PRINCIPAL’S NOTES:

FATHERS’ DAY STALL
A lot of preparation has been going on in readiness for the Fathers’ Day stall which was held today. There was lots of excitement and decision making as a vast range of goodies was scrutinised by the students as they visited the stall. Well done and thank you to the PFA and other parents who supported and helped out at the stall and special thanks to Kristy Hanley who coordinated this special activity for our GK students. Happy Fathers Day to all of the dads!

SCHOOL DISCO NIGHT—Fri Sep 6th
Coming very soon … a fantastic fun-filled disco event at GK. Please look for more detailed information in today’s Linkletter. THE LAST DAY FOR TICKET RETURNS IS STRICTLY WED 4TH SEPTEMBER BY 4PM. To avoid last minute disappointment, make sure you meet this deadline as there will be no ticket sales after 4th September. We need to know exactly who is coming, attendance and helper lists for the 3 discos need to be finalised ahead of the event and for this reason, we don’t make last minute changes to lists. PFA mums are busily organising this event and special thanks to Tracey Russell who is doing a great job in organising everything behind the scenes. Thank you to parents also for offers to help out on the night. Please contact Tracey or Bridget if you can assist.

WORKING BEE - Sun Sep 8th
Our next working bee will be held on Sun 8th September from 9am—12 noon. We would love your help even if only for an hour or so. It is amazing what can be achieved in a morning providing we have enough helpers (adults and children) to do some of the jobs on our ‘to do list’. We have fantastic grounds at GK and keeping up with gardens, tidying, raking, mulching etc. is a never ending task. Look for separate information about the working bee, put it on your planner and come along if you can.

CALEDONIA ROAD PARKING CLARIFICATION
On Wednesday morning this week, a parking officer from Banyule was keeping a close eye on drivers, especially those not doing the right thing. Everyone is reminded that road rules and parking restrictions apply at all times. Something that needed clarification however is the parking situation on the school side of Calendonia Dve, particularly between the entrance to the school’s carpark and the roundabout at Liddesdale Grove. A number of confused drivers were spoken to by the parking officer for parking along this section which to our knowledge was an unrestricted parking area. I have sought clarification from Banyule Council and can confirm that cars can still park in this section. A missing sign has caused confusion and Council will rectify this by placing another restriction sign on the nature-strip near the entrance to our carpark which will relate to an existing sign on the western side of the school crossing. Hopefully this clears up any confusion!

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

- Annabelle K of Prep H
- Xavier M of Grade 1A
- Daniel G of Grade 1A (Art)
- Kristian F of Grade 2O
- Mitchell T of Grade 3F
- Nathan W of Grade 5V
- Kobe B of Grade 6W

Great effort to these students on a wonderful week!

VALUES FOCUS
This week we are thinking about PERSISTENCE

Some synonyms that describe persistence include:

- Endurance
- Stamina
- Tenacity
- Grit
- Perseverance
- Steady
- Determined
- Courageous
- Dedication
- Conviction
- Energy

Keep trying hard and never give up easily....
Imagine our world if some of our great men and woman in history gave up

When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this: you haven’t.
Thomas Edison Inventor, Businessman (1847-1931)

Patience, persistence and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for success.
Napoleon Hill (1883-1970); motivational author

I.Q. or PERSISTENCE?
Read this informative Michael Grose article on the GK website / Parenting Ideas tag on the Homepage

Energy and persistence conquer all things.
Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790); politician, writer, scientist

Persistance
Prior to becoming the 16th US President, the persistent Abraham Lincoln ran for public office, tried to set up his own business, and even ran for Vice President—and lost every time.

There is no GIANT step that does it, it’s a lot of LITTLE steps.
Available until sold out: Triple Choc Cookies available for $1 each and some Freckled Shortbread Stars for 50c each.

The Fab Footy Feast Special Lunch order forms should come home today with the students. Please note 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). The cost of this lunch will be $6.00 and please note that there will be no normal lunch orders available on either the 19th or 20th September due to the special lunch. Orders must be in by 9am Friday, 13th September.

I still have an opening on the roster for the 3rd Tuesday. 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

REMINDEERS:

GK Disco—last day for ticket requests—Wednesday, 4th September.

Italian Day money due 9th September, 2013. (whole school involved)

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.

