DIARY

2013
TERM 3
Thurs. 12th Sept.
Italian Day
Whole School Italian Celebration Assembly 2.10pm

Thurs. 19th Sept.
Fab Footy Fever Feast Preps—Grade 3’s

Fri. 20th Sept.
Fab Footy Fever Feast Grade 4’s—6’s

Last day of Term 3 - 2.30pm finish

TERM 4
Mon. 7th Oct.
Term 4 Commences 8.40 am

Tues. 8th Oct.
Division Athletics PFA Meeting 7.30 pm

Thurs. 10th Oct.
Grade 3 Camp Parent Information Evening

Tues. 15th Oct.
Grade 6 Graduation Photo

Wed. 16th Oct.
Regional Aths. 2.15 pm 2014 Prep Session

PRINCIPAL’S NOTES:

DISCO MANIA

Last Friday evening, over three hundred students participated in one of the three disco events. A lot of fun was had by all who attended. Well done and thank you to the PFA for hosting the disco evening and very special thanks to Tracey Russell who oversaw the planning and organisation which ensured a safe and enjoyable event for everyone. Refer to a separate article in the Linkletter for further information.

PREP Dr. Seuss DAY

We didn’t recognise our Prep students (and their teachers) last week when they came along to school as their favourite Dr Seuss character. Wow! GK was really invaded by lots of colourful characters, all looking spectacular. Everyone had a fantastic fun filled day and their assembly parade at the end of the day captured the brilliant range of characters and the terrific effort put in by parents and teachers. Well done everyone! A big thank you to the parents & grandparents who took the time to come along and be a very appreciative audience at the parade too. Check out the Dr Seuss page in today’s Linkletter and make sure you visit the Prep Blog on our website where you will see many pictures that show the fun-filled day that was had by all.

CYBERSAFETY

Do you know that 13+ years is the age that you have to be to have a Facebook account? We never cease to be amazed by the number of students who aren’t 13 and yet their parents have allowed them to have a Facebook account and now Instagram in which others can be messaged in often a non-monitored way. Students are not able to access Facebook and other social media sites from school. Interestingly though, from time to time, we have a parent contact us regarding inappropriate messages being sent (out of school hours) by children. Inappropriate use of social media is a fast growing problem and one which parents are strongly advised to take notice of. In giving children access to a range of communication devices (phones, i-pads, i-pods, computers etc.) parents must ensure that they are well informed of the pitfalls and of the consequent need to have both supervision and restrictions in place at home. Children need to know how to use the devices in a socially appropriate way. Messages are like electronic footprints and can be used as evidence when someone hasn’t behaved appropriately. Parents are strongly encouraged to Google CONNECTSAFELY.ORG, a very comprehensive parent information site which gives lots of tips, suggestions and advice regarding cyber safety. Also, parent educator Michael Carr Gregg has a useful article “Keeping Kids Safe in a Cyber World” which we have placed on our website (in Parenting Ideas on homepage). Please help your children to stay safe and also develop socially responsible online behaviours.

Jill Ramsay

Our values: RESPECT, Resilience, Excellence, Safety, Perseverance, Encouragement, Creativity and Tolerance
Last week the ‘DO RIGHT DETECTIVE’ found the following students displaying good learning behaviours:

Ben F    PT
Lara H    1/2B
Aaron L   3R
Chloe L   4C
Kiara F   5R
Hayley F   6M

Great effort to these students on a wonderful week!

VALUES FOCUS
This week we are thinking about CREATIVITY

Some synonyms that describe creativity include:

Innovative
Inventive
Productive
Original
Inspiring
Stimulating
Clever

Creativity can make you rethink things is new ways and make you and someone else smile. When was the last time you have used creativity?

"Creativity is intelligence having fun."

- Albert Einstein-
Available until sold out: Triple Choc Cookies available for $1 each.

The Fab Footy Feast Special Lunch order forms are due in by 9AM TOMORROW. Just a reminder that the Preps to 3’s will be having their special lunch on THURSDAY, 19th SEPT and the 4’s to 6’s will be having theirs on FRIDAY, 20th SEPT (last day of school). Please note that there will be no normal lunch orders available on either the 19th or 20th September due to this special lunch. Thank you to everyone who has popped their name down to help. I will contact you next week.

