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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Reports

Teachers and executive staff have been busy writing, proof reading and editing reports. When students have up to 8 teachers, a range of special needs, achievements, gifts, talents and support this is no mean feat. We have a number of administration staff who provide support with data management and entry and the generation of the A-E components of the report. I would like to express my thanks to a number of key people who help with our reports – specifically Julie Peakall, Claire Percival, Katie Smith, Maria O'Halloran, Alivia Hurcum, executive staff and deputies. Reports are intended be out to parents at the end of Week 10 this term. Teachers are to be congratulated on the thought and rigour they have put into the reporting and assessment process.

Rostrum

Congratulations to Cameron Shelton of Year 6. Cameron won the quarter final for the Gungahlin schools and is through to the next stage.

Kind Regards,

Sue Jose

Principal

UNIFORM NEWS

There is a small selection of uniform samples at both primary and senior sites for sizing. All order forms can be downloaded from our website www.goldcreek.act.edu.au or can be picked up at either school office.

All you need to do is fill in an order form, fax it off (we can do it from the school if you don't have access to a fax machine) with your credit card details and selection. The uniforms will be delivered directly to the school, (by ordering via fax the school receives a percentage of sales).

**Macdonalds
Childrenswear**
Shop 33 Jamison Centre
MACQUARIE ACT 2614
Ph: 6251 2660



DATES TO REMEMBER

Pre-Preschool **PS**-Primary Site **SS**-Senior Site
WS-Whole School

Friday, 18th June:



PS-Banking 9-10:10am

PS-Assembly 9:15am

- **SS**-Outdoor Ed Exc – Wee Jasper , returns 3:30pm

Tuesday, 22nd June:

- **PS & SS**-ICAS Writing Competition
SS-SSSA Cross Country

Wednesday, 23rd June

SS- Assembly

Friday, 25th June

SS-Crazy Hair Day, Gold Coin donation towards school bus.

Congratulations



Cameron Shelton very proudly represented Gold Creek School in the quarter finals of Rostrum last night and won!!!!

He will now go on to represent the school in the semi finals which will be held next term.

Morning Tea for Defence Families



Date: Tue 29th June 2010 (Week 9)

Time: 10.00am till 11.30am

Where: Raiders Sports Club, 23 Hibberson St, Gungahlin, 2912 (Tel: 6255 4111).

The Raiders club has ample parking and a soft play indoor area for children. For Non-members, there will be a sign in sheet at reception.

The table will be marked with the coffee cup Logo above.

This is an informal way to make new friends from your school community. Bring the children and relax with a 'cuppa'. Swap news and ideas (and maybe phone numbers too). If you work, perhaps you could consider an early lunch break on this date?? – it would be lovely to meet up with you. Dads often come along too!

RSVP: Leona Anton (DTM) at the Senior site via 6205 1814 or Deidre Robinson (DSTA) at the Primary site via 6205 2955.

PRIMARY SITE NEWS

KINDY & YEAR 3!!!!

Please participate in my study! It's a quick survey that takes only 10 min and you get a prize!! Your help is greatly appreciated. I hope to have it completed by the end of term, so bring in your signed notes as soon as possible so you can help! Thank you very much!



Mrs Collett

PRIMARY DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Reports

The teachers on the Primary Site have been working extremely hard over the last few weeks to write the mid-year reports for their students. Most students (from Year 1-5) will receive an A-E report and an accompanying school report that provides more detailed information about how each child has performed during the semester, both academically and socially. The reports are due to go home at the end of next week.

Student Attendance Times:

9.00am – 3.00pm (Yr K – 5)

8.50am - 3.00pm (Yrs 6-10)

Receipting Times (Senior Site):

Monday to Thursday

8.30am - 8.45am

11.00am - 11.30am and

1.00pm - 1.30pm

Fridays 8:40am -11:40am only

School Office Hours:

Senior Site: 8.30am - 4.00pm

Ph.No. 6205 1814

Fax 62070471

Primary Site: 8.30am - 3.30pm

Ph.No. 62052955

Fax 62052966

Spell-a-thon

Our wonderful P&C Committee members are currently working on a number of fundraising activities to be held during the year, including a mini-fete on Election Day and a Spell-a-thon. Deborah Layt (P&C Secretary) is the coordinator of the Spell-a-thon, which essentially involves getting the children to learn a year-specific list of words, being tested on them, and raising money for the number of correct words. This event is planned for next term; more information will be sent home in July/August.

