

# Junior Site Bites



**Term 1  
Week 4  
25 February 2022**

Dates to remember:  
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- • • • •
- **TERM 1 ASSEMBLY ROSTER** •
- Wk 5 Year 1 •
- Wk 6 Year 4 •
- Wk 7 Kindergarten •
- Wk 8 Harmony Day •
- Wk 9 Year 3 •
- Wk 10 Positive Behaviours for Learning •
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<http://goldcreekschoolpandc.org.au/>

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Mr Dan Breen addressed our P&C this week and gave an update of the upcoming priorities and happenings of the school. If you have not visited the Gold Creek School P&C Facebook page (linked to image below), we urge you to jump on and have a look. Dan's address to the P&C was streamed live on this site and the video is available on there for you to view. The Principal's Address will be livestreamed on this site Week 4 and 8 of each term at around 6pm for those who cannot attend the meeting face to face. Congratulations to Mr David Pollard for being elected as P&C President for the 7<sup>th</sup> year running and congratulations also to the newly elected P&C members – without dedicated parents like you our students would be missing out on so much! This year the P&C are after some new ideas to support student wellbeing at the school as we navigate our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of COVID-19, so if you have any ideas or initiatives that you think could support our students, please contact our P&C. Your feedback is most welcome too! If you have not joined our Gold Creek School Facebook page (linked to image below) we encourage you to also head over and like it to keep up to date with school happenings!



At Gold Creek, we aim to be a NUDE FOOD school. We ask that student lunches and snacks be packed in reusable containers/boxes when possible as a way of protecting our environment from excess rubbish. We remind parents that all containers need to be clearly labelled with both name and class. Students may earn GCS tokens for trying to be as environmentally friendly as they can be! We have been working hard on our sustainable practices across the school and educating our students on how we can be more sustainable. You may like to ask your child about this at home to reinforce this message. We appreciate the community support in this venture as we take action in looking after our planet!

This week we have been advised by City Rangers that issues with cars parking around the Paisley Street playground have been identified at pick up time such as; parents and carers parking their vehicle in the Paisley Street playground area, mounting the curbs, parking at the end of the laneway near the soccer field and vehicles parking on nature



strips blocking residents driveway entrances. Signs have been placed in this area stating that unauthorised use of unleased land carry infringements and random inspections may occur to halt these activities. We ask that parents and carers please ensure that only designated car parks are used at pick up time and that everyone maintains a focus on the safety of our students around roads. It may be worth waiting an extra 5 mins after the bell to collect your child or arranging a suitable alternative meeting point. A reminder that Years 3-6 students may also be collected from school at the turning circle. We thank you for your support in minimising the impact school pick up is having on our surrounding community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kirrally Talbot & Cindy Condon  
Associate Principals A/g

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## 2022 Gold Creek School Board Election

This document contains statements from candidates to give you some background information to assist you in your decision.

### Vacancies

In 2022 there are two (2) vacant positions for two parent member positions.

### When and where to vote

To vote in the election please login to the online voting system **between 11.00 am, Monday 7 March (Week 6) and 11.00am, Tuesday 15 March 2022 (Week 7).**

The voting system can be accessed from here: [https://acteducation.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3eN0heLTlq4pRPM](https://acteducation.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3eN0heLTlq4pRPM)

You will receive an email next week with further details. If you do not have an email address, please contact me to arrange another method for you to vote.

### Questions

If you have any questions about the elections, then please contact the Assistant Returning Officer: Margaret O'Brien

Email: [Margaret.o'brien@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Margaret.o'brien@ed.act.edu.au)

Phone: 6142 1300

### Claire Stunden

Candidate for parent member

My son is in Year 4: my daughter is in Year 6 and will transition to Gold Creek High next year.

I am passionate about public education having progressed through the ACT public education system myself. My expertise is predominantly in finance and human resources leadership roles. I am team focused and enjoy activities that contribute to continual improvement. I believe my skills could be used on our Board in continuing to strengthen a school community that values a team approach to problem solving.

I have a particular interest in looking at ways to enhance communication between the school and its wider community of parents and caregivers. A cohesive and collaborative relationship within the school community is important. By working together, with all the staff at the school, we can ensure our children enjoy learning and develop in an inclusive, positive, safe and cooperative environment.

I believe that I can help to make a difference at Gold Creek and aim to represent all families whose child/ren attend. I can provide a voice for the wider community and will ensure that everyone feels they can share with me any problems or feedback for improvement in a safe and inclusive forum.

I will appreciate the opportunity to be part of the Board and to work toward continued, collaborative improvement for our community.

### Steve Maunsell

Candidate for parent member

I am a 44yo dad to Oscar who began year 7 in 2022. Originally from New Zealand I have lived and travelled around the world before settling in Canberra in 2011. I began in telecoms in 1996 before moving into IT and have worked in a variety of organisations including being the IT Manager for a private school in Canberra for 5 years. I also coached Oscar's football team for 3 years. I have an obvious vested interest in Oscar's education and growth but that extends to his peers and kids in general. My experience in the education sector from an IT perspective would also be invaluable to the school.

