

# Senior Site Bites



## Term 2 Week 1

23 April 2021

Dates to remember:  
[Calendar](#)

### 26 April

- Maker Space Club  
3:15pm – 4:30pm  
SG120

### 27 April

- Save a Mate  
Year 10  
Incursion

### 28 April

- Breakfast Club  
8am – 8:45am  
Kitchen 2
- Homework Club  
3pm – 4:30pm  
Library

Check out the P&C website:  
<http://goldcreekschoolpandc.org.au/>



Dear Parents and Carers

We are now halfway through the semester and have certainly achieved many things in a short period of time. As the International Baccalaureate advocate on the senior site let me take the time to share our specific success with you.

At the end of last term, we had a teacher from every subject group complete an intensive, specific IB training course. It was certainly a privilege to participate in the learning experience. Every teacher expended a considerable amount of effort and time in their individual life-long learning journey. I would like to congratulate and thank them for the extra sacrifice that will support their individual subject group teams and impact the learning journey of students at Gold Creek School.

In addition to the faculty members training, we are also currently engaged in the IB Asia-Pacific Virtual Conference. So far, I have attended the Experienced Coordinators forum and a presentation on Unlocking Climate and Culture within the Workspace. Other sessions this week that I have attended are focused on approaches to learning, good practice and sustainability.

Besides the teachers' engagement in learning it is important for our students to commit to their learning also. I would like to remind our Year 10 students to actively participate in their personal projects. They need to ensure that they do not leave this to the last minute. It is not primarily another 'assessment', but an opportunity for them to investigate a subject that is of personal interest. This is a self-directed learning opportunity. Students have the support of teachers as mentors as well as getting out into the community to further develop their passion, which may lead into a career. My own children, researched theatre and publishing then went on to university to pursue these as career paths.

Last year, due to the COVID lockdown we worried about the engagement of our Year 10 students in their personal projects. Despite disruptions our graduating students last year did brilliantly, especially considering that some had to tweak their approach because of restrictions. This month we received the participation certificates and grades from the International Baccalaureate Organisation. These certificates will be mailed out to our graduates shortly.

Kind regards,  
Ingrid Little

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## Year 9/10 – Semester 2, 2021 Electives

Towards the end of 2020 students in Years 8 & 9 were given the opportunity to state their preferences for 2021 Semester 1 and 2 electives. As preferences for Semester 2 electives were made without knowledge of their 2021 Semester 1 elective, students now have the opportunity to review previous stated preferences, and update these if required.

Students who are new to Gold Creek in 2021, and existing students who did not previously indicate their preferences, can now do so and they will be considered for Semester 2 elective placements with all existing students.

To facilitate this process all Year 9 & 10 students were sent an email to their @schoolsnet email address on Tuesday 20 April 2021 with their current preferences and a link to a 'Semester 2, 2021 Elective Preferences Update Form'. Students will only need to complete this form if they wish to change their existing preferences.

The electives in Semester 2, 2021 are:

- Dance: Styles, Techniques & Choreographic Devices
- Drama: The Performer in Focus
- Music: All you need is Music
- Visual Arts: Making a Mark
- Digital Designers\*
- Food: Methods for Recipe Design
- Design: Materials, Design and Technology
- Textiles: Sustainable Fashion
- Psychology\*

When considering electives students should be aware of the following:

- Students who completed psychology or Digital Designers in 2020 or Semester 1, 2021 will not be able to study that course again
- Advanced Outdoor Education is a year-long elective and is not available to new students in Semester 2, 2021. Students currently enrolled in Advanced Outdoor Education will not be able to change electives in Semester 2, 2021. (NB: Outdoor Education will be available as a PE elective discussed below.)
- Students who are placed in a Semester 2, 2021 elective on the alternate line to their Semester 1 elective may also have a change in their science class/teacher in Semester 2, 2021. Attempts will be made to minimise disruption to these classes where possible.

## Semester 2, 2021 – Health and Physical Education and Language and Literature Electives

In Semester 2, 2021, Health and Physical Education (PHE) Classes, Language and Literature (L&L): English classes will be replaced with PHE and L&L electives. Further information about the PHE and L&L electives, and how students will make their preferences, will be forwarded in the near future. Students will be advised of their Semester 2 Elective placement, and their PHE and L&L placements in Term 2, week 8 and will have the opportunity in weeks 9 & 10 to request a review of those placements if required. Please note, changes will only be made at this time if space is available in their preferred class.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Crabb, [Stephen.Crabb@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Stephen.Crabb@ed.act.edu.au)

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## 2022 ENROLMENTS & 2021 INFORMATION SESSIONS