I still have an opening on the roster for the 3rd Tuesday and again on 2nd Friday (thank you Jenny for taking up a spot on that 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

REMINDERS:

Grade 3 & 4 Camp 2nd payment $50 due Friday, 13th September.

SUNSMART TIME - It’s time to find those GK school hats. From September to April it is recommended that students have their GK hat at school and in terms 4 and 1, it is compulsory for students to have their hat on when outside during the day. The ‘NO HAT, NO PLAY’ rule will take affect from the beginning of term 4. But just in case we have some warm, sunny days during September, it would be wise to have those hats at school now please.
Dr Seuss- Prep Parade

After many weeks of looking at crazy Dr Seuss characters having fun with rhymes and designing their own costumes, the Preps finally had a chance to dress up as their favourite character. What a bright and whacky day it was!

A huge thank you to all the parents and students for their enthusiasm, creativity and attending our parade. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Prep Teachers-Mrs Hopkin, Miss Smith, Miss Downey & Mrs Totino.
**GK STUDENT DISCO - OH WHAT A NIGHT!**

Last Friday over 300 children ‘busted their moves’ at the GK Disco. The MPB again was a fantastic venue, J Hale Mobile discos kept the kids on their feet with their chosen music and the Bboy demonstration by Neil Men-dez was enjoyed by Gr 4.5 & 6. A fantastic night was had by all. We hope the children really enjoyed themselves. Photos of the Disco will be posted on the notice board soon!

Thanks must go to the 31 volunteers that helped us run the disco. Without your assistance these events would not be possible, so thank you... Helen Giannakos, Bridget Ramaekers, Amanda Fraser, Fiona Davies, Janet Lyall, Nicole Pearse, Liz Zouzounas, Andrea Wecke Welch, Julie Constable, Irene Bartlett, Carol Kovacic, Catherine Robertson, Margie Haynes, Jamie Chapman, Amanda Silver, Namaste Gadbois, Annette Miller, Kate Arnot, Tamy Forbes, Vanessa Lebar, Rebecca Dauria, David Paterson, Felicity Armstrong, Natalie King, Leone Morris, Michelle Garner, Tania Kouranos, Jodie Watts, Abbey Cistiano, Aurora Frattali, Amanda Luke & a special thank you to Mrs Ramsay who helped us supervise the disco all night. The PFA and children really appreciated the attendance of several staff throughout the evening. Thank you Loretta, Leanne, Sally, Di, Katherine, Jenny, Jane, Libby, Shannon, Sandra and Ken!

Tracey Russell (PFA)

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**SPORT FINALS**
Commence at 9.30 am

- **Netball A**—GK Darks vs Apollo A—Community Bank Stadium Diamond Creek
- **Netball B**—GK Darks vs DCE—Community Bank Stadium Diamond Creek
- **Football**—GK Darks vs Apollo A—Anthony Beale Reserve
- **Soccer—(Boys)** GK Darks vs Apollo A—Eltham North Reserve
- **Soccer—(Girls)** GK Darks vs Sacred Heart—Eltham North Reserve
- **Softball—(Boys)** GK Darks vs Apollo A—DCE
- **Softball—(Girls)** GK Darks vs Hurstbridge at 9.10 am to determine 2nd place, then final game—Apollo Parkways

Lights teams will have practice games back at school. Lights footballers need to return their jumpers and shorts to Miss Jones. Soccer tops and shin guards need to be returned to Miss V.

**FOOTY DAY**
The schools footy day will be held on the last Friday of term in the gym from 9AM TO 11AM on Friday 20th September. There will be a footy parade in which students can dress up in their favourite teams colours, competitions and footy day lunch. The day will be a gold coin donation to assist the schools sponsored child in Africa. Look forward to seeing you there.

**DIVISION ATHLETICS TRAINING**
Division athletics training will be held on Monday 16th September at Willinda Park from 3.30 -4.30 for the students that qualified in track and field events. High jump training will be held on Tuesday morning at the school at 8am.

