

Term 3 Week 7

2 September 2022



Dates to remember: [Calendar](#)

- **6 – 7 Sep** - Parent Teacher Interviews/Student Led Conferences
- **6 Sep** – Yr 5/6 Girls Basketball Tournament
- **7 Sep** – P & C Meeting
- **8 Sep** – Preschool End of Week Parent Teacher Interviews
- **9 Sep** – Staff Planning (Pupil Free Day)
- **8 Sep** – Preschool End of Week Parent Teacher Interviews
- **12 - 23 Sep** – Kindergarten & Yr 1 Aquatots Swimming

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NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Today we finally were able to hold our annual whole school NAIDOC celebration on the Junior Site! What an amazing whole school event it was. It was so wonderful to see our older students mentoring our younger students and students taking part in a range of activities led by staff and students. Thank you to Aunty Violet and Uncle Johnny Huckle for their Welcome to country and amazing performance. Well done to Ms Hunter and the Gold Creek School Cultural Integrity team for their leadership and their hard work behind the scenes in making this event a huge success.



This week preschool went on their first excursion to the Jerrabomberra Wetlands and met with the Rangers there to discuss the environment, and animals which are present. Students and staff listened to the story 'The Noisy Nest' and then went on a discovery walk to collect different materials to create our own nest. We looked into 'hides', found nests and patted a native turtle named Tucker. For many students it was their first time on a bus too, and they were super excited about the journey.



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

It was an early start for our GCS P & C, all the volunteers and Year 10 helpers who led our 'Father's Day' breakfast this morning. Great to see so many people attend and celebrate as a school community. We sure have missed events like these over the past couple of years. Thanks to David, our P & C President and his team for all their work in leading this community event.



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DRUMMING

It's been wonderful to have some of our external programs commence! Each Wednesday we welcome Cherie into our school to lead a Drumming program with students. Our students are learning about rhythm, beat and patterns through drumming motions.



STUDENT LED CONFERENCES - NEXT WEEK

We are so excited to be welcoming our families onsite for our Student Led Conferences/Learning Journeys across P-6 next week. If you are in K-6 and haven't booked in a time through our PTO system it's not too late. We strongly encourage you to book in your time slot as we would love all our families to attend. Our staff and students have been busy preparing for next week and our students are so excited about sharing their learning achievement and learning goals with you.

Preschool Learning Journey – Preschool classroom (1 hour only):

Monday to Wednesday Group: Tuesday, 6 September 8.30- 9.30am

Wednesday to Friday Group: Thursday, 8 September 8.30- 9.30am

Preschool Learning Journey involves parents/carers coming to the classroom for a half hour session. During this time students will share the types of learning experiences that they enjoy at preschool, their inquiry journey, and the learning demonstrated in their portfolio. Preschool parents do not need to make an online booking for the Learning Journey. Your child's teacher will send you your allocated 30 minute time slot via Seesaw.

K-6 Student Led Conferences – Primary Classroom (30 minutes each):

Tuesday, 6 September 3.00-6.00pm

Wednesday, 7 September 8.00-8.30am
 3.00-6.00pm

We hope to see you onsite at our Student Led Conferences / Learning Journeys next week.

Term 3 Planning Day

Lastly, the final planning day for term three is scheduled for next Friday 9 September. If you require your children to attend school on that day, please get in touch with us here at info@goldcreek.act.edu.au.

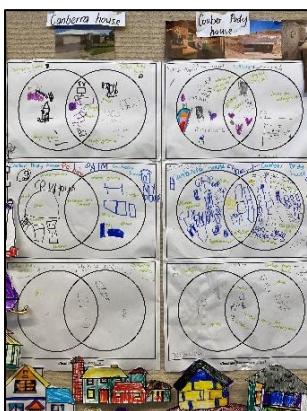
Thank you for your continued support.

Kirrally Talbot Associate Principal P-4

Nicole Jaggers Associate Principal 5-7

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KINDERGARTEN NEWS



Kindergarten have been busy inquiring into Where We Are in Place and Time. We have looked at homes in different locations around the world and have been discussing what makes a home a special place. Students have enjoyed painting and drawing their homes and comparing their homes to other homes around the world.