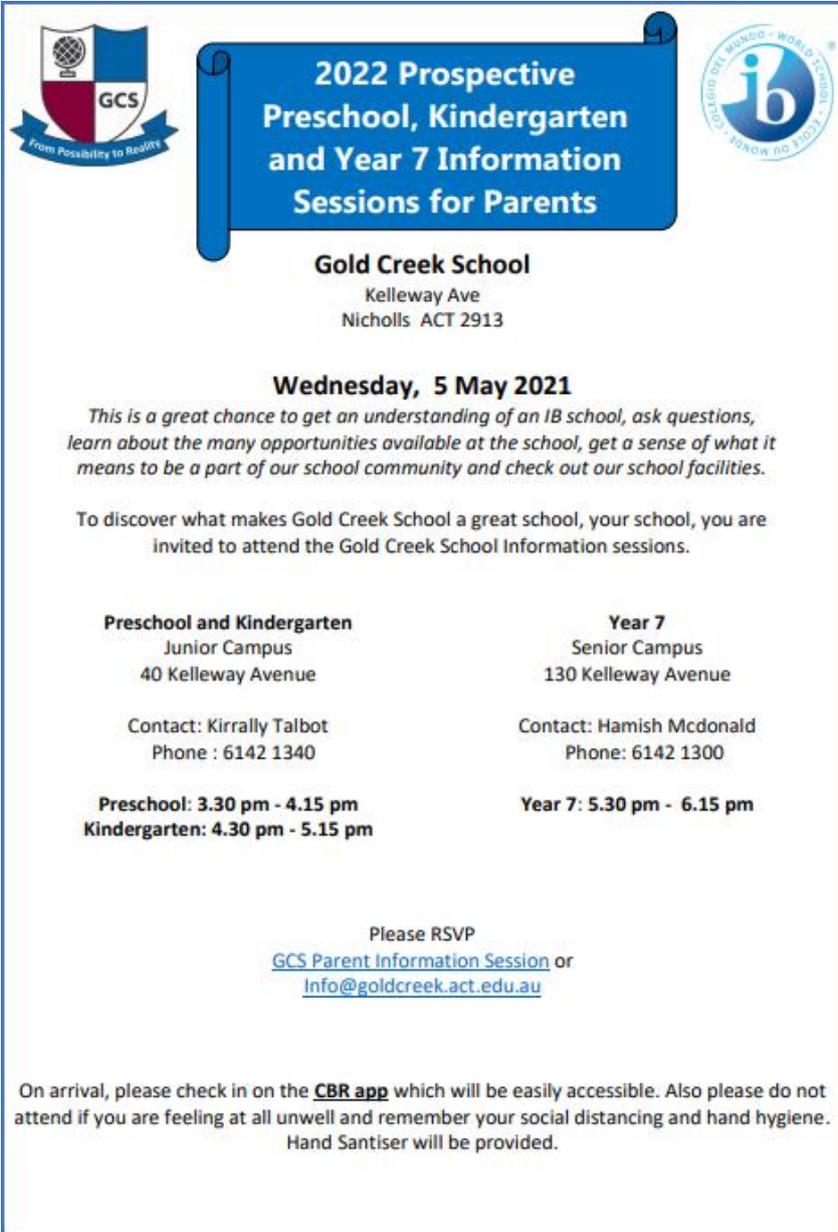
Enrolments for the 2022 school year open on Monday 27 April 2021. Enrol by 4 June 2021 to receive an offer of enrolment from 26 July 2021.

Every ACT public is a great school, and if Gold Creek School is your local priority enrolment area (PEA) school your child is guaranteed a Kindergarten to Year 10 place here.

Your best source of information for enrolling is the Education Directorate website <https://www.education.act.gov.au> or the Enrolments Telephone Service (02) 6205 5429. You can also contact us about enrolments directly by emailing [GoldCreek.Enrolments@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:GoldCreek.Enrolments@ed.act.edu.au)

Every four-year-old is guaranteed 15 hours of preschool. Enrol for preschool in 2022 if your child turns four on or before 30 April 2022.

For information about our information sessions held on Wednesday 5 May 2021 for preschool, kindergarten and Year 7, please see the flyer below.



**2022 Prospective  
Preschool, Kindergarten  
and Year 7 Information  
Sessions for Parents**

**Gold Creek School**  
Kelleway Ave  
Nicholls ACT 2913

**Wednesday, 5 May 2021**

*This is a great chance to get an understanding of an IB school, ask questions, learn about the many opportunities available at the school, get a sense of what it means to be a part of our school community and check out our school facilities.*

To discover what makes Gold Creek School a great school, your school, you are invited to attend the Gold Creek School information sessions.

