



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we draw to the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to express how welcomed I have felt in my first few weeks here at Gold Creek School. My first impressions of the school have been extremely positive, and I have been impressed by the level of learning happening across the school.

Gold Creek Senior Site Expansion

On Monday we held a smoking ceremony to cleanse the site of the new \$6.44 million expansion to the learning areas in the south building. The ceremony was quite a stirring event, attended by the ACT Minister for Education, Yvette Berry, the Director-General ACT Education, Katy Haire as well as representatives from the Education Directorate, Major Projects Canberra, Capital Works, Rork Constructions and two notable former principals, Angela Spence, and Jacqui Chapman. I would like to thank all of the staff who worked so hard to make the day a success and pass on my congratulations to the students of Gold Creek School for their respectful and mature participation. We done all.

Carparking

As the new build has now begun, some of you may have noticed that parts of the main senior carpark have been fenced off as part of the establishment of the new construction site. Due to the reduced parking capacity, we respectfully ask parents to park at the carpark adjacent to the sports grounds if you need to visit the school. Please note, we still have disabled parking in the first row of the carpark.

School holiday travel and COVID-19

As we head into the school holidays, it is important to note the ACT Government has updated travel directions for people travelling to COVID-19 affected areas of New South Wales.

The ACT government advises people should not be travelling between Greater Sydney and the ACT at this time. If you must travel for essential reasons, you must abide by all public health directions in place in NSW and the ACT. This includes changing travel plans and adhering to public health instructions upon you return.

At 4:00pm Wednesday 23 June, the ACT Government introduced a new 'stay-at-home' requirement for anyone who leaves the following seven Local Government Areas of Greater Sydney and enters the ACT – City of Sydney, Waverly, Randwick, Canada Bay, Inner West, Bayside and Woolahra. These requirements will remain in place, until 11:59pm Friday 2 July 2021.

Act Health will continue to monitor the situation closely and put further directions if required in order to keep our community safe.

Further information on these requirements is available on the [COVID-19 website](#).



I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and restful break and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 12 July.

Dan Breen
Principal

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Semester 1, 2021 Student Reports:

All student reports have been emailed to primary parents/carers this morning. If you have not received the reports you are expecting please check your junk mail first. It is also recommended you check on a computer as some phone settings do not allow emails with attachments. If you are sure you are missing some reports please email GoldCreek.StudentRecords@ed.act.edu.au

Awards Ceremony



This morning we celebrated the achievements of our students across both sites. We also had performances by our school band and a special guest speaker Bella Rogers. The award winners even got some cupcakes to celebrate.



INTERNATIONAL MINDEDNESS

The IB describes International Mindedness in their IB learner profile:

'Education for international mindedness values the world as the broadest context for learning, develops conceptual understanding across a range of subjects and offers opportunities to inquire, act and reflect.'

For this, the final newsletter of Term 2, I am providing you with an activity to do with your children to help explore the concept of international mindedness as a family.



Library

Chief Ministers Ready Challenge

Don't forget to keep adding those books to student reading sheets over the holidays.

The challenge is to complete reading **30 books by 6 August 2021**.

There are two optional challenges, click the links below to open the reading record sheet of your choice (either print it off or make your own copy to add titles):

[Personal Reading Choices](#) – any book titles can be added to the reading sheet

[Challenge Yourself to Read Something Different](#) – titles in certain categories

Signed and dated reading sheets are due into the junior site library by August 13.

Happy holiday reading

Keryn Hoeschle, teacher/Librarian

Physical Education



The u10s boy's futsal team made their way out to the ACT futsal title competition in Tuggeranong on Monday 21 June. The boys did a fantastic job in the group states winning all 5 of their games meaning they qualified for the quarter finals. They came up against Radford College, an opponent that used their height and physical ability to their advantage. The boys did a great job staying in the contest and only fell short to a narrow defeat which ended 2-1. Massive thanks to Julie Chapman for helping the boys get ready and lifting their spirits throughout the day.

