PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:

2014 ENROLMENTS

It is that time of the year when planning for 2014 begins to pick up speed. Prep enrolments have been steadily coming in over the last two months. We remind GK families who have a child due to start school in 2014 to get your enrolment form in please, if you haven’t already done so that is.

A Prep 2014 Orientation booklet is currently being distributed to all enrolled prep families. This booklet outlines important dates for this year and next and provides families with plenty of ‘need to know’ information regarding your child’s transition from pre-school to primary school. So please make sure you haven’t overlooked enrolling your child. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or picked up from the office.

Also, if you know that your child/ren (currently in Preps-Year 5) won’t be attending GK next year, then please make sure you let us know by sending a written note to the office. As well as anticipating the number of new students we can expect at GK in 2014, we also need to predict our whole school enrolment. We realise that sometimes family circumstances change and students need to relocate to another school. If this applies to your family then please advise us as early as you can. Planning staffing and classroom entitlement for the following year is like piecing together a big jigsaw puzzle with enrolment at each grade level providing important information that helps us to determine the number of teachers we need, classes and classrooms.

SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations and well done to a number of our senior students for their recent success in either athletics or footy. Several students competed in district athletics and some will go on to compete at divisional level in October. Go GK!!

The Darks Footy team is through to the state semi finals with only eight primary school teams left in the Victorian State Schools Sports Association Australian football competition. The semi finals will be played on Friday at Anthony Beale Reserve with the two winning teams going into the state grand final next week. Well done to the boys and their coach David Blackburn for their success so far and GO GK for the games still ahead. David Blackburn is actually interstate this week with School Sport Victoria’s Boys’ 12 Years & Under footy team. It’s Australian Football championship week and David is the Assistant Coach of the Victorian team. Many thanks to Jai Lincoln and Rob Lamb who have stepped into assist the GK boys this week in David’s absence.

We wish all of our competitors well in the next stage of their competitions. Go GK GO!

Jill Ramsay
An amazing last few weeks have seen the Grade 1, 2, 5 & 6 students participating in the State Schools Spectacular and our very own ‘GK NEWS’ School Production!

We have an amazing spread of talent in the Arts and it is terrific to see this being highlighted within our school Community.

We are seeking FEEDBACK on the school production so if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey connected to the web link below, we’d really appreciate it.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y9LZZDP

This link is also on our website.

Check out some great SPECTACULAR & PRODUCTION photos on our website!

Sporty Sports Talent at GK!

We are very proud of our footy team who under the coaching enthusiasm of David Blackburn and a few parents, managed to perform in the STATE finals on Tuesday. The boys won both games and now will play in the State Semi Final this Friday!

On Tuesday we also had a group of students perform exceptionally well at the District Athletics representing GK too! A great effort by all the students involved and yet another example of the terrific sports talent we have here at GK!

Three Way Conferences

Wednesday our Curriculum Day was dedicated to providing the opportunity for students to share their learning journey so far this year. Unlike the one to one Parent Teacher Interviews held earlier this year, the conferences allowed our students to reflect on their achievements and their next level of learning. We hope you were able to celebrate the achievements that your child has made and have some clarity about what their next challenge in learning is. If you walked away from a conference still requiring further information regarding your child’s learning I encourage you to communicate this with your child’s teacher so they can make another time with you. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their time and effort in preparing our students for the conferences.

Leanne Tingwell (Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator)
Hope everyone who decided to participate in our Mid Term Milk & Cookies Afternoon Tea today enjoyed it. A BIG thanks to everyone who helped to get it done. I would not be able to think about doing these extra treats for the children without your help.

The next special I will be doing will be a Footy Day lunch which will be over two days at the end of term so look out for that flyer coming home in a couple of weeks. The cost of this lunch will be $6.00. Also the canteen will be selling Choc Lemon Gelatis for $1.00 each on the 12th August to help celebrate Italian Day.