<b>Preschool and Kindergarten</b> Junior Campus 40 Kelleway Avenue  Contact: Kirrally Talbot Phone : 6142 1340  Preschool: 3.30 pm - 4.15 pm Kindergarten: 4.30 pm - 5.15 pm	<b>Year 7</b> Senior Campus 130 Kelleway Avenue  Contact: Hamish McDonald Phone: 6142 1300  Year 7: 5.30 pm - 6.15 pm
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Please RSVP  
[GCS Parent Information Session](mailto:Info@goldcreek.act.edu.au) or  
[Info@goldcreek.act.edu.au](mailto:Info@goldcreek.act.edu.au)

On arrival, please check in on the **CBR app** which will be easily accessible. Also please do not attend if you are feeling at all unwell and remember your social distancing and hand hygiene. Hand Santiser will be provided.

**Gold Creek School**

Phone: 6142 1300

Absences: 6142 1323

Kelleway Ave, Nicholls, ACT, 2913

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## SCIENCE

This term we begin new units of work. Each unit is framed by a Statement of Inquiry which focusses the learning on a central topic.

Here's what we're studying for this term:

Year 7 – Matter & Mixtures

- Students will understand how we can separate mixtures and change substances through inquiry into their physical properties.

Year 8 – Human Body Systems

- Students will understand that cells are specialised to suit their function through inquiry into the way they interact with one another as part of larger organs and body systems.

Year 9 – Homeostasis & Disease, Plate Tectonic

- Students will understand that sciences enhance the human body's ability to cope with disease through inquiry into how the human body responds to pathogens.
- Students will understand how the surface of the Earth has been shaped and modified through inquiry into the causes of tectonic forces.

Year 10 – Genetics & Evolution

- Students will understand that genetic models of heredity and evidence from the past shows that genetic mutation can lead to evolutionary change

We'd love to hear from you if you have ideas or expertise in any of these areas,

*The Sciences Team*

*Niels Hider, Ingrid Bean, Tim Kane, Elouyza Nucifora-Ryan, Akkiko Takahaski & Tony Webber*

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Welcome back for another busy term for PE and sport. On the last day of Term 1 we held a very successful cross country carnival. Congratulations to the following students who came first in the age group on the day:

	12's	13's	14's	15's	16+
Boys	Brodie AIKMAN	Rafael FRANCHINI	Kyan ERDELJAC	Sam HEIGHWAY	Toby JOHNS
Girls	Charli TARGETT	Charlotte ATKINS	Georgia KEOGH	Alli JENKINSON	Samantha HUANG

A list of qualifying students for the North Schools Cross Country is on display outside the PE staffroom. A meeting will be held soon regarding this carnival.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the North Schools Swimming Carnival last term, several students improved on their times from our carnival and were great ambassadors for the school. Special mention to Zoe N who qualified for the ACT carnival in 3 weeks. We wish you the best.

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## *PHE*

All PHE students are participating in an athletics unit over the next 3 weeks in readiness for the GCS Athletics carnival in week 4. This will be held at the AIS track in Bruce. The permission note is currently available on the school website: [Athletics Carnival Note](#)

## *School Sport*

Trials will be beginning this week for the Term 2 SSACT sports. Students can view trial information through the School Sport Google Classroom page (class code: kk7phok), the sports notice board in the gym or through the daily notices in PC. The following sports trials and competitions over the next few weeks are: ACT Golf, Burokinjin, Girls Volleyball, ACT Swimming, Boys Volleyball.

## *School Sport Australia Announcement*

'It is with regret that School Sport Australia is cancelling all 2021 School Sport Australia National Championships. The Board considered that running Championships in 2021 was not viable because of the ongoing volatility caused by COVID-19 outbreaks, hot spot declarations and border closures. School Sport Australia's priority is on the wellbeing of students, teachers and other officials.'

For the full announcement please head to SSA website: <http://www.schoolsportaustralia.edu.au/>

SSACT is investigating other options for School Sport state teams in the hope of students competing and representing the ACT in 2021, we will keep you updated.

## *PHE team*

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### *Sports*

Joshua L (Year 7) is officially the fastest U14 kid in Australia, despite still being U13. At nationals last week, held at Sydney Olympic Park, he won:

100m – Gold

200m – Gold

4 x 100m relay – Silver (ACT team)

Well done Joshua!



### *Moneysmart*

Moneysmart is an Australian government website dedicated to helping Australians manage their money. They have modules on how to manage your money, reducing debt, planning for the future, grow your wealth, tools and resources and finding teaching recourses. In each of these modules are short courses on everything from managing money on a low income, to advice on investing, to a budget planner. These modules and courses are suitable for teenagers and adults.

