

Senior Site Bites



Term 4 Week 1

19 October 2018



Dates to remember: [Calendar](#)

23 October

- Y10 German Excursion
- Y9/10 AIME Program Day - UC

24 October

- 9/10 Outdoor Ed Caving Camp -Wee Jasper
Trip A-6:30am-4pm
Thursday
- Breakfast Club 7:45-8:40am
- Homework Centre

25 October

- 9/10 Outdoor Ed Caving Camp -Wee Jasper
Trip B 11am to 4pm
Friday
- Alan Tongue Program-
Gungahlin College 12:30-3pm

26 October

- **World Teachers Day**

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Welcome to Term 4

We hope that students have had a good break and are recharged ready for a busy and rewarding term 4.

Please join us in welcoming our new students and families to the school. We would also like to welcome the following staff to the Secondary Site:

- Ms Yuka Kanehira: Teaching Language Acquisition
- Ms Genevieve Johnston: Teaching Language Acquisition and Language Literature

Gold Creek School continues to upgrade facilities to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming space for students, staff and the wider school community. Over the recent holidays work was done in the canteen and the student engagement area. Feedback has been very positive.

This term we have opened up a playground area just for year 10 and it is the responsibility of the students to look after if it is to remain open. So far the feedback from the students has been positive. The space is open all break times from Monday to Thursday but closed on a Friday.

Term 4 will be very busy, with a number of events happening including:

- Year 7 Come and Try Days
- Year 7 Information Night
- Year 7 Immunisations
- Outdoor Classroom Day
- Remembrance Day Assembly
- Yr 10 Graduation and Formal
- Year 10 Lock In and Farewell Assembly
- Activities Week
- Senior Site Literacy Project
- Sporting competitions
- STEAM activities

The focus for the school this year is to create a strong learning culture. One of the key improvement strategies is to develop and implement a school wide approach to managing student behaviour. Staff are working across the school, agreeing on the expected behaviours and developing an approach to addressing behaviour in the non-classroom settings. This term we will be seeking students and parent input so keep an eye out for how you can become involved.

We would also like to thank all students who participated in the Colour Run on Friday, 28 September. It was a fantastic day it looked like students enjoyed the afternoon.

As always we look forward to continuing to support students in achieving the best possible learning outcomes and look forward to a productive and rewarding term ahead.

Sam Beattie, Associate Principal

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YEAR 10

Hey guys what's crackalackin? Welcome back to term 4! Year 10 now has only 40 days left of school, and students are beginning to get excited about all the end of year festivities that are lined up. Planning for our lock-in, formal, graduation, and farewell assembly has begun, and the first formal permission notes have gone out!

Feedback for personal project reports, which were due last term, will be given back to students soon. Nominations have gone out for year 10 mock awards, and the formal song list. It is not too late for students to vote, but entries will close soon, so make sure you vote to have your say in the mock awards, and what songs you want at formal! Voting is open to year 10s only, and they can see pastoral care teachers for the link.

Year 10 students now have a new area in which they can hang out at break times away from the rest of the school and other students. This area is behind the library, back where the portables used to be. Students can do everything they normally can including play handball, eat, and talk. The zone has been exciting for students and it is expected to be used often at break times!

The colour run was held on the 28 September last term. It was the last day of school for term 3 and it's safe to say that everyone was excited for the holidays and the colour run was the perfect way to celebrate. The school's 20th birthday was also celebrated on the last day of school with Bill Maiden, the founding principal attending the ceremony alongside our current principal, Angela Spence.

Over many months earlier this year, many students from both the senior site and the junior site rehearsed and worked hard leading up to the school production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast which took place during week 10 last term. The musical was well received by parents, friends, and many members of the school community, and the performance improved every time they went through it. It was the first time a musical had been run in the school gym, which went very well. A special thanks to Miss Needham, Mr Bradfield, Dr Uhlmann, and all of the students in the cast, crew, and band!

