ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S NOTES:

**Grade 5 & 6 KINGLAKE Camp**

Term 2 began with the Grade 5 and 6 children heading away to their camping experience in Kinglake. Last week the Grade 6 children left on Monday with a very enthusiastic group of teachers and parent helpers. They were tagged on Wednesday, with the Grade 5 students departing for the camp. After chatting to some of the children who attended, it was evident that they really enjoyed the time away with their friends, getting to know each other in a different setting. I was extremely happy to hear that the children were exceptionally behaved during the camp and that the teachers and parents had an even more enjoyable experience because of this.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following teachers and parents who attended; Leigh Fatchen, Shannon Whelan, Lucy Miller, Amy Murray, Luisa Rinaldi, Rita Vителleschi-Zauzich, Winter Dunstone, Colin Mynard, Helen Dower, Steve Watson, Nikki Ramsay, John Clee, Richard Bull, Belinda Willemsse, Sally Wade, Kerry Jones and Andrew Widdicombe. Camps are fun and memorable for all who attend however they are