

# Junior Site Bites



**Term 1  
Week 8  
26 March 2021**

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

- **29 Mar** – North/Gungahlin Swimming
- **30 & 31 Mar** – Three Way Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **1 Apr** – Last day of Term 1
- **2 Apr** – Good Friday

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- **TERM 4 ASSEMBLY**
- **ROSTER**
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- Wk 9 No Assembly –
- Good Friday
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We had a very exciting opportunity this week with a visit from the popular *Shell Questacon Science Circus!* The *Shell Questacon Science Circus* presenters delivered a series of lively and energetic science shows to all students, using everyday materials and props. Adapted to the age of the students, the shows covered a wide range of concepts under the topic of sound. It was a wonderful experience for all, and it even came with the added bonus of being free of charge for families! More info on the show can be found on the [Questacon website](#).

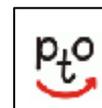


Speaking of fun and engaging experiences ... did you know that at Gold Creek, students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities during their school day – from origami and dance, to technology and chess. Our fabulous teachers volunteer their time each week to run what we call 'clubs.' There are a whole range of academic benefits that come from involvement in the activities on offer in our clubs, as well as social benefits including opportunities for students to develop their social skills and connection with others with similar interests. Clubs generally take place at break times (with the exception of Chess Club and Homework Club which occur after school hours) and students are free to attend as many as they like, as often as they like. I have included the Clubs Roster further on in this edition of the Bites to ensure that families are aware of what is on offer each week. I encourage you to have a conversation with your child/ren about whether they would like to explore some of the experiences on offer.

Finally, a reminder that our Three Way Conferences occur next week. The Conference is an opportunity for students to share their strengths, areas for growth and to set learning goals with their parents and teachers. You should have received an email with information regarding the Conferences, including how to book in. If you have not yet booked a time, please do so as we encourage all families to attend. You can make a booking through our [website](#).

Conferences will be conducted face to face in your child's classrooms on:

<b>Tuesday 30 March</b>	<b>Wednesday 31 March</b>	<b>Thursday 1 April</b>
Preschool: 3:00-6:00pm	Preschool: 8:00-8:30am & 1:30-6:00pm	Preschool: 3:00-5:00pm
K-6: 3:00-6:00pm	K-6: 8:00-8:30am & 3:00-6:00pm	



This is my final Bites for this term with Term 1 finishing on Thursday next week. Wishing everyone a safe and happy break filled with love and laughter and lots of family time!

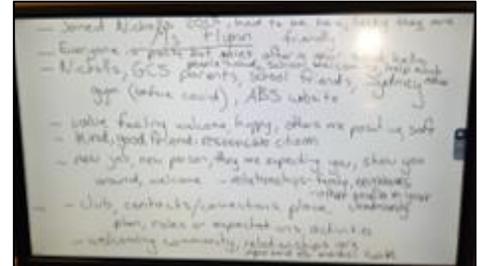
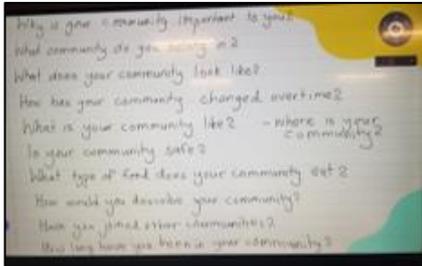
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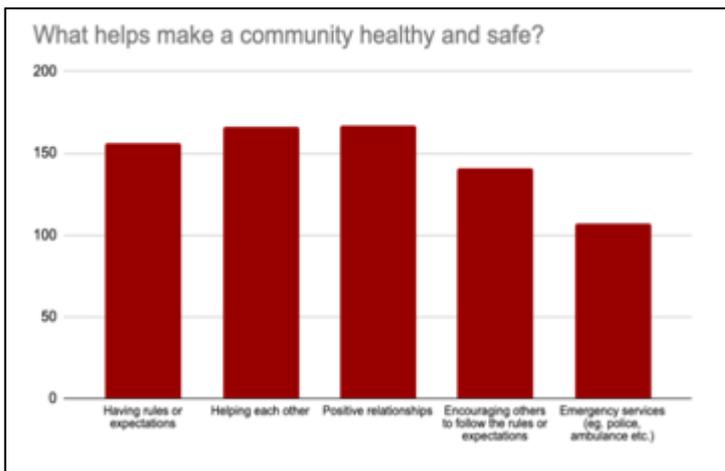
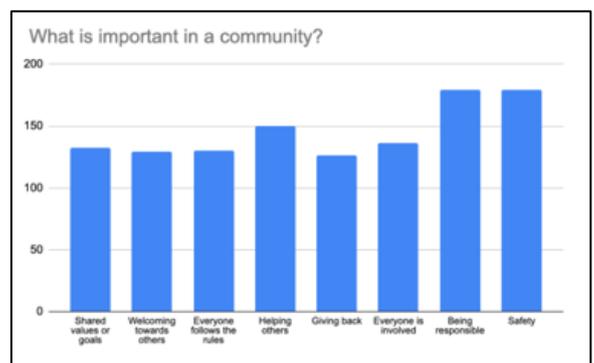
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## YEAR 4 NEWS

