PRINCIPAL’S NOTES:

TWILIGHT CONCERT
It was wonderful to see so many families come along and join in the fun last Monday evening. The students and their teachers had been busily preparing and practising their items for a few weeks and it was a thrill for them to be able to perform to such an appreciative audience. Special thanks to the key organisers of the event, Nadia Cosma and Lucy Miller, who with other members of the ARTS team did a great job. Thank you also to Adam Roach for providing his expertise and sound equipment along with grade 6 students Chloe G, Ryley M, Harry W & James R who did a great job in compering the show.

Thank you as well to the staff, the students, the PFA (who ran the sausage sizzle & raffle) and other parent helpers along with our families for supporting the event. A great time was had by all!

THANKYOU, FARRELL AND BEST WISHES
At the end of each school year, we can proudly look back and reflect on what has been a very busy, productive and successful year. Our second edition of a GK magazine went home earlier this week to families who had ordered a copy. The annual magazine or year book is a great way of being able to reflect on the people, programs and activities that characterise Glen Katherine and the 2013 school year.

Congratulations and well done to our 2013 year 6 students who graduated last week. We are very proud of our 97 graduates and wish them every success in their transition to secondary school and eventually into the world beyond school. They are a terrific group of young people and I sincerely thank their teachers (Shannon Whelan, Lucy Miller, Amy Murray and Leigh Fatchen) along with other staff, both past and present, for the wonderful job they have done over the years in developing the students as learners, thinkers, problem solvers and socially responsible citizens. Special thanks also to the parent committee who did a fantastic job in helping to organise graduation, decorate the hall, arrange the tickets etc. etc. You did a great job!!!

At Graduation, the following awards were given:-

Principal’s Awards: Juhyung Bae & Mitchell Ramsay
Citizenship Awards: Kyle Svikulis & Charlie Sievers
Sports Awards: Abby Robinson & Daniel Ferronato
Academic Awards: Jack Duncan & Andrew Farinaccia
Arts Awards: Charlotte Craig (Visual) & Candice Dower (Musical)
Science Awards: Evan Harris & Harry Widdicombe
School Council President’s Award: Amanda Fraser & Colin Mynard

Tomorrow will mark the end of an era for our year 6 students and 55 families who will leave Glen Katherine. We say a fond farewell to all of the families who are leaving us from both year 6 as well as from Prep-Year 5.

To each family, we say thank you for your support and involvement in the school and we wish you all well for the future.

As mentioned in a previous Linkletter, we have a number of staff who will also be leaving and/or taking leave:- Jenny Hopkin, Ken Hopkin, Amy Murray, Rita Vitelleschi-Zauzich, Lucy Miller and Merrin Tunnecliffe. We thank these staff members for their commitment to GK students and the great job they have done whilst at GK and we wish them each of them well in their future pursuits.

In closing, best wishes everyone for a very happy and relaxing festive and holiday season. Stay safe and well and may the year ahead in 2014 be full of optimism and good times for one and all.

To those students, staff and families who will be back at GK again next year, we look forward to another enjoyable, productive and successful year together.
DATES FOR YOUR 2014 DIARY

**Tues Jan 28th** - Teachers return, NO STUDENTS at school. Office Open 10am—3pm

**Wed Jan 29th** - CURRICULUM DAY, no students at school. Office Open 10am—3pm
- Uniform Shop Open, 10.00am-11.00am

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

**Fri 31st Jan** - Preps - Gr 6, all students at school
  Uniform Shop Open 8.30am-9.30am

**Tues 11th Feb** - PFA ‘s Annual General Meeting

REMINDERS:

**SCHOOL SHOES**

It’s great to see so many students wearing shoes that meet uniform requirements. A reminder to parents if purchasing new shoes for the start of the 2014 school year.