Assembly

At tomorrow's assembly, to be hosted by Year 2, we will have the chance to see our Kindergarten and Year 1 students parading a variety of hats (as part of 'H' week). It promises to be a very exciting event, as no doubt the children will have some fascinating creations on show! We look forward to seeing many visiting families at 9.15 in the morning.

A new initiative at assemblies is the presentation of certificates to children who obtain a particular level in relation to the Magic 100 or 200 Words (M100W) for Reading and Spelling. Knowing how to both read and spell these words is an important focus, especially in the Kindergarten to Year 2 classes. Many of our students have been achieving considerable success with their Magic Words and we are very proud of them.

AFL

Last Thursday, a number of students from Year 5 and 6 at both Gold Creek and Holy Spirit participated in the Gungahlin division of the James Hird Cup. The three teams that entered all performed exceptionally well throughout the day and are to be commended on the way they participated and behaved. One of the teams (including Nicholas Tanner, Patrick Langlois and Jack Powell) won the event and will progress to the ACT final to be played on the 4th August. Thank you to Mr Ryan Spencer (Holy Spirit) for his role in coordinating the event, and to Mr Nathan Beaver for assisting with training the boys.

Athletics Carnival

The Nicholls Shared Campus Athletics Carnival will be held on the first Tuesday of Term 3 at the AIS. A note was distributed yesterday to all eligible students (those born in 2002 or earlier).



Tony Merritt, Acting Deputy Principal



Principals Award List Primary Site

KJB	Hannah Veitch Phoebe Paull
K/1MB	Antonnia Kaidan
1PB	Georgia Jayden Miller
1MR	Marlie Peak Bri-B McElligott Danielle
1/2MG	Andrew Zatschler Riley-Shae
2CW	Shakaylay Gideon Bowman
2NR	Zac Storer Humza Shaikh
3JH	Kyle Scarcella Jackson Moen
3TW	Justin
4KA	Shaylah Bradley
4/5RO	Dempsey Ward Caleb
5SB	Jordan Abdullah
5VB	Ashley Ane' Van Wyk



Congratulations to all the nominated students

SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS

Both sites have a selection of second-hand clothing.

Primary – contact the office on 6205 2955.

Senior – has a room manned by volunteers on Tuesdays & Fridays between 1-1:30pm

Donations of second hand uniforms in good condition are always welcome!



STUDENT ABSENCES

Please phone before 9.30am leaving a short message to advise whether your child is sick/on leave or late including their name and homeroom.

24 hour absence ☎ numbers are:

Primary Site - 6205 5737 or

Senior Site - 6205 1792

NB: Students returning from an absence must provide to their homeroom teacher a signed note of explanation from their parent/carer.

SENIOR SITE NEWS

YEAR 8 NEWS

The end of Term 2 is fast approaching and all students and teachers are busy working on assessment tasks and reports.

This week, 16 Year 8 students are participating in the LifeLine Peer Skills Training Program. These students have been nominated by their peers as being approachable and supportive students. This program will allow students to further develop these skills and positively contribute to the wellbeing of the Year 8 student body.



SENIOR SITE CANTEEN SPECIALS Beginning



Mon	Bacon and Egg Roll	\$3.50
	Toasted Sandwiches from	\$2.00
Tues	Pizza Wrap	\$3.50
	Chicken Stir Fry	\$4.00
Wed	Spicy Chicken Wrap	\$4.00
	Nachos	\$3.50
Thur	Build your own Sub	\$4.00
Fri	Wedges	\$3.50
	Nachos	\$3.50

COMMUNITY NEWS



What is Influenza Like Illness?

Various viruses can cause influenza-like-illness (ILI). Common causes of ILI include respiratory viruses and influenza (flu), which tend to be more severe than the common cold. However, many other viruses can cause an illness similar to flu. It is often difficult to say exactly which virus is causing the illness. Therefore, doctors commonly make a diagnosis of a 'flu-like illness'.

ILIs typically cause a high temperature, aches and pains in muscles and joints, a cough, sore throat and generally feeling unwell. In young children, gastrointestinal symptoms are common.

Most people recover fully, but complications such as pneumonia develop in some cases, which can be serious. If you are at increased risk of developing complications, you should be immunised against seasonal flu each year.

Whatever the cause of the ILI, you should stay home and rest. This will speed your recovery and reduce the spread of illness in the community.

