

Junior Site Bites



Term 3
Week 3
9 August 2019

Dates to remember:

[Calendar](#)

- **13 Aug** - Yr 3 Questacon Excursion
- **19 – 23 Aug** – Book Week
- **22 Aug** – Book Week Dress Up Parade

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This week our teachers were privileged to attend a keynote presentation delivered by Pak Tee Ng, an educational guru from Singapore as a part of our engagement in the ACT PYP Network. It was an informative, engaging talk that proved the success of public education, especially considering that Singapore has consistently ranked highly in the PISA world ranking. He spoke about the prestige of teachers in Singaporean society and how important the role of a teacher is in building the nation. Pak Tee enthused us to re-frame our educational processes and make improvements within our school. He inspired our teachers to continue to improve our classroom practices to better engage our students in purposefully and participatory learning.

Speaking of inspiration, at assembly this morning we saw an example of student Action. A group of Year 3 students have been busy campaigning with Jacqui Chapman, creating posters and preparing a skit to teach the rest of the school how to use our bins correctly. They would like to see the school increase its use of our composting bins, recycling and correct disposal of waste. Thank you to those students who have used their own time to take action towards helping our planet! We encourage all families at home to reflect on ways in which they might better reduce, re-use and recycle.

We would also like to take this opportunity to celebrate one of our Year 6 students, Max who will travel to Bendigo in Week 5 to play hockey for the ACT in the School Boys Australian Championships! Congratulations Max on this achievement, we are sure that you will participate well and demonstrate keen sportsmanship!

Today we farewell Jordan lee Carriage. Jordan is our School and Community Worker for The Salvation Army and has been an integral part of our school for the past 6 years. Her amazing commitment and contribution in supporting Gold Creek students during this time has seen significant positive impact on the academic and social growth of our students, improving their wellbeing. The Gold Creek School community are greatly appreciative of Jordan's service and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours. We will miss her!!



At the end of this term students will be participating in our annual Colour Run, co-ordinated by our fabulous P&C. We encourage everyone in our community to get those white T-shirts ready and to have a go at fundraising as the time draws nearer. More information will be sent to families in the coming weeks so keep an eye out for how and when to begin to raise money for our school!

Yours in learning

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YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 have jumped into their learning with enthusiasm this term! We have begun our inquiry into 'Where We Are in Place and Time' and have been busy exploring our school and making new discoveries. Students went on a school tour and were delighted to explore the areas not normally seen by students. Many connections were made by students relating to our Central Idea, 'Exploration Leads to Discovery and Develops New Understandings'.



Students have also been enjoying the area of Art by linking it to the poetry unit. They have discovered the literary device- 'Onomatopoeia' - the sound words used when creating poems. 4A, 4B and 4C have enthusiastically created various sound words by using the collage technique and cutting out strategies.



Year 4 is scheduled to present at Assembly in Week 8. We hope that you can attend this assembly so that you can see more of the work that students are completing and exploring.

The Year 4 Team

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PRINCIPALS AWARDS - WEEK 3

3A Abbey H Cameron R	3B Olive F Mitesh B	3C Zunairah A Zali M	3D Ashton M Samantha P
4A Zachariah P Kayla H	4B Sebastian H Murtuza N	4C Georgia E Riley H	5/6A Alice M Matilda B
5/6B Liang H Marium I K	5/6C Thomas B	5/6D Yembeh M Charli T	5/6E Mackenzie C Sarah P Anna C
Korean Elise S Hayden A			

TERM 3 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

- Wk 4 Yr 1
- Wk 5 Book Week
Assembly
- Wk 6 Yr 3
- Wk 7 Kindergarten
- Wk 8 Yr 4
- Wk 9 Yr 2
- Wk 10 Colour Run, no
assembly

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week is nearly here - "Reading is My Secret Power" – August 19 – 23

The Junior Site will be celebrating with the following events:

- Sr site students will be reading shortlisted books to students in Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2 throughout the week
- Tuesday - Kaaron Warren, a local author, will be visiting for book readings and writing workshops for Years 3, 4 & 5/6.
- Thursday – 9am - Dress UP parade – on the oval (weather permitting)
 - 'Secret Treasure Hunt' for all classes throughout the day
 - Responding to literature through art in classes during the day

Friday – Book Week assembly

Stay tuned to 'The Bites' for reminders about what is happening!

Year 1 classes have been given a challenge this year to improve their **Silent Sustained Reading**.

You can see from the charts that they have been making excellent progress!

This semester they will have an opportunity to demonstrate their concentration by answering a few questions about what they have read.



5 Finger Questions:

4 W's - Who; Where; When; What happened in beginning, middle & end.
1 T - Title.



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STEP INTO THE *limelight*

Tickets went on sale for the **Step into the Limelight Gala Performance** on Thursday 1 August. Gold Creek school is performing on Friday 30 August.

The show is performed on floor area at one end of arena – best seats in D, E, F, G, H sections which are front on to stage placement.

Katie Bennett

THE 2019 SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED LATER THIS TERM.

Parents and carers, school staff and students (in Years 4 to 10) will be asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to school research and improvement processes.

Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won't take much of your time and will help us improve our school for your child and future students. An email about the parent and carer survey has been sent out today. The key ACT results from the 2018 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website (www.education.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2018 School Board Report.

SCHOOL INTENTIONS FOR 2020

To enable Gold Creek School to transition students effectively from their current year level in 2019 to the next school year level in 2020 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 **2020 school year** please could you complete the form using the link below.

[GCS 2020 School Leaver Intentions \(Preschool - Year 9\)](#)



We've Updated our Payment Gateway

We have recently changed our payment gateway (which processes PayPal, credit and debit card payments) to Braintree (a service of PayPal Australia Pty Ltd) and are writing to inform you that you may notice a different look and feel to the areas where you enter your payment details.

While the experience may look and feel different, the new payment gateway provides a secure environment for the transfer of your payment details to Braintree using industry standard encryption technology.

As previously, your credit card details are only held by our payment gateway provider and are not provided to or stored by Flexischools.

Privacy Policy

Flexischools has updated our privacy policy to incorporate the change to using the Braintree payment gateway.

We encourage you to read the updated privacy policy in full before continuing use of our services.

To review the updated privacy policy, please [click here](#). **Contact Details**

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns by using one of the contact options available on our [website](#). If you do not have access to the internet, please call our Customer Service Team on 1300 361 769.

The Flexischools Team

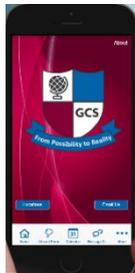
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Online ordering is a convenient way to place orders, providing 24/7 payment and ordering system that can be accessed from home, work or a mobile device.

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[Canteen menu](#)



SCHOOL APP FOR MOBILE DEVICES

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!

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

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REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES – JUNIOR SITE

Our 24 hour dedicated absences phone number is
6142 1344



To report your child's absence, please leave a short message stating their name, year, class group and reason for absence by 9:30am. You can also report absences via mobile phones through our school App ([download from Apple store or Google Play](#)). After 9:30am please call 6142 1340.

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Outside School Hours Care

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WHAT'S COMING TO
OSHCLUB!

Footsteps Dance Company

Starting **Tuesday the 13th of August**. Come dance at OSHClub. Two afternoon sessions running on Tuesday's for a 5 week program. Footsteps use dance to develop students social skills, confidence and creativity.

Don't forget to **BOOK IN** to After School Care to experience this exciting activity.

*Standard OSHClub Fees Apply.
Please book 3 days before the event date
via www.oshclub.com.au or phone 1300 395 735.

