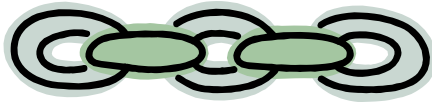




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DIARY

Mon. 9th Nov.

Value Awards Grades 3 and 4
2010 Prep Transition 9.00—
10.30 am St. Helena/Wattleree /
Wahroonga Pre-Schools

Tues. 10th Nov.

2010 Prep Transition 9.00—
10.30 am Eltham North / Briar
Hill Pre Schools

Wed. 11th Nov.

2010 Prep Transition 9.00—
10.30 am All other Pre-Schools /
Child Care

Thurs. 12th Nov.

Craftpower Incursion—Prep
Twilight Working Bee 4.30—7.30
pm

Fri. 13th Nov.

Ferngully Lodge Visit Grade 2

REMINDERS:

Value Awards Monday,
9th November Grades 3
and 4.

Booklist Payments due
4th December Gr 2—6
4th December for Prep
and Grade 1.

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:

FACILITIES UPDATE

The construction of our new multipurpose building is still in 'stall mode' at the moment. As I understand, our project is one of 28 other projects in the same tender package. The first tender process was unsuccessful so evidently the package of projects has recently gone back to tender. Whilst this delay is unfortunate, regrettably the project and what is happening is out of our hands for the time being. You may well read some media coverage from time to time regarding the Federal Government's BER (Building Education Revolution) funding program. Our new building is part of this nationwide building stimulus program and we are one of thousands of schools who were successful in gaining school improvement funds. We eagerly await further information regarding the progress of our project.

In the next few weeks, we hope to see the installation of 2 x 10,000 litre water tanks off the end of the decking near the canteen. The installation of these tanks will complete the shade structure project. Water harvested from the roof will keep the tanks full we hope and the tank water will then be diverted to supply the nearby student toilets.

Our last Working Bee for the year will be held on November 12th (next Thursday) from 4.30pm. Are you able to lend a hand? Whilst the day and time will not suit everyone, anyone who is available and has an hour or so to spare, would be most welcome! A number of maintenance tasks need to be undertaken and many hands will make light of the workload. We finish the working bee with a BBQ which is a great way of having a bit of a social get together with other GK families and staff. Children are most welcome and are generally very eager to lend a hand too.

PREP ORIENTATION

The series of optional after school prep orientation sessions ended last Thursday. For many of our 2010 Preps, they've already had a taste of school in the current Prep rooms and from the smiles on their faces, the experience was well worth it. Next week, the more formal part of our 2010 Prep orientation gets underway. Special thanks is owed to our Prep Leader Emma Hankinson along with other staff in the Prep team, Erin Heddle, Maria Parks and Hayley Jones for their wonderful effort in organising a very comprehensive and enjoyable prep orientation program. Thankyou also to other GK staff and parents who have been on hand to help out at these after school sessions. Our thanks also to the parents of our 2010 preps for taking the time to fit in a number of visits to GK, your effort will certainly help to make a smooth transition for your child into preps.

SUNSMART REMINDER

Congratulations and thankyou to our students for showing improved responsibility and remembering to wear a hat when outside during the school day. In the first week or so of this term, we had a large number of students who were 'hatless' but with a concerted and more determined effort from all staff, parents and students, now almost every student can be noticed with their hats on when outside during school time. The school's "No Hat No Play" rule is being enforced and students without a hat on any given day are automatically expected to go to the shade structure area during play and lunch times. During sport or PE, children without hats will also have to stay in a shaded area.

Jill Ramsay

Canteen News

CANTEEN ROSTER:

Mon. 9th Nov. S. Thomas, M. Butterworth, C. Veitch

Tues. 10th Nov. B. Boylen, C. Ludwick, S. Hinchcliffe

Wed. 11th Nov. L. Carter, S. Wildenberg, S. Stickland

Thurs. 12th Nov. D. Newton, S. Bowen, J. Calovic

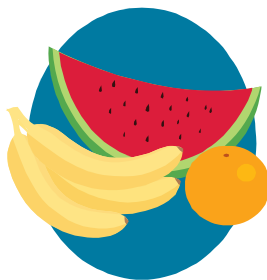
Fri. 13th Nov. A. Francis, T. Williams

2010. If you think you would like to be a part of our “once a month” gang, please don’t hesitate to contact us with your details and preferred day.

Desie & Suzi
CANTEEN

Just a reminder that Chicken Nuggets are available in bags of 4 for \$2—you can order two bags if one is not enough.

