DIARY

2013 - TERM 4

Sun. 17th Nov.
Working Bee

Mon. 19th Nov.
Prep Fitness Worx Incursion
Gr 5 Family Life Sessions

Tues. 20th Nov.
2014 Prep Information Night
7.30 pm (Multi Purpose Building)

Mon. 25th Nov.
2014 Prep Orientation
Morning—St. Helena, Wattletree, & Briar Hill Pre-Schools 9.15–10.45 am

Mon. 25th Nov.- Friday 6th December.
Grade 3/4 Swimming

Tues. 26th Nov.
2014 Prep Orientation
Wahroonga & Eltham North Pre-Schools 9.15–10.45 am

Wed. 27th Nov.
2014 Prep Orientation
Morning—Other Pre-Schools and Childcare Centres 9.15—10.45 am

Healthy Kids Day—Grades 1 & 2

Tues. 3rd Dec.
PFA Meeting—7.30pm

Wed. 4th December.
School council meeting.

Tues. 10th Dec.
Grade 6 Orientation Day to Secondary School

Wed. 11th Dec.
Grade 6 Graduation at Planet Shakers

Thurs. 12th Dec.
Prep 2014 Orientation Day

Fri. 13th Dec.
Grd 1-6 Orientation Day

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:

WORKING BEE REMINDER

If you have some spare time this Sunday morning, we'd love to have your assistance for an hour or so. Our last Working Bee for 2013 will start at 9am followed by a BBQ lunch at midday, or before if we get our tasks completed. Our main task will be to tidy up and replant the garden area around the school sign at the front of the school. Some sweeping, weeding and raking will also be done if we have enough people to help out. Please come along and join in with others if you can. Children are very welcome and there are many things they can do to help too. Hope to see you there!

2013 SCHOOL MAGAZINE ORDERS

Orders have been coming in steadily (orange sheet) and tomorrow, Friday Nov 15th, is the last day. Don't be disappointed and miss out on ordering your copy of our 2013 school magazine which will showcase many things from the 2013 school year. Every class has a page, so too the specialist areas, PFA, School Council and so on. A school magazine is a great way to look back over the years and remember the year that was ... 2013. A copy of the 2012 school magazine is available at the office if parents would like to have a look at it first before deciding to order a copy of this year's GK magazine. Magazines can be purchased for $12 a copy and a complimentary copy will be provided to every grade 6 student.

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY

Many a story was told yesterday through a vast range of characters that came to life at GK. It was a pity the weather was so ordinary as otherwise, the playground would have been full of colourful and creative characters from a huge range of favourite books. These characters certainly added life and entertainment in classrooms. Well done everyone and thank you for your gold coin donations. Thank you also to the Junior School Councillors for organising this fundraising event.

Jill Ramsay
The ‘DO RIGHT DETECTIVE’ is still on the look out for students showing great learning behaviours. Congratulations to the following students who received a ‘Do Right Detective’ Award at assembly this week:-

- Thomas P (Prep D)
- Georgia H (1G)
- Lachlan N (2D)
- Bonnie W (2A)
- Brandon R (3O)
- Owen P (3R)
- Ryan M (5D)

Congratulations also to all students who have been noticed by the Do Right Detective for great learning behaviours. Well done and keep up the great effort!

The Salvation Army Christmas Food Appeal

The Salvation Army annual Christmas Food Appeal is beginning! There are so many families in our community who depend on extra help at Christmas time and without your help The Salvation Army would be limited in what they could do for them.

If you are able to donate any of the goods listed below, it would be greatly appreciated – every little bit helps! All donations can be delivered to the office and placed in the barrel provided. Our Junior School Council will be reminding us at assembly each week about bringing in goods and updating us with how the donations are growing.

The donations will begin to be distributed to needy families during the first few weeks of December. So get into the GK spirit and give what you can to a very worthwhile cause.

