2013
TERM 3
Fri. 20th Sept.
FOOTY DAY
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:

END OF A VERY BUSY TERM

It has been a scurry of activity from one end of the school to the other during
term 3. As well as lots of learning taking place in classrooms, we’ve also had
other extra-curricular learning activities beyond the classroom. These have
included incursions and visiting performers, excursions out of the school,
performances (State Schools Spectacular & ‘GK News’), sporting events,
LOTE day, and Science week just to name a few. All of these extra-curricular
activities are planned to complement and further extend classroom learning
programs.

Thank you to the teachers for their involvement in planning and implementing
a broad range of engaging and interesting extra-curricular activities. Our
thanks and appreciation also to GK parents who support the provision of extra-
curricular activities by giving permission for their child/ren to participate along
with paying for the activity. These extra-curricular activities enrich learning
and wouldn’t be possible without the support of parents.

GROUND IMPROVEMENT

Last week, we had an old relocatable building
removed. The building was down near the Science
classroom and for some time had been surplus to the
school’s requirements. Over time, we’re continuing to
improve our grounds and reclaim areas for student
use. Next term we will be erecting a new fence which
will expand the Science compound area and provide a
more secure and open space for vegie patches, fruit
trees, a plant propagation area and maybe an aviary
or chook run. In other words, watch this space!!

ITALIAN DAY

What a colourful and fun-filled day was had by all! Thank
you to our LOTE teacher Sandra Portaro and class
teachers for organising another very enjoyable learning
experience for the students. The pictures tell the story!

Jill Ramsay
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‘DO RIGHT DETECTIVE’

found the following students displaying good learning behaviours:

Miss Smith PS
Jade S  PT
Scarlett B  1G
Taylah H  3F
Jade O  4C
Carly P  5D
Izaac P  6M

Great effort to these students on a wonderful week!

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

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).

Keep the Date

Grade 6 Graduation
Wednesday 11th December
Planet Shakers -
360 Main Road, Lower Plenty

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Great effort to these students on a wonderful week!
Hope everyone in Prep to 3 partaking in the Fab Footy Feast today enjoyed it. Grade 4 to 6’s are having theirs tomorrow – please remember that there are no normal lunch orders available. Thanks to everyone who helped get it out today, and I look forward to having my Friday volunteers & extras getting together tomorrow’s lunch.

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.

Best wishes for a great break,

Cheers, Suzi Cunningham

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

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 COLOURS - All shoes should conform to the school colours (ie black/blue/white/grey are the predominant colour) 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. All footwear should be worn with matching laces (ie black, blue, white or grey) and socks. Please remember Uniform Policy requirements when replacing footwear.
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

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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
GK Family Skaterz Night

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).

Any queries? Please contact Kate on 0409 286 776.

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THIS EVENT HAS A LIMITED CAPACITY, SO DON’T MISS OUT!!

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.
ITALIAN DAY 2013

Mona Lisa, Michelangelo, waiters, pizza makers, gelati, Ferrari cars, Carnevale characters, gondoliers, soccer players all graced GK on Italian day last Thursday September 12th. The school was decked out in Italian tricolours of...verde, bianco e rosso! Thank you to the parents who prepared the children so beautifully.

Classroom activities included gelati/pasta, latte and pizza construction by Prep students. Grade 1’s read Collodi’s classic tale of Pinocchio and made some puppets. Grade 2’s and 3’s combined to study the geographical aspects of Italy and also created their own Carnevale masks. Grade 4’s were involved in making their own Italian Menus, passports for a trip to Italy and researching Italian cars. The Gr 5 students were amazed by Michelangelo’s masterpiece of the Sistine Chapel and gr 6’s had fun playing the traditional Italian recreational game of bocce. Traditional home made pasta was also made.

Children in Grades 5/6 also participated in an hilarious performance by La Comica Productions. La Festa was an extremely interactive show and the children and teachers alike thoroughly enjoyed the performance, including dance tunes such as “Italian Gangham style”.

Our whole school Italian day assembly was a great success with Sisters and Misters performing an Italian medley. Special mention to Irene Bennetts who had the whole school up singing along and performing the actions to “Volare, Mambo Italiano, That’s Amore and Ole, Ole!” Well done to Gr 5/6 student leaders who led the assembly and a special mention to gr 5/6 students who acted out restaurant scripts and performed an Italian song. Gr 1/2B also had an encore performance from the School production of “Testa, Spalle”.

Winners of Italian Trivia Quiz win a special ITALIAN WEEK prize pack to share with their family. Buon Lavoro! Well done to children and parents who took the time to research and answer the questions on the LOTE BLOG.

Junior school : PREPS /1/ 2 winner is Aimee B
Middle : Grade 3 / 4 winner is Cassie W and Senior School : Grades 5 / 6 Winner is : Chloe W

BRAVII!! Sandra Portaro – LOTE Italian Teacher
OUR DAY OUT AT THE KIDS TEACHING KIDS CONFERENCE AT EDENDALE FARM

Last week Mrs Webb took a group of students from the green team to the KTK Conference which was focusing on the topic ‘My Water, Your Water, Our Water’. Schools were asked to present on a particular aspect of water education and GK did their talk on storm water catchments. Students also were split into groups and participated in a range of activities. Here are some reports of the day.

