PRINCIPAL’S NOTES:

PREP 2014 TRANSITION TIME

Excitement is starting to build. Now we’re into term 4, there are a number of opportunities for our enrolled 2014 preps and their parents to come along to school and begin to get a taste of school life. Yesterday, from 2.15pm—3.15pm there was an optional session which was attended by many families. The children took part in some activities both in the prep classrooms as well as down in the Science room and gully area.

Next Thursday, October 24th, there will be another optional session from 2.15pm - 3.15pm during which time the children will visit Music as well as have further time in the prep classrooms. It was terrific to see so many parents taking the opportunity to bring their child along to school. Thank you!

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ATHLETICS SUCCESS

Team GK was very competitive at Meadow Glen Aths track again this week and a number of students will now go on to compete at the forthcoming State championships. A fantastic outcome! Well done to our competitors who have been doing so well and every best wish for those students who go on to compete at the next level. Go GK!!

LINKLETTER REGISTRATION ON THE WEBSITE

Do you check the Linkletter each week? Do you receive an email notification telling you when the Linkletter has been uploaded? If not, chances are you haven’t registered your details yet on our website. Please make sure you do this and then you too can receive a weekly notification once the Linkletter has been published.

You can register by going to the GK website home page http://www.glenkps.vic.edu.au/ Scroll down to the bottom and look for the Linkletter registration icon. A reminder that we have hard copies of the Linkletter at the office each week but we no longer send hard copies home to each family. Checking the linkletter electronically is recommended to all of our families.

JOINT St HELENA SC & GKPS SPORTING FACILITIES SURVEY

Thank you to the families who have completed this short survey. Help us to ascertain information about sport participation which will greatly assist in building our case to improve our sporting facilities as well as provide access to facilities for other users after hours. Access to the survey is via the website home page.

Jill Ramsay

2014 PLANNING

If your child/ren currently in Preps-Gr5 are moving to another school next year, do we know this yet?

If not, please confirm ASAP with the office as this is essential information that helps us to plan more accurately for staffing, room entitlement and grade structure.

Thank you!
Don’t miss the CHANNEL 7 television highlights broadcast on this week: SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER 2.30pm—4.30pm! We will hopefully be able to spot our talented Grade 6 choir and dance groups performing in the Victorian States Schools Spectacular production that they participated in earlier this year. Exciting!

NAPLAN Results for 2013

Last week NAPLAN reports were delivered to the Grade 3 and 5 students who participated in the National Assessment in May. Overall we were pleased with the performance of our students across the board. Our Grade 3 cohort have demonstrated areas of strength in writing, grammar, punctuation and numeracy. Our Grade 5 cohort have demonstrated areas of strength in reading, grammar and punctuation. From a whole school curriculum perspective, the results reinforced our belief that while we are making steady progress in Literacy and Numeracy, we need to continue building our students’ capabilities through consistent and varied teacher practice. By doing this we hope to ensure future assessment identifies strength in all curriculum areas for all Grade Levels as a whole.

Regarding individual student performance, it is important to remember that this is but a small sample of each students’ capabilities. Many factors need to be taken into consideration when reading a child’s NAPLAN report. While some students may perform well, others may not and this could be an indication of skills or testing readiness and application on the day.

We believe our teachers provide the best judgement on what a child has achieved and what their next level of learning is. NAPLAN provides some additional information to support these judgements but our teachers know your child best. So if you do have any queries regarding your child’s report I encourage you to make a time with your child’s teacher to discuss this.

Well Done Grade 3 & 5 students! Thank you also to our staff who continue to work collaboratively and diligently to strengthen their own practice with the soul intention of improving our students’ knowledge and skills as they travel from Prep to Grade 6.

Leanne Tingwell
Assistant Principal/Curriculum Leader
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

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The ‘DO RIGHT DETECTIVE’ found the following students displaying good learning behaviours last week:

6M Elizabeth D
5V Ebony B
4C Chloe L
3O Kathleen Z
2A Emily B
1/2B Ashelen B
Prep T Brielle H
Phys Ed – 1A Emma L

Well done to these students as well as many others who were also noticed for showing great learning behaviours.

Keep the Date

Grade 6 Graduation
Wednesday 11th December
Planet Shakers -
360 Main Road, Lower Plenty
A reminder that sunshine jelly and frozen fruits are back on the menu, **and available for purchase over the counter at lunch recess along with the ice-creams & slushies**. Also, please remove the Cheese & Bacon Puffs off your menu (you will find it listed under ‘Every day hot foods’). We have a couple of serves available for purchase but will not be making any more this year.

I still have an opening on the roster for the **3rd Tuesday** and again on **2nd 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. It is at this time of year I also start planning for next year’s roster so please give a thought as to whether you may be able to help out in 2014.

