2013

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Wed. 28th Aug.
Grade 2 Eltham Expedition Excursion

Thurs. 29th Aug.
Father’s Day Stall

Tues. 3rd Sept.
Grade 3 Maroondah Dam Excursion
Grade 5 Queen Victoria Market
PFA Meeting 7.30 pm

Wed. 4th Sept.
Fruit Frenzy Day
Dr. Seuss Dress up day
Preps (Parade at 2.15 pm in courtyard)

Fri. 6th Sept.
GK Disco night from 4.30pm

Sun. 8th Sept.
Working Bee 9am—noon

12th Sept.
Italian Day
Whole School Italian Celebration Assembly

Tues. 8th Oct.
Division Athletics
PFA Meeting 7.30 pm

Thurs. 10th Oct.
Grade 3 Camp Parent Information Evening

PRINCIPAL’S NOTES:

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Throughout the school year, students get the opportunity to take part in a vast number of learning activities that happen beyond their regular classroom program. These activities are ‘extra’ to the standard curriculum and they are offered by teachers because of the extra learning and valuable experience that participation enables. Extra-curricular activities involve visiting speakers and performers, excursions out of the school, camps, school production, sporting events and so on.

We are very grateful to our parents who support the school’s extra-curricular program and pay the necessary costs for their child/ren to participate. Your child benefits enormously from these extra-curricular activities which help to stimulate curiosity, interest and extend learning beyond the four walls of the classroom.

Examples of some of the extra-curricular activities that students have already participated in this year include:-

- Grade 5/6 camp to Kinglake ranges
- A range of sporting events including athletics carnival, interschool sport, cross country
- Grade 2 local history excursion
- Grade 3 Melbourne excursion
- Prep responsible pet owner incursion
- Prep hands on Science incursion
- Arbor day tree planting
- State Schools Spectacular for 47 grade 6 students (singing and dance groups)
- ‘GK News’ production involving students from grades 1, 2 and 5
- Grade 6 Indonesia & Cultural infusion day
- Grade 4 Polly Woodside excursion

Coming up are some further extra-curricular activities which include:-

- Grade 2 Expedition local excursion
- Grade 3 Maroondah Dam excursion
- Grade 5 Queen Victoria Market excursion
- Fruit Frenzy day
- Prep Dr Seuss dress-up day
- Italian Day
- Grade 3/4 camp

To help parents keep track of what’s coming up, make sure you check the DIARY on the front page of the Linkletter. Also remember to check the website PARENT tab / CALENDAR for a month by month view of forthcoming extra-curricular activities and other events including meetings, information sessions and so on.

Jill Ramsay
Just a reminder that frozen items such as fruit cups or ice-creams can only be purchased over the counter at lunch recess and cannot be ordered on the lunch bags. Also, soy sauce is now only available in a sachet for 30c (like the tomato sauce) as listed on the new menu that started July 2013.

I have some Triple Choc Cookies available for $1 each until sold out and some Freckled Shortbread Stars for 50c each.

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

REMINDERS:

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)

Request for Parent Assistance in Support of Glen Katherine Family

I am looking for any parent who could possibly assist one of our Glen Katherine families by providing a lift to school for their two children on specified days only. This assistance may be required from late August onwards for a few days per month. The family lives in the vicinity of Coolabah Drive (off Main Rd, Eltham). If you are in a position to provide any assistance in this regard, please contact me at the school office or by e-mail.

Regards, Kate Rodgers (Student Welfare)
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

J HALE DJ

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

Organised & run by the GK Parents & Friends Association

- Adult Volunteer Supervision
- Strict checking in & out of children
- GK students only

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! Tickets entry forms have been distributed and are available at the office. Please send completed forms and money in an envelope to the school office clearly marked *GK Disco* by Wed 4th September at 4pm. (No tickets available on the night or after this deadline)

PARENT VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED to assist us in running this event. Mum's & Dad's are asked to consider offering their time to assist at one of the above sessions. Working With Children checks are required.
Contact Tracey on 9439 7754, 0412 581 887 or at tlrusse@bigpond.net.au to register as a volunteer.

*The GK Disco has proven to be a fabulous social night for our children!*

Tracey Russell
DISCO CONVENOR

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**Happy Father's Day STALL**
Thur 29th Aug

If you are interested in helping out on the day with the stall or setting up on Wednesday morning please call me.
Kristi Hanley on 0433 848 838, looking for lots of helpers!

Can you donate to our Fathers Day Stall this year?
Hear are some ideas: books, wrapped lollies, biscuits, unwanted & unused gifts that are clogging up your cupboards.

Just drop them into the Fathers Day box in the office foyer.

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**August 2013**  
Encouraging Community Participation & Parent Involvement

### 2013 FUNDRAISING/SOCIAL SCHEDULE

**Term 3**
- Pie Drive
- Skaterz Family Night
- Father’s Day Stall
- GK Disco

**Term 4**
- Calendars

### SOCIAL GATHERING

Due to a Power Outage in the Eltham area on Saturday our Skaterz Family Night was postponed. This was totally out of our control and we are working with Skaterz Eltham to re-schedule. So...keep your eyes on our Linkletter!

(if the new date doesn’t suit we will happily refund – likewise new families are encouraged to join us!)

### FLETCHERS REAL ESTATE FREE MOVIE DAY

A very BIG THANK YOU to Fletchers Real Estate G’boro for providing GK with a private screening in the last School Holidays. Despite Cinema sound issues at the beginning we are sure all those involved enjoyed the event! Thank you to those families also that expressed their thanks to Fletchers directly. That was very kind of you!