1. Shoes need to be predominantly **BLACK, BLUE, GREY** or **WHITE** with **shoelaces in any of these same 4 colors**.
   Shoes may have other color/s BUT the predominant color/s have to be those listed. It is not OK to wear fluoro shoes and/or non matching laces.

2. Shoes must be substantial and provide adequate support to the foot. Light weight canvas type shoes are not considered suitable.

**SUNHATS**

Students must have their GK sunsmart hat ready to begin the school year in 2014. The ‘NO HAT, NO PLAY’ rule operates during from September through to April so please make sure those hats are in school bags and ready to be worn on the first day of school.

**NAME EVERYTHING PLEASE**

Personal items of clothing, hats, school bags, lunch bottles, water bottles, books etc. all need to be clearly named from day 1 please.
SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
FRI 20th Dec 8.40am
Final 2013 assembly and farewell to our Year 6 students

FAMILIES LEAVING GK

We wish to extend our best wishes to the following families who leave GK due to grade 6 students moving on to secondary college, or families relocating to other schools in the state and throughout the country.


CANTEEN

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FIRST DAY FOR LUNCH ORDERS IN 2014 – Tuesday 4th February

A big THANK YOU to everyone, who has been a part of my ‘canteen brigade’ this year. I would not be able to do all the things I do without your valuable participation. Looking forward to seeing you back again next year as the roster is almost full!

I currently have a couple of vacancies for the 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of the month. Don’t hesitate to contact me in the canteen if you think you might be available to assist.

I hope everyone has a fabulous and safe festive season, and best wishes to those with their babies finally finishing grade 6 and moving on.

Cheers, Suzi Cunningham

LOST PROPERTY THANK YOU

Please check the lost property tub (in office area) if you are missing clothing items. Anything without a name ends up in this tub.

A BIG thank you to the mums who regularly check and look after lost property – Mary Lennon and Amanda Luke. They do a great job of keeping lost property in check.
**Canteen Roster 2014**

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| First week of the month Extra Day | Maxine Butterworth, Sema Hasan  
EXTRA DAY – 29th July | Melissa Trainor  
EXTRA DAY – 29th October | Guljan Enayati, Lisa Wilson, Lorraine Tancredi  
EXTRA DAY – 30th October | Yvette Whiteman, Annette Miller, Linda Brandt  
EXTRA DAY – 31st October |
| Second week of the month Extra Day | Peta Hill, Lisa Pugsley  
EXTRA DAY – 29th April | Vennessa Galea  
EXTRA DAY – 30th April | Emma West, Amanda Ciurlino, Rachel Harper  
EXTRA DAY – 29th May | Sharon McLaren, Tammy Forbes, Fiona Davies  
EXTRA DAY – 30th May |
| Third week of the month Extra Day | Christine McFarlane, Jenny Robertshaw  
EXTRA DAY – 30th July | Kylie Togni, Brigitte Hecker  
EXTRA DAY – 30th July | Sharon Bowen, Janene Calovic, Tracey Russell  
EXTRA DAY – 29th August |
| Fourth week of the month Extra Day | Catherine Robertson, Sharon Mifsud  
EXTRA DAY – 31st August | Narelle Sinclair, Teone Smith  
EXTRA DAY – 31st August | Amanda Peacock, Felicity Armstrong | Paula Griggs, Katherine Aggett, Samantha Grant |

**Glen Katherine Primary School**

**Canteen Roster 2014**

- Extra day 5th day of the month.
- *If you are unable to attend, could you please try and swap with someone else or call the Canteen on 9431-1599.*

Canteen begins at 9.00am and finishes at 11.45am.
Visit by Former G.K. Student, Now Baseball Star - Lewis Thorpe

We were lucky enough to have a visit to our school last week by former G.K. student Lewis Thorpe. Last year, Lewis signed a seven year contract with the USA baseball team the Minnesota Twins and has just finished an amazingly successful first season with them. Lewis, who is now 17, is an exceptionally talented left hand pitcher - throwing around 100 km/hr.