Some important dates for year 10s:

- Thursday, 6 December - lock-in
- Friday, 7 December - farewell assembly, students will need to sign out of the premises by 10am
- Monday, 10 December - Gungahlin college orientation day - only for students attending Gungahlin college next year
- Tuesday, 11 December - Graduation
- Wednesday, 12 December - Formal

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REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES – SENIOR SITE

Our 24 hour dedicated absences phone number is
6142 1323



To report your child's absence, please leave a short message stating their name, year, pastoral care class and reason for absence eg. Late/Sick or Leave-by 9:30am. You can also report absences via our school App or by email to info@goldcreek.act.edu.au.

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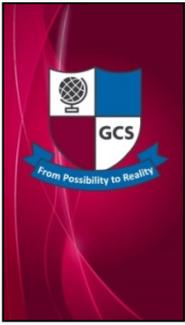
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SCHOOL APP

Did you know that you can 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 through our school App!

iPhone – Go to the app store, enter - Gold Creek School, press install, enter your iTunes password.

Android – Go to Google Play, enter – Gold Creek School, press install.

Download the school App NOW, to help us keep in touch!

CHROMEBOOKS - End of year device warranty claims

The **cut-off date for logging warranty claims at the end of this year is Monday, 17 December** (week 9). To guarantee completion by the end of the school year, Acer have requested that claims are actioned as they arise and not logged in bulk just prior to cut-off.

- Continuing ACT public secondary students who present with a non-functioning device after the warranty claim cut-off date may be given a replacement device for permanent or temporary holiday use. Note – students who are NOT returning to the same school in 2019 will need to keep the replacement device permanently for use in their new school (if it is an ACT public school otherwise it must be returned to the school).
- Students whose device fails over the holiday period will have to wait until school resumes before their device can be reviewed.

A new Chromebook application form and factsheet for new students to the school next year can be found on our [website](#).

Russell Phillips, IT Officer

SWOOPING MAGPIES

Magpies can swoop during the spring while they build nests, lay and protect eggs and raise their young.

Not all magpies will swoop but some will as a natural instinct to protect their territory (area around their nest) and their young.

Follow these simple tips to help avoid being swooped this Spring:

- Walk through the magpies' territory quickly, but don't run (use paths and not through trees if possible)
- Protect your head with an umbrella, hat or helmet and your eyes with glasses
- Look towards the magpie
- Attach flags or streamers on a pole to your backpack or bike



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2019 PROSPECTIVE STUDENT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS
Transition Days –confirmation of attendance **due by Friday 26 October 2018.**

Gold Creek Students

Date: Tuesday 13 November 2018
Time: 9:15-2:45pm

Holy Spirit Students

Date: Friday 9 November 2018
Time: 9:10am – 2:40pm

Ngunnawal Students

Date: Monday 5 November 2018
Time: 9:10am – 2:40pm

Palmerston Students

Date: Friday 9 November 2018
Time: 9:10am – 2:40pm

Other Schools

Date: Monday 5 November 2018
Or Friday 9 November 2018
Time: 9:10am – 2:40pm

Parent Information Evening

Date: 1 November 2018
Venue: Senior site Gym
Time: 5:45 – 6:45pm

Chromebook Notes

Due Date: 9 November 2018

Year 7 Camp 2019

Camp Date: 6-8 March 2019
Cost \$385

Notes Due: Friday 2 November 2018

1st Deposit Due \$100: Friday 2 November 2018

Final Payment Due: Friday 15 February 2019



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Piano & Guitar Lessons

In-school music lessons are now available at Gold Creek School on piano and guitar, and other instruments by request.

For more info please contact the In-School Tuition Program Manager Sarah Grey at Canberra Music Tuition

on 6299 9154 or
fyshwick@canberramusic tuition.com.au

or Enrol Online now at:
www.CanberraMusicTuition.com.au



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please note all ACT Government grounds are **strictly** non-smoking areas; this includes school carparks and sports fields.

Your cooperation in adhering to this policy is greatly appreciated.