I have an opening on the roster for the 3rd Tuesday or 2nd Friday of the month. It would be great to fill these spots asap, especially as Fridays are the busiest day in the Canteen and there are only a few more to go for the year. Helpers are only needed 9am to 11.45am 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

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REMINdERS:

Grade 3 & 4 Camp instalment one due Friday, 16th August, 2013.

Grade 5 Queen Victoria Market excursion money due 21st August, 2013.

Grade 2 Eltham Expedition money due 23rd August, 2013.

Grade 3 Maroondah Dam excursion money due 29th August, 2013.

Italian Day money due 9th September, 2013. (whole school involved)
SAVE THE DATE – IT’S ON AGAIN!
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

Tickets will be $6 per student (Includes: Entry, glow band, drink & chips)

Ticket Entry Forms and Volunteer request will be distributed in the coming weeks.

The GK Parents & Friends Association look forward to organising another enjoyable evening for the Students of our School!

Tracey Russell
DISCO CONVENOR

Rebel Support Your Sport Program

Our school has been selected to participate in the Rebel Support Your Sport Program. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Rebel Sport as in-store credit to spend on our school sports programs.

All you need to do is join Rebel Season Pass, select our school from the list of participating groups and present your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Rebel Sport. You'll receive access to great member prices and other initiatives and the school will receive a 5% credit.

To link your card to Glen Katherine Primary School you just need to: Go to www.rebelseasonpass.com.au and log into Season Pass with your username and password. Click on "My Season Pass Profile". Select Glen Katherine Primary School from the list under "Which Local Club or School would you like to support?"

Thanks for your support!

FATHERS DAY STALL – THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST 2013

Calling for any donations that will help fill our Father’s Day Stall this year. We are looking for books, wrapped lollies, biscuits, unwanted & unused gifts that are clogging up your cupboards. Just drop them into the Father’s Day box in the office foyer. If you are interested in helping out on the day (Thursday 29th August) with the stall or setting up on Wednesday morning please call me, Kristi Hanley on 0433 848 838.
This week & next

‘DO RIGHT DETECTIVE’ is looking for:

Tolerance

You can show tolerance by accepting that it is ok for people to be different from everyone else. This is what makes us special and unique. Instead of judging people for how they look, speak, dress and act it would be great to see these differences as something to learn more about.

Accepting these differences in people is showing Tolerance.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded at assembly on Monday for Doing the RIGHT THING!

   Zach C in PH
   Molly-May in 1A
   Jeyda M in 2D
   Jake B in 3O
   Jamie D in 6M

NEW TO GK WEBSITE

On front page of website, check out PARENT SECTION and the Calendar - which gives you a monthly view of what’s on at GK.

Check out pictures of the GK News production and State Schools Spectacular under the GALLERY SECTION on the front page also.
GK Family Skaterz Night

THIS SATURDAY NIGHT!!

Tickets still available (form on GK Website)
Pre paid Skaters tickets have been added to the door list.
Additional skate passes will be available on the night for non skaters who would like to join in the fun!!

*Children must be accompanied by an adult

Date: Saturday 17th August
Time: 6 – 9pm
Venue: Skaterz - 27 Susan St, Eltham

BYO: Basket supper/dinner, snacks and drinks (no alcohol)
* The Skaterz kiosk will be open for hot drinks, ice-creams, lollies and crisps only.

Any queries please contact Kate on 0409 528 776.
A PFA Social Event

North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club Inc
Registration Day

Saturday 24th August 2013
10.00 am – 3.00 pm at the Eltham North Community Centre, Wattletree Road Eltham

We have teams entered in U12 Modified & Developments, Under 12 and Under 14. Milo In2Cricket enquires also welcome.