With the end of the year looming all too fast, we are looking to start sorting out our volunteer roster for



Year Round Care

The month of November will be very busy at After Care as we will be doing our favourite activities from the past year as voted by the children:

Mon. 9th Nov. Birthday party games (voted 4th favourite of the year)

Tues. 10th Nov. Cooking Pizzas (2nd)

Wed. 11th Nov. DVD (10th) or Choc Chip Pancakes (7th)

Thurs. 12th Nov. Tiny Teddy Cars (10th)

Fri. 13th Nov. Little Round Monsters (10th)

Emma Renn
ASSISTANT CO-ORDINATOR

PFA NEWS

URGENT MESSAGE TO ALL GK FAMILIES. PFA WELCOME COMMITTEE NEED YOUR HELP!

Transition morning tea and lunches for 2010 Prep students are fast approaching, but I still need plates of food and helpers. (If you are a prep mum or dad, now’s your chance to share all of your prep experiences with new Prep parents of 2010).

1. **Mon. 9th Nov.** 9.00—10.30am
St. Helena Pre School/ Wahroonga/ Wattletree

2. **Tues. 10th Nov.** 9.00—10.30.
Eltham North Pre School / Briar Hill

3. **Wed. 11th Nov.** 9.00—10.30 am
All other pre-schools and child care centres.

Thurs. 26th Nov—Lunch 11.30—12.30 pm (St. Helena Pre School, Briar Hill)

Fri. 27th Nov.—Lunch 11.30—12.30 pm (All other pre-schools and child care centres)

Contact Carolyn Smith—
rocksmithstc@bigpond.com or 9432-5989 or 0423 417 253.

WORKING BEE

Thursday 12th November

A BIG Thank –you to the following families that indicated they would be able to assist with this working bee when the Working Bee availability form was sent out in term one of this year—Bricknell, Uwland, McConville, Christofi, Murphy, Sleight, Higham, Ludwick, Basil, Gooley, Quinn, ODonnell, Ciuslino, Jackson, Hodgson, Disani, Neilan, Deluca, Watson, Hovarth.

BOOKLISTS & 2009 SCHOOL CHARGES

The 2010 Booklists and School Charges have been sent home with your children. Payments can be made by either cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS. To be eligible to be in the draw for a Digital Camera, you need to pay the full fees by 4th December for Grade 2—6 and 11th December for Prep and Grade 1.

Bookpacks can only be ordered as a whole. You cannot cross off any items. If this creates any financial difficulties, please contact Pauline Zealley, Business Manager on 9431-1599.

SPORT NEWS

FRIDAY SPORT

GK Darks teams have no scheduled sport games this week. GK Lights play DCE away. Good luck to the Volleyball Girls who will play in the Regional Finals against Oakleigh South in the Semi Final and if they win, will play Eltham East in the final. Matches commence at 1.00 pm at Eltham East Primary School on Friday.

BIKE ED

Bike Ed commences for Grade 4 students. This term. The students will be involved in a 4 week course that focuses on safe riding skills and safety rules. Thank you to the many parents who have offered to assist.

STATE ORIENTEERING

Good luck to the Glen Katherine Orienteering Team that will compete at the State Titles held at Jells Park on Friday, 13th November. Approximately 100 students from Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be involved on this day.

David Blackburn
PE / SPORT CO-ORDINATOR



FIRST AID NEWS

SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

The school nurse from the School Nursing Program, Department of Human Services, will be visiting our school commencing on Monday, 16th November. During this visit, the school nurse, with parental permission will:

- Conduct a health assessment on prep grade children.
- Follow up children who have had health problems identified previously.
- Assess children from other grades with a health concern (including social, emotional or learning)
- Perform health assessments (referred by parents or teachers' concerns) on students recently enrolled from overseas.
- Be available for health information and advice.

All forms must be returned by Wednesday, 11th November, 2009.

Leanda Hudson
FIRST AID OFFICER

ITALIAN PROGRAM

The LOTE (Italian) Program at Glen Katherine has its Learning Focus based on the LOTE VELS Pathway 1, Levels 1 to 4.

Students begin with a basic understanding that there are differences between the language and English. They also 'develop an understanding of the speakers of Italian and the countries, regions and communities where the language is spoken'.

There is some basic usage of and response to the language through topics and activities related to self, the students' own experiences and other classroom/school activities.

Familiarizations with the sounds, words, phrases and simple sentences of the language occurs through the use of greetings, introductions, songs, role-plays and by performing basic routines. Patterns are generally repetitive to foster 'strategies for memorisation and comprehension'. The meaning of the language is made clear by: gestures, dramatisation, singing, dancing, activities, conversing and viewing. Students begin to develop all language skills, including writing, using models and support provided by the teacher.



(Italian Week 2009 – 27th /31st July – Spaghetti Eating Competition Final)

As they progress, students use the LOTE in more structured situations and through activities related to their immediate environment, such as the family, the classroom, the school and the community. Words are repeated and encountered frequently in the classroom and students begin to experiment with the language by trying to form simple sentences based on given models and identifying patterns. 'Students recognise the printed form of words they have memorised.' Again, they are immersed in the language as much and as far as possible by performing activities, singing, role-playing and using graphic and visual materials. They also continue to follow models provided by the teacher.

