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Notes Bulletin

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Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

My name is Mrs Linda Baird and I am delighted to be the new principal at Gold Creek School. I would personally like to offer a warm welcome to new and returning students and look forward to meeting you personally during the coming year.

Reflecting on the first week of term, I must say that I have been exceptionally impressed by the level of commitment of the staff to ensure that your child is offered the highest level of education. This closely aligns with my own personal vision: to provide the very best possible education for every child, and to make Gold Creek School a showcase for the ACT Public Education System. I must also congratulate the students on their respectful behaviour, level of maturity and dress, well done!

2013 promises to be an exceptionally exciting and productive year. This term, we will be formulating the future direction of the school and will begin writing the new School Plan in the next couple of weeks. I have invited a number of key stakeholders to take part in this process. If you would like to be included in one of our working parties, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I would encourage you to come along to our information evening on Tuesday, 19 February so that we can begin to cement a strong home school partnership and help build a school of choice.

Kind Regards

Linda Baird
Principal

PRINCIPAL: Linda Baird

PRIMARY HEAD: Brenda Ryan

MIDDLE SCHOOL HEAD: Kate Stuckey

SENIOR SCHOOL HEAD: Glenda Websdale

Board Chair: David Vernon dvbooks@mac.com

Parent Representatives: Murray Craze murray.craze@hotmail.com
Fiona Nicholls fiona.nichollso8@gmail.com

P&C President: Michael Rush mikentan@netspeed.com.au

P&C

Welcome back for Term 1 and welcome to all new families at the school.

The Gold Creek School P&C operates across both Primary and Senior School sites. All parents/carers are welcome to attend meetings, which are held following School Board meetings and usually last for an hour. Meeting dates will be in the school's fortnightly Newsletters.

The current P&C Committee is: Lyndal Reid (Vice-president), Tania Lutan (Treasurer) and Carmel Looby (Secretary).

I encourage parents and carers to take the "2 hour challenge" – find at least two hours during the year to attend an assembly, help with a fundraiser, help with reading or other classroom activities (discuss opportunities with your child's teacher), attend P&C meetings etc. You'll find it rewarding, it all helps build the school community and support your child's education environment.

In Term 1, there will be a Primary Site disco in conjunction with Holy Spirit, our regular sausage sizzle in week 9, the P&C AGM and planning for the rest of the year.

We would like to compile a register of possible volunteers to contact closer to events, please email me if you'd like to be included. You can also receive regular updates on events and issues this way.

If you would like to raise an issue about the school in general or discuss any P&C matter, please don't hesitate to email me on mikentan@netspeed.com.au.

I look forward to working with you in 2013.

Michael Rush, P&C President

Gold Creek School Board Nomination

Nominations are now called for one Parents and Citizens Member of the Gold Creek School Board for a two-year term to commence on 1 April 2013. This is a scheduled vacancy.

Nominations should be submitted on the attached form. Instructions for submitting your nomination are on the form.

From the Department of Education and Training:

The *Education Act 2004* (the Act) requires that a school board be established for each public school. The Act describes the functions of school boards, including their role in principal selection, the constitution of school boards, the proceedings of board meetings, and the responsibilities associated with financial and reporting requirements.

The board is responsible for the school's strategic direction. Operational matters are the responsibility of the principal.

The school board is a formal mechanism for parents, carers, staff and students to participate in school decision-making.

Michael Rush
Assistant Returning Officer

Email: mikentan@netspeed.com.au

General School Board Elections Nominee Form



Please use this form to nominate for a position on your school board.

School

School name: **Gold Creek School**

Assistant Returning Officer (ARO) **Michael Rush** Ph **0262746889 / mikentan@netspeed.com.au**

Name of position	No. of vacancies	Eligibility criteria
Parents and citizens member	1	A member of the school community

Nomination

I, _____ am nominating for the position of
Parents and citizens member _____ on the school board. If elected I
will undertake the duties of the position.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

The Education and Training Directorate (the Directorate) is collecting the information on this form to enable it to conduct elections for school boards. This is authorised by section 41 of the *Education Act 2004*. This information will be disclosed to the school community to enable eligible voters to elect a nominee of their choice.

