

# Junior Site Bites



**Term 2  
Week 1**  
29 April 2022

Welcome to Term 2! I hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing break with family and friends over the school holidays. It was wonderful to see all our students' smiling faces this week as they got back into their learning routines.

Our Junior Site Cross Country was a great success on Wednesday, despite the cooler weather and sprinkles of rain during our running course. Students participated with enthusiasm and determination! Well done to all our students who joined in and had fun as we came together for this great event! It was so wonderful to hold this event as a community. It was lovely to have parents come to watch from afar and cheer on their children. A massive thank you to Sam Hood and the PE team for all their organisation for this event. We appreciate all their efforts in making this event possible!



Students across our school acknowledged and learnt more about the importance of ANZAC Day with their classes through the week in a range of different ways. Students learnt about displaying the characteristics of the ANZAC spirit, comradeship, unselfishness, courage, and tenacity of spirit and how we can enrich the Australian tradition. Below are some pictures of our students learning more about the significance of ANZAC Day and its importance.



All ACT schools opened enrolments for students for the 2023 school year on 26 April. All ACT children from Kindergarten to Year 12 are guaranteed a place in their local school. K-12 students living within the Priority Enrolment Area (PEA) will have a place regardless of when they apply. All preschool aged students are guaranteed a place at a public preschool. However, due to capacity limits, they may not be guaranteed a place in the preschool location of their choosing. If you have a child who will attend preschool in 2023 or know of any parents who have moved in area that will join us next year, the enrolment process can be found at: <https://www.education.act.gov.au>. We will be holding information sessions for Preschool and Kindergarten on Wednesday 11 May so keep an eye out for more information on those in the coming weeks!

This week we welcomed our new executive teacher Melissa Brough to our Junior Site Executive Team. Melissa will be the executive teacher for Years 3 and 4. She has enjoyed getting to know our staff and students this week and is excited to continue to get to know them. Melissa joins us from Neville Bonner School, and we are excited to have her as part of our collaborative team here at Gold Creek School.

In Week 3 this term, our Year 3 and 5 students will be undertaking NAPLAN. A reminder to parents, that although NAPLAN is an important measurement of student growth, it is only one of the tools that we use to make sure we tailor learning to student needs. At Gold Creek School we embed a wealth of assessment strategies, both formal and informal so that we can plan and assess student learning and support teachers in professional development. It is often during impromptu conversations and group discussions that we learn more about students' understanding, and we endeavour to capture this evidence of learning as assessment too!

Thank you for your continued support.

Kirrally Talbot & Nicole Jagers

Associate Principals

## Dates to remember: Calendar

- **6 May** – Mother's Day Breakfast, 8am
- **10 - 13 & 16 - 20 May** - NAPLAN
- **11 May** – 2023 Prospective Preschool/Kindergarten Information Session

## TERM 2 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

- Wk 2 Year 6
- Wk 3 Year 2
- Wk 4 Year 5
- Wk 5 Reconciliation Week
- Wk 6 Year 1
- Wk 7 Year 4
- Wk 8 Kindergarten
- Wk 9 Year 3
- Wk 10 Whole School Semester 1 Awards

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## PRESCHOOL NEWS

We were all excited to be back at Preschool after the break and our focus this week has been on ANZAC Day. We have spent time learning about ANZAC Day focusing on why we celebrate this day and how it has impacted on the lives of those around us.



We shared two stories 'Lest we forget' by Kerry Brown and 'Dreaming Soldiers' by Catherine Bauer, discussing the action that military people took and take today to keep protecting our country. The focus on friendship between the soldiers in the stories also linked strongly to our IB unit of inquiry 'Who We Are'.

Throughout the week provocations were provided for the children to create artworks to share their understandings.



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## 2023 ENROLMENT INFORMATION



Online Enrolments for all 2023 ACT public school enrolments are now open for all year levels Preschool to Year 12.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Gold Creek School is a P-10 school. This means current preschool students\* do not need to apply to continue to kindergarten and year 6 students do not need to complete an application to continue to year 7. All year 10 students will need to complete an application if they intend to progress to college education. (\*The only exception to this, are the preschool students, who do not currently live in the GCS enrolment area and received a 2022 Preschool offer on a 'Preschool year only'. These families will need to complete an online enrolment form for 2023.)

Enrolment applications made between 6am 26 April 2022 and 11:59pm 3 June 2022 will receive a school placement offer from 25 July 2022. Applications made after 3 June will receive their offers later in the year. Further information about the enrolment process and timeline, and access to the online enrolment form, can be found on the [Education Directorate website](#)

## Information for 2023 Prospective Students

### Enrolment information sessions for parents and carers of children with developmental delay and disability.

Upcoming enrolment and transition information sessions for parents and carers of children with developmental delay and disability. The sessions will support parents to understand the enrolment process and to start planning for 2023. All sessions will be held online:

- **Enrolling for Preschool 2023** on Monday 9 May from 1:00 to 2:30 pm, or Thursday 12 May from 10:00 am to 11:30. Register and forward questions to [preschoolpathways@act.gov.au](mailto:preschoolpathways@act.gov.au).
- **Enrolling for Kindergarten to year 6** on Tuesday 10 May from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, or Wednesday 11 May 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Register and forward questions to [disabilityeducation@act.gov.au](mailto:disabilityeducation@act.gov.au).
- **Enrolling for year 7 to year 11** on Wednesday 11 May from 1:00pm to 2:20pm, or Friday 13 May from 10:00am to 11:30am.

Register and forward questions to [disabilityeducation@act.gov.au](mailto:disabilityeducation@act.gov.au)

## P & C NEWS

### Mother's Day Breakfast

Gold Creek School P&C would like to welcome Gold Creek School families to our annual Mother's Day breakfast. It is a chance to thank the mothers or mother figures in our lives for everything they do for us. Please join us next Friday, 6 May from 7:45am to 8:45am at the Junior Site Basketball Courts (entry via back gate near the IGA) for an egg and bacon roll, a hot chocolate and a bikkie, AND as an exciting extra, we will have hot coffee and poeffertjes for sale at the super cute Sylvie and Bruno caravan! <https://www.facebook.com/Sylvie-Bruno-103577508230960>

There will also be a craft table run by Ms Li and the GCS Origami Club so students can create something special to give to mum. If any dads can help with the BBQs (and give our P&C mums a morning off!), please email [goldcreekschoolpandc@gmail.com](mailto:goldcreekschoolpandc@gmail.com).

Friday 6 May, 7:45-8:45am, at the Junior Site Basketball Courts. Remember that entry is via the back gate, and mask-wearing is encouraged. See you there!

David Pollard and the Gold Creek School P&C



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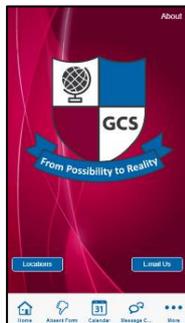
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Using the school App allows you to report student absences, check the school calendar, read newsletters and receive important information via sms on your mobile phones (provided you allow push notifications). All this is available through our school App!

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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**

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