We have connected our mathematical learning about position and location with our inquiry into special places around the world and have loved exploring maps and creating our own maps.



We have been exploring positional language and making models and stories using positional language.



The Kindergarten Team

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LEARNER PROFILE AWARDS - WEEK 7

3A Ellie L	3B Tyler W	3C Teilan M	3D Hyrum F	4A Hunter P
4B Alicia M	4C Avi V Jayden M-S	5A Steven W Manny S	5B Alexander L	5C Georgia P
6A Virginia A	6B Luka O	6C Bella R	Music Charlotte C	Japanese Methula P

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- TERM 3 ASSEMBLY
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- • Wk 9 Specialist Teachers
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ACT INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Primary Concert Choir & Primary Concert Band - 2023

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students who will be in Years 4 to 6 in ACT public schools in 2023 to audition for the following primary extension ensembles:

Primary Concert Band: Year 6 students in IMP Band Classes in ACT public schools in 2023

Primary Concert Choir: Years 4-6 students in ACT public schools in 2023

Audition dates and times will be allocated in mid Term 4 once the application process has closed.

Auditions will be held online in late Term 4.

Audition requirements and music for PCB will be available on the IMP website by the end of Term 3.

Audition requirements and music for PCC will be available on the IMP website by Term 4 Week 3.

The ensembles are an excellent opportunity for hard-working, skilled and committed young musicians to work together in an enriching environment. The groups are active performance ensembles and the families of students auditioning will need to be prepared to make a strong commitment to rehearsal and performance attendance for the year.

Further information is available from the Instrumental Music Program website at www.imp.act.edu.au.

The online application can be accessed in the following three ways:

- <https://forms.gle/PrGWpd8oh5jRy9YV6>
- http://www.imp.act.edu.au/our_ensembles/auditions
- QR code



Applications close Monday 14 November.



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NORTH GUNGAHLIN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Thursday 25 August we had 43 students compete in the North Gungahlin Region Athletics Carnival. Starting early, there was a little drama as the bus broke down and some students were at risk of missing events. Finally arriving at 9:00am, all students fortunately made their events on time. We had an exceptional day out with Gold Creek ranking 12 overall in points out of 34 schools. We also had first overall finishes for Adam P (800m boys) and Zali M (girls long jump) and podium finishes for Tamsyn R (800m girls) and Maggie Z (girls long jump). These four students will go on to compete in the ACT Championships on Thursday 8 September at Woden Park. Gold Creek School wishes these athletes good luck and hopefully they can get some great results.

A reminder that students will be receiving their school athletics carnival ribbons in Week 9 assembly. Apologies for the delays. It has been a busy Term 3.



NRL SULLIVAN SHIELD

On Tuesday 30 August Gold Creek students attended the Sullivan Shield NRL Gala Day. With a Year 5/6 mixed team with little experience, the team showed some great character and determination to give the other schools a run. A massive day for twin brothers Fin and Hamish L, who shared the load with highest number of tackles and runs made. A shout out also goes to Oscar P who ran 90m from an intercepted pass to score under the posts. Most impressive players on the day were Georgia P and Charlotte (Charli) B-S who showed grit and determination to prove to help the team move forward through great runs and exceptional ball control.



OLYMPICS UNLEASHED

With the Year 1/2 students currently working through a Commonwealth Games unit in PE and in class, it seemed perfect timing to get “hands on” by bringing in a guest speaker and former Commonwealth Games and Olympic judo wrestler Matt D’Aquino. The students got to understand what it takes to be a professional athlete and also how goal setting allowed Matt to achieve his dream of going to the Olympic Games.



Anthony Dimoski

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**Gold Creek School
Presents**



Book by David Greig **Music by** Marc Shaiman **Lyrics by** Scott Wittman
Marc Shaiman

Based on the novel by ROALD DAHL
Songs from the Motion Picture by LESLIE
BRICUSSE and ANTHONY NEWLEY

Week 2, Term 4 2022

Senior Site Gym

Monday 17th October – 12pm (Primary Schools Matinee)

Monday 17th October - 6:30pm

Tuesday 18th October – 6:30pm

Wednesday 19th October - 6:30pm

Tickets available via
Flexischools Adults – \$15
School Students – \$5
Coffee van and snacks available

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All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

Based on the famous novel by Roald Dahl, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* features an original score composed by Marc Shaiman with lyrics by Shaiman and Scott Wittman (*Hairspray*) and a book by David Greig. The score also pays homage to the Leslie Bricusse/Anthony Newley score from the 1971 film with songs from the motion picture including 'Candy Man', 'I've Got a Golden Ticket', 'Oompa Loompa Song', and 'Pure Imagination'.