Cheers, Suzi Cunningham

### REMINDERS:

**Grade 5 & 6 Camp 2014**—deposit due: ASAP

**Grade 3 & 4 Swimming payments** due: 18th October, 2013

**Grade 2 Ferngully Lodge** payments due: 23rd October, 2013

**SUNSMART TIME** - The **NO HAT, NO PLAY** rule applies in term 4 and term 1. It’s great to see that almost all students have their hats at school and on their heads during the day when outdoors. Well done everyone!

**SHOE & SHOE LACE COLOURS REMINDER**

A number of students are currently being reminded about shoes & shoe laces which must conform to the school colours (ie **black/blue/white/grey** are the predominant colour). We have a uniform policy and we really do appreciate the support we get from most of our families in ensuring that children wear the correct uniform. Thank you!

**IS YOUR FAMILY MOVING ON NEXT YEAR?** If your child/ren currently in Preps-Grade 5 are not going to be at GK next year, do we know this yet? **Please confirm with the office, in writing, as soon as you know your child/ren will be relocating.** This is essential information which we need to help us plan for 2014 staffing, room entitlement and class structure.
ANIMALS, ANIMALS, ANIMALS!!

Well – what a week it’s been at GK! Wild weather hasn’t stopped us exploring the local reserves with our ecologist David. Equipped with a camera on a pole, students are tracking the inhabitants of nesting boxes – some even come out to greet us! Students seem to be enjoying the experience and comment on how bushy and remote the reserve seems – even when so close to school. We are certainly lucky to have such an area so close to us for exploration.

Do to the inclement weather we seem to be having at the moment it is recommended that your child wears LONG PANTS during our excursions during science lessons to the local reserves. GUMBOOTS and RAINCOATS can also be worn. Obviously we will not be going out if raining, but the ground and grass will still be wet from recent showers.

We had a wonderful Aussie Animal Card Swap day during Monday lunchtime. Between 60-80 students turned up to trade and swap and most seemed to leave satisfied with the experience! I have been asked to run another one – so NEXT MONDAY LUNCHTIME we will have another swap day down at the Science Room. Those students who knew what numbered cards they wanted seemed to have the most success – so that might be a weekend activity to do at home!! Thank you to Ben, Harry, Evan, Jack, Hannah, Jessica and some other upper grade students who came to facilitate the activity. It was lovely to see how well the younger and older students helped and cooperated with each other.

Cheers, Mrs Webb – Science teacher

ITALIAN NEWS

The Festival will take place in Melbourne across five Palace Cinema locations, including Palace Cinema Como, Palace Balwyn, Palace Brighton Bay, Palace Westgarth and Kino Cinemas. Subtitles in English. Currently screening until 27th October.

11am - 8pm Celebrating all things Italian

Angolo dei bambini
Kids Corner

Bring the kids down and let them jump on the jumping castle, have their face painted Italian style, listen to Italian story tellers, draw in our drawing station and watch Italian cartoons...

James Liotta from the Grade 5/6 Italian day performance “La Comica” will be hosting!
WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY – Friday 25th October 2013

Please note we are celebrating World Teachers’ Day on Friday 25th October.

The PFA is organising an Afternoon Tea for the GK Teachers and Staff in the Staffroom from 1.30pm. If you are able to assist with a plate of food (savoury or sweet), and/or with setting up/clearing up could you please contact Carol Kovacic on 0407 367 318 or sc.kovacic1@optusnet.com.au advising what you can provide!

Many thanks, and students...don’t forget to thank your teacher for helping you become that little bit smarter!!

GK Family Skaterz Night

Our GK Family Skaterz Night will now be held on Saturday 26th October.

If you had purchased tickets for the original date, can you please advise us of non attendance ASAP, as no refunds will be given after Tuesday 22nd October. If we don’t hear from you, we will assume you are attending.

See you there!!

Please contact Kate on 0409 528 776 with any queries.

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Small items wanted for upcoming Prep Transition Days. If you have anything suitable for sale, please send them to school along with your name, child's name and grade and a contact number.

New helpers needed for 2014!!! Carolyn Smith has volunteered to take on the role of Co-ordinator, but we URGENTLY need volunteers for our roster to keep this important service operating. We are currently open Monday and Friday mornings between 8.30 am and 9.00 am. If you can help out any day, once a week, once a fortnight, even once a month, please call Carolyn Smith on 0423 417 253 or Amanda Fraser on 04058 718 770.
SPORT NEWS

Interschool sport
Summer Interschool Sport commences this Friday. Students are reminded to wear their hats and bring a drink bottle.
Matches commence at 9.30AM.
GK Darks vs Laurimar B (Home)
GK Lights vs Apollo B (Away)

Twilight Christmas Concert
With Christmas not too far away it’s time to start thinking about the wonderful GK tradition, the “GK Christmas Concert”, an evening full of music, singing, dancing, performance, surprise, fun, and laughter and a wonderful finale to the end of the school year.

