PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:

WORKING BEE NOTICE

WHEN? SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17TH

TIME? 9AM-12NOON (BBQ TO FOLLOW)

MAJOR TASK? TO REGENERATE THE GARDEN AREA NEAR THE GK SIGN AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL

This will be our last working bee for 2013. We would really appreciate some assistance if families have an hour or two to spare. As we know, a heap of good things can occur when a willing band of helpers gets together to work on fixing up an area of our grounds. This time, the working bee will focus on improvements to the garden bed area at the front of the school. It’s an achievable task in 2-3 hours providing we get some helpers. Please consider helping out and look for further information in coming Linkletters.

PLANNING FOR 2014

We need to confirm our expected enrolment for 2014 so if there are still any families who have yet to confirm their child’s transfer to another school in 2014 (with the exception of children currently in year 6), then please make sure you do this urgently as we do need to confirm enrolments for our forward planning. You can send an email to glen.katherine.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or a note or phone the office directly on 9431 1599.

Soon we will begin the process of making up classes for 2014. This task is never easy and the final structure will need to be one which best suits the learning needs of all students. Parents will be able to provide some assistance when we publish the enrolment numbers at each grade level and invite you to have a go at developing a fair and equitable grade structure. Look out for this in the next couple of weeks.

In developing class lists each year, we take a lot of things into consideration ensuring we develop balanced classes with a spread of abilities covering academic, social, behavioural, emotional and physical needs. Where parents feel that they would like to contribute some vital educational and/or social information that can assist with our decision making, then please do this in writing by Friday Nov 8th. Simply requesting to have/not have a teacher is not considered to be vital information, the request needs to be backed up with substantive educational reasons. Parents are also advised that requested information lodged in a previous year is not carried over into the current year as situations can and do change. Hence a new request needs to be put in. We do consider all information provided by parents, however we cannot guarantee a successful outcome. Ultimately decisions made by the school need to be fair, equitable and based on the needs and best interests of all students.

Jill Ramsay

Our values: RESPECT, Resilience, Excellence, Safety, Persistence, Encouragement, Creativity and Tolerance
The ‘DO RIGHT DETECTIVE’ found the following students displaying good learning behaviours last week:

- Prep T Christelle V
- Prep S Bella T
- Prep H Dylan M
- 1A Zoe F
- 4C Jin T
- 4H Oliver C

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

**Calendar Fundraiser**

Just a quick reminder that orders for 2014 Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats and iPhone covers finish on Thursday 24th October. While this is a fundraising activity these products which are created from your child's own art or photo are wonderful Christmas presents that are very affordable - only $12 each.

Examples of products are displayed in the PFA noticeboard next to Class 6W in the assembly area.
AVAILABLE UNTIL SOLD OUT: Erica Choc-Gingerbread Man 35g $1.50
Look out for the next special lunch being held on Wednesday, 13th November – flyers will be coming home from next Tuesday for the Book Worm Special Lunch. It will consist of a freshly baked ‘Yertle the Turtle’ Cheesymite Scroll (made from wholemeal bread by Greensborough Bakers Delight); a ‘Lemony Snicket’ Lemonade Icy Twist (supplied by Streets Ice-cream); and a Starburst ‘Angela Anaconda’ Giant Snake (supplied by Canteen Specialists). The cost of this lunch will be $6 and orders will be due in by 9am on Friday, 8th November.

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.
SPORTS NEWS

REGIONAL ATHLETICS SUCCESS

Congratulations to the students that represented the school at the Regional Athletics held on Wednesday 16th October at Meadow Glenn Track. There were many outstanding individual and team performances. Once again the student’s behaviour and application was excellent.

RESULTS

Courtney W (11 girls) – 3rd 800m
Mitch R (12 boys) – 3rd discus
Lucas W (11 boys) – 3rd long jump
Sam S (11 boys) – 4th hurdles
11 girls relay 4th – Makayla P, Kiara F, Mackenzie C, Charlotte M
Kane F – 5th – 11 boys shotput
Cassy W – 10 girls shotput
Jackie D – 10 girls high jump
Daniel F – 12 boys high jump

Well done to the following students have qualified for the State Athletics to be held at Lakeside Track next Monday 28th October.

