

# Junior Site Bites



**Term 2  
Week 9**  
24 June 2022

**Dates to remember:**  
[Calendar](#)

- **28-29 Jun** – Preschool Photos
- **30 Jun** - Preschool Art Show
- **1 Jul** – Last Day of Term

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• **TERM 2 ASSEMBLY**  
• **ROSTER**  
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- Wk 10 Whole School
  - Semester 1 Awards,
  - Senior Site Gym
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Our Junior School teachers are so appreciative of the support our community demonstrated around our second pupil free day this term held last Monday. We want to let parents and carers know just how valuable this time was for our teachers to collaborate to develop curriculum for Semester 2. Our teachers started the day as a group, learning about the importance of a whole-school approach when developing, reviewing and refining units of inquiry.

A high level of collaboration was demonstrated throughout the day as year level teams and specialist teachers joined together to plan transdisciplinary units of inquiry for the remainder of the year. Thanks to this planning day, we are confident our teachers are now well placed to deliver engaging and rigorous PYP units of inquiry based on subject-specific knowledge, conceptual understandings and skills, alongside opportunities to develop the IB Learner Profile attributes (and hopefully will now have a well earned rest during the holidays!)

### SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Our Junior Site teachers have been working hard during the last few weeks to finalise Semester 1 reporting processes, ready for reports to go to families at the end of this term. Assessment in the IB Primary Years Programme is an ongoing process of gathering, analysing, reflecting and acting on evidence of student learning to inform teaching over the course of the whole semester.

Due to cohorting of students in Term 1 and the ongoing impact of Covid19 on staff wellbeing, the ACT Education Directorate has allowed schools to decide whether to include teacher comments on reports this semester. Therefore, to support our staff, Gold Creek School made the decision not to include teacher comments on the upcoming reports going home across both the senior and junior sites.

End of semester reports will still provide parents and carers with a strong indication of their child's current level of achievement in each subject. We will also be holding Student-Led Conferences with families and year groups will continue to hold a range of end of unit 'mini-expos / learning showcases' next semester for parents and carers to come into school and engage in their child's learning.

We are aiming for our Primary school reports to be emailed home on the last day of Term 2. If you have any concerns about your child's progress, please contact your child's classroom teacher as your first point of call.

Kirrally Talbot  
Associate Principal P- 4

Nicole Jagers  
Associate Principal 5, 6 & 7

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## HOW TO READ YOUR CHILD'S REPORT K-6

For each K-6 subject assessed this semester, teachers select the relevant subject outcomes they have taught as part of the course. Students are assessed on each of these outcomes on a five point scale: limited, partial, at standard, high or outstanding.

	Status	Limited	Partial	At Standard	High	Outstanding
Recognises the properties of prime, composite, square and triangular numbers					✓	
Describes the use of integers in everyday contexts				✓		
Solves problems involving all four operations with whole numbers					✓	
Makes connections between the powers of 10 and the multiplication and division of decimals					✓	

Based on these outcome levels, the teachers uses their professional judgement to decide on the student's overall grade for the subject.

**Mathematics**

**Grade: B**

A student who is working **at expected level** for that year level will receive an overall grade of C (At Standard). Note: Kindergarten students do not receive an overall A-E grade.

### Scale Overview

Your child's achievement for each subject is reported against the Australian Achievement Standards using the following five point scale:

A - Outstanding:	Demonstrating outstanding achievement of the standard
B - High:	Demonstrating a high achievement of the standard
C - At Standard:	Demonstrating achievement at the standard
D - Partial:	Demonstrating partial achievement of the standard
E - Limited:	Demonstrating limited achievement of the standard
S - Status:	Indicates that circumstances have prevented the student from being assessed against the individual achievement standard sentence, or there is insufficient evidence to award an overall grade

We encourage parents and carers to also review their child's effort in learning for each subject, as this can give an important indication of how engaged their child is in participating in the subject.

**Effort in Learning Area**

Rarely

Sometimes

Usually

**Consistently**

And finally, on the back page of the report, teachers will grade students on their level of skill development across the five IB Approaches to Learning: Thinking, Social, Communication, Self Management and Research skills. A student's skill development is highly connected to their ability to achieve and be successful in their learning in each subject. Please don't skip over this page with your child. Take the time to reflect on which skills they can work on next semester to improve their learning.