The date for this year’s concert is Monday the 16th December.
So mark this date in your diaries/calendars and watch out for further information in the weeks to come. We are currently seeking expertise for the sound system on the night if you are able to assist in any way or know of someone that could help can you please let myself or the office know as soon as possible.
We hope that all families can join us on this fun filled evening.

Nadia Cosma and the Arts Team

Woolworths Animal Card Swap with Mrs. Tinglewell
Tuesday, 22nd October at Lunchtime. Bring your cards to swap.
These awards will be presented at assembly on Monday, 21st October, 2013.

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<td>Kasey W</td>
<td>For demonstrating excellence in all tasks, and for contributing her ideas in class more often. Keep up the wonderful contributions, Kasey!</td>
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<td>5R</td>
<td>Flynn G</td>
<td>For his continual display of excellence in all that he does. Flynn-you are a thoughtful and respectful student. Congratulations!</td>
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<td>Chloe W</td>
<td>For showing great respect when assisting one of her fellow classmates during a group task.</td>
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<td>Zoe G</td>
<td>For her thoughtful and caring support of other children within the classroom.</td>
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<td>6A</td>
<td>Tim H</td>
<td>For his improved confidence in expressing ideas and opinions during class discussions. Also for his EXCELLENT work throughout division. Keep up the great work Tim!</td>
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<td>6M</td>
<td>Brock T</td>
<td>For your fantastic contributions during small group reading sessions. It is wonderful to see how focussed you have been and how confident you are to share your ideas and opinions. Keep it up, Brock!</td>
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<td>6W</td>
<td>Reuben H</td>
<td>For persisting with everything that you undertake. It is great to see you try your hardest and have a go. Keep up the fantastic effort Reuben.</td>
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**Hurstbridge**

**Fun Run 2013**

**Sunday 27th October**

Start / Finish at Hurstbridge Primary School
8:30 am 12km Mason White McDougall Real Estate Run
8:45 am 6km Bendigo Bank Hurstbridge & Districts Walk/Run
10am 3km Hurstbridge Osteopathy Walk/Run

[www.hurstbridgefunrun.org.au](http://www.hurstbridgefunrun.org.au)

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**Nillumbik Junior Soccer Club**

**Free Soccer Clinic**

- Fun for Boys & Girls 6 – 14 yrs.
- Qualified coaches.
- Skills and Movement.
- Beginners and experienced welcome.
- Bring Runners and Water bottle.

**Diamond Valley College Oval**

6:30pm – 7:30pm every Wednesday
From 30th October to 27th November

Paul: 0412 484 077 or Steve: 0407 367 893
Email: enquiries@nillumbikjasc.org.au
Website: www.nillumbik.sportingpulse.net

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**Kids, Come & Try Fishing**

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT HOSTED BY THE NORTHERN SUBURBS FLY FISHING CLUB INC.**

Sunday October 20, 9-30am-2pm
Yarrambat Park Lake, Yarn Yean Rd., Yarrambat

All equipment, tackle, bait and instruction is provided for FREE
A BBQ lunch and soft drinks will be available at a small cost
Contact: Cam Polidoro 0409 703 296

It's a catch-and-release only event. Kids under 15 must be accompanied by an adult
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

The North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club (NEWCC) is one of the biggest junior clubs in the Diamond Valley Cricket Association and has a successful history of running the Milo In2Cricket program. The highly successful Milo In2Cricket program is a fun introduction for both boys and girls to learn how to play cricket. It provides children with an enjoyable and safe learning environment where they can build their confidence, develop new skills and play games.

MILO In2CRICKET teaches children the most important lesson of all which is to LOVE THE GAME. Once a child learns to love the game of cricket they will be a cricketer for life and will experience all the benefits the game provides.

Program Commences
Registration: Sunday 20th October 2013 9.30 am to 11.00 am
Program Commences: Sunday 27th October 2013 9.30 am to 11.00 am
Where: Wattletree Road, Eltham North, Victoria 3095 (adjacent to roundabout) Melways: Map 11, K11
Cost: $75 for the program
Who is it suited to: Typically children in Prep through to Grade 1 or 2 inclusive

Registrations for older children are still welcome
Contact details: Brian Stieg - 0400 560 490
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).

Ticket sales close – Tuesday 22nd October.

Any queries? Please contact Kate on 0409 528 776.

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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.