All new players welcome. A free barbecue will be provided

For further details please contact Brian Stieg on 0400 560 490 or Trevor Bell 0402 066 653

Website: http://newcc.vic.cricket.com.au

ELTHAM COMMUNITY CRAFT & PRODUCE MARKET
SUNDAY AUGUST 18th
8.30am - 1.00pm PANTHER PLACE, ELTHAM
NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK AT GLEN KATHERINE

LOTS of scientific thoughts, activities and investigations have been taking place at G.K. this week to celebrate National Science Week. The week started off with a BANG, as students and teachers enjoyed the Jollybops Science Show which used a lot of cool chemistry to demonstrate different types of matter and energy. Veronica from 6M toured the lower classrooms at lunchtime to show off her amazing Giant Burrowing Cockroaches from Queensland – how gorgeous! And down at the science room, students studied an array of solids in the Solids Smorgasboard before making SLIME!! Science is everywhere and we sure have fun doing it at GK!

In the current edition of Melbourne Child there is an article called ‘The Wonder Of Why’ – here is a short extract for you to enjoy.

Australia’s Chief Scientist Professor Ian Chubb, AC, emphasises the importance of science knowledge and skills to our children and society.

“Has your child ever asked ‘Why?’ This is one of the earliest signs they are thinking scientifically. While a child’s interest in science occurs naturally, they need your support in developing it. By encouraging them to understand how the world works, even if you don't quite understand it yourself, you are promoting a scientific way of thinking – analytical, logical, critical, systemic, structured and evidence-based.

“As a parent, you need to prepare yourself for the possibility that your children may end up being smarter than you. One of the ways that might happen is through science. It focuses intellect and develops skills like research, learning, enquiry and problem-solving. Not every child who studies science will go on to be a scientist, technologist, engineer or mathematician. Nor do we need them to be, nor want them all to be. Science unlocks the door to a variety of jobs. A career in scientific research might be one of those…”

Happy Science Week, from Mrs Webb.

5 Star Sustainable Classrooms

Great to see classes making the effort to put their waste in the right place – we have actually increased the amount of yellow skips that go off to the recycling plant and lessened the landfill skips being emptied – which is great! CONGRATULATIONS to 5D, 5V, 6M, PrepS and PrepH for all getting their WASTE badge this week. Also a big WELL DONE to 2D for getting their NUDE FOOD badge - the less rubbish and plastic wraps we have, the better! Thanks to everyone for trying to improve our school environment.
Value Awards to be presented at assembly on Monday, 19th August.

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<td>For demonstrating excellence in organising his homework and diary this fortnight. Lucas, keep up the good work to ensure that you continue to show excellence in organisation.</td>
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<td>5R</td>
<td>Tahlia B</td>
<td>For demonstrating excellence in Maths and Literacy sessions this term. For displaying creativity in the ‘GK News’ Production in the dance troupe. Well done Tahlia and keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>Olivia W</td>
<td>For showing excellence in extending her maths knowledge and not being afraid to have a go at next tasks. Olivia, you should be very proud of the improvements you have made in maths. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Cooper J</td>
<td>For showing persistence and kindness when working with his Prep buddy. Cooper you display a gentle and caring manner when working with your buddy and always ensure you are setting the right example! Keep up the wonderful work! J</td>
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<td>6A</td>
<td>Evan H</td>
<td>For always volunteering to read and contributing to class discussion. Also the excellent improvement he has shown taking care and pride in his work. Fantastic effort Evan it has been great to see.</td>
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<td>Elizabeth D</td>
<td>For showing outstanding creativity when forming your mandala. It is another example of the thoughtfulness you display when completing all tasks. Well done!</td>
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<td>6W</td>
<td>Kayla H</td>
<td>For demonstrating persistence when things become challenging. Keep working hard Kayla.</td>
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Would you like your child to experience the confidence that Performing Arts develops?

Our singing and dance programmes are about building communities and improving our well being. Your child will learn new skills, make new friends and be part of some memorable performances.

The Australian Youth Choir and the Australian Youth Dance Theatre hold weekly rehearsals in Essendon and Rosanna. Visit our website www.niypaa.com.au and contact us 9836 2877 to attend our audition day in Northcote on Saturday Sept 21.