Our values: RESPECT, Resilience, Excellence, Safety, Persistence, Encouragement, Creativity and Tolerance

DIARY

2013

TERM 3

Tues. 23rd July
Preps—Hands on Science Incursion

Wed. 24th July
Grade 4 Polly Woodside Excursion

Sat. 27th July
State Schools Spectacular Performance

Wed. 31st July
Grade 6 Indonesian & Cultural Infusion

Mon. 5th & Tues. 6th August
Grade 1, 2 & 5 School Production at St. Helena SC Theatre (families will receive ticketing information today, online ticket sales from Fri July 19th to Wed 1st Aug.

Wed. 14th August
Curriculum Day—3 Way Conferences 12 noon—8.00 pm

Thurs. 17th August
GK Family Skaterz Night

Tues. 3rd Sept.
Grade 3 Maroondah Dam Excursion
Grade 5 Queen Victoria Market

Sun. 8th Sept.
Working Bee

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

Whilst it’s difficult to believe, half of the school year has been and gone. The second half of the year, semester two, is now underway with a smooth start to the term this week.

We welcome a new staff member, Loretta Simmonds, who will take Music for students from year 3 - year 6. Loretta has a strong background in music education and we look forward to Loretta’s input in helping to improve the profile of performing arts at GK along with providing new opportunities and learning for our students. Welcome back to Viv Byrne (Office) who was on long service leave during term 2 and welcome also to Melinda Djukic who is replacing Annette Rough for a short period of long service leave.

HOLIDAY WORKS

As always during a school holiday period, there is usually something that needs to be done and the holidays provide an opportunity to do something without the need to interrupt classes. Tasks undertaken included re-carpeting the Library and removal of play equipment down near the Science room. The Library was a big job given that all of the shelves of books had to be removed and then put back again. The play equipment was old and in need of expensive repair to make it compliant with safety regulations. In view of the fact that we have four other sets of play equipment and spacious grounds for many other active pursuits, it was a decision of School Council not to replace this play equipment.

In the next school holidays, we plan to landscape the area down near the grade 1 play equipment and tennis courts (where the portables were moved from last year). This area will have some big, flat rocks, mounds and a windy pathway and seating area which will become another outside, natural play space for students to use.

STATE SCHOOLS’ SPECTACULAR

The excitement is building. Many of our year 6 students will be performing in the State Schools’ Spectacular at Hisence Arena on Saturday 27th July (2 performances). This involves hundreds of students from around Victoria who have been working on singing and dance routines over many weeks. After 2 full days of rehearsals next Thursday and Friday, Saturday is the day for entertaining thousands of people at Hisence. It doesn’t get much more exciting than this! Taking part in such a big event is likely to be a one in a lifetime experience for most of our students.

‘GK NEWS’ PRODUCTION

And there’s more! On Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th August, all of the students in years 1, 2 and 5 will perform to an audience four times (2 matinees and 2 evening performances). All of the Prep students along with years 3, 4 and 6 students will get to see the production at one or the other matinees so no one misses out. Family ticketing information will be sent home with students in years 1, 2 and 5 tomorrow and is also on the home page of our website. To be fair to families, a maximum of 3 tickets only can be booked online from tomorrow.

Go GK Go!!!

Jill Ramsay

PRINCIPAL’S NOTES:
Welcome back to a new term with a new menu and roster. Just a reminder that the canteen is now closed on Mondays so lunch orders and counter sales are only available Tuesday to Friday. Hope everyone likes the new menu and the fact that the ‘specials’ are now available Tuesday to Thursday.

Look out for our next whole school special afternoon tea. Order forms will be coming home soon and will need to be back by Friday 9th August. The cost of this afternoon tea will be $4.00

Please don’t hesitate to contact the canteen if you would like to join our lovely group of volunteers. I can be contacted 8.30am to 1.30pm should you wish to find out more.

Cheers, Suzi Cunningham

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Welcome back everyone! This semester is shaping up to be very exciting in the Performing Arts, with two major events the “Victorian State School Spectacular” and “The GK News” happening in the next few weeks. Students in grades one, two and five have been busy singing, dancing and preparing in anticipation for our upcoming Production “GK NEWS”. Under the guidance and expertise of Michelle Cotter, Merrin Tunnecliffe and class teachers the students in these areas have shown persistence and passion in learning lines, dance moves and song lyrics. Although there are a few busy weeks ahead fine tuning acts we all know that the hard work will be worthwhile. The children are looking forward to seeing lots of familiar faces in the crowd on show night. These performances will be on Monday 5th August and Tuesday 6th August. Students not involved will have an opportunity to see the performance during the day whilst the evening performances will be ticketed for family.

