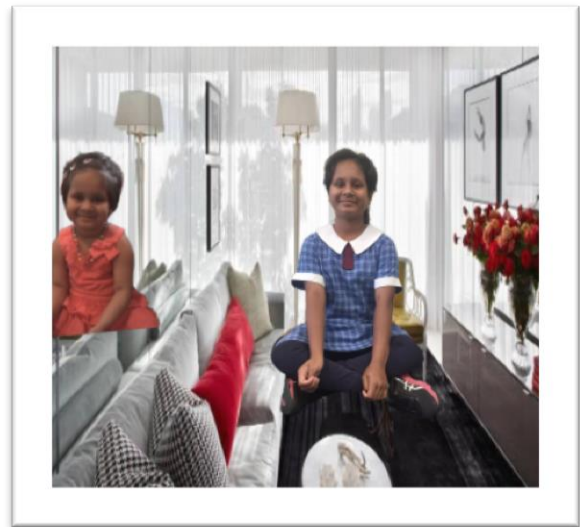
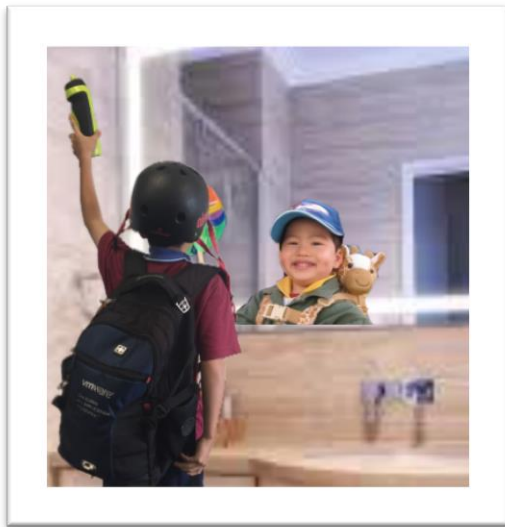
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Year 6 News

Last term our Unit of Inquiry was 'Who We Are' and we explored how 'Culture may impact on beliefs, values and actions'. We began our inquiry by looking at how people's past may have shaped who they are today. We also looked at bedrooms from around the world to see what we could learn about their owner's culture. We then focused on ourselves; we brainstormed 'What it means to be human' and what that means for us. We used the brainstorm to analyse our own beliefs and values and how they shape our actions. Here are some examples of our Digital Reflection Artworks; also we looked at how our past has shaped who we are. This term we are exploring how 'Biodiversity relies on maintaining the interdependent balance of organisms within systems'. We are keen to build up our research skills throughout this unit.



The Year 6 Team

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Jessica H (6B) would like to encourage us all to be energy aware. She has included some tips for all of us:



Turn off light when you leave the room



Unplug chargers and turn off devices when not using them



Close the fridge door



Shower instead of bath



Use the dishwasher not the sink



Open blinds in winter and close them in summer

How to be
An energy
smart kid



Turn off the tap



Use the sun to dry your clothes



Heat to 18-20°C, cool to 25-27°C



Seal doors and windows

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Gold Creek School's 2015 Commemorative Cross Project Arrives in France

In 2015, as a part of the '100 Years of ANZAC Commemorations' the Year 5 and 6 classes joined the Australian War Memorial's Commemorative Crosses project, led by our then DSTA/DTM Hilary Kinraid and teacher Anna Buckman. In short, all the students were provided with a small wooden cross each and encouraged to write a reflective message. Many thought provoking messages were written acknowledging the risks and sacrifice that had been made to ensure Australia remains a safe place to live. On the back of the cross the students wrote their name and school. These crosses have now been taken overseas and placed on the war graves of Australian servicemen and woman who have lost their lives while on active service.

This week Gold Creek School received a lovely email from a couple who attended this year's Dawn Service on Anzac Day in Villers-Bretonneux, France. On leaving the Memorial they were asked to place a cross on a soldier's grave. It had the name of a student from Gold Creek School. This student is now attending another school but we have shared the email with her family who advise the student "was incredibly proud to see her cross".



Colin Wilson
DTM/DSTA

'Beauty and the Beast' – Gold Creek Production 2018

After the success of Gold Creek School musical production 'Legally Blonde' in 2017, Junior Site students will be offered the opportunity to participate in the school's production of "Beauty and the Beast" for this year.

Performance dates for the show will be Week 10, Term 3 with all performances to be held in the Senior Site gym. Shows will be held both during the day and in the evening. We are offering students in Years 3-6 the opportunity to participate in the show. We recognise there may be students in Years K-2 who may want to participate, however as the show week can be quite busy, we ask that you email me to discuss this further at Ruth.Williams@ed.act.edu.au

There is no audition process for Junior Site students, however students will need to commit to after school practice each week – day and time are yet to be confirmed.

We will be using the 'Beauty and the Beast Production' Google classroom to share relevant information – you can access this by using the code 5d7wrm. Please be aware that this google classroom is for both the Senior Site and Junior Site students, so it will be clearly distinguished whether the information is for only Senior, Junior students or both.

In the meantime, any interested students should watch the movie and get familiar with the music in preparation for rehearsals to start. Stay tuned for more information.

Ruth Williams
Music Specialist

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Presentation Assembly for the Junior Site Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals

Due to NAPLAN, the presentation assembly for the Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals will now be held together on Friday 1 June Week 5 at 9am in our school hall. Parents/carers of ribbon and medallion winners will be notified by email.