DAVID BLACKBURN
(PE / SPORT LEADER)
GK SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

For those of you who come through the school grounds you’ll notice how great the gardens are looking at the moment. Spring has certainly sprung, and the wattles are now all blooming! Our grounds are a great credit to us and it is because of our wonderful school community that we have them, so thank you to all those who gave up time on Sunday to come to the working bee. The students certainly get a lot of joy playing in and around our gardens and it’s wonderful to see them taking some ownership of what happens to their environment. During yard duty I often witness children picking up rubbish on their own volition which is fantastic and I always thank them for their efforts in keeping our grounds rubbish free. It’s amazing how chip packets and plastic bags often make their way, through wind or rain, to the storm water catchment area at the bottom of the school next to the science room and our students are well aware the impact this has on habitats and biodiversity. During our gully visits we have noticed some new inhabitants, including a frog, some eggs in the pond and a very friendly kookaburra who came and studied 1/2B and 1G at very close proximity last Friday!

Speaking of storm water catchments, on Tuesday I had the pleasure of taking a group of students to Edendale Farm for a Kids Teaching Kids Conference. This was attended by delegations of students from local schools who are interested in environmental issues. The topic this year was ‘My Water, Your Water, Our Water’ and our particular presentation was on storm water catchments. Congratulations to Kiara, Hannah, Caitlin, Jack, Harry, Evan and James who did a superb job representing Glen Katherine.

As part of the Be Smart, Choose Tap campaign we have had a new aquabubbler installed next to our courtyard drink bubblers. As well as drinking from this, drink bottles can also be filled underneath. We encourage all students and staff to drink and enjoy our lovely Melbourne tap water – as just like plants, we start to wilt if not hydrated regularly! I know there is a lot of you waiting to purchase the Choose Tap drink bottles. Unfortunately due to their popularity we will not be receiving more until next term. I will let you know when they are available for purchase at $5 each.

Thank you to all parents and guardians who have returned the local excursion permission forms handed out a couple of weeks ago. I am really looking forward to having an ecologist come and work with the students during science lessons and take us across to the local reserves so we can see indigenous flora and fauna and think of ways we as a school community could assist in the care of these reserves. Your child WILL NOT be able to attend these sessions if permission has not been given, so make sure your form is returned promptly.

Finally, thanks for all your help it getting our classrooms to 5 Star Sustainability! Having nude food lunchboxes, filled drink bottles and a general awareness of ways to assist in keeping our environment healthy, is truly wonderful to witness. Cheers, Mrs Webb.
WORKING BEE – SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

Thank-you to the parents and students who did a fantastic job at last Sunday’s working bee. The working team pruned, weeded, spread mulch and granitic sand to bring the garden area near the lower play ground equipment back to a state that Glen Katherine can be proud of, along with making it a great passive play area for the students. Also our flag pole was repaired by Col Mynard and Brett Anquetil so that it can be used to for Monday morning assemblies. Thank you to Leanne Tingwell for cooking a great BBQ. Thank you to following families for their outstanding contribution.


DAVID BLACKBURN
FACILITIES LEADER

Footy Poster Competition

Great prizes to be won!

All posters need to be finished and brought to Mrs Greens room by Thursday 19th September for judging.
ELTHAM COMMUNITY CRAFT & PRODUCE MARKET
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15th.
8.30am - 1.00pm
PANTHER PLACE, ELTHAM
School Holiday Netball Program

SPRING PROGRAM
Monday 30/3/2013 to Wednesday 2/10/2013
9.30am - 3.30pm
Children aged 6 - 12 years
Cost: $170 (all inclusive)
EFTPOS facilities available
Enrolment forms available from the
Competitions office
Tuesday’s & Saturday’s
Website: www.banyulenetball.com.au

Enrolments Close
3pm on Saturday 21st September, 2013
(no entries will be accepted after this date)

Venue Address:
Banyule & District Netball Association
Banyule Netball Stadium
2 Business Avenue, Macleod, 3085
Phone: 0407.081.017

EQUILIBRIUM

EVERYONE Welcome!

