PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:

MEGA EFFORT FOR A MEGA FETE

In spite of the threatening weather and overnight rain, the GK Mega Fete last Sunday was another very successful event on the school calendar. After a sterling effort in the preceding months, weeks and days, everything was set to go by 10am. Where the time went between 10am and 3pm, goodness only knows but a great time was had by all!

At this stage of the week, funds raised on the day are within the vicinity of $28,000 which is a stunning outcome. There are so many people to thank:-

- Amanda Fraser, Helen Giannakos, Tracey Russell and Fiona Davies who as the Fete planning team, took on the responsibility of planning, organising and delivering an extremely successful fete. Each of these mums has put in an enormous amount of time and effort and they certainly deserve our thanks and congratulations for their outstanding achievement. To the families of Amanda, Helen, Tracey and Fiona, we thank them also for the growing clutter of fete ‘stuff’ that they have put up with now for many months.

- Bridget Ramaekers, the PFA president and other PFA mums and their families for their much appreciated support and effort too. Special thanks also to Lauren Hale, a PFA mum for many years who came back to help out at the fete even though her last child graduated from GK in 2012.

- The GK staff, most of whom were on hand on Sunday helping out in one way or another. What with kissing pigs, being dunked many times, painting nails etc. etc. there was plenty of action and it was great to see such a high level of staff support and involvement.

- Our GK families—mums and dads, students, past students, younger brothers and sisters, grand parents, relatives etc. Without the support of so many people either by helping out, taking responsibility for organising a stall or activity or simply by turning up on the day and supporting the event - everyone’s involvement and assistance has gone a long way to making the day worthwhile, fun for all and very successful.

- Our Gold level sponsors, Mortgage Choice, Mynard Homes, Melbourne Bicycle Centre and Mitre10 along with a whole lot of other businesses and private sponsors for getting on board and helping out in one way or another. Without their collective support, the fete couldn’t have been so successful.

- The wider community for coming along to support the day and witness first hand the fantastic school environment and the obvious GK community spirit.

Well done everyone!

Jill Ramsay

Our values: RESPECT, Resilience, Excellence, Safety, Persistence, Encouragement, Creativity and Tolerance
Parent Teacher Interviews

This week parents have had the opportunity to meet classroom teachers, if they haven’t already, and chat about how their child has settled into our 2013 school year.

A strong home-school relationship is critical in supporting every child’s learning during their time at school. The interviews are the first step in establishing a learning relationship that will benefit your child.

As well as providing the opportunity for parents to hear early observations regarding their child’s learning, the interviews also provide the chance for parents to share important information about their child with the teacher. Keeping everyone in the ‘Learning Loop’ is important for all.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

You have probably noticed the big white van parked in our driveway. This is the Life Ed Van. Life Education has been successfully supporting primary school drug and health education since 1979. This week our Preps are attending a session in the van with a trained educator focusing on health and safety. Our Grade 5 and 6 students also visit this week with the focus more specifically targeting Drug Education. This year we have restricted the visits to our Grade Preps and 5 & 6 students. Our Grade 1 to 4 students receive Health and Safety Education within our classroom programs. Harold the giraffe makes a guest appearance with the Preps which is always a stand out for them, and if the Grade 5 & 6 students are lucky enough, he may even pop out for them!

The State School Spectacular Dance Group began rehearsals last week! Check them out!

Leanne Tingwell
Assistant Principal/Curriculum
What a great day we had!
SALE - DRINKS & SAUSAGES

We have a few extra drinks, sausages and hamburgers leftover from the fete. We will be selling these at cost price from the Uniform Shop on Friday morning between 8.30am & 9.00am if you are interested.

**MEGA FETE**

WOW! WHAT A GREAT TURN OUT ON SUNDAY – DESPITE THE THREATENING STORM CLOUDS!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT ATTENDED THE MEGA FETE – STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, STAFF, RELATIVES, NEIGHBOURS, FRIENDS & THE WIDER COMMUNITY. WE WERE EXTREMELY LUCKY THAT THE RAIN HELD OFF AND A GREAT DAY WAS HAD BY ALL.

We really hope you enjoyed the day.

Sunday’s Mega Fete proved to be a huge success. The community joined together to enjoy the day and raise an OUTSTANDING figure of over $28,000 for our school. These funds will assist in providing further resources and facilities to benefit our students.

To anyone that baked, sewed, shopped, donated, sponsored, bagged, sorted, planted, cooked, painted, sprayed, counted, set up, packed up, danced, sung, preformed, sold, crushed, spun, stuck, cut, displayed, sorted, decorated, drew, directed, prepared or managed we thank you.

DUNK THE TEACHER! Thank you teachers for being such great sports.

L to R – Shazza, Mrs Febbraro, Mr Blackburn, Mr Lincoln, Mr Fetchen, Miss Murray & Mrs Ramsay

A BIG thank you to all of the STALL HOLDERS and FETE ORGANISERS for your hard work on Fete day and in the lead up. Your commitment and assistance ensured the fete was a fabulous event for our school community.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Well over 700 hours of volunteer time was required to run the Mega Fete. Whether you stayed for an hour or the whole day, your assistance was very much appreciated.