For more information, please go to: [www.Moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.Moneysmart.gov.au)



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Free Event for Young People



**BRUTON 2 on 2 Basketball Comp**

**3.30PM to 5.30PM**  
Bring a mate & participate  
Prizes to be won!

**Friday 30 April 2021**  
Gungahlin College BBALL Courts & Gungahlin Town Centre  
For more info go to FB event Movie's at Dark ACT YW or contact Katie 0448 725 124

**MOVIES AT DARK**  
an outdoor cinema

POPCORN

PG 6PM

2 MOVIES

PG 7.45PM

CINEMA

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FREE EVENT | NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE | ACT YW YOUTH WEEK | 12-25 YEARS

## IMPORTANT – PICKING STUDENTS UP EARLY?

To help reduce the number of interruptions in class time caused by runners or making announcements over the PA, we ask parents wanting to pick children up early for appointments etc to provide a note so the child can show it to the teacher before making their way to the administration office to await pickup. Students must sign out and in if returning after an appointment.

Where possible we ask that appointments are made outside school hours, your assistance in this will be greatly appreciated in reducing disruptions during class time.



## IMPORTANT REMINDER - MOBILE PHONE RULES

Don't forget our rules for mobile phones; when students are in the buildings their phones must be off and in their bags.

If you need to contact your child in an emergency, please call the school direct on 6142 1300 and we will get the message to them.

For non-urgent messages you can send an SMS and students can check their phones during breaks

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## SCHOOL WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS



### REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

Option 1 (School App): Using the school app allows you to report student absences, check the school calendar, read newsletters, and receive important information via sms on your mobile phones (provided you allow push notifications).

Option 2: Email [GoldCreek.StudentSeniorAbsences@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:GoldCreek.StudentSeniorAbsences@ed.act.edu.au)

Option 3: Leaving a short message via our dedicated absence number SS: 6142 1323 when using the number above, please leave a short message stating student name, year, pc class and reason for absence eg. Late/sick or leave.



Download the School App now from either Apple Store or Google Play

### *Gungahlin Youth Centre*

Gungahlin's youth centre is now operating a free breakfast on Friday Mornings. Located on Hibberson street.



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## CIT for Schools

**CIT has a range of programs and activities, including accredited and non-accredited courses, that provide an opportunity for school students to further understand and experience what it's like to work in a particular industry.**

The programs are designed to provide school students with a learning pathway from primary through secondary school onto tertiary education where students can make educated decisions about their future career.

Research indicates that work-based education can lead to better employment outcomes for vocational education and training (VET)

students and provide productivity gains for employers in the form of job-ready workers.

To discuss the options below or to explore training tailored specifically for your students or staff, please contact CIT's Schools Engagement team at [citschoolsengagement@cit.edu.au](mailto:citschoolsengagement@cit.edu.au), or visit [cit.edu.au/schools](http://cit.edu.au/schools) for more information.



### Programs for schools

#### CIT Skills Booster (Years 9–12)

Targeted training for students who have an idea what they want to study after school. Programs are offered in a range of areas including plumbing, hospitality and health care.

Gives students practical hands-on experience where they can link their learning with the world of work. Students will complete units of competency that provide credit towards future study at CIT and may be able to credit their learning towards their Year 12 Certificate.

#### CIT Taster program (Years 7–12)

Students can visit one of CIT's three main campuses where they will attend practical demonstrations that will show them the world of VET and work. This program is available on request and can be tailored to meet your students needs.

#### Australian School-based Apprenticeship (ASbA) (Years 10–12)

When undertaking a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship at CIT, students are employed in their chosen industry and combine paid part-time work and structured training. This enables them to learn a trade or workplace skills while working towards a nationally accredited qualification whilst still completing school.

#### Year 11 and 12 E courses and R units (Years 11–12)

An E course (or external course) is a nationally recognised course that may be included in a student's ACT Year 12 Certificate. An R unit is for students in years 11 and 12 and is designed to provide personal development, recreational or community service activities.

#### CIT Information sessions (Years 7–12)

- Schools visits and information sessions about studying at CIT.
- CIT attendance at school careers expos.
- CIT campus tours for school students (may include guest speakers from industry or CIT student alumni).

#### CIT Schools events (Years 9–12)

CIT host events that school students can participate in throughout the year. Events include: TASTE (Hospitality, Culinary, Tourism and Events); Studio (Creative and Design Industries); Construction and Engineering Bridge Challenge.

#### Professional development for school teachers (Years 7–12)

CIT offers training to school teachers in: Certificate IV in Training and Assessment TAE40116 and skills recognition (RPL) across all CIT qualifications.

Campus tours and information sessions are also available to school teachers on request.