### LEUT Rebecca Johnston

Candidate for parent member

My family has been part of the Gold Creek community since my son attended Pre School in 2015.

During that time we have seen many changes including the official inclusion in the IB program and several changes in leadership. We have every confidence that the transition to Gold Creek High school will be a positive and supportive experience.

With 25 Years of service in the Defence Force I offer a strong moral compass and an appreciation of the importance of a rules based community that respects cultural and social diversity. I believe that our school community should provide our children with a safe and inclusive environment where everyone has a voice and feels their contribution is valued.

If my submission is accepted, I hope to also bring a strong background in policy review coupled with a desire to make meaningful and positive contributions to the board and wider school community.

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## YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 has had a fantastic start to the year! We have been very busy learning about values, beliefs, and role models during our Unit of Inquiry. We will continue to explore and research about the values of role models that are important to us and what we could do to become role models to other people.

We are also learning how to be self-directed learners by choosing a position to sit while we read or write where we won't be distracted by others. We have built our stamina over 4 weeks and are now reading and writing independently for 20 minutes uninterrupted. We are beginning to look at persuasive texts and the role they play in writing. Here is an example of a short, whole class one we did.

## The boy should definitely squish the ant. 3C + 3B

The boy should definitely squish the ant.

Firstly, ants crawl into your pants and bite you. It hurts a lot! Ant bites sting for ages and you feel like your leg is on fire!

Secondly, ants are thieves! They steal your food and take it for themselves.

Finally, there are just too many ants in the world! They are going to take over the planet.

The boy should certainly squish the ant!

Year 3 has been exploring 4 digit numbers and place value. We have been playing a range of hands-on games to expand our skills. We are also collecting data and learning to make column graphs.

*The Year 3 Team*



## LEARNER PROFILE AWARDS - WEEK 4

|                     |                       |                     |                     |                     |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>KA</b> Madison S | <b>KB</b> Bronte C    | <b>KC</b> Alice B-H | <b>KD</b> Ryan M    | <b>KE</b> -         |
| <b>1A</b> Matthew N | <b>1B</b> Niklaus T A | <b>1C</b> Noah M    | <b>1D</b> Daniel S  | <b>1E</b> Gabriel K |
| <b>2A</b> Ruby L    | <b>2B</b> Jaxson F    | <b>2C</b> Aguaar D  | <b>2D</b> Manha M   | <b>2E</b> An H      |
| <b>3A</b> Imogen M  | <b>3B</b> Zoey Z      | <b>3C</b> Ekam K    | <b>3D</b> Jordan T  | <b>4A</b> Razel P   |
| <b>4B</b> Issac C-L | <b>4C</b> Jason K     | <b>5A</b> Sophia C  | <b>5B</b> Tasmiya K | <b>5C</b> Natalie A |
| <b>6A</b> Oliver G  | <b>6B</b> Shanisha J  | <b>6C</b> Olive F   | <b>SGP</b> Ante O   |                     |

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am excited to announce that Gold Creek School K-6 are participating in Jump Rope for Heart this year – a fantastic fundraising and physical activity program by the Heart Foundation.

By participating in Jump Rope for Heart this term, I'm expecting to get our students moving. We'll have ropes available on the school grounds and encouraging everyone to help raise funds for lifesaving research and support programs.

Over the coming weeks your child will learn new skills, increase their physical activity, and learn about heart health. The program will end with our school wide 'Jump Off Day' on 21<sup>st</sup> of March where your child gets to show off their new skipping skills to their friends.

When you register your child online you'll get access to additional skipping resources to help give your child a great reason to get away from the screens and get outdoors. Register and create your own secure webpage at [jumprope.org.au/parents](http://jumprope.org.au/parents)

By signing up online, you and your child can:

- Easily raise funds online
- Track skipping skills progress and earn virtual badges along the way
- Post updates to your page so family and friends can follow their progress
- Access additional skipping resources

Your child should have a 'fundraising guide' flyer to take home, which includes further information on the program. If you didn't receive this, visit [jumprope.org.au/parents](http://jumprope.org.au/parents) for all the information that you need.

The fundraising goal for Gold Creek School is \$3000.

Thank you for getting involved in Jump Rope for Heart!

Yours sincerely,

**Anthony Dimoski**  
Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator

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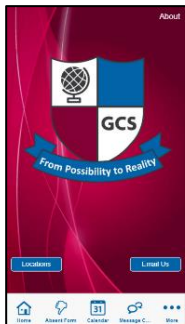
Did you know you can place an online lunch order for your child via flexischools?



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.

Visit flexischools at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)  
[Canteen menu](#)

## SCHOOL APP & REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES



### Option 1

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). All this is available through our school App!

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

(Download from Apple Store or Google Play).

### 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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