WELCOME BACK EVERYONE

It's always good to see everyone back again after the holiday period. We hope the change of routine for everyone was a welcome and very enjoyable one.

We welcome back the following staff members who have returned from short periods of leave: Leigh Fatchen, Carla DiLizio, Susan Hollyoak & Sherryn Owen. Special thanks to their replacements also who did a terrific job in ensuring program and routine continuity: Hayley Jones, Melinda Djukic, Nadia Cosma and Lisa Tsobanopolous.

THANK YOU TO OUR PFA

Our PFA members do a marvellous job. In so many ways, they contribute to the culture, improvement and life of the school. One of their BIG tasks is raising valuable funds that support a number of projects or school programs.

Many would have noticed the installation of a new garden area during the holidays. The area down near the grade 1 play equipment and tennis courts has been transformed into a delightful outdoor space with a meandering path, raised garden beds, large flat rocks for scrambling over, seating and table space. Twelve months ago, from this area we removed 4 relocatable classrooms and it’s great to be able to reclaim the space and improve it for the benefit of our students.

Funds raised by our PFA have enabled us to do this landscaping works. A BIG thank you to our PFA for their continual hard work and effort which goes a long way to helping improve our school. A BIG thank you also to our parents and wider community who by supporting our fundraising events, have directly contributed to the improvements we’re able to make at GK. We are extremely grateful for the wonderful support we receive from our PFA and parent community. Thank you!

Have a great term 4 everyone!

Jill Ramsay
Help!

Are you organised, like cutting, pasting and laminating? Do you have an hour to spare in the morning of Friday Oct. 18th? The teachers in the Literacy Team would love your help to put together a variety of classroom activities that will be used to teach ‘spelling’ in prep to grade 6. Not only will your help be invaluable to the teachers and ultimately the children at GK but we are sure you will also pick up a few valuable hints to help your own child.

If you are able to help out please let Jenny Hopkin know by sending the slip below back to school or contact the school by Monday Oct 14th.

Jenny Hopkin, on behalf of the Literacy Team

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I can help out on Friday Oct 18th _______________ (name). I am available at ______________________ (time). _________________________(child’s name and grade).

I am unable to help out on Friday Oct 18th but can help on ________________ (date) at ________________ (time). _________________________(child’s name and grade).

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Last week of term the ‘DO RIGHT DETECTIVE’ found the following students displaying good learning behaviours:

6A Charis B
5V Lachlan S
3R Owen P
2O Amelia B
1A Jessica O
Prep D Lachlan E

Well done to these students as well as many others who were also noticed for showing great learning behaviours.

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Keep the Date

Grade 6 Graduation
Wednesday 11th December
Planet Shakers - 360 Main Road, Lower Plenty
I hope everyone has had a good break and are ready for the final stretch for the year. Now that the good weather is on the way we will have our sunshine jelly and frozen fruits back on the menu and available for purchase over the counter at lunch recess along with the ice-creams & slushies. Also, please remove the Cheese & Bacon Puffs from your menu (you will find it listed under ‘Every day hot foods’). We have a couple of serves available for purchase but will not be making any more this year.

I still have an opening on the roster for the 3rd Tuesday and again on 2nd Friday. Helpers are only needed 9am to 11.45am once a month and I can be contacted 8.30am to 1.30pm Tuesday to Friday should you wish to find out more or put your name down.

Cheers, Suzi Cunningham

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REMINDERS:

Grade 3 and 4 final camp payments due: 11th October, 2013
Grade 2 Ferngully Lodge payments due: 23rd October, 2013
Grade 5 & 6 Camp 2014—deposit due: 11th October, 2013
Grade 3 & 4 Swimming payments due: 18th October, 2013

SUNSMART TIME - The ‘NO HAT, NO PLAY’ rule will take affect from the beginning of term 4. Please find those GK school hats and have them at school from the first day of term 4.

SHOE & SHOE LACE COLOURS

All shoes should conform to the school colours (ie black/blue/white/grey are the predominant colour) All footwear should be worn with MATCHING LACES (ie black, blue, white or grey) and socks.

Sandals must have covered toes. Footwear should offer appropriate foot support when doing physical activity. Lightweight, slip-on style canvas-style footwear is not considered appropriate. Please remember Uniform Policy requirements when replacing footwear.

FAMILY MOVING ON NEXT YEAR? If your child/ren currently in Preps-Grade 5 are not going to be at GK next year, do we know this yet? Please confirm with the office, in writing, as soon as you know your child/ren will be relocating. This is essential information which we need to help us plan for 2014 staffing, room entitlement and class structure.
LOCAL EXCURSION TO ST HELENA BUSHLAND RESERVE FOR ECOLOGY STUDIES IN TERM 4

If you have an interest in habitats, flora and fauna and you’d be interested in accompanying your child’s grade across to the local reserves during SCIENCE lessons next term, then your input and assistance would be welcome. However we have to ensure that all helpers have a WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (completed and a copy at the office) and then let me (Annemarie) know that you intend on accompanying your child’s grade during the excursions via a note in my pigeonhole or email. **SORRY – no younger sibling or children are allowed.** The terrain will not accommodate stroller/prams etc. The dates for the excursions are as follows:

**Week 2 and Week 6**
*Monday 14th October/ Monday 11th November*
1A 10.20 am-12.50 pm (lunchtime in between so 12.00 noon -12.50 pm might be more feasible)
4L 12.50 pm-3.00pm

*Tuesday 15th October/ Tuesday 12th November:*
3O 8.40 am -10.20 am // 3R 10.20 am -12.50pm (lunchtime included) // 3F 12.50 pm -3.00 pm

*Thursday 17th October/ Thursday 14th November:*
4C 9.30 am -11.05 am // 4H 12.00 noon -1.40 pm

*Friday 18th October/ Friday 15th November:*
1G 8.40 am—10.20 am // 1/2B 12.00 noon -1.40 pm

**Week 3 and Week 7**
*Monday 21st October/Monday 18th November*
5R 9.30 am -11.05 pm // 5V 12.00 noon -1.40 pm

*Tuesday 22nd October/Tuesday 19th November*
6W 8.40 am -10.20 am (*Prep D* will be meeting their buddies across at reserve at 9.30 am -10.20 pm)
6M 10.20 am – 12.50 pm (*Prep T* will be meeting their buddies across at reserve at 12.00 noon-12.50 pm)
5D 12.50 pm -3.00 pm

*Thursday 24th October/Thursday 21st November*
6A 8.40 am—10.20 am (*Prep H* will be meeting their buddies at reserve at 9.30 am -10.20 am)
5/6L 10.20 am-12.50 am (*Prep S* will be meeting their buddies at reserve at 12.00 noon -12.50 pm)

*Friday 25th October/Friday 22nd November*
2A 8.40 am -10.20 am//2O 10.20 am -12.50 pm// 2D 12.50 pm -3.00 pm

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**Child’s name: ____________________________  Grade: _____________________**

My name is ___________________________ and my Working with Children Check is copied and on file at the office. I intend to accompany my child’s grade during their local excursion to the St Helena Bushland Reserve on ___________________________ (date).

Put in Annemarie’s pigeonhole or email to webb.annemarie.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
5 Star Sustainable Classrooms

The race is well and truly on to see which class will be the first to attain ALL 5 Stars. This week has seen a flurry of activity down in the Gully with classes earning their biodiversity star by planting seedlings to increase the understorey for insects and smaller birds.

Congratulations to ALL grade 1, 2, 5 and 6 grades plus 3O for attaining their BIODIVERSITY badges!! Most classes just now need to maintain their badges for water, waste, food and keep saving energy so that when they get spot checked by the Green Team they will be in the running for the fabulous class prize!!

AUSSIE ANIMAL CARDS SWAP – MONDAY LUNCHTIME

On Monday 14th October, during lunchtime, the Green Team and Mrs Webb will be hosting a card swap day for any students wanting to swap Aussie Animal Cards from Woolworths!! If you would like to attend please bring yourself, cards and good humour down to the Science Room Monday lunchtime!!

BOTTLES ARE BACK

Finally our Be Smart, Choose Tap torpedo sport bottles are back for sale. $5 each – please see Lisa in the office.

Our GK Family Skaterz Night will now be held on Saturday 26th October.

If you had purchased tickets for the original date, can you please advise us of non attendance ASAP, as no refunds will be given after Tuesday 22nd October. If we don’t hear from you, we will assume you are attending.

See you there!!

Please contact Kate on 0409 528 776 with any queries.

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Small items wanted for upcoming Prep Transition Days. If you have anything suitable for sale, please send them to school along with your name, child’s name and grade and a contact number.

New helpers needed for 2014!!! Carolyn smith has volunteered to take on the role of Co-ordinator, but we URGENTLY need volunteers for our roster to keep this important service operating. We are currently open Monday and Friday mornings between 8.30 am and 9.00 am. If you can help out any day, once a week, once a fortnight, even once a month, please call Carolyn Smith on 0423 417 253 or Amanda Fraser on 04058 718 770.
SPORT NEWS

DIVISION ATHLETICS
Glen Katherine Athletics Team produced many excellent performances when competing in the Division Athletics held at Meadow Glenn Track on Tuesday 8th October. Once again the students represented the school with great endeavour with many personal best achievements.

It was an outstanding result for the school, with 19 students qualifying for the next level, the Regional Championships that will be held at Meadow Glenn Track next Wednesday 16th October.

Good luck to the following students that qualified:

11 boys relay team (1st) – Lachlan S, Sam S, Lucas W, Liam M
11 girls relay team (1st) – Mikayla P, Charlotte M, Mackenzie C, Kiara F
Daniel F – (2nd) - 12 boys high jump
Jackie D – (2nd) - 10 girls high jump
Mitch R – (2nd) - 12 boys discus
Cassy W – (1st) - 10 girls shotput
Gretel B – (1st) - 12 girls shotput
Kane F – (2nd) - 11 boys shotput
Lucas W – (2nd) - 11 boys long jump, (1st) 100m.
Alex H – (1st) - 10 girls hurdles
Sam S – (2nd) - 11 boys hurdles
Mikayla P – (2nd) - 11 girls hurdles
Courtney W – (2nd) - 11 girls 800m

SUMMER SPORT
Summer sport commences with practice this Friday. The Darks boys basketball team will play Apollo Parkways in a play-off game at Apollo Parkways.