Lucas W (11 boys) – 1st 100m
Mikayla P (11 girls) – 2nd hurdles
Gretel B (12 girls) – 1st shotput
Alex H (10 girls) – 1st hurdles
11 boys relay team 1st – Lucas W, Lachlan S, Sam S, Liam M

SPORT THIS WEEK

GK DARKS vs APOLLO A (AWAY)
GK LIGHTS vs DCE (HOME)

SSV ACADEMIC AND SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

Congratulations to Mitch R who was awarded the School Sport Victoria Academic and Sporting Achievement medal to recognise his outstanding sporting performances and high academic standards throughout 2013.
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.

**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!!

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**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.
GK Twilight Christmas Concert

Monday the 16th December!

This year’s **Twilight Christmas Concert** will once again be happening at GK, on our school oval. It is a great opportunity for families to come along with their picnic rugs and dinner to watch some amazing performances from our talented GK students.

Please keep an eye out for further information in coming weeks!

Lucy Miller and the Arts Committee
These awards will be presented at assembly on Monday, 28th October, 2013.

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<th>Grade</th>
<th>Student's Name</th>
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<td>Prep D</td>
<td>Ashleigh L</td>
<td>For being a respectful member of our grade, by always helping others and keeping our classroom a clean and tidy place to work. Ashleigh has also shown excellence in her writing by proof reading her work to make sure she has enough words! Well done Ashleigh</td>
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<td>Prep H</td>
<td>Jessica W</td>
<td>For consistently showing respect to yourself and others and our school. Your excellent attitude to learning and friendship is commendable. Well done!</td>
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<td>Prep S</td>
<td>Paige M</td>
<td>For showing excellence in everything that she does and for being a respectful class member. Well done Paige.</td>
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<td>Prep T</td>
<td>Joshua M</td>
<td>For showing excellence during numeracy sessions especially in addition and for being very supportive towards others when working mathematically in small groups. Well done Josh! Keep up the great work.</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Xavier M</td>
<td>For always trying his best in everything he does and showing persistence. Even when he finds something a bit tricky he always gives it a go! Well done Xavier, keep up the fantastic work!</td>
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<td>1G</td>
<td>Adele M</td>
<td>For showing excellence in everything that she does and for being a kind and respectful member of our grade. Congratulations on being a terrific role model for others, Adele - you are a superstar!</td>
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<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Blake A</td>
<td>Congratulations Blake, for your excellent Maths thinking. You always approach your learning tasks positively and complete these with fantastic effort. Great work!</td>
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<td>2A</td>
<td>Emily B</td>
<td>For contributing lots of interesting ideas to our class discussions about advertising. Thanks Emily</td>
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<td>2D</td>
<td>Isabella P</td>
<td>For showing excellence and persistence with all of her work. You should be very proud of yourself Bella - you are a superstar!</td>
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<td>2O</td>
<td>Amelia B</td>
<td>Congratulations Amelia, on an excellent year so far. You are always respectful of your peers and approach all of your learning in a positive way. Thank you for always participating and helping your friends. You are an excellent role model for our class.</td>
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SOCIAL LACROSSE
Free social Lacrosse hosted by Eltham Lacrosse Club Fun for the whole family - all ages welcome Starts 30th October - come once or come every week!
Simple, modified rules, equipment provided and teams determined each week makes this the perfect opportunity to come on down, develop some skills and have a bit of fun.
Location – Susan St, Eltham (Opposite Skaters roller-skating)
Format:
5.45 pm – Warm up and set up
6.00 pm – Round 1 – 3 x 8 mins
6.30 pm – Round 2 – 3 x 8 mins
7.00 pm – Warm down and pack up

Wednesdays starting the 30th October and continuing through to 18th December.
More information - Pauline Maher - 9432 0769

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@nillumbikjsc.org.au
Website: www.nillumbik.sportingpulse.net
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 Ray-makers (B. mus., A.mus.A, Dip. Lib. Arts) on:- 0431 817 470
email:- rayfam64@gmail.com or contact the school office

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2014 FOUR YEAR OLD KINDER
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 9483 8161 or you may wish to contact our 4 Year Old Enrolment Officer, Samantha on 0417 545 838 or email samanthahall41@bigpond.com
30 Glen Park Rd, Eltham North
Tel: 9493 7007

Launch into 2013 with Topline Tennis

Topline Tennis has been setting the standard for tennis coaching in the North East suburbs of Melbourne for over 20 years.

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

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ELTHAM NORTH PRESCHOOL

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