



# Senior Site Bites

## Week 9

Term 2 2014

### Dates to remember:

- 3 Jul – Yr 8 & 9 Immunisations
- 4 Jul – Yr 7 Immunisations
- 4 Jul – Last day Term 2

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## Associate Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we reflect on the past semester our students and community have made some very positive achievements.

The school radio is going strong at lunchtimes on the senior site and makes a valued contribution towards our school culture and engagement of our students during break times.

Students have been involved in the Geography Competition and da Vinci Decathlon, the success and achievements have been strong. These students will be acknowledged in a celebratory Assembly next Thursday as well as students performing in Dance.

Next term we look forward to our visitors from China. We thank the families that will host the Chinese students and value this experience as it builds understanding, global perspectives and connectedness for our students. Thanks to Kaarina Hill who is the leader of this project.

We also look forward to our Trivia Night next term on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> of August. Please support this by attending and contributing to our great school. At this event we will also launch a new school communication app which will allow on-line messages, absence reporting and calendar info at the touch of a button.

Reports on the senior site are being finalised as we speak. Students will receive reports in envelopes next Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of July in Tutor Group in the afternoon. These give thorough and important feedback on students' progress to date for each of the subjects studied over this semester. Please support students to reflect on their progress and be prepared for a successful second semester.

We wish everyone a happy and safe break.

Warm regards,  
*Priscilla Wray*  
Associate Principal

## Billets Required For Chinese Study Tour Group

Billets required urgently for visit of study tour group from **Hangzhou, China**. A study tour group consisting of 11 students (years 3, 6, 7 and 8) and 3 teachers (1 couple, 1 female teacher) from the LCENTRAL English Language School in Hangzhou, China will be at Gold Creek School from **3-15 August**. We are **urgently seeking billets** to cater for this group. This is a great opportunity for everyone within the community to develop friendships spanning across continents and learn about Chinese culture and language. One homestay pays \$557. To register your interest and for more detailed information please email [Kaarina.Hill@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Kaarina.Hill@ed.act.edu.au) or contact the school on 6205 1814.

WE STILL NEED 7-8 HOST FAMILIES FOR MALE CHINESE STUDENTS - GRADE 4 (DOB 2004)

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## Science Report

Four students represented Gold Creek School at the Australian Brain Bee Challenge at the ANU on Tuesday week 8. While they did not win the competition this year the students put up a good fight and showed our school off well. Josh, Grace, Harsh and especially Renee are to be congratulated for a great effort.

In other Science news, Year 7 are learning about Earth's resources and will be moving on to the marvels of seasons and how the moon causes tides and eclipses.

Years 8 and 9 will be looking further into Chemistry.

Year 10 are looking at the physics in buildings.

*Science Faculty*

## Australian Geography Competition

Last term, the Australian Geography Competition was hosted by the Humanities faculty for the first occasion at GCKS. From the 12 participants of the competition, there were two students who achieved a high distinction, one with a distinction and two student achieved credits in the Australian wide competition. All other students will receive a participation certificate for their portfolio.

Regards,

*Tamara Tomczyk*

*Humanities Faculty*

## World Challenge students and parents/carers

There will be a team meeting next Tuesday 1 July 2014 3.30-5.30pm. The location is to be confirmed but signs will be on display to advise you.

We have two guests speakers;

Brigitte who, when she was in year 10, went to Vietnam/Cambodia with World Challenge - she is going to share her experiences of the highs and lows and answer any questions you may have.

Jamie, is a physio therapist who is going to talk about general health - how to look after your feet whilst trekking and some other general hints and tips.

I hope that both of these people will be of interest to everyone.

We will also go through the final stages of paperwork and plans and answer any questions.

Please can you email Leona or Mark or contact the school via 6205 1814 to let them know if you are able to attend or not.

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[Mark.McLennan@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Mark.McLennan@ed.act.edu.au)

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club has finished for the term. There will be no Breakfast club in week 10 or week 1, Term3. It will start up again in Week 2, Term 3.

## Week 10 Assemblies

We will not be having a whole school assembly week 10 . The Junior Site will have an assembly which focuses on NAI-DOC week.

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