In grade 5 & 6, he was a member of the Boys Darks Softball team that I coached. He was one of four of our students who were part of the Victorian Primary School Softball team during their grade 6 year. (This was the first time in Australia that four students from the same primary school have ever been in the same state team in any sport - a record that still stands.)

When at G.K., Lewis set the goal of playing Major League Baseball in America. He has worked extremely hard to be well and truly on his way to achieving this!

Lewis honed his baseball skills playing for Greenhills Montmorency and Doncaster from the age of 8. He has also represented Australia in baseball at the highest level overseas on numerous occasions and is currently playing for the Melbourne Aces before returning to the US shortly for their new season.

Congratulations Lewis, you are a fabulous role model to our students! You followed your dream and it's coming true! We are immensely proud of your achievements and will continue to follow and support you in your baseball career!

Sherryn Owen
GUITAR AND DRUM LESSONS FOR 2014

I am now taking bookings for next years guitar and drum lessons. If you are interested please give me a call on 0412 816 564 or email adroachl@hotmail.com. Also if you are interested in participating in the rock band in 2014 that is held on a lunch time please let me know.

Adam Roach

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Keyboard Lessons

2014

Places are now available for any child who would like to learn the piano/keyboard during school hours Beginning Term 1 - 2014

please contact Peter Raymakers (B. mus. ,A.mus.A, Dip. Lib. Arts)
on:- 0431 817 470
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A limited number of places are available at our wonderful Preschool in our Four Year Old Group for 2014.

To enrol, please contact Nillumbik Council’s Preschool Central Enrolments Office on Tel: 03 9433 3161 or you may wish to contact our 4 Year Old Enrolment Officer, Samantha on 0417 545 838 or email samanthak104@bigpond.com

80 Glen Park Rd, Eltham North
Tel: 9439 7007

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Holiday Tennis Programs

at St. Mary's Tennis Club - Greensborough

Junior Clinics: Jan 20, 21, 22, 23.
(Students can do one, two or all sessions).
Cardio Tennis: Jan 21 & 23

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COACHING

**TOP LINE TENNIS**

• Our Tiny Tykes program is specifically designed for 5 and 6 year olds to introduce tennis in a fun and rewarding way. By tailoring the racquet and court size to the needs of young children, Tiny Tykes allows players to have more fun and success while learning in a relaxed environment.

BONUS Starter Pack
Open for minorities

All NEW Junior enrolments receive a FREE Racquet valued at $40.

Tennis Lessons
of Glen Katherine P.S.

GROUP COACHING

• Begin your child’s tennis experience with our Top Line Ace Starter class.
• For players with tennis experience, we offer our Top Line Ultimate group program.
• These programs offer the following:
  Minimum of 4 students per class with lessons conducted in a fun and enjoyable setting, where students are encouraged to learn and improve their tennis by our experienced and highly trained staff.

For more information please call the Top Line Tennis office on:
9432-3706
Web: www.toplinetennis.com
Email: info@toplinetennis.com

LOCATION: Glen Katherine Primary School Tennis Courts
LESSON TIMES: All lessons start after school from 3.15pm
Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre  
January 2014

**Floating Inflatable Fun**
Ivanhoe Aquatic & Fitness Centre  
Monday to Friday  
From January 6th  
1-3pm  
Olympic Leisure Centre  
Wednesday’s Only  
1-3pm

**Learn to Swim Intensives**
Preschool only  
Monday 6th to Friday 10th  
Monday 13th to Friday 17th  
Monday 20th to Friday 24th  
Cost $50

Children’s activities  
Prep to grade 6  
Cost $12.30  
(bookings essential) 
Activities subject to change or cancellation with 24 hours notice.

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<td>experience fun in tumbling, acrobatics, juggling, fire twirling (poi), devil sticks, spinning plates, &amp; More!</td>
<td>Bring stories &amp; characters to life with 2D flash animation or stop animation.</td>
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