The world-famous Willy Wonka is opening the gates to his mysterious factory...but only to a lucky few. Young Charlie Bucket and four other golden ticket winners will embark on a life-changing journey through Wonka's world of pure imagination including chocolate waterfalls, nutty squirrels and the great glass elevator, all to be revealed by Wonka's army of curious Oompa-Loompas.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is your golden ticket to producing a crowd-pleasing, outrageous ensemble musical with plenty of delicious roles.

Tickets are now available for you to purchase on Flexischools. Performances on Monday 17, Tuesday 18 & Wednesday 19 October in the Senior Site Gym, Adults \$15 & Students \$5

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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR FUTURE OF EDUCATION EQUITY FUND – ROUND 2, 2022

The ACT Government's expanded Future of Education Equity Fund provides financial assistance to low-income families (and independent students) with students in years P-12 to meet the costs of education expenses, such as school uniforms, school excursions, sport equipment and activities and music lessons through a one-off payment.

The Future of Education Student Equity Fund Round 1 opened in late 2021 for families with students in years 7-10. Round 2 is only open to families who have NOT already applied for and/or received payment to support their students in the 2022 school year using a paper-based form.

The following payments are available to those who meet the eligibility criteria:

- \$400 for preschool students
- \$500 for primary school students
- \$750 for high-school and college students

2022 applications close 30 September 2022. Only applications received by this date will be processed. There is no limit on the number of students for whom each applicant can apply, providing they meet all conditions.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

Reside in the ACT

Have sole or shared parental responsibility for a dependent student(s) in grades P-12; or be an independent student

Be financially responsible for the student(s)

Demonstrate low-income status through:

a current means-tested Health Care Card or Centrelink card, which must list the student(s) as dependents; or alternative forms of evidence proving low-income status or equivalent financial stress.

Students must be:

- Enrolled full-time in a public or non-government school in the ACT in years P-12.

NOTE: For the purposes of the Equity Fund, a preschool is defined as a preschool that is attached to an ACT school and led by a Principal. When applying online, only eligible preschools will appear in a drop-down list.

- Enrolled in an approved form of education other than a school and of an equivalent age to a student in years K-12 E.g., attending the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT), or registered for home-schooling in the ACT.
- Residing with the applicant in the ACT, or in special government care that is paid for by the applicant or be independent.

Visit the [Education Directorate, Support for our students, financial and resource assistance for families webpage](#) more information and to apply.

2022 SCHOOL SATISFACTION AND CLIMATE SURVEY

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 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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What's been happening...

Brekky Bunch:

The children have been LOVING our brekky bunch campaign in the last few weeks: Each morning they get to cook a different recipe & practice different cooking technique. Some of our favourite recipes have been; Blueberry muffins, scones, a full English breakfast & fruit smoothie. We've loved offering this experience this term, and seeing how much the children have enjoyed the cooking.



School holidays:

School holidays are fast approaching & bookings are open for our school holiday program. We have lots of exciting things planned for children of all ages!



Kid's corner

MICHAEL'S FAVOURITE THING ABOUT OSHCLUB:
The books, the toys - and it's just a good place to chill!

CHARLOTTE'S FAVOURITE THING ABOUT OSHCLUB:
Playing handball in the hall!

JAMES' FAVORITE THING ABOUT OSHCLUB:
The activities - especially making Emma out of cardboard! (pictured to the right)

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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:

www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet

[Holiday Happenings Link](#)

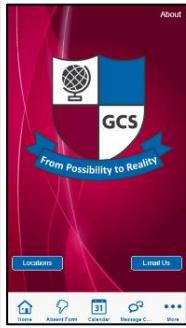
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Canteen menu

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

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.