

# Junior Site Bites



**Term 3**  
**Week 3**  
5 August 2022

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

- **9 Aug** – Constable Kenny Kindergarten & Small Group Program
- **9 Aug** – Yr 5/6 Jamie Pearlman Basketball Cup
- **9 Aug** – ICAS Digital Technologies Yr 3 - 6
- **10 Aug** – ICAS Writing Yr 2-6
- **10 Aug** – Preschool 'Read with Me' Workshop
- **10 Aug** – P & C Meeting, 6.00pm – 7.30pm
- **10 Aug** – NAIDOC Day Celebration

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## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PYP NEWS

On Monday over 500 leaders and teaching staff from our ACT PYP Network of schools across all sectors joined together virtually to hear Dr Maria Behrenbruch from Reshaping Schools deliver an inspiring session on how to transform schools through student agency.

Dr Behrenbruch challenged us to consider questions such as:

'Do you see your students as researchers?'

'Do you allow your students to participate in shaping their curriculum?'

'Do you know what real world issues are important to your students?'

'Where is student voice in your day to day decisions made in your school?'

Dr Behrenbruch calls this the pedagogy of HOPE. Giving our students the power to make choices, create action plans and reflect on themselves as learners. Hand in hand with building student agency is the development of the SKILLS our student needs to collaborate with peers and teachers in these flexible learning environments. In the PYP we call these skills our Approaches to Learning (ATL).

As part of our whole school action plan, we look forward to working with our students to reflect and audit our practices to move towards greater student voice, choice, and ownership of learning.

## SRC

Speaking of student agency, we were excited to hold our first SRC Junior School meeting of 2022 last week with voted representatives from each class Years 1 to 6 and our school captains. Our SRC representatives will attend weekly meetings with Mrs McLean and Mrs Jagers on Thursdays during Break 2. SRC members are the voice of their class at this meeting. So many great ideas were shared by students at our first meeting. We can't wait to work together with our SRC representatives to take on a range of student-initiated actions within our school community throughout Semester 2!

Congratulations to our SRC representatives for Semester 2:

Yr 1: Mikhail M, Chloe R, Annabelle E, Emily T, Bella Q

Yr 2: Daniel C, Rose, Chloe N, Ethan N, Annabelle S

Yr 3: Ellie L, Mia N, Luca H, Ryker W

Yr 4: Razel P, Rohan F, Lillian P

Yr 5: Katelyn R, Tribid P, Evie P, Felix T, Amelia R, William H

Yr 6: Emily C, Mamie, Dhanvanth S, Zali F, Phoebe S, Parisa, Alex J

Our first initiative as an SRC is to promote our new recycling bins encouraging students to sort flavoured milk or juice drink container.



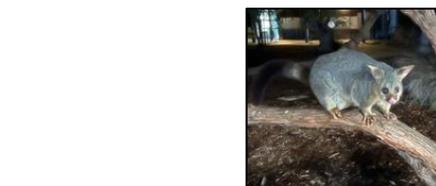
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## 5/6 CAMP

Well, our Years 5 & 6 camp certainly was an adventure! We got off to an early start on Wednesday morning, settled into our camp site at Borambola and made the most of a fairly sunny day of activities in groups, followed by dinner, night time team games and 'most' students asleep by 10pm!

Unfortunately, the weather deteriorated over night. We were given notification by NSW Sport and Recreation that our camp site at Borambola was now under flood watch (backing the Tarcutta Creek). Along with this we had a number of students unwell, and the decision had to be made to call in a local bus company to transport us all back to school safely by 5.30pm Thursday evening.

We wish to thank the highly professional team of staff at Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre for their tireless support of our students and teachers and also our amazing Gold Creek staff on camp who continued on with caring for our students in the face of all obstacles thrown at us. And of course, thank you to our 5/6 students on camp for demonstrating resilience when notified we were going home early. We know it was not a popular announcement Mr Breen had to make in the dining hall and understand how disappointed our students were feeling as they made the trip back to school. Here's a few snaps from Mr Miley to help cheer up our returning campers on the great time we managed to fit in!



## NAIDOC

Next week we look forward to holding our second annual whole school NAIDOC celebration on Friday August, commencing at 11am on our shared oval (behind JS hall). Further information to come out to families early next week from our NAIDOC team. Community members welcome to join us for the Welcome to Country by Aunty Violet and formal proceedings in the community viewing area (signposted on the day). Students P-10 will then move off to be involved in a range of fun activities designed to promote school pride, belonging and respect.



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## LIBRARY NEWS

We welcome Catherine Geraghty-Slavica as our Junior School teacher librarian for Semester 2, after the retirement of Kerryn Hoeschle at the end of Term 2. Catherine is also one of our part time Year 2 teachers, so will be working in the library in this important role on Mondays, Tuesdays and every second Wednesday. Catherine is supported by Julie Sherd as library assistant and together they look forward to continuing to support our Junior School students to develop a love of reading.

## BOOK WEEK 2022

Book Week will be celebrated in Week 5 - Wednesday 24 August. Students (and staff!) are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character on this day. We will be holding a costume parade outside first up in the morning after teachers have marked their rolls. Parents/carers are welcome to attend our parade (from a distance as we are currently used to!)- more details to follow via Seesaw next week.



## STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are excited to announce the appointment of two new members to our Junior School executive team.

Rebecca Newton joins us as School Leader C on the Junior Site at Gold Creek School. Rebecca will be joining us from Kingsford Smith School where she has worked as a school leader. She brings strong effective evidence-based pedagogical professional practices in leading teaching and learning. Rebecca is passionate about the early years, leading learning, inclusive practices, coaching and mentoring and embedding the 10 Essential Instructional Literacy Practices. Rebecca will be the executive teacher for our Preschool and Kindergarten teams.

Robyn Elsom joins us as School Leader C- Years 5, 6 and Specialist executive. Robyn is currently specialist team leader and Year 5 teacher at Red Hill School. She has held multiple acting SLC positions since 2011 across a range of schools. Robyn is internationally minded and passionate about the IB and brings a wealth of IB knowledge and leadership experience to Gold Creek, having worked in the PYP for the past 9 years. Robyn

Please join us in welcoming Rebecca and Robyn to the Junior School leadership team. Rebecca will commence on Monday 8 August and Robyn on Monday 15 August.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kirrally Talbot Associate Principal P-4 and

Nicole Jagers Associate Principal 5-7

## 2022 SCHOOL SATISFACTION AND CLIMATE SUREVEY

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The 2022 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey will be available online from 19 August to 9 September 2022. The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

For each child in their family who attends an ACT public school, parents and carers will receive:

- An email about the parent survey, including a link to access the survey, and
- A letter about the student survey outlining the reasons for collection and privacy provision for the data

If you do not receive the survey invitation, please check your Junk email folder; if it is not there, contact the school and you will be provided a survey link. If you do not have an email listed with the school, please contact the school on [info@goldcreek.act.edu.au](mailto:info@goldcreek.act.edu.au) or phone: 6142 1300

The Parents and Carers Survey will be available online in other languages: Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Urdu, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Bengali, Spanish, Telugu, French and Italian. Respondents can select their preferred language when they start the survey. A shortened paper-version of the Parents and Carers Survey is also available in the following 5 languages: Dari, Dinka, Farsi, Karen and Mon. These surveys are available at the Front Office.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents and carers, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part.

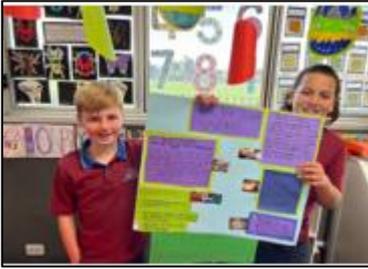
For more information, visit: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-and-climate-survey>

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## YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 has just finished inquiring into our 'How the World Works' Unit of Inquiry. Students inquired into our central idea which was: 'changes in our world and its atmosphere have an impact on our lives.' Some students formulated their own lines of inquiry, guiding their research in an authentic and relevant way. We explored how the Earth has changed over time and the impact of these changes; some being natural, others due to human impact. Throughout the unit, students were thinkers, brainstorming and researching ways we can take action to improve the overall quality of our environment. We shared our learning through various modes i.e., posters, dioramas and art pieces etc. Our next Unit of Inquiry will continue to build our knowledge around our planet Earth, focusing on solutions instead of problems. Students will investigate the use of natural resources and how that has an impact on other people and other living things.

Here are some photos of our amazing learning:



*The Year 4 Team*

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- **TERM 3 ASSEMBLY**
- **ROSTER**
- • Wk 4 Whole School
- NAIDOC Assembly
- • Wk 5 Year 3
- • Wk 6 Year 1
- • Wk 7 Year 4
- • Wk 8 Pupil Free Day
- • Wk 9 Specialist Teachers
- • Wk 10 Kindergarten TBC
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OSHCLUB Nicholls

## Newsletter

August 2022

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### What's been happening...

Welcome back to term 3, we hope everyone had a relaxing break and has settled back into the routine of term smoothly!

We have a few exciting Initiatives happening at OSHClub this term;

#### Skateboarding;

During weeks 2, 3 and 4 we are offering skateboarding Incursions during the afterschool care session from Monday-Thursday. Students are placed into groups of 22 and taught by experts how to ride and be safe on skateboards. This week was the first week and the children have LOVED it so far!

#### The brekky bunch:

Starting In term 3, we will be running themed cooking experiences each morning to teach the children valuable lessons about starting their day with nutritious meals and how to be safe in the kitchen.



### Coming Up

August 5

#### Pupil free day

Both schools. Service will offer pupil free day for Holy Spirit students only as well as BSC & ASC for Gold Creek students

September 9

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### Reminders:

Please check your bookings for this term! It is Important to check bookings each term to ensure that they are up to date. Please give us a call if you need a hand doing this.

Mon-Fri 7am - Bell time, Bell time - 6pm

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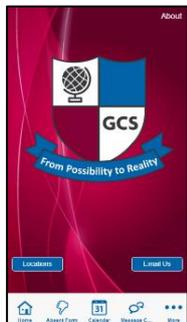
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## SCHOOL APP & REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES



### 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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