

Junior Site Bites

SCHOOL RAT PROGRAM TO BE EXTENDED

Wednesday, 16 February 2022 the ACT Government committed to continuing the existing rapid antigen testing (RAT) program in schools for another four weeks.

This means that we will continue to provide two RATs per week for all on campus students from pre-school to year 10 and all school staff until the end of Week 8.

Implementing the RAT program in ACT schools has been a big undertaking, and we have had great support from staff in ACT Health, the Emergency Services Agency, the Education Support Office and in our school.

Thank you to all, families, teachers, and school staff for your continued support of the RAT program.

We know the testing program has been well received, with high take-up across our school community. Your ongoing support has made this unprecedented start to the school year a safe and successful one.

COVID-19–INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT)

- If your child tests positive with a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT):
 - they should isolate for 7 days and follow the guidance on the [COVID-19](#) website
 - register their positive RAT result with ACT Health using the [online form](#), and
 - tell your child's school if your child was at school during the time, they may have been infectious.
- Registering a RAT result using the [online form](#) means ACT Health can contact you and provide further information and support if required.
- If your child has tested negative with a RAT but has ongoing COVID-19 symptoms, they should have a PCR test. If the PCR test is positive, they should follow the guidance for people with [COVID-19](#). If the PCR test is negative, they may return to school when they are well.
- **Household (high risk) contacts**
 - If your child is in quarantine because someone in your household has COVID-19, they cannot attend school during the quarantine time period. They are required to quarantine as a household (high risk) contact.
 - As a [household \(high risk\) contact](#), it's important that your child stays in quarantine for the full 7 days, even if they have returned an initial negative COVID-19 test during this time.
 - Once your child has completed their quarantine period, they can return to school, if they:
 - do not have any symptoms of COVID-19, and
 - have had a negative exit quarantine test.

Information about children and COVID-19 is available on the [ACT COVID-19 website](#)

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KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarten have had a fabulous start to the new school year. They have inquired into what it means to be safe, respectful, responsible and learners in all aspects of the school environment. Kindergarten students thought about the word respectful and how we can show respect to the traditional custodians of the land. They thought about everything they love about the land they live, play, and learn on and worked together to create their own class Acknowledgement of Country.

Kindergarten have been exploring family and discovering how some things are the same in our families and some things are different. They have used oil pastels to create family pictures and created picture graphs to show how many family members live in their homes as part of our inquiry into families.



The Kindergarten Team

CATCH UP SCHOOL PHOTOS

- Junior Site morning Friday, 25 February 2022
- Senior Site afternoon Friday, 25 February 2022

Unfortunately, due to cohorting restrictions we are unable to do family photos this year.

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LEARNER PROFILE AWARDS – WEEK 3

KA Lee N-S	KB Zachary S	KC Zachary S	KD Amyrah R	KE Annria H
1A Edison M	1B Lincoln Y	1C April M	1D Mathew N	1E Kawarshubeg S
2A Nicholas L	2B Atinuke R	2C Chloe N	2D Dylan L S	2E Alexa I
3A Dhaanvi U	3B Adhiraj S K	3C Matthew O	3D Nathan S M	4A Lola N
4B Rohan F	4C Sophia H-L	5A Mykayla D	5B Ava Rose D	6A Zali M
6B Zomki T	6C Nathaniel F	SGP Agok A	Music Anna J, 5B	

LAST OPPORTUNITY GOLD CREEK SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS 2022

If you're keen to contribute to the governance of GCS, you should nominate for a position on the GCS Board. No prior experience is necessary.

The following positions are vacant:

- 2 x staff member positions (2-year appointment)
- 2 x Parent member positions (2-year appointment)
- 1 x student member positions; (2-year appointment - year 9 student)

Nominations open 11.00 am Monday, 7 February 2022 and close on 11.00am Monday, 21 February 2022.

You can pick up a nomination form from the GCS front offices on the junior and senior sites during normal business hours (9.00am to 3.00pm, Monday to Friday), or request one be emailed (preferred).

The Board is looking for two Gold Creek parent representatives/ two staff representatives and one year 9 to contribute to the Strategic processes of the school, the position requires a commitment of two years. Meetings are held twice a term week 4 and 8.

You can submit your nomination by:

- hand delivery to the GCS front offices and place it in the secure box.
- email to margaret.o'brien@ed.act.edu.au (preferred)
- mail to ARO, c/- GCS front office

For more information, contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Margaret O'Brien on 614 21300

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CANTEEN NEWS

If you are looking to get back into the work force, we have school days and school hours work available at school canteens for an immediate start.

You must be motivated and enthusiastic and willing to be a great role model to students not only in their nutritional environment but also in their educational environment. You must also have great communication skills and a driver's licence.

Please send us a message on 0408 200 481.

Stella

Fed Well Catering

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
[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.

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