Thanks in advance for your kindness,
Leanne Tingwell

**SALVATION ARMY RECOMMENDED DONATION LIST:**

1. Food items - non perishable, with use by date at least January 2015 - suggestions would be pasta, pasta sauce, breakfast cereal, uht milk, plum pudding, uht custard, fruit mince pies, biscuits, canned foods - especially tomatoes and fruit, tuna, ham, corn, beetroot, vegetables, soup, beans, etc., coffee, tea, packets of gravy, sweets, anything you would appreciate receiving in your own Christmas hamper.

2. Toiletries are acceptable, however, perfumed items such as soap can taint the other items in the hampers, so probably best to stick to food if possible.

3. Food items are preferred, however, gifts are acceptable provided they are new. We do not distribute second hand toys or gifts. Also, we must check all items, so please do not gift wrap items.

4. We cannot distribute alcohol or tobacco products.
CANTEEN NEWS

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SPECIAL: AVAILABLE UNTIL SOLD OUT: Erica Choc-Gingerbread Man 35g $1.20ea
                                          Starburst Double Headed Anaconda 50g $1.20ea

Hope everyone who took part in the Book Worm special lunch yesterday enjoyed every mouthful! Big thanks to everyone who came into the canteen to help get it all together and out to the children. As you know I couldn’t have done it without you.

I am currently working to fill the roster for 2014. Helpers are only needed 9am to 11.45am once a month. I can be contacted 8.30am to 1.30pm Tuesday to Friday should you wish any more information, or you can complete the form with this Linkletter or on the website and send it in through the Grade lunch tub.

Cheers, Suzi Cunningham

REMINDEERS:

GK 2013 SCHOOL MAGAZINE  Don’t be disappointed! Orders (orange form distributed this week) are due by **4PM FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15TH**. The school magazine will showcase our students, staff and parent support and provides a great memory for the 2013 school year, for many years to come.

GK 2014 Grade 5/6 Camp
Payment 2 : $75.00 due Friday 15th November
Payment 3 : $50.00 due Friday 13th December

Remembrance Day

On Monday my class 5R went to the ICT room. We searched on the internet for five interesting facts on Remembrance Day. I found out that Pacifists (people who want to try and find a peaceful solution to everything and don’t approve of war) wear white poppies. Purple poppies are produced by a foundation called Animal Aid to tell people about the animals that lost their lives in the war, such as horses, dogs, and pigeons. If you want to find out more, here is the link http://primaryfacts.com/1617/remembrance-day-facts-and-information/

By James S. 5R
SPORTS NEWS

STATE ORIENTEERING
The State Orienteering team will be held at Maroondah Reserve in Healesville on Friday 15th November. A team of 100 Gr 3-6 students will represent GK. Good luck to the team.

INTER SCHOOL SPORT
There will be no matches this week due to the State Orienteering. Students will have practice at the school.

WORKING BEE
A reminder that the school Working Bee will be held this Sunday 17th November starting at 9am. The major job will be redevelopment of the garden area near the front school sign. BBQ and drink will be provided after the Working Bee. Look forward to seeing you there.
DAVID BLACKBURN

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Catalogues for Issue 8 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 22nd November 2013.
Astrid Batten, Gail Elliott
LOCAL EXCURSION TO ST HELENA BUSHLAND RESERVE FOR ECOLOGY STUDIES IN TERM 4

Just a reminder that David our ecologist from Abzeco will be taking the students during SCIENCE lessons during the following fortnight, as part of our Scientist-in-Residence program. The majority, if not all, of these lessons will be held in the science room as the students discuss what they saw during their excursions to the local reserves. **PREP LESSONS will take place later in the term during their Wednesday science lessons** with Mrs Webb – sorry if this causes any inconvenience to any parents but due to time constraints, **the grade 6 students need time to complete their data collections**. The dates for the excursions are as follows:

**Week 6**

**Monday 11th November**
1A 10.20-12.50
4L 12.50-3.00

**Tuesday 12th November:**
3O 8.40-10.20 // 3R 10.20-12.50 // 3F 12.50-3.00

**Thursday 14th November:**
4C 9.30-11.05 // 4H 12.00-1.40

**Friday 15th November:**
1G 8.40-10.20 // 1/2B 12.00-1.40

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**Week 7**

**Monday 18th November**
5R 9.30-11.05 // 5V 12.00-1.40

**Tuesday 19th November**
6W 8.40-10.20
6M 10.20 – 12.50
5D 12.50-3.00

**Thursday 21st November**
6A 8.40-10.20
5/6L 10.20-12.50

**Friday 22nd November**
2A 8.40-10.20 // 2O 10.20-12.50 // 2D 12.50-3.00

Cheers, Annemarie Webb – Science teacher
webb.annemarie.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

**DATES FOR YOUR 2014 DIARY**

**Tue Jan 28th** - Teachers return, NO STUDENTS at school

**Wed Jan 29th** - CURRICULUM DAY, no students at school

**Thur 30th Jan** - Gr1 - 6 students start school; Prep interview day

**Fri 31st Jan** - Preps - Gr6 all students at school
GK Twilight Christmas Concert

Monday the 16th December!

This year’s Twilight Christmas Concert will once again be happening at GK, on our school oval. It is a great opportunity for families to come along with their picnic rugs and dinner to watch some amazing performances from our talented GK students.

Please keep an eye out for further information in coming weeks!

Lucy Miller and the Arts Committee

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**PUT A SMILE ON YOUR CHILD’S FACE**

... And on ours’ as well!

One way to put a smile on your child’s face is to become one of our valued volunteers in the Canteen! The excitement is written all over their faces as they come up to see you helping us in such an important role. All we ask is for a small commitment of a few hours of your time (9am to 11.45am) once a month.

Being on our Emergency List is also a great way to assist us as quite often we know we will be short the day before and can give you early notice.

Feel free to pop in and chat to us Tuesdays to Thursdays between 9.30am and 1.30pm to find out all about how the canteen works and how you can help.

NB. Unfortunately, no younger children are allowed to come with parents who work in our Canteen as it is a Health and Safety issue. Also government regulations require all persons working and volunteering with children to have a Working With Children card. This is free to Volunteers (there is a small fee if you don’t have a current passport size photo) and more information is available at your local Post Office.

Thanks for your time,

Suzy Cunningham (Canteen Manager)

**CANTEEN ROSTER 2014**

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Would you be prepared to go on our emergency list? (please circle) YES NO
These awards will be presented at assembly on Monday 18th November.

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<td>Michael Davis</td>
<td>For demonstrating excellence in his attitude to completing school work. Well done, Michael!</td>
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<td>5R</td>
<td>James Holmes</td>
<td>For his continual demonstration of excellence in all that he does. Congratulations on tremendous effort and creativity on your costume for the Bookworm Dress Up Day.</td>
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<td>5V</td>
<td>Imogen Bell</td>
<td>For showing the value of respect. Imogen is a fantastic help to the other children in the classroom. She shows guidance and care to those needing assistance around her.</td>
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<td>5/6L</td>
<td>James Rymar</td>
<td>For volunteering to help around the classroom without being asked on numerous occasions.</td>
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<td>6A</td>
<td>Hollie Ramsay</td>
<td>For her persistence while working with fractions. Hollie isn’t afraid to ask questions and have a go. Great Effort Hollie!!</td>
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<td>6M</td>
<td>Bayley Blakely</td>
<td>For always being a persistent and thoughtful learner. Bayley is always considerate of others within the classroom and tries his hardest in all of the tasks that he completes.</td>
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<td>6W</td>
<td>Shaylee Gunther</td>
<td>For being an enthusiastic Earn and Learn participant. Shaylee runs a creative and very successful business in Earn and Learn.</td>
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VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES

Enrolments for 2014 are now available online at http://www.vsl.vic.edu.au/enrol/.

Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Hindi, Italian, Khmer, Macedonian, Punjabi, Sinhala, Spanish, Tamil.