Students consolidate and extend language learnt and their personal vocabulary. They recognise patterns and begin to understand differences and similarities between English and Italian. Students are encouraged to identify a wider range of contexts in which the language can be used and they use the language in ICT applications. 'They use simple software applications to demonstrate understanding of known vocabulary and structures'.

Throughout the program, 'students learn about broader cultural topics and recognise that the culture associated with the language embraces many different ways of life'.

Students are encouraged to use and understand the language by drawing from their own experiences and imagination. They use resources such as dictionaries effectively and learn strategies for language retention. They also learn how different language systems work, thus supporting the learning and refinement of their own first language.

At Glen Katherine the objectives of the Learning Focus are met through topics and units of work which are designed to be as close as possible to the philosophy and units of work developed in Throughlines. In semester two these topics are: the three Rs (Reducing, reusing and recycling); and Cycles and Systems.

Corrado Porcaro
ITALIAN

VALUE AWARDS

NOTE: The Awards will be presented at assembly next Monday.

Grade	Student	Awarded for
3D	Lachlan K	For showing excellence and persistence while being on the Grade 3 Camp.
3E	Georgia A	For showing persistence and encouragement on Grade 3 Camp
3E	Brooke L	For the creativity she used in her role as one of the two leading ladies in the Dracula play.
3F	Hannah L	For her persistent effort in sport skills. She made her first home run ever.
3L	Christian M	For showing persistence and resilience by never giving up on the challenges he faced at Grade 3 Camp.
3/4O	Emma H	For her excellence and persistence displayed in her work.
4C	Elizabeth E	For showing persistence with her handwriting. Betty has worked hard at school and home to develop her joining style, resulting in her achieving her pen learners.
4K	Emily K	For always thinking creatively and for having a persistent and positive attitude towards the tasks that she approaches.
4K	Sienna W	For respecting her peers. Sienna volunteers on many occasions to assist with setting up and packing up in art lessons.
4M	Amy G	For showing excellence and creativity by participating enthusiastically in maths. Amy thought about fractions in many different ways and shared this information with the class.
4R	Libbi G	For respect and persistence. Libbi always treats others with kindness and respect. Libbi has continued to challenge herself with her maths.

COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNIOR BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Friday, 6th November, 2009. Dance prizes. Diamond Creek Community Centre. 7.00—10.00 pm. Admission \$6.00. No pass outs. Ages 8 to 13.

DIAMOND CREEK NETBALL

Registration Monday 9th or Monday, 16th November between 4.00—6.00 pm. Registration forms available from clubroom anytime or can be downloaded from www.diamondcreekforce.com.au. All games played Saturday mornings at Diamond Creek Netball Complex, Diamond Street, Diamond Creek. Training Monday after school.

STAFF PROFILES- 2009

Hi everyone it's Alexander Collum & Jack Polmear your Roving Reporters. This week we have Miss Heddle, who was our Grade 3 Teacher. After reading this week's profile, we would **love** your feedback. You can contact us via you or your child coming to see us in the yard **or** put a note titled 'Staff Profiles- Feedback' in Miss Belinda Abley's pigeon hole, in the office. If you have missed a 'Staff Profile', you can still read it. Get a copy from the office or go to the [Previous Linkletters for 2009](#) link, on the Glen Katherine website profile page. ENJOY THE PROFILE!!!



Name: Miss Erin Heddle

Current Positions: Prep Teacher

Past Positions: Grade 4 Teacher, 3/4 Teacher

How many years have you been teaching for? 5 years

What is your favourite subject to teach? Writing

What is something unique about you as a teacher? I have wanted to be a teacher since Grade 3, I love coming to work to have fun with my Prep students and to assist with their social & academic growth.

What do you enjoy doing outside of school? I like to go camping, shopping & spending time with my family and friends.

Are there any other jobs that you do? I am the Prep Incursions & Excursions Coordinator

How do you think G.K. is compared to other schools? I think G.K. is a fantastic school it has great facilities & excellent staff & students.

If you weren't a teacher, what would you do? I would be a lady of leisure (laughs)!

What schools did you go to as a child? St Mel's PS & Notre Dame College (both in [Shepparton](#))

Which AFL team do you support? Collingwood

In Brief: Favourite- Colour? Green

Favourite- Food? Fish & Chips

Favourite- Movie? 'Brigitte Jones' Diary'

Favourite- Song/Artist? 'I'm Yours'

Favourite- Animal? Dogs

What are some memorable moments in your career as a teacher? Teaching Alexander & Jack!