This term, our Year 4 community has been inquiring into what is important in a safe and healthy community. Students have started noticing how relationships shape our communities and what each one of us can do to make it safer and healthier for all. In order to inquire into what a community is and what is important in a community, students created their own research questions. They used these questions to interview adults about the communities they are a part of. We are grateful to all our guest speakers who were able to come into our school and be part of our students' learning.



Students took notes during each interview. They then organised this data and used it to drive their thinking for their summative assessment. Students have designed solutions that they feel will make our school community a safer and healthier place where everyone belongs. Some have created clubs, while others have designed leadership roles for students to promote wellbeing in the school.



*Alexis in 4C brought in home grown Zucchini to share with her class as part of her action to make our communities safer and healthier.*



*Mason is starting a Futsal Club in Term 2.*

This week students have begun to think about our next Unit of Inquiry into How the World Works. In this unit, students will be focusing on the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies. Students have started by exploring what they already know.

*Anna Buckman, Steven Green, and Indira Sapkota*

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Clubs - Term 1 2021							
	Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Break 1				Year K-2 Drawing and Origami Club with Ms Li  in the Year 5/6 building	Technology Club with Mr McCallum  in the Year 5/6 building	Dance Club with Ms Bennett  in the hall	
Break 2	Mother Tongue Club with Ms Arora 	Student Representative Council (SRC) with Ms Bull 		Year 6 Band with Ms Leung	Year 5/6 Sport with Mr Dimoski	Defence Club with Colin & Ms Paton 	Year 3/4 Sport with Mr Van Dalen 
	in 3D classroom	in 2B classroom		 in the Music room	 on the oval	in 1A classroom	on the oval
After School (with signed parent permission only)	Homework Club with Ms Prestipino  in 3C classroom					Chess Club with Mr Sengstock  in the Year 5/6 building	

NO LEARNER PROFILE AWARDS – QUESTACON SCIENCE CIRCUS

## BANKING NEWS

It has been decided that the last day for school banking is today, Friday 26 March. However, students are still able to redeem their points for their choice of prizes during Term 2. Please send requests in and they will be processed by the banking team on Fridays.

*The School Banking Team*



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**OSHClub News**  
Before School / After School Care Program



Hi everyone!

It's great to see that so many have you booked into the school holiday program early! It has made it so much easier to plan activities with a rough idea of how many children we are expecting! If you haven't already done so, please jump on and create any bookings you require for the upcoming school holidays 😊

Below is a QR code which will take you to a PDF copy of the program.



We've been updating our service philosophy over the last 2 weeks and we will continue to gather feedback from staff and children over the next week and a half, however, it would be fantastic to receive some feedback from the parents and carers too. We'd love to know how you view the program, how your kids feel about coming to OSHClub and how we can improve the experience for either yourself or your child. There are feedback forms located on our sign in/out table each day and it would be great if you wouldn't mind taking a few moments to share your thoughts with us.

## Parent Information

**OSHClub Nicholls Phone: 0402 611 484**

**Program coordinator: Emma Wink**

**OSHClub accounts: 1300 395 375**

**Program email: [nicholls@oshclub.com.au](mailto: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](http://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.*

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™



The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.  
To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

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[Canteen menu](#)

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#### Option 1

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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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