PRINCIPAL’S NOTES:

ONLY 3 MORE SLEEPSSSS!!!
Keep on reading the updated fete information in today’s Linkletter and on the website.

HELP STILL NEEDED THOUGH SO PLEASE OFFER TO HELP on one of the many stalls and/or activities. Otherwise, without enough helpers, some activities may have to be cancelled and that would be a great shame given the time and effort that has gone into organising a variety of different things for people to do and see on the day. The GK Mega Fete is known far and wide for its tremendous variety of things to do and be involved in on fete day. It’s the one event on our calendar that needs maximum family support and assistance on the day. By being part of something very special, not only by attending but offering at least an hour of assistance, gives everyone a fantastic community ‘buzz’ along with a sense of pride in knowing that together, as a GK community, we have come together and raised valuable funds for the school, your children and their learning.

Fete committee contact people and phone numbers are on page 3 of the Linkletter so please give someone a call if you have a spare hour OR visit the office and add your name to the roster tomorrow OR look for the roster which will be near the front steps to the office area on Sunday.

Looking forward to a great day on Sunday!

EARLY SCHOOL ARRIVALS
A reminder to parents that whilst we’re delighted with morning punctuality, a number of students are arriving far too early. Some students are being noticed before 8am which is far too early especially as there is no supervision in the grounds prior to 8.25am. Students remain the responsibility of parents prior to 8.25am. Whilst there may be plenty of staff cars in the car park, staff are busy planning and preparing for the day ahead and are not expected to be in the grounds supervising early arrivals. Student safety shouldn’t be compromised by early drop-offs. The Before School Care program (7am-8.40am) could be an alternative for parents needing to drop their children off early.

Jill Ramsay
What’s happening with Mathletics?

Part of our review process is to reassess our current programs. We have decided not to participate in Mathletics this year. We are looking into a different option which looks to offer what Mathletics has and more. More information about this will be available at the beginning of Term 2.

Maths Update!

Our Numeracy Team is currently in the process of reviewing what we teach and how we teach it! We are participating in Department funded Professional Learning workshops with Frank Schoonderbeek. These workshops focus on developing a consistent and thorough curriculum from P-6, whilst remembering to include core ‘hotspots’ that all children need to have mastered during their learning journey.

In the review process we will be looking at how students learn developmentally in Maths and how to transfer this into everyday classroom teaching. We’ll update you on our progress throughout the year.

LeanneTingwell
Assistant Principal/Curriculum
VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED to assist stall holders on the day.

PLEASE HELP OUT FOR 1 HOUR. Fill in your name & number on the roster board in the office. The roster will also be outside the office area on Sunday. We need your help!

RAIN, HAIL or SHINE the MEGA FETE WILL BE ON! Rides are booked and food ordered. So, your family’s attendance will ensure we are successful.

Remember: Sunscreen & hat, picnic rug, chair & umbrella!

AUCTION list has been sent home today & can be downloaded from the website. Items will be on display at the fete. Auction commences at 2pm. Let your family & friends know if there are items that you think might interest them.

GIANT RAFFLE tickets are due back. Return sold tickets with money. Return any unsold tickets so we can sell them at the fete. There are fabulous prizes to be won on display at the fete.

Pre Sale UNLIMITED RIDE TICKET sales have now closed. Tickets are being sent home via your eldest child. Bring tickets to the fete to swap them for your ride wristbands at the ticket booth. UNLIMITED RIDE TICKETS available at the fete for $25. The CYCLONE is coming!!!

COINS, $$, COINS Please make sure you bring lots of coins/small change on Sunday. Break those $50 notes before you get to the fete!

KIDS COMPETITIONS it’s not too late to enter. Bring your $2 & colouring competition or Pet Rock to school on Friday. Hand in at the office in the morning. Items will be on display at the fete. Prize packs to be won in each age group!

2013 Mega Fete Committee
Amanda Fraser 0405 718 770
Fiona Davies 0418 611 311
Helen Giannakos 0438 588 894
Tracey Russell 0412 581 887
Email: glenktpfa@gmail.com

MEGA FETE PROGRAM & MAP sent home today. Take the time to map out your day with your children to ensure they get to enjoy all of the wonderful activities, rides & demonstrations. Please bring the map with you on Sunday.

DONATE cakes, slices or something sweet for the CAKE STALL. Please fill the plate sent home to all families last week & drop it at the stall on Sunday.

Have you PLEDGED a batch of CUP CAKES? Call Josie 0419 870 495

Have you or could you PLEDGE to bake/cook for the CAFE? Contact Michelle 9438 2762

MEGY'S ADVENTURE TRAIL A "Meggies Adventure Trail Card" has been sent home with each child. Entry is FREE but numbers are limited. Only a small amount will be available on the day so please bring this with you.

PLASTIC BAGS Please bring along any spare plastic bags for the second hand goods stall.

WANTED TRESTLE TABLES & MARQUEES Contact Helen 0438 588 894

This fundraising event will allow for the purchase of additional resources and facilities for the benefit of our children at Glen Katherine PS.

Thank you to everyone involved in this year's fete. We hope you enjoy the day.

Amanda, Helen, Fiona & Tracey
(On behalf of the GK PFA)

MEGA FUN FOR EVERYONE Imagine how many people would be at our fete if everyone brought along a friend, relative or neighbour!!!

MEGA FETE THIS SUNDAY 10am - 3pm 17 March
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Catalogues for Issue 2 of Scholastic Book Club were distributed to students last 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 reference, it is a good idea to take note of the receipt number.

Orders for this issue close on Friday 15th March 2013. Due to a short Term 1, unfortunately there has been little time between Issue 1 and Issue 2.