Request for Parent Assistance in Support of Glen Katherine Family

I am looking for any parent who could possibly assist one of our Glen Katherine families by providing a lift to school for their two children on specified days only. This assistance may be required from late August onwards for a few days per month. The family lives in the vicinity of Coolabah Drive (off Main Rd, Eltham). If you are in a position to provide any assistance in this regard, please contact me at the school office or by e-mail.

Regards, Kate Rodgers (Student Welfare)
FRUIT FRENZY DAY
As part of our schools initiative on ‘Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds’ our students will be encouraged to bring extra fruit to be eaten on Wednesday 4th September. A tally will be recorded and a grade winner will be announced at assembly. Go banana’s GK!!!!!
Health & PE Committee

FRIDAY THE 6th SEPTEMBER 2013
GK Multi Purpose Building (MPB)

Session 1: Prep & Grade 1: 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Session 2: Grades 2 & 3: 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Session 3: Grades 4, 5 & 6: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Session 3 – Special Guest
Thanks to ELITE DANCE STUDIO ELTHAM we are very excited to again have Neil Mendez (ex Justice Crew & professional break dancer) coming along to the Grade 4/5/6 Disco session for a demonstration. Neil gets everybody excited and having a go at ‘new’ moves!

Tickets $6 per student (Includes: Entry, glow band, drink & chips)
J HALE MOBILE DJ
- Adult Volunteer Supervision
- Strict Procedures in place for children with Allergies
- Strict checking in & out of children
- GK students only

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! Ticket entry forms were distributed last week and are available at the office. Please send completed forms and money in an envelope to the school office clearly marked GK Disco by Wed 4th September at 4pm.

DISCO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PLEASE HELP: PARENT VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED to assist us in running this event. We require volunteers across ALL Sessions! Mum’s & Dad’s are asked to consider offering their time to run this event for the children. Working With Children checks are required. Please note that ONLY children attending the disco session you volunteer at are able to accompany you.

Contact Tracey on 9439 7754, 0412 581 887 or at tlrussel@bigpond.net.au to register as a volunteer.
Cari Genitori (Dear Parents),

Our annual Italian culture celebration will be held Week 9, Term 3
The LOTE Italian team has put together another exciting week of activities for children in Prep to Grade 6.

This year’s main events are:
Special assembly: Thursday September 12th at 2.10p.m It would be wonderful if all children could dress up on this day in either the Italian colours of Verde (Green), Bianco (White) and Rosso (Red) or something typically Italian: a famous Italian artist, musician, sports player or famous Italian landmark.

Sisters and Misters singing group will be performing an Italian Medley of songs at the special assembly.

Winners of the Italian Family Trivia Quiz on the Italian LOTE BLOG will also be announced and prizes and certificates awarded to the students who answer correctly. (questions will go up a week prior to the event)

La Comica Productions perform to children in Grades 5-6 on Thursday 12th September. Students will be thoroughly entertained by this comical act as they become a part of “LA FESTA.”

Shared activities organised by class teachers at each grade level.

IDEAS FOR DRESS-UPS:

Italy is probably the country with the richest artistic heritage in the world. Everywhere you go there are museums and art galleries, but above all monuments, ruins and buildings, a living testimony of an incredibly rich past. Italian artistic influence spans over 30 centuries, from the Etruscans to nowadays and has embraced every branch of the arts – painting, sculpture, architecture, ceramics, music, cinema, literature etc… It is impossible to list all the famous buildings and all the famous artists. Works of art include: the Leaning Tower of Pisa (the world’s most recognizable landmark), the Colosseum and Leonardo’s famous painting of the ‘Mona Lisa’.

Some famous Italian artists, musicians, writers and actors are: Leonardo, Michelangelo, Vivaldi, Raffaello, Verdi, Dante, Calvino, Pavarotti and Sophia Loren.

FAMILY ITALIAN TRIVIA QUIZ

Make sure you check the LOTE BLOG to answer questions with your family. Submit your answers online. Correct answer sheets will go into a draw for one winner from Prep—Grade 2, Grade 3 & 4 and Grade 5 & 6. The families drawn out will win an Italian prize pack awarded at the special assembly on Thursday September 12th at 2.10p.m.

Be in it to win it. Buon Divertimento. Enjoy your Italian day ragazzi!