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## Primary Years Programme: Approaches to Learning

Thinking	R	S	U	C
Creates, designs, develops and innovates				✓
Makes decisions based on a range of information and criteria				✓
Thinks about several points of view at the same time				✓
Reflects on learning and development				✓



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### WHOLE SCHOOL AWARDS CEREMONY

Gold Creek School – Semester 1 Awards Ceremonies Friday, 1 July 2022

- 10.00am Senior Site Ceremony
- 11.30am Junior Site Ceremony

Both Ceremonies will be held in the **Senior Site Gymnasium**, with parent/family access from the sports field carpark, Clarrie Hermes Dr.

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## YEAR 4 NEWS

This term, Year 4 began a fun, new way to stay active at school!. Students demonstrated agency to choose a sport to learn more about and to build their skills. The three options were Basketball, Touch Football and Tee Ball, with one of the Year 4 teachers leading each sport. Over the past 9 weeks, students have been open-minded and risk-takers when exploring their chosen sport, and they have not only developed the fundamental movement skills needed, but they have also become knowledgeable about the rules and strategies involved with the game. Furthermore, this has also been a fantastic opportunity for Year 4 students to grow their social skills as they worked with other students and teachers from across our cohort.

Here are some photos of our Year 4s in action in their chosen sport:



Here are some of reflective thinking about our sport rotations:

*Missy 4C: 'I think Year 4 sport is good because I get to play basketball, my favourite sport with my friends.'*

*Antonio 4A: 'I think it's nice because you get to play with other kids in other classes.'*

*Lara 4B: 'I like Year 4 sport because you get to choose the sport that you like and it's fun to play'*

*The Year 4 Team*

## RECOUNT OF THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL BY 1E

On Wednesday morning, 15 June 2022, Gold Creek Junior Site held their athletics carnival on the school oval. Sport helps us to have fun and be healthy.

First, 1E walked across to the oval and sat down with Year 1 to listen to the teachers for instructions. It was really cold.

The Excellent Elephants and the Dynamic Dingos worked together and started the novelty rotations at the 50m running race. This absolutely helped to warm us up.

After that we did the sack race. It was funny because some people face planted. Next was the chicken relay which was silly and made us giggle. Then came the egg and spoon relay. This was hard, but even though we dropped the eggs a lot, we kept on trying. Finally, we played tug-of-war where the whole team had to work together.

It was an exciting event but by the end of the day we were exhausted!

*By The Excellent Elephants*

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## SCHOOL BUS DIVERSION TO ROUTE 28

Due to road works on Jabanungga Avenue Ngunnawal, diversions will be in place for **route 28** from Monday 27 June 2022 until further notice.

**Bus stop 4904** (Jabanungga Avenue after 1st Bindugan Crescent) will be closed. Please proceed to alternate temporary bus stop on Arrabri Street or bus stop 4865 (Burrumarra Avenue before Kavangal Circuit). Please refer to map.

**Bus stop 4905** (Jabanungga Avenue after Yerradhang Street) will be closed. Please proceed to alternate temporary bus stops on Arrabri Street or bus stop 4864 (Burrumarra Avenue after Jabanungga Avenue). Please refer to map.



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## P & C NEWS

The P&C are planning events for next semester, and we would really love to hear from anyone willing to assist with planning and running these events. Our core P&C team is made up of less than a dozen volunteers from a school with thousands of parents, so any additional help is always greatly appreciated.

If you are interested, please visit our volunteer signup page (<https://signup.com/go/uMymYOL> or use the QR code), and put your name down for something! We can add you to our event subgroups when they are set up (via FB messenger).

Some of the events we are planning over the next 2 terms are

- Father's Day BBQ
- Flower planting
- Trivia night (one for the parents/guardians/teachers)
- A Halloween Disco
- The Colour Run



Your contribution can be as big or as little as you have time for. Tasks include things like making posters, organizing games (for trivia), seeking donations, organizing food/drinks, assisting with setup etc. If you have any other skills that you think would be of help to add to our events, please let us know!

You are also invited to attend a P&C meeting on Wednesday of week 4 and week 8 each term at the junior site office. Why not bring a friend and come along to see what we are all about? Hope to see you at an event or meeting soon!

Regards,

David Pollard and the Gold Creek School P&C

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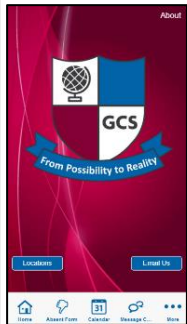
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### Option 2

email [GoldCreek.StudentJuniorAbsences@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:GoldCreek.StudentJuniorAbsences@ed.act.edu.au)

### Option 3

The other option is by leaving a short message via our dedicated absence number:

**Junior Site: 6142 1344**

**If using the number above, please leave a short message stating student name, year, PC class and reason for absence eg. Late/Sick or Leave.**

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