

# Junior Site Bites



**Term 2  
Week 8  
17 June 2022**

**Dates to remember:  
Calendar**

- 20 Jun – Pupil Free Day
- 21 & 23 Jun – Preschool Art Show
- 22 – 24 Jun – Kindergarten Health checks
- 24 Jun – ACT Primary School Chess

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- **TERM 2 ASSEMBLY** •
- **ROSTER** •
- • Wk 9 Year 3 •
- • Wk 10 Whole School •
- Semester 1 Awards •
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On Wednesday we held our annual Junior Site Athletics Carnival. Although it was a little chilly, the sun was shining, and the temperature did reach double digits. It was such a wonderful community event, and it was so wonderful seeing our students cheer for their peers and house team members, demonstrating such great spirit and participation in their athletic events! The novelty events proved to be a great success this year with students showing enthusiasm and having such fun. A few events will be taking place next week as well. We thank our parents who came to cheer and support our event. A special thank you to the PE team, Ms Hood and Mr Dimoski for all their hard work and organisation behind the scenes and of course being the leaders in the smooth running of the day. All staff played a key role in the success of the day, together with students from the Senior Site, so thank you all.



Kindergarten students have been busy inquiring into 'Energy influences our everyday lives'. They are investigating the use of energy in our lives, how understanding forces and energy has led to the creation of toys, and factors that influence the way an object moves. This Unit of Inquiry has triggered such amazing curiosity and wonderings from our students. One wondering from a Kindergarten student last week was - *How does the energy from a battery transfer to the torch to make it work?* This is an example of the questions posed by our students and the learning that occurs in our environments as we welcome student voice in the learning process. Today Kindergarten led the K-2 assembly for their very first time and what a great job they did! They should be very proud. It was so lovely to see so many families join us for this special assembly today. Our students performed a song called 'Energy' and how we can all do our part in saving energy and looking after our planet.

Our amazing P & C, student and family helpers have been busy planting 1,600 bulbs in our garden on the carpark side of the Kindergarten building and outside Preschool. Our P & C President Mr Pollard, staff and some Year 6 students finished planting the bulbs this afternoon! We await their growth and colour. We also have some pansies being planted in a couple of weeks. It's going to look beautiful once the warmer months arrive and we can watch them bloom! Thank you to the P & C for leading this Floriade Community display for our school community.



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June and July are our 'hats off' months where students are not required to wear a hat during outside activities. It might be a good idea for this to be replaced with a beanie for winter, as we often have cold windy days here at Gold Creek.

Just a friendly reminder next Monday 20 June is a Pupil Free day. Our teachers will spend the day planning for Semester 2 in their collaborative teaching teams with their school Executive Staff. Where possible, we ask that students do not attend school on this day. Students who can't stay at home will be able to attend school and be supervised while undertaking general learning activities. If you require your child/ren to attend on this day, we ask that you please inform us by contacting the school via phone on 6142 1300 or email at [info@goldcreek.act.edu.au](mailto:info@goldcreek.act.edu.au).

We thank you for your continued support.

Have a great weekend!

Kirrally Talbot - Associate Principal P - 4 & Nicole Jagers - Associate Principal 5, 6 & 7

## LEARNER PROFILE AWARDS - WEEK 8

<b>KA</b> Danny I	<b>KB</b> Jordan H	<b>KC</b> Katelyn G	<b>KD</b> Aneekesh A	<b>KE</b> Yohan
<b>1A</b> Egor S	<b>1B</b> Mahad A	<b>1C</b> Louis H	<b>1D</b> Sophia N	<b>1E</b> Elsie T
<b>2A</b> Esha P	<b>2B</b> Edward S	<b>2C</b> Nikolina R	<b>2D</b> Charlotte W	<b>2E</b> Sam B
<b>SGP</b> Hamish A				



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## YEAR 1. NEWS

On Wednesday 15 June, Year 1 classes participated in novelty events for the Athletics Carnival. We dressed in our house group colours and competed against each other for fun. We did a sack race, an egg and spoon race, a 50m race, a tug of war and a rubber chicken relay. We had a great time and showed excellent sportsmanship for our classmates.



In term 2, year one finished off our "How We Organise Ourselves' Unit of Inquiry. Students drew and built their own community, ensuring they had included all the necessary resources and elements.



This term we have been learning about the environment through a Unit of Inquiry into 'Sharing the Planet'. We have discussed renewable and non-renewable resources and how can we be more sustainable. We noticed that we have a rubbish bin, a paper bin and mixed recycling bin. We discussed what items go into each and the process recyclables go through to be made into new materials. We have also explored the concept of reduce, reuse, and recycle.



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## What is *Learning for Life*?

*Learning for Life* provides families with opportunities to increase their children's success at school.

The *Learning for Life* program helps each child to reach their potential by supporting their education from primary through to post-school studies.



everyone's family

### *Learning for Life* provides:



### Am I eligible for *Learning for Life*?

To be eligible, you must:

- ✓ Have a child/ children in Kindergarten/ Prep/ Reception to Year 6, who attend a school that we work with
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pension Concession Card
- ✓ Demonstrate a strong commitment to education through regular school attendance



### What else do I need to know?

*Learning for Life* is a partnership between your family and The Smith Family.

As a parent/guardian or caregiver, you will be committing to:

- Your children attending school regularly
- Providing a school report yearly for each child
- Returning a yearly progress report for each child
- Maintaining contact with The Smith Family



### How do I apply for *Learning for Life*?

If you meet all of the above criteria and would like to apply for the *Learning for Life* program, please complete the referral form provided and return to your school.

For further information, please contact the Family Partnership Coordinator:

**Akiko Barkle**  
Family Partnerships Coordinator - Gungahlin  
Mobile 0418 211 273  
[akiko.barkle@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:akiko.barkle@thesmithfamily.com.au)

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**Duntroon Community Centre**  
*'A place to belong'*

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- Playgroup
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The graphic features a central illustration of a white house with a green roof and a window divided into four panes. Above the house is a large pink circle containing the text 'A place to belong'. Surrounding the house are seven blue circles, each containing a different activity. The background is a light blue gradient with green foliage and pink tulips at the bottom.

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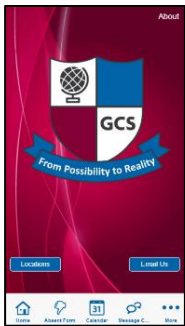
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### Option 2

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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