GIANT RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize -
2nd Prize -
3rd Prize -
4th Prize -
5th Prize -
6th Prize -

RAFFLE TICKET SELLER’S INCENTIVE PRIZE

~ Christine McFarlane ~

KISS A PIG & THE WINNER IS…

~ MISS DI LIZIO ~

HOT CHIP LUNCH WINNERS

~ GRADE 3R ~

More photos will be displayed in the office foyer & on the GK website: www.elinps.vic.edu.au

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SPORT REPORT

DIVISION TENNIS
Congratulations to Artie L from Grade 5 who represented the school at the Division Tennis trials held at the Plenty Tennis courts on Monday 11th March. Artie was part of the Diamond Valley team. He performed extremely well to advance to the final of the competition by winning both his doubles and singles matches 8-3 and 8-6 respectively. He was beaten in a close match in the final. I congratulate Artie on his performances.

REGIONAL SWIMMING
The Regional Swimming was held at Northcote Pool on Wed 13th May. There were some excellent performances by Glen Katherine students. The 11 girls, 11 boys and medley relay teams performed admirably to be placed 8th, 4th and 6th in the overall standings. Laura D once again produced outstanding performances to win both the 12/13 year girls butterfly and freestyle. We wish Laura all the best for when she competes at the State titles to be held at MSCAC on the 27th March.

FUN RUN – help required
The Fun Run is next Wednesday 27th March. We still urgently require parents to act as course marshalls, in particular for the Gr 3 -6 program from 9.00 – 11.00 am. Please contact David Blackburn at the school if you can assist.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT
The final week of summer sport is this Friday. Students will be trialling for Winter sport during the last week of this term for Winter sports which commences early term 2.

SUMMER SPORT  RD 7
GK DARKS vs Laurimer T ( Home )
GK LIGHTS vs Sacred Heart ( Away)

David Blackburn

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE
Over recent weeks, an election process has been held for School Council. Each year, half the membership of School Council is up for change with members either finishing or renominating for a further term of office. As the number of nominations for positions equalled the number of vacancies, a ballot was not required. The results of the recent election process therefore are:

Newly elected PARENT MEMBERS: Samantha Saunders, Stacey Lawler, Brett Anquetil; Newly elected STAFF MEMBERS: Sally Armstrong, Leanne Tingwell

Returning School Council members are:- (PARENTS) Richard Bull, Charles Charalambous, Tracy Scott, Maxine Butterworth; (STAFF) Di Bewley, Pauline Zealley

Executive Officer of School Council: Jill Ramsay

PRESENTATION OF 2012 ANNUAL REPORT MEETING: 7pm, Wed March 27th in the Ochre Room. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting. A copy of the report will be placed on our website later in term 2 once the Education Dept has finalised the Annual Report process across Vic government schools.

A SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION OF OFFICER BEARERS’ MEETING will follow the presentation of the Annual Report meeting. The FIRST MEETING OF THE 2013 SCHOOL COUNCIL, will then follow.
Term 1: Science and Environmental Education at GK

Well, the term has flown by and we have been very busy down in the Science Room. It has been great having the Grade 1-6s down there for a double session each fortnight – we have been busy with our term units and you will get a snapshot of these when the Portfolios come home.

The Green Team is up and running and we are very lucky to have such a dynamic and enthusiastic group of leaders this year who are very excited to be loading the school with environmental activities and ideas. They were introduced to the school at assembly on Monday, but in case you didn’t make it, here they are again!

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Thank you to all the visitors who made it down to the Science Discovery Centre during the Megafene – it’s great to know we have so many people interested in our Science program at school. It’s also been great to have so many parents offering expertise in areas that I have no knowledge in. I am always adding to our “Parent Database” and look forward to calling on you at some stage to see if you are able to offer a lesson in your area of interest. If you would like to add yourself please let me know at webb.americae@bedeonsland.vic.gov.au. I am also wondering if there are any parents who frequently go past the Diamond Creek shops and would be able to pop in occasionally (about every three weeks) and pick up fresh supplies for our turtles and frogs at the Pet Shop… it would save me some time and trips! If you think you could do this, please let me know!

We were very lucky to have our Biodiversity Education Officer, Belinda (and now Tom’s mum in Prep) come and help us do a biodiversity audit of our school grounds. We are very close to getting a good score, and with a few more logs and nesting boxes around the place, will be able to tick off that box! Please look out for the Working Bee date in Term 2 – we will be planting out the gully and will need YOUR help!

Cheers for now, Mrs Webb
A BIG THANK YOU to Tammy Forbes, Catherine Robertson, Todd Mossop, Peta Hill & especially Sharen Bowen for all your help with the GK Takeaway at the fete on Sunday. I could not have managed and you all did more than necessary to make the day a success & to get me home at a reasonable hour. Very much appreciated!

SPECIALS until sold out:
- Frozen 250ml OJ tetra box $1 – only available over the counter at recess.
- Lemonade Icy Twists $1.00 – only available over the counter at recess
- Pretzels 30g 50c each
- 8pk Mini Cookies & Cream Cookies 30c each or 4 for $1.00
- Mixed Rice Crackers 27g 20c each

The Hoppy Afternoon Tea order form must be in by 9am tomorrow (22nd March). No late orders will be accepted. As this is an afternoon tea for the last day of term, normal lunch orders will be available on the day.