Mr Russell

P & C News

The P&C invites all Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts and carers to a special Mother's Day breakfast. We would like to take a moment to thank you for your contributions to not only your children's education, but also to the Gold Creek School community. Join us for bacon and egg roll and a cuppa from 8am next Friday, 11 May in the Junior School courtyard.

David Pollard
P & C President

- TERM 2 ASSEMBLY
- ROSTER
- ● Wk 2 Year 2
- ● Wk 3 Year 4
- ● Wk 4 Year 1
- ● Wk 5 Reconciliation Week Assembly
- ● Wk 6 Kindergarten
- ● Wk 7 Year 3
- ● Wk 8 Languages/EALD Assembly
- ● Wk 9 Year 5
- ● Wk 10 Whole School Awards Assembly
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ENROLMENTS FOR 2019 ARE NOW OPEN

We would just like to confirm enrolment procedures for current Gold Creek students in Preschool and Year 6.

Current students in a Gold Creek School Preschool **do not** need to reapply to attend Gold Creek Kindergarten in 2019 unless their current enrolment for preschool was accepted on a **'one year only basis.'** Families who have received this letter will need to complete an enrolment form to continue in an ACT public school.

Current Year 6 students at Gold Creek School **do not need** to complete a new enrolment form to progress to Year 7 if continuing at Gold Creek in 2019.

All other enrolments can be made through the [Education Directorate Website](#).

Prospective Year 4 Camp Survey

In 2019 Gold Creek School is looking at implementing a Year 4 camp to compliment the Year 5 and 6 camps. Ideally the Year 4 camp would be a one night camp to take place in Term 1 to align with all camps across Gold Creek School. This camp is aimed at providing opportunities for students to build their cooperative, teamwork and leadership skills. It would also provide a stepping stone for the longer Year 5 and 6 camps.

Please use the following link to complete the 'Prospective Year 4 Camp' survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKQtdEwhUo9PNynMLzHRPBN1PzK70FYUK-N3qNNkkOuzGkVw/viewform?c=0&w=1>

Year 5 & 6 Camp for 2019 & Beyond Survey

This survey is being used to seek clarification about the appropriateness of the Year 5 & 6 camps and to see if a change in date to Term 1 is supported by the parent community. Gold Creek School is looking to make changes to the current school camp structure to align all camps across Gold Creek School. This change is aimed at improving students collaboration and establishing leadership opportunities and goals for the entire year.

Please use the following link to complete the 'Year 5 & 6 Camp for 2019 & Beyond' survey:


<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKWCWqjM22ZEfBsfIqCqZ9EwFYQ3HnUOhW5WJI47pVNVEPA/viewform?c=0&w=1>

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School Banking News


School Banking continues in Term 2 with 2 new rewards available to redeem:

Sparkle Glitter Pens
Released Term 2 2018



Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

Glow Light
Released Term 2 2018



1 x AAA battery included

Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

If you have 10 or more tokens, please choose a reward and return your reward selection with your bank book on banking day. If you are unsure how many tokens you have, pop us a note and we will let you know. The following rewards are also still available to redeem while stocks last:

<p>Secret Scratch Notepad Released Term 1 2018</p>  <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>	<p>Twister Power Handball Released Term 1 2018</p>  <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>	<p>Smiley Emoji Keyring Released in Term 3, 2017</p>  <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>	<p>Pencil + Tech Case Released in Term 4, 2017</p>  <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>
<p>Colour Change Markers Released in Term 1, 2017</p>  <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>	<p>Tablet Case Released in Term 2, 2017</p>  <p>W 110mm H 25mm</p> <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>	<p>Volt Handball Released in Term 3, 2017</p>  <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>	<p>Epic Earphones Released in Term 4, 2017</p>  <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>

School Bankers still have time to complete 15 deposits and make it into the draw for the National School Banking competition.

Keep saving for a chance to win a family trip to Hawaii.

This year, School Banking is running a Super Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker and their family of two adults and up to three children to Hawaii.

The trip includes:

- Return economy flights to Honolulu, Hawaii plus airport transfers
- 7 nights accommodation at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel & Resort staying in a Luxury Ocean Room, with beach views and breakfast included
- AU\$2,000 spending money.

How to enter

Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018 to automatically receive an entry into the competition for a chance to win.

Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things you should know: The 'Super Savers Grand Prize Competition' (Promotion) is conducted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ABN 48 123 123 124) of Level 30, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. The Promotion starts at 9am AEST on 22/01/18 and closes at 11.59pm AEST on 28/09/18. Entry is open to Australian residents aged 4-13 years only who have made 15 separate School Banking deposits into their Commbank 'YouthSaver' account during the Promotion period. Eligible entrants will be automatically entered into the draw. Maximum 1 entry per person. The first eligible entry randomly drawn will win a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, USA for two adults and up to three children (aged 17 years and under), including 7 nights accommodation and AU\$2,000 spending money, valued at AU\$7,766. Terms and conditions apply. The draw will take place at 10pm AEST on 10/10/18 at the address above. The winner will be notified by telephone and email, and will be published online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and in *The Australian* on 17/10/18. Winner must claim the prize by 5pm AEST on 15/01/19 or the prize will be redrawn. The prize will be awarded to the winner's nominated parent or guardian. Conditions apply to accepting the prize. Full terms and conditions available from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Authorised under NSW Permit No: LTPS/17/18318, ACT Permit No: ACT TP 17/01289 and SA Permit No: 11/71878. AD/14546 010118

More information on School Banking can be found at commbank.com.au/school-banking or contact Jo Whatman on 0475821274.

Volunteers are always more than welcome to help with the banking each Friday morning from 9am in the library. The more the merrier!

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