The Creek Walk – For the creek walk we had to walk around with 3 litres of water in a bucket. We had to do that because we had to put ourselves in the place of people in different countries with not much water. They only have 10 litres of water for a full family for a whole day! They carry it for about 2 hours and we only walked for 5 minutes with just 3 litres of water and my hand really hurt. By Caitlin H. If I could teach everyone one thing about water it would be to NEVER take long showers.

Today I learnt that the full flush button on a toilet uses 12 litres of water. Half button uses 3 litres. I liked the ‘Design your own frog bog’ presentation by Eltham Primary School. By James A. If I could teach everyone one thing about water it would be – BE SMART, CHOOSE TAP.

I liked the presentations and the activities. I learnt that there is an island of rubbish in the middle of the ocean. By Hannah W.

We all came away realising how fortunate we are to have clean drinking water on hand – with the push of a tap! Thank you to Hannah, Caitlin, Kiara, Jack, Evan, Harry and James for representing GK so well throughout the day. Mention must also be made to Ethan B. in 6W who had input in our presentation despite being away on the day. Also a BIG THANK YOU goes to Harry’s mum Renae who gave up her day to come with us to Edendale Farm. THANKS RENAE!!
SPORT NEWS

DARKS SOCCER
Congratulations to both the boys and girls darks’ soccer teams on their outstanding effort last Friday. Although the boys lost to Apollo A to receive second place they should be extremely proud of their efforts, commitment and sportsmanship. The boys never gave up and held their heads high. Sam S and Ruben S played a remarkable game in defence and a special mention also needs to be given to Sam J who consistently shone throughout the season.

The girls also played exceptionally well against Sacred Heart to receive a fourth place ribbon. It was an exciting match as it went into a four minute overtime with a penalty shootout. Throughout the game, the girls encouraged each other and gave it everything they had, but unfortunately, they lost the penalty shootout. A special mention to Arrey for her courageous effort as goalie.

BOY’S SOFTBALL FINAL
An amazing final game of softball was played last Friday 13th September. The Grand Final was played at DCE against Apollo A. We knew it was going to be a tough game as we had played them once before and only won by one run. We won the bat toss for the first time and opted to field. First innings was even with a score of 2 runs each. Great tagging at third base by Koen.

After the second innings Apollo was up by 1 run. We needed to make sure that we scored runs in the third innings to keep in the game. Fantastic outfield catch by Nathan. In the third innings we evened the scores for a 4 run tie. Amazing pitching and catching by Mitch and Adam. We then had to play an overtime, which meant an extra innings. We were able to keep them to only one run; we had to score 2 runs to win the game. Kyle hit a great ball which got Adam home. Bases were then loaded, Kane was batting, it was a wild pitch that allowed Jack to sneak home. It was a great win, with everyone in the team making some sort of contribution to the win. We have had a fantastic season and look forward to playing off in Regional’s next term.

DARKS’ NETBALL REPORT
The netballers had a fantastic season full of encouragement, fun, excitement and persistence. We managed to have both teams make it to the Grand Final. Darks B worked really hard and won their Grand Final against Diamond Creek East. Darks A also tried extremely hard but unfortunately weren’t as lucky this time round against Apollo! Everyone put in 110% and did GK very proud with their efforts and attitude.

Everyone had a great season, learning new skills and for some, learning about a whole new game. We always showed persistence, encouragement and excellent sportsmanship. Congratulations to all of the netball superstars, thanks for a great season!

A special thank you goes to Helen G for giving up her time to come along and assist with coaching and umpiring the teams.

Mrs Miller
SPORT NEWS (continued)

WINTER SPORT FINALS
Congratulations to the following teams that played off in sport finals. Well done in particular to the Darks Netball B team and softball boys who won the premierships for the year. Thank you to the coaches of both Lights and Darks teams for their work with the students throughout the year.

RESULTS
Soccer Girls (3rd vs 4th) – GK Darks def Sacred Heart - Coach – Pam Brenner
Soccer Boys (1st vs 2nd) – GK Darks lost to Apollo Parkways – Coach - Pam Brenner
Softball Boys (1st vs 2nd) – GK Darks def Apollo Parkways 6-5. Coach – Shannon Whelan
Softball Girls (1st vs 2nd) - GK Darks lost to Apollo a 1-14 Coach – Amy Murray
Netball A (1st vs 2nd) – GK Darks lost to Apollo A 11-29. Coach— Lucy Miller
Netball B (1st vs 2nd)– GK Darks def DCE 20-16. Coach— Lucy Miller
Football (1ST vs 2nd)– GK Darks lost to Apollo Parkways 37 -39. Coach— David Blackburn

Return of Footy Jumpers and shorts
Students in the Darks and Lights football teams need to return all football jumpers and shorts to Miss Jones by FRIDAY.

Soccer Shin guards
All shinguards borrowed from the school need to be returned to Ms V or PE office.
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