

Senior Site Bites



Term 1
Week 8
26 March 2021

Dates to remember:
[Calendar](#)

29 March

- Maker Space Club
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm
SG120

30 March

- Parent Teacher Interviews
- White Card Training

31 March

- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Asbestos Awareness Training
- Zone Swimming

1 April

- Cross Country
- ACT Touch Football Final
- End of Term

2 April

- Good Friday - School Holidays begin

Check out the P&C website:
<http://goldcreekschoolpandc.org.au/>



Dear parents and carers

Term one is almost over. A short nine-week term is finishing up next Thursday with our Senior Site Cross-Country Carnival. Friday, 1 April is first day of school holidays and Monday 19 April is the beginning of term 2.

When we return for term 2, Year 7 and 8 students will be moving onto elective classes. All other subjects and Community Connection classes will remain the same.

A reminder that term 2 does become much cooler and the school front office has second hand uniform available for a gold coin donation except for jumpers and jackets which are \$5. We ask again for your support in ensuring that our students are in school uniform, especially as you prepare to return for term 2.

Mid semester reports have been emailed out to families and carers. Please let your child's Pastoral Care (PC) teacher know if this has not happened for you. These reports are a guide to how students are engaging so far and are not a permanent record. If anything in the report is of concern, a surprise or raises your curiosity, again, please don't hesitate to contact your child's PC teacher for support and advice. Also please note to check your junk mail inbox as sometimes the school report will be there.

Along with the mid semester report was information for how to book interviews with your child's teachers. We are holding face-to-face parent/teacher interviews on Tuesday, 30 March (next week), and by phone calls on Wednesday, 31 March. The school is keen to know what format works best for our school community and your feedback is much appreciated.

Please remember that all teachers are available (during each school term) via email, booked appointments and phone calls for interviews and conversations. So please contact your child's teachers if you have missed out on a desired interview time or can't make it to any of the afternoons next week.

We hope everyone gets to have an enjoyable and safe autumn school break.

Stephen Crabb

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SPORTS

Cross Country Carnival

The GCS Cross Country carnival will be held on Thursday, 1 April (last day of school) at school. Students will have Line E and F as normal 75 min lessons. Break 2 will be moved to earlier in the day so the carnival can commence from 12:30pm. Students have been practicing the course each week during HPE classes and are looking forward to competing on the day.

As a reminder:

- Students are encouraged to wear their house colours on the day
- Students will participate in the age group that they turn this year
- If students choose not to run competitively, they can participate in the walk at 2pm
- Remember to bring a hat, water bottle and sunscreen.

Carnival Program

Time	Distance	Age Group
1:00pm	3km	12 year boys & girls, 13 year boys & girls, 14 year girls
1:30pm	6km	16 year boys
1:45pm	4km	14 year boys, 15 year boys & girls & 16 year girls
2:00pm	3km walk	Remaining students

Brad Lynch

Sporting Events

Two sporting events took place this week: Girls & Boys ACT Futsal (Monday, 22 March) and Girls Basketball (Tuesday, 23 March). Well done to everyone who participated in these events.

MUSIC

Jazz Band

Jazz Band did their first performance of the year at Concert on the Concourse on Thursday Week 8. They played 'Shake It Off' and 'Everybody Needs Somebody to Love'. Excellent work Jazz Band, and so excited to have so many new members this year.



Into the Woods Auditions

We had 50 students at the Senior Site auditions for this year's whole school musical 'Into the Woods'. There was so much talent and enthusiasm in the room.

Phil Simpson

Year 7

Last week in SEL the Year 7's were focussing on the National Day of Action against Bullying. The session looked at defining bullying, where it occurs, what it looks like and what everyone can do to take action against bullying at Gold Creek School. Part of the session involved students writing their own message/statement against bullying. We



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hope the session will provide strategies and empower students to take a stand against bullying and to say, 'Bullying! NO WAY'.

If any student is experiencing bullying at school, we encourage them to speak to a trusted teacher for support.

Angela Cheung, Year 7 Coordinator

IMPORTANT – PICKING STUDENTS UP EARLY?

To help reduce the number of interruptions in class time caused by runners or making announcements over the PA, we ask parents wanting to pick children up early for appointments etc to provide a note so the child can show it to the teacher before making their way to the administration office to await pickup. Students must sign out and in if returning after an appointment.

Where possible we ask that appointments are made outside school hours, your assistance in this will be greatly appreciated in reducing disruptions during class time.



IMPORTANT REMINDER - MOBILE PHONE RULES

Don't forget our rules for mobile phones; when students are in the buildings their phones must be off and in their bags.

If you need to contact your child in an emergency, please call the school direct on 6142 1300 and we will get the message to them.

For non-urgent messages you can send an SMS and students can check their phones during breaks

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

Option 1 (School App): 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).

Option 2: Email GoldCreek.StudentSeniorAbsences@ed.act.edu.au

Option 3: Leaving a short message via our dedicated absence number SS: 6142 1323

when 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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SCHOOL WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS



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Piano & Guitar Lessons

In-school music lessons are now available at Gold Creek School on piano and guitar, and other instruments by request.

For more info please contact the In-School Tuition Program Manager Sarah Grey at Canberra Music Tuition

on 6299 9154 or

fyshwick@canberramusictuition.com.au

or Enrol Online now at:

www.CanberraMusicTuition.com.au