Interschool sport for Darks and Lights teams re-commences the following week.

UNIFORM RETURN
Parents please ensure that if your child still has athletics uniform, football jumpers or shorts please return to the PE Office ASAP.

DAVID BLACKBURN
Banyule City Council invites you to get outdoors for...

**Bike Ride and Maintenance**

*FREE*

**Family Friendly Event**

**Sunday 13 October, 10am - 1pm**

Sills bend, Warringal Parklands, Beverley Road, Heidelberg

**Free Safety Checks**

Come and ride your bike along the beautiful Main Yarra Trail. The Banyule Bicycle User Group will provide free maintenance and safety checks on your bike.

**Register to Win!**

When you register for this event you will go in the draw to win one of three $100 vouchers to spend at Walker Wheels—the Montmorency Bike Shop.

Car parking is available in Warringal Parklands.

Call 9490 4222 or visit www.banyule.vic.gov.au for more info.

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**Blessing of the Animals**

*Sunday October 13th at 10.00am*

**Speaker:** Mary White who will speak about the endangered leadbeater possums

**St. Margaret’s Hall 79-81 Pitt St. Eltham**

**All pets and their owners**

**WELCOME**

Refreshments, and free pet food after the service

*Pets must be under the control of their owners*

For more information: www.smargaretsethnam.org.au. Or ring 9499235

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**Nillumbik Junior Soccer Club**

**Free Soccer Clinic**

- Fun for Boys & Girls 6 – 14 yrs.
- Qualified coaches.
- Skills and Movement.
- Beginners and experienced welcome.
- Bring Runners and Water bottle.

**Diamond Valley College Oval**

6:30pm – 7:30pm every Wednesday

From 30th October to 27th November

Paul: 0412 484 077 or Steve: 0407 367 893

Email: enquiries@nillumbiksoccer.org.au

Website: www.nillumbik.sportingpulse.net

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**Kids, Come & Try Fishing**

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT HOSTED BY THE NORTHERN SUBURBS FLY FISHING CLUB INC.**

*Sunday October 20, 9-30am-2pm*

Yarrambat Park Lake, Yan Yean Rd., Yarrambat

All equipment, tackle, bait and instruction is provided for FREE

A BBQ lunch and soft drinks will be available at a small cost

Contact: Cain Poldrano 0409 703 294

It’s a catch-and-release only event. Kids under 15 must be accompanied by an adult
Keyboard Lessons

Places are now available for any child who would like to learn the piano/keyboard during school hours Beginning Term 4 - 2013

Please contact Peter Raymakers (B. mus., A.mus.A, Dip. Lib. Arts) on:- 0431 817 470

Milo In2Cricket Program
North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club (NEWCC)

The North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club (NEWCC) is one of the biggest junior clubs in the Diamond Valley Cricket Association and has a successful history of running the Milo In2Cricket program.

The highly successful Milo In2Cricket program is a fun introduction for both boys and girls to learn how to play cricket. It provides children with an enjoyable and safe learning environment where they can build their confidence, develop new skills and play games.

MILO In2CRICKET teaches children the most important lesson of all which is to LOVE THE GAME. Once a child learns to love the game of cricket they will be a cricketer for life and will experience all the benefits the game provides.

Program Commences
Registration: Sunday 20th October 2013 9.30 am to 11.00 am
Program Commences: Sunday 27th October 2013 9.30 am to 11.00 am
Where: Wattletree Road, Eltham North, Victoria 3095 (adjacent to roundabout) Melways: Map 11, K11
Cost: $75 for the program
Who is it suited to: Typically children in Prep through to Grade 1 or 2 inclusive

Registrations for older children are still welcome
Contact details: Brian Stieg - 0400 560 490
Great News – we have a new date!!

Our GK Family Skaterz Night will now be held on

Saturday 26th October

Time: 6 – 9pm
Venue: Skaterz - 27 Susan St, Eltham
Cost: $12 per skater (includes skate hire)
Non-skaters - free (max 2 per family)

We still have some tickets remaining, so get in quick so you don’t miss out! This event is strictly for GK families only, wristbands will be provided at the door, and no tickets will be sold on the night.

The kiosk will be available for hot drinks, ice-creams, lollies and crisps only. Bring your own basket supper (no alcohol).

Ticket sales close – Tuesday 22nd October.

Any queries? Please contact Kate on 0409 528 776.

Family Name: ___________________ Eldest Child: ___________ Grade: _______

Contact Number: __________________

Number of Skaters: ________ ($12 each)

Number of Non-Skaters: __________ (free – max 2 per family)

Total amount paid: $___________  * Wrist bands will be given to paid skaters at the door.