The Visual Arts program has also been busy supporting the Production through the making of props. Some of the props have been made by students and teachers during art classes whilst others have been made by a group of enthusiastic and dedicated parents/friends on Wednesday afternoons. Again, under the guidance of Michelle these adult helpers have painted, constructed, sewn, designed and given up time at home to prepare props for the children. An enormous thank you to all those involved.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support in what is shaping up to be a fantastic semester in the Performing Arts.

GK Arts Team
Our Grade 6 SSS students have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming **Victorian State School Spectacular** performance at Hisense Arena, on Saturday 27th July.

Glen Katherine are fortunate to have an enthusiastic dance and choir group who are set to perform in front of over 10,000 people and possibly have their faces broadcasted on television. Students began their journey earlier in the year and have attended a number of practice sessions. Our choir and dance group have had to learn the lyrics and/or dance moves to approximately 7 songs. They will be performing alongside around 3,000 other students from throughout Victoria.

During the holidays the SSS dance group met to practice their dance moves and prepare their costumes for the event. Students worked with one another to turn some old clothes into some very ghoulish looking outfits for their performance, 'Thriller- Heads will Roll'.

A very big thank you goes to Nikki Ramsay and Shaz for their outstanding dedication and efforts! Nikki has spent a great deal of time preparing and rehearsing with the choir group. We are very fortunate to have Nikki’s amazing musical expertise to guide and support our choir. Shaz has also spent many hours sewing, bleaching costumes, dancing and sharing her wonderful sense of humour with the dance group.

The choir and dance group will be performing at assembly on Monday 22nd July. We hope you can come along to celebrate all of their hard work!

Lucy Miller on behalf of the GK Arts Team
These awards will be presented at assembly on Monday.

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<td>Ashleigh R</td>
<td>For being persistent in her learning and always trying her best.</td>
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<td>Ally M</td>
<td>For demonstrating excellence in all that she does. Congratulations Ally on exceeding expectations in the classroom.</td>
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<td>5V</td>
<td>Blake M</td>
<td>For demonstrating excellence in his responses to classroom discussions. Well Done Blake on always sharing your ideas and answers with your peers. Your thoughts on the Dreamtime story ‘Brolga Song’ were very interesting and mature.</td>
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<td>5/6L</td>
<td>Charlotte M</td>
<td>For being persistent in completing all classroom tasks, no matter how hard the challenge. Well done.</td>
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<td>6A</td>
<td>Jessica F</td>
<td>For her enthusiastic approach to school work and learning. Jess consistently shares her thoughts and ideas during class discussions. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>Blake D</td>
<td>For always demonstrating good learning behaviours. Congratulations on the great work ethic and effort you put in! Keep it up, Blake!</td>
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<td>Kobe B</td>
<td>For being a responsible, co-operative and happy student who puts in effort with all his homework and project tasks. Keep up the excellent work, Kobe!</td>
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Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA

The second instalment of EMA is to be claimed by 2nd August, 2013.

Contact: School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is 2nd August, 2013. If you have already lodged and received EMA Instalment 1, you do not need to resubmit a form. This will be done automatically for you.

Eligibility:
To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:
be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
◊ be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).

Payment Amounts - 2013:

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Your family is invited to come along for a great social night out.

**Date:** Saturday 17\textsuperscript{th} August
**Time:** 6 – 9pm
**Venue:** Skaterz - 27 Susan St, Eltham
**Cost:** $12 per skater (includes skate hire)

Non-skaters - free (max 2 per family)

**BYO:** Basket supper/dinner, snacks and drinks (no alcohol)

* The Skaterz kiosk will be open for hot drinks, ice-creams, lollies and crisps only.

This event has limited capacity for skaters and non skaters, so get in quick to ensure you don't miss out! This social night is strictly for GK families only. Wristbands will be provided at the door, and no tickets will be sold on the night.

Forms were sent home yesterday with students.

Any queries please contact Kate on 0409528776.

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**DESICPABLE ME 2**

For our FREE Screening of Despicable Me 2 (PG)
ELTHAM COMMUNITY
CRAFT & PRODUCE MARKET
SUNDAY JULY 21.

8.30am - 1.00pm
PANTHER PLACE, ELTHAM