The roster is slowly filling up but the following days need extra help if anyone is free:
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th MONDAY – 1 HELPER NEEDED FOR EACH OF THESE DAYS
- 2nd & 4th TUESDAY – 1 HELPER NEEDED FOR EACH OF THESE DAYS

If you are available on any of these days or for our emergency list, I would really appreciate hearing from you. It is just once a month, 9am to 11.45am (still time to meet friends for lunch or do the shopping before pick up time). I am in the canteen 8.30am to 12.30pm every day

Cheers, Suzi

REMINDERS:

FRI. 22ND MARCH
Final Grade 5/6 Camp Payments due. All payments must be finalised today.

THURS. 28TH MARCH
Grade 5 & 6 Sport Instalment 1 $50 due 28th March
**GK Parents & Friends Association**

**WANTED: NEW MEMBERS**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday 26th March 2013
7.00pm

held in the GK STAFFROOM. Supper & refreshments provided.

THE AGM WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

New members, fresh ideas & people power are needed!

- At our monthly meetings you can grab a cuppa, chat about new fundraising ideas & PFA initiatives, catch up on school news with Jill Ramsay and enjoy supper.
- Meetings also provide an opportunity to voice ideas, suggestions or give feedback.
- You are NOT expected to take on any major role, there are lots of little tasks that pop up throughout the year. Put your hand up if and when you are confident. We work as a team!

Please remember that ‘many hands make light work’.

WHAT IS THE PFA?

PFA = Parents and Friends Association

The PFA is not just about fundraising, did you know we also:

- Provide a link between the community and the school council.
- Assist with the Prep Transition Program, including Cheers & Tears morning tea for the parents on their first day.
- Contact and welcome new families to the school.
- Arrange social & family events, e.g. Movie nights, GK disco, Term morning teas, family photos.
- Provide Mother’s Day and Father’s Day gifts for students to purchase gifts.
- Onsell second-hand uniforms
- Organise and coordinate Grade Communicators
- Provide refreshments and assist with tours for Education Week.
- Organise guest speakers to provide important information to parents about issues relevant to our children.

I would love to see you at the meeting, please consider coming along to find out what it’s all about. If you have any queries please contact me, Bridget Remmerswaal, [Current President] 0407 243 024 or remmerswaal@gmail.com

**JOIN OUR PFA EMAILING LIST**

If you are unable to attend regular meetings but would like to be included on our PFA emailing list please send your details to: 

admin@pfa.com. We will keep you informed of upcoming events or tasks that need doing via this list so that you can get involved in activities that suit you.

Note: Email details will only be used for PFA related matters.

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![Topline Tennis Launch into 2013 with Topline Tennis](image)

Topline Tennis has been offering tennis coaching in the North East, suburb of Melbourne for over 20 years.

**GROUP COACHING**

- Have fun with Topline Tennis - our programs are designed to challenge, develop and improve your tennis skills.

**TRAINING TIMES**

- Midweek 5.00pm-7.00pm
- Saturdays 9.00am-1.00pm

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**Vadovick Tennis Club, Runter and North West Suburbs.**

**Parren, Kimberley Central, High School, Wheatley Way, Frankston,**

**Research Tennis Club, Waitara Road, Pennant Hills,**

**CBA, Kalamunda P.S., Wallarea Tennis Federation at Ascot & Edina Mews, Pett.F111 GLD**
AUSKICK

Glen Katherine Auskick is set to start the first Saturday back in Term 2, 20th April. The session will run from 9.00-10.30 held at Greensborough football Club located at Anthony Beale Reserve, St Helena Road Greensborough. Melways reference 11 D11. Graham Campbell will be the head coach for the Glen Katherine Center, but more helpers would be greatly appreciated. To register your child, go to www.alfauskick.com.au. Please contact me with any queries.
Glen Katherine PS is pleased to announce the *entertainment* Book fund-raiser!

They’re coming...  
...to Glen Katherine as a fund-raiser for 2013! The brand new 2012/2013 Entertainment Book features many of the area’s best restaurants, cafés, hotel accommodation, attractions, and activities. Books are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, and over $15,000 in total of valuable offers that your family can enjoy until June, 2013. The best part is that for only $65, you’ll be helping us fund-raise, with $13 from every book sold contributing to the PFA Fundraising Projects.

They’re going...  
...to be sent home to families on 18th & 19th April. Please take the time to look through the book when you receive it, and take as many orders from your work colleagues, friends or relatives before... They’re gone!  
...Entertainment Books are very popular and sell out fast! For further details, please contact – Paula Griggs 0422 997287

Or to order a Book online go to: www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/189492

For those who do not wish to receive a Book:  
☐ Please do not send an Entertainment Book with my child  
☐ Please return this form to the office by: THURSDAY 28th March

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Books will be sent home with your child Early Term 2.

To opt out of receiving the 2013/2014 Entertainment book please fill in OPT OUT FORM in Link letter