Health Care Interpreters phone 6205 3333
Translating and Interpreting Service phone 131 450



ACT Department of Education and Training Launch of the

Reconciliation Action Plan

All families, staff members and community groups
Welcome!



WHEN: Tuesday 6th July 2010 at 12 noon - 3:00pm

WHERE: Birrigai Outdoor School

HOW: Buses will be provided from the Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive, Stirling at 11:30 and returning at 3pm. There will also be a shuttle bus at regular intervals for people wanting to attend for a short time only.

What: Food, entertainment and crafts will be provided

The ACT Department of Education and Training has been developing its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) since early 2009, this community event marks its launch.

Please come along and celebrate this wonderful day.

Contact: Kelly Dundon, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education,
62058532 for more information

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please contact the YMCA of Canberra
Phone: 6230 0165
Email: sacs.canberra@ymca.org.au
Website: www.canberra.ymca.org.au



National Capital Centre for Literacy Research



U-CAN READ

Literacy intervention for students Yrs 3 -10

U-CAN READ is a joint program offered by the ACT Department of Education and Training and the University of Canberra. It is dedicated to developing students literacy skills by providing parents and carers with ideas, knowledge and support.

Located in the Faculty of Education at the University of Canberra, U-CAN READ draws on up-to-date international research on best practices and theory in literacy teaching and learning.

The aim of the program is to provide parents or carers with the skills to support their own child's literacy learning. The literacy centre operates five days a week with extended hours (8am-7pm) Monday and Tuesday.



U-CAN READ works in partnership with teachers, parents or carers and students. It nurtures relationships that promote learning success.

Under the leadership of Dr Kaye Lowe, Associate Professor in Literacy and the ACT DET Director of Curriculum Support and Professional Learning the program is delivered by University of Canberra staff along with carefully selected, trained and experienced literacy teachers from the ACT Department of Education and Training.

Who Can Enrol?

Students experiencing reading difficulties in Years 3-10 and who are enrolled in ACT schools are eligible [to apply for the program](#). A referral from the principal, school counsellor or classroom teacher is required. Applications are assessed on a needs basis. There are two intakes each year.

Program delivery

Parents and carers are required to attend five two hour seminars and a final reflective session. Seminars are held twice a week, with the option of a Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning time slot.

Intensive teaching tutorial sessions are conducted by qualified literacy advisors with the student and parent/carer. The duration of tutorials is determined by the literacy advisors on the basis of individual student needs.

Parents and carers are required to provide at home support. In addition, the program works with local schools to support students literacy learning.

Program Content

The program works to:

- Integrate reading, spelling and writing
- Demonstrate effective literacy strategies across a range of different text types
- Build on students strengths and interests
- Motivate parents and students to work collaboratively while having fun
- Use assessment information to plan and cater for students needs
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Cost of Program

In order to maintain a quality library of resources for student borrowing, a voluntary contribution of \$160 per family is requested.

Contact Information

Postal Address

Faculty of Education
University of Canberra
Belconnen ACT 2601

Location

Building 5 (Education) Room B20a
University of Canberra

Phone 6201 2453

E-Mail ucanread@canberra.edu.au

GOLD CREEK SCHOOL FETE

As part of the P&C fundraising towards the Gold Creek School Bus Project we are hoping to create a **Mini Fete** on Election Day (date still to be advised). We are planning to set up the following stalls:

- **Face Painting/Glitter Hair Spray**
- **Books**
- **Tombola - glass jars**
- **Juggling Balls**
- **Lucky Dip**
- **Plants**
- **Cakes**
- **Sausage sizzle**
- **Craft - knitted, crocheted, quilted or otherwise handmade items**

Other suggestions for stalls are most welcome. Once we have a date we will call for donations for these stalls so please start collecting any suitable items.

We are also keen to hear from any businesses that may wish to set up or sponsor a stall. Businesses that support the school will receive acknowledgement through advertising at the fete and in our newsletter. If you own a business or know of any business that would like to make a contribution, please contact myself or Sonja Davie (P&C President).

If you would like to help with a stall, or in some other capacity, please fill in the form below and return it to the school ASAP.

Kind Regards,
Deborah Layt
P&C Secretary
dlayt@exemail.com.au

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Volunteer Form

Parent's Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

- I would like to help coordinate a fete stall
- I am unable to coordinate, however, I would like to help on the day

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