Ladie’s Night Out

@ Apollo Parkways Primary
School Hall, Civic Drive, Greensborough

Friday, October 25
7PM - 9PM

Door Prizes - Food - Wine Tastings - Entertainment
* Soaps * Crafts * Kids Accessories * Giftware * Homewares *
* Ladies Clothing & Shoes * Make-up * Candles * Skincare *
* Hand Bags * Plants * Tarot Readings *
Have your nails Painted * Massage * Jewellery

60+ stalls
$10.00 Entry
Includes Champagne & Door Prize Ticket on arrival.
Tickets available from the school or on the night at the door.

SPECIAL OFFER -
Every ticket purchased before October 10 will receive
TWO Door Prize Entries

Apollo Parkways PS Ladies Night Out

Diamond Valley Badminton

JUNIORS

Come join the Diamond Valley Badminton Juniors! We teach basic and intermediate skills and game techniques in a fun and social environment. It’s a great way to gain fitness and make new friends!

We have racquets available for use and supply plenty of shuttles. All you need to do is wear sports attire, runners, bring a drink and get ready to have fun!

Wednesdays (during school terms)
at Diamond Valley Sports Complex, Greenvale

Cost: $5 per session

Time: 5pm to 6pm (8 - 13 years)
6pm to 7pm (13 - 18 years)
7pm to 7.30pm
(open hit up for students & parents)

Enquiries: Darren Sparkes; Mobile: 0402 210 944; dsparkes@bigpond.net.au

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Aussie Hoops

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• An entry level program for children aged 5-12
• An opportunity to develop new skills
• 6-week program

MOST OF ALL, AUSSIE HOOPS IS ABOUT HAVING FUN!

Term 4 Program details:

Day & Time: Thursdays 4:45 - 5:30pm
Dates: 10th October - 14th November
Where: St Helena Secondary College Gym
Weillawua Road Etham North VIC 3095
Cost: $65 (Includes Pack)

For more information contact Annette Miller:
Mobile: 0422 530 296 or
Email: aussiehoops.sthelenasaints@me.com

To Register Go To:
WWW.STHELENASAINS.COM.AU

And Click on the
Aussie Hoops logo
Value Awards to be presented at assembly on Monday, 16th September.

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<th>Prep D</th>
<th>Vanessa S</th>
<th>Congratulations Vanessa! You have shown the value of persistence by continuing to practice your reading and high frequency words. The effort you have made is beginning to show in your reading and writing. Keep up the fantastic work!</th>
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<td>Prep H</td>
<td>Dylan M</td>
<td>Congratulations Dylan, on showing the value of excellence. Your enthusiasm for learning is evident in all areas of learning. It has been a real joy to watch you challenge yourself in your thinking and actions. Keep it up.</td>
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<td>Prep S</td>
<td>Ben F</td>
<td>For showing persistence in his writing and sounding out his words. I’m so proud of you for trying your best to write sentences. Keep up the great work Ben</td>
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<td>Prep T</td>
<td>Bhavya A</td>
<td>For demonstrating excellence in her ability to write sentences correctly during our writing sessions and using taught strategies to assist her spelling when needed. You are a star!</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Sienna B</td>
<td>Congratulations to Sienna for always showing respect! You are such a thoughtful and caring classmate. You are always helping others without being asked, such a good quality to have and a pleasure to have in 1A.</td>
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<td>1G</td>
<td>Georgia H</td>
<td>Congratulations Georgia, for your enthusiastic attitude and for showing persistence with your learning tasks. You are always trying to do your best. Fabulous effort!</td>
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<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Mia C</td>
<td>Congratulations Mia, for showing persistence with your learning tasks and for your encouraging attitude when working with others. You work enthusiastically always trying to do your best. Fabulous effort!</td>
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<td>2A</td>
<td>Abi W</td>
<td>For showing respect in her work and in her actions with her classmates. Abi is helpful, caring and understanding. She works hard and always tries to produce her best work. Well done Abi</td>
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<td>2D</td>
<td>Zach A</td>
<td>For always showing respect to his teachers and peers. Zach is always a positive and caring member of the grade. Well Done Zach!</td>
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<td>Fynn M</td>
<td>For showing respect to others while in the classroom. You have been a joy to have in the room because you help people without being asked and I can see that you are trying your best in all areas of learning. Keep up the great work Fynn!</td>
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