Astrid Batthen, Gail Elliott

OPEN MIC SESSIONS ~ 5 Minutes of Fame!

There has been a good response for our ‘5 Minutes of Fame- Open Mic’ sessions at the GK Mega Fete. There are still a number of time slots available, so students are able to sign up on the day if there is still a free spot (simply head to the new stage area at the bottom of the drop-off area to find out)

There will be a CD player and microphone available to use, however if anything else is required it will need to be brought by the performer/s. All performers need to arrive at the stage 10 minutes prior to their time slot.

We look forward to seeing some amazing talent from our fabulous GK student!

Lucy Miller

Peer Mediators

The Peer Mediator Program will be running once again this year. There has been an overwhelming response from students in grade 5 and 6 who are eager to develop their skills to assist younger students during lunch breaks, in the yard.

Peer Mediators have many responsibilities which may include:

• setting up quiet activities at the ‘Friendship Stop’
• promoting safe play
• organising small group activities within the Prep area
• encouraging younger students to find friends to play with
• helping students to work through minor disputes in the playground or encouraging students to speak to a yard duty teacher when necessary

Congratulations to each of the students who have put their hands up to assist with Peer Mediation this year. The Peer Mediators will be presented with certificates at assembly on Monday the 18th March.

Amy Murray, Rita Vitelleschi-Zauzich and Lucy Miller
SPECIAL until sold out: Frozen 250ml OJ tetra box $1 – only available over the counter at recess.

The Hoppy Afternoon Tea order form should have come home this week – it is for the last day of term (Thursday, 28th March) and will cost $3.50 for a Baker’s Delight choc chip hot cross bun and a choice of a chocolate or strawberry flavoured milk. All orders must be in by 9am Friday 22nd March and as this is an afternoon tea, normal lunch orders will be available on the day.

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

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

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**GK SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Thursday, 21st March

Individually named envelopes have been sent home with students for photo day. These are to be brought back to school on 21st March and handed to the photographer. Any student without their envelope will be charged an additional fee upon printing of photos.

Sibling photo envelopes are available at the office. Only siblings attending Glen Katherine can be in the photo. These envelopes are to be brought back to school on photo day.

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**REMINDBERS:**

**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
SPORT REPORT

FUN RUN FITNESS WEEK
As part of promoting fitness and preparation for the Fun Run, students from Grade Prep – 6 will be taking part in a fitness competition to see which grades complete the most laps of the fitness track over a week. The competition will commence next Monday 18th March and conclude on the Friday 22nd March. Students are only allowed to run for 10mins max each day. Laps will be tallied on the Friday to determine the winning grades. The winning grades will be announced at assembly on Monday 25th March. The House Captains will be running this competition.
The School Fun Run is on Wednesday 27th March.

SPORT THIS WEEK
Gk Darks vs Yarrambat (home)
GK Lights vs Diamond Creek (away)

Ladders for up to Rd 5 will be published on the PE Blog.

David Blackburn
(PE & SPORT COORDINATOR)

Wear What You Wish Day~ JSC

The Junior School Council will be holding their first fundraiser for the year, on Wednesday 20th March.

We will be raising money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Make-A-Wish Australia grants wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions, providing hope, strength and joy when needed most. Wishes have been shown through international research to make a life-changing difference to a child's mental, emotional and physical wellbeing.

Students may dress up in an outfit that represents what they wish for (e.g. a dream holiday, dream car etc.) or they can dress up to show what they want to be when they grow up. Some ideas are:

• A doctor
• A policeman
• A rock star
• A millionaire

Please remember we are a Sunsmart school. Students are required to wear closed toe shoes and cover their shoulders. There will be an award for the best dressed in each year level.

To take part in the day simply make a gold coin donation or visit the following link http://www.everydayhero.com.au/glen_katherine_primary_school_1.

Thank you in advance for your support,

JSC
ELTHAM COMMUNITY CRAFT & PRODUCE MARKET

SUNDAY MARCH 17th.
8.30am - 1.00pm
PANTHER PLACE, ELTHAM
DIAMOND CREEK BASEBALL CLUB
COME & TRY / REGISTRATION DAYS

Either
WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH, 2013 (5.00 p.m. to 6 p.m.)
Or
SUNDAY 17th MARCH, 2013 (10 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.)

At CAMPBELL STREET RESERVE, DIAMOND CREEK
Entry via CAMPBELL STREET to CHALLENGER STREET, (MAP 11, K7)

UNDER 9 (T-Ball), Under 11, 13, 15 & 17’s PLAYERS REQUIRED
BOYS & GIRLS MOST WELCOME
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 stalls for students to purchase gifts.
- On-sell 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 Ramaekers, (Current President) 0407 243 024 or ramaeks@bigpond.com.au

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: glenkpfa@gmail.com. We will keep you informed of upcoming events or tasks that need doing via this link so that you can get involved in activities that suit you.

Note: Email details will only be used for PFA related matters.
**Purchase your new 2013 | 2014 Entertainment™ Book...**

Choose what you want to do and when you want to do it with hundreds of valuable offers. Entertainment™ Books are filled with 2-for-1 offers and up to 50% off, valid now until 1st June 2014!

Purchasing a book and at the same time, you will also be helping community fund-raising!

The new Greater Melbourne Entertainment™ Book features many of the most popular businesses in the area like...

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**To purchase your Entertainment™ Book, please contact:**

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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 file in OPT OUT FORM in Link letter.
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 997897

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 home an Entertainment™ Book with my child
(Please return this form to the office by: THURSDAY 28th March)

CHILD’S NAME: ____________________  CLASS: ____________________