### FATHER’S DAY STALL

Happy Father’s Day is Sunday 1st September. So to show DAD how much we love him we are again holding our Father’s Day Stall on Thursday 29th August. Kristi Hanley is co-ordinating this Stall and is in great need for volunteers to assist on the day and for Gift Donations. If you are available please contact Kristi 0433 848 838. The PFA is very grateful to Kristi for co-ordinating and purchasing a fantastic selection of gifts.

### CAN YOU...

- Work in the Second Hand Uniform Shop  
  *Call: Amanda 0405 718770*
- Canteen Volunteers  
  *See Susie in the Canteen*
- Scrapbooking Supplies for Grade 6 Graduation Albums  
  *See Mrs Miller (Grade 6)*

If you would like to help, contact the person listed above or Email: glenkfpfa@gmail.com and your message will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

### GK DISCO

It’s on AGAIN ... yes the GK Disco is happening on Friday 6th September. Ticket order forms and Volunteer requests have been distributed. All ticket orders must be returned by 4pm Wednesday 4th September. NO LATE SALES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Tickets are $6 per child and includes: entry, glow band, chips & drink. We require Mum’s & Dad’s to help run this event – so please consider! Any queries please call Tracey 0412 581 887

### WANT TO KNOW MORE?

**Why not attend our Monthly PFA meeting and be involved in the running of activities.**

We love new General members and enjoy fresh thoughts! Your involvement assists our Elected Members fulfil the commitments of our PFA.

At our next meeting we will be planning Events/Activities for 2014, so feel comfortable to join us and plan for a ‘Fun and Fantastic 2014’!

Our next meeting is September 3rd commencing at 7.30pm in the GK Staff Room.

### GK WEBSITE

Don’t forget to look on the GK Website regularly for upcoming events, ways to help and useful information for parents. PFA information is found under the "PARENTS" tab.  
This week ‘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.

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.
**District Athletics Day**

On Tuesday the 13th of August years 4-6 competed in the District Athletics at Meadow Glen Athletics Track. Students competed in many different events, which included: Hurdles, 100m sprint, 200m, relay, 800m, 1500m, long jump, triple jump, high jump, shot put and discus.

Everyone could feel the nerves going around and the air was full of energy. We all crossed our fingers each time our event was called to start.

We were all happy with the results after each event with almost everyone winning a ribbon. Everyone gave it their all, had lots of fun and encouraged and cheered everyone on.

Our relay teams did exceptionally well with the 9/10 boys coming 2nd, the 9/10 girls coming 3rd, the 11 girls coming 1st and the 12/13 girls coming 1st as well.

At the end of the day G.K ended up coming 3rd overall which is very good considering we had a number of students away. We also have a large number of students going through to the Division Athletics on Tuesday the 8th of October.

A big thankyou to all the teachers and parents for training us, helping out and supporting us on the day! Congratulations and well done to everyone on an outstanding day! Go G.K!!!

By Abby. R, Chloe. A and Gretel B

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to our classrooms who have received badges whilst working towards 5 Star Sustainable Classrooms!

**All PREP GRADES** got their BIODIVERSITY badges for working in the Prep vegie patch and surrounding gardens.

**5V got their BIODIVERSITY badge** for planting about 200 llamandra grasses on the oval embankment.

**3F got their BIODIVERSITY badge** for establishing a new vegie garden near their classroom.

**NUDE FOOD** badges have been awarded to 2D, 2A, 1A and 1G – great to see little or no rubbish in their lunchboxes!

**30 and 3F** have been given their WATER badges due to all bring their drink bottles to school each day filled with fresh tap water.

Great job everyone! Mrs Webb
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 enquiries 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

SPORT THIS WEEK

GK Darks vs Plenty Valley (home)

GK Lights vs Yarrambat (away)
Value Awards to be presented at assembly on Monday, 26th August.

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<td>Prep D</td>
<td>Jessica D</td>
<td>For constantly showing excellence in all areas of her work. I am very proud of you Jess!</td>
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<td>Prep H</td>
<td>Ashton R</td>
<td>Well done Ashton. Your contributions to our discussions are fabulous. I can see you are thinking a lot about your learning.</td>
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<td>Prep S</td>
<td>Kiara G</td>
<td>For working really hard during writing sessions and persisting in forming her letters neatly and correctly. Well done Kiara.</td>
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<td>Prep T</td>
<td>Christelle V</td>
<td>For demonstrating excellence during numeracy sessions, especially when working with teen numbers. Fabulous work Christelle! You are a great example for others in the class.</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Keira S</td>
<td>Congratulations Keira, for showing persistence and encouragement in the classroom. You always try your best and encourage others to do the same, a very valued student in 1A! Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>1G</td>
<td>Daniel P</td>
<td>For demonstrating persistence with his spelling activities. Congratulations on the fantastic improvements you have made Daniel – you are a superstar!</td>
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<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Ashelen B</td>
<td>Congratulations Ashelen, for approaching your learning in a positive way. You always try your best with your learning and you have achieved many fabulous successes. Excellent effort!</td>
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<td>2A</td>
<td>Donte T</td>
<td>For showing excellence and persistence in his work. Donte always works as hard as he can. He will keep trying until he understands new work or gets his answer right. Congratulations Donte</td>
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<td>2D</td>
<td>Anna T</td>
<td>For settling in to her new school with a smile. You have had a positive attitude to your new learning environment by making lots of friends and working hard. Congratulations Anna!</td>
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<td>2O</td>
<td>Lily O</td>
<td>For showing creativity during the GK News rehearsals and performances. You were an excellent performer and knew all the moves! You have also been a supportive and encouraging classmate during reading in particular. The way that you help others and persist with tasks when you find them challenging is excellent to see. Congratulations Lily!</td>
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