Anthony Dimoski, Physical Education Teacher

Origami Club



Origami club students created 60 lovely origami cards with kind messages in May and June. The cards, which were created with love and were received by the patients in the Elderly Wards at the Canberra Hospital last week. The origami club students are creating more paper arts which will be distributed to Canberra Hospital Children's Ward and the ICU in Semester 2. Let's continue to spread the love and caring message within our community.

Eikkle Li, 5/6 teacher

Cert I – Financial Literacy

All students that participated in the Financial Literacy course will receive their Certificate in Term 3, Week 2. There will be an announcement once the certificate are available to be collected.

Jacqui Bennett, Careers Advisor

Road Ready

This week our Year 10s completed their Road Ready learning.



Drama & Dance



The Year 9/10 Drama class finished their Children's Theatre unit with a performance of the play *Peter Pan* to Year 2 students last Thursday. Students organised costumes, made props and learnt their lines and performed with enthusiasm. Everyone in the class would like to thank the junior school students and their teachers for being such an amazing audience and everyone is looking forward to more performances in the future.



Students across years 7-10 have been participating in the Kulture Break Dance Program during the course of Semester 1. These students have met weekly to rehearse their routine and performed at the National Convention Centre alongside other schools in the ACT on Friday 11 June.

Last week students concluded the program by performing to their friends and reflecting on how amazing the experience has been for all of them. Everyone is looking forward to doing it again next year.

Ruth Williams

Student Services

All Girls Boxing – Final Session



New Youth Centre in Gungahlin – Our students along with students from Amaroo and Harrison helped design this with the graffiti artist Bohie

Year 10 Hoodies



Year 10 students are loving the fact that their hoodies have arrived this week.

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

Option 1: Report an absence using the school app. The school app allows you to check the calendar, read newsletters, report absences, and receive important information via sms on your mobile phone (provided you allow push notifications).

Option 2: Email (junior site) GoldCreek.StudentJuniorAbsences@ed.act.edu.au

Email (senior site) GoldCreek.StudentSeniorAbsences@ed.act.edu.au

Option 3: Leave a short message via our dedicated absences number **JS:** 6142 1344 **SS:** 6142 1323
When using the number above please leave a message stating student name, year, pc class, and reason for absence. E.g. sick, leave or late.



Download the School App the Apple Store or Google Play

SCHOOL WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS



OSH Club

Happy Children Learning



Hi everyone,



This Friday we're going to be hosting a pyjama day during the **after-school care session!**
We'll have some baked goods for sale at the sign out area, and any money raised will go toward the national pyjama day foundation, which helps to support children in foster care. We are aiming to raise \$200 which will help to provide training kits for four volunteer Pyjama Angels. If you would like more information, please feel free to ask in service or visit nationalpyjamaday.com otherwise we can't wait to see you in your PJs on Friday Afternoon!

A final reminder that school holidays start next week & bookings are essential! The brochure is linked to the QR code below if you would like to have a look at what were getting up to!



Parent Information

OSHClub Nicholls Phone: 0402 611 484

Program coordinator: Emma Wink

OSHClub accounts: 1300 395 375

Program email: nicholls@oshclub.com.au

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember enrolment is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au. All bookings and cancellations can be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinators directly on the above number.



Join our After-school STEM Lab
Every Monday
starting from 19th July 2021

Early Bird Price Until
30th June 2021

**LEARN
CREATE
IMAGINE
EXPLORE**
with
YE STEM Club



ENGINEERING
Fun **LEGO**
ROBOTICS



Location Gold Creek School - Primary

Programs & Age Groups
Group 1
LEGO Build-up
Kindergarten to Year 2

Group 2 Engineering+Robotics
Year 3 to Year 6

Time & Duration
3:15pm -4:30 pm
One workshop per week.
8 Weeks

Enrolments are now open

Visit below link for bookings
<https://www.trybooking.com/BSBXM>

Check on our Holiday camps too

Contact us
canberra@young-engineers.com.au
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