Sandra Portaro (LOTE Italian teacher)
SPORT NEWS

NORTHERN REGION FOOTBALL / STATE SEMI FINALS
Glen Katherine Darks football team competed in the Regional Semi Finals held at Banyule F.G.on Tuesday 13th August. The team competed in the Regional Semi against Pascoe Vale North and was successful winning by 8 goals. This placed the team in the Regional Grand Final against St Patricks Kilmour. The GK team ran out winners by 7 goals.

STATE FOOTBALL SEMI FINALS
The State Semi finals were held at Anthony Beale Reserve on Friday 16th August. The top 8 Primary Schools( in 2 pools of 4 ) played off for the right to play in The State Final. In windy conditions the GK team were narrowly beaten in the first game by 2 goals by eventual State Title winner St Joseph’s Warrnambool. The second game was again very close but the team eventually went down by 3 goals to St Therese PS. In the 3rd and final game the team recorded a well earnt 2 goal victory against Williamstown PS, thus securing the 6th place ranking State wide. Thank you to the many parents who assisted with the transportation of the students, scoring, timekeeping and goal umpiring.

Thank you to Rob Lamb who did a great job coaching the team in my absence. Thank you to Jai Lincoln who took over the management role and to Martin Klooster who assisted with the coaching of the team.

DAVID BLACKBURN

REGIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

DISTRICT ATHLETICS
Congratulations to the Glen Katherine PS Athletics team that competed at the District Athletics held at Meadowglen track on Tuesday 13th August. 3rd Placing is an excellent result considering that most of the gr 5 and 6 boys were unavailable due to the Regional footy.

Thank you to Mary Green, Amy Murray, Leigh Fatchen and Jai Lincoln for their assistance with all the after school hours training. The next level, the Division Athletics, will be held on Tuesday 8th October.

SPORT THIS WEEK
CATCH UP ROUND
GK DARKS vs Sacred Heart – home
GK LIGHTS vs Yarrambat - away

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Catalogues for Issue 6 of Scholastic Book Club were distributed to students this week.
If wishing to place an order, please complete the order form and enclose with payment in an envelope which is clearly labelled “BOOKCLUB” and includes the student’s name and grade. [Your purchase may be a “surprise” gift. If this is the case, please contact the Library direct].

For credit card payments, please refer to the Scholastic catalogue. If ordering from more than one catalogue, you can tally them and just make one credit card payment to Scholastic. Please ensure you record the receipt number on the order form and return to school. For you reference, it is a good idea to take note of the receipt number.

Orders for this issue close on Friday 6th September 2013.
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT AT ST. HELENA SECONDARY COLLEGE

There are spare tickets available for this event. Please note it is ADULTS ONLY.

FREE EVENT - YOUNG PEOPLE, ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND THE LAW

The St Helena Student Education and Wellbeing Committee is pleased to announce that we have secured SONYA KARAS to run an evening for parents entitled: Whole New World, Young People, Alcohol, Drugs and the Law

Having teenagers introduces parents to all sorts of fears and anxieties. The world a teenager inhabits today is very different to the world we inhabited. Sonya Karas has given thousands of parents ways they can communicate with their children about a range of issues about safe partying. Sonya's background in the hospitality industry and years working with young people has enabled her to develop a one of a kind program. A Whole New World parent session covers:

* the inside info on partying
* ways you can be involved to ensure your child parties safely
* drugs
* alcohol
* safe parties at home
* staying informed and up to date
* resources for further information

Whole New World has worked with the police, the Australian Drug Foundation, The Education Department and state and federal governments to ensure the information given to young people and parents is appropriate and up to the minute.

For further information about Sonya, visit http://www.wholeneworld.com.au/

The event is FREE on the 12th of September, 7.00 pm, S M Dyet Theatre, St Helena Secondary College.

ADULTS ONLY PLEASE.

Tickets by booking only (bookings close 9/9) - contact TRYBOOKING http://www.trybooking.com/Embed.aspx?eid=58537

COMPUTER SCREENS FREE TO A GOOD HOME

We have a surplus of 17 inch Flatscreen computer monitors at GK. If you would like one, please contact the office via email glen.katherine.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or ring...
Value Awards to be presented at assembly on Monday, 2nd September.

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