Lodgement

Nominations are to be submitted to the school's front office (either Primary or Senior Site Office) between **11am, 8 February 2013** and **11am, 22 February 2013**. Nominations must be submitted during school business hours: 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Your can submit your nomination by:

- hand delivery to the Gold Creek School front office (Primary or Senior Site)
- email to Michael Rush, ARO, at mikentan@netspeed.com.au (please ensure you receive a confirmation email)
- fax to 62052966 (Primary Site fax)
- mail to ARO, c/- Gold Creek School, Kelleway Avenue, Nicholls ACT 2913

The names of all nominees will be announced on 25 February, 2012.

If an election is required, the voting period will be from **11am, 1 March 2013** to **11am, 8 March 2013**.

Gold Creek School – Information Night

Tuesday 19th February 2013

We invite all students and their families to an information session to learn more about the exciting academic and extra-curricular activities on offer at our school in 2013. You will be given the opportunity to learn more about what is happening within your child's individual year groups as well as hear an address from our new Principal on her vision for the direction of Gold Creek School. We encourage all to attend, and hope that you enjoy the opportunity to learn more about the 2013 school year, meet staff and fellow parents and enjoy a sausage sizzle.

- **5.00 – 5.50** **All Primary site classes P-5 will be open for parents to hear about the specific *Primary Site* undertakings and expectations at each year level.**
 - **6.00-6.30** **Come and meet the new Principal and listen to her address to the community on *SS Library* her vision for Gold Creek School**
 - **6.30 – 7.30** **All Senior Site classes 6-10 will be open for parents to hear about the specific *Senior Site* undertakings and expectations for each year level and elective area.**
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Special Needs Forum for students enrolled in The Special Education Program

Monday, 18 February at 8.15am

All parents who have a student enrolled in **The Special Education Program at Gold Creek School** in 2013 are welcomed and encouraged to attend an information session to discuss the new framework for the delivery of support and targeted specialised programs. This information session held on the morning of Monday 18 February at 8.15am in the Senior Site School Learning Resource Centre.

If you are unable to attend, please contact Kate Stuckey on 62051814 to arrange an alternate appointment time.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE

Junior Campus

Dear Parents and Carers, Students and staff,

Welcome to the start of the school year at Gold Creek Junior campus. Thank you to all parents and carers for the support you have given your child in being prepared for the school year. For those who were here at the start of the day either Monday or Tuesday you will have seen our new school principal Linda Baird and our new teaching staff.

Preschool	Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Specialists
Melissa Mobbs	Jo Hampton	Jayne Phippen	Jo Singh	Mim Giampetro	Anna Buckman	Bev Job	Julie Pickering
Kellie Shoemark	Katie Young	Neelam Rikhi	Anne Brennan /	Melissa Priddle	Henry Warre / Robyn Overs	Bel Cox (nee Moloney) / Elissa Penfold	Schell Davis
Jane Marshall	Megan Searson-	Varuna Arora	Kim Barnett		Bev Job	Adam Hellyer	Sam Burgess/ Carly Hughes
Lisa Ryan	Patrick (nee Reinhart)	Jayne Bleckendorf	Belinda Brown / Mel Collett				Tony Webber
Carly Hughes	Caderyn Ollerenshaw						Keryn Hoeshle
Cindy Condon							Carina Merritt

All staff have been incredibly busy participating in Professional Development and working together in teams to prepare for the year ahead. There is a definite excited energy at Gold Creek School P to 10 as we build on the legacy left by Sue Jose.

We look forward to meeting with you all in Week 3's Open Night.

This year we have new staff on the Primary site. We would like to welcome the following:

Jane Marshall, Carly Hughes, Katie Young, Cadeyrn Ollerenshaw, Melissa Priddle, Anna Buckman, Adam Hellyer, Schell Davis, Carina Merritt, and Keryn Hoeshle

The following is a list of the Support Staff

Marilyn Chung	LSA Preschool	62052979
Margaret Cook	Library Assistant	62052957
Robyn Corbishly	LSA Preschool	62052979
Val Green	LSA / Admin	62052955
Emma Haythorpe	School Counsellor	62052964
Hillary Kinraid	LSA Preschool	62052906
Kerry Lyttle	Business Manager	62052743
Tania Lutan	LSA / Admin	62052955
Hilary Pitt	Admin Support	62052955
Deidre Robinson	Admin Support	62052955
Silvy Piccirillo	LSA / Admin	62052955

Warm regards

Brenda Ryan and the Executive team Robyn Overs, Julie Pickering and Belinda Brown

SENIOR SCHOOL HEAD NEWS (Y9-10)

This year we have only a few changes to the staff on the Senior Site. We would like to welcome

Max Rixe, Year 6 team

Nicole McLaurin, Year 6 team

Helen Sinclair, English, Y10 team

April Fojtik, Science Mathematics, Year 8 team

Lisa Batum, English, Year 8 team

Nicole, Max and Lisa have all worked at the school before and we are very pleased to have them back.

Our first few days of the school year have been very positive with many happy smiles, enthusiasm and nearly all students looking very smart in their school uniforms. The students have been getting to know the other students in their classes, developing the class rules and expectations.

We try to have all students in an elective class of their choosing. If they are unhappy with their choice they have the opportunity to change (providing there is space) on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8.30am. Any concerns with other classes the students have been encouraged to come and discuss them with me during recess and lunch times. The teachers spent a lot of time determining the appropriate class for each student. We are very happy to discuss individual circumstances so please get in touch if you have any concerns.

Kind Regards Glenda Websdale, Senior School Head.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 1 Feb	4 - New Students Day	5 - All Students return	6 - WS - Book packs will be given out from 11.30am-1.30pm	7	8
Week 2 Feb	11	12	13	14 Y8 Graduation Assembly (no other item) Valentine's DAY BBQ & Chocolates / cookies	15 Defence Morning Tea held in The Conference Room (Senior Site)
Week 3 Feb	18	19 Meet and Greet 5.45 – 7.45 (+P&C BBQ)	20 SS –School Photos	21 Excursion – Green Thumbs Environment Club	22 Follow up School Photos. Year 10 Excursion at The Parliamentary Triangle
Week 4 Feb-March	25	26	27	28 Y8 Graduation	1
Week 5 March	4 Frills Free week SS Swimming Carnival	5 Frills Free week	6 Frills Free week	7 Frills Free week PS School photos	8 Frills Free week

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent email info@goldcreek.act.edu.au or telephone the Primary Site - 6205 5737 Senior Site - 6205 1792 before 9:30am if possible.

Ensure that you state your child's first and last name, homeroom and leave a short message to advise whether your child is sick/on leave.

All absences must also be explained through a written format either email or a note given to the homeroom teacher upon return.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS

Primary – We have a second hand uniform shop manned by a volunteer on a Wednesday afternoon 2.55- 3.15pm and Friday 8.45-9.05am



Senior – We have a volunteer on Monday mornings from 8.30-9pm. **Note: We have an abundance of medium sized Jackets and Hoodies in our clothing pool**

Donations of second hand uniforms in good condition are always welcome!

Gold Creek Senior Student Breakfast Club

Is on every Wednesday morning from 7:45am-8:45am in the south building kitchens. Come along and enjoy a free breakfast and great company



CONTACT DETAILS

Dear Parents/Carers,

To keep our students records up to date, could you please let us know of any changes to addresses, phone numbers, medical conditions or any other information that we may need to have.

Please contact Hilary at the Primary Site on 6205 2955 or Maria at the Senior site on 6205 1809.

Thank you, the Admin Team



Student Attendance Times:

9.00am – 3.00pm (Yr K – 5)
8.50am - 3.00pm (Yr 6-10)



Receipting Times (Senior Site):

Monday to Thursday
8.30am - 8.45am
11.00am - 11.30am and
1.40pm - 1.55pm

Fridays 8:40am -11:40am only



School Office Hours:

Senior Site: 8.30am - 4.00pm
Ph.No. 6205 1814
Fax 6207 0471



Primary Site: 8.30am - 3.30pm

Ph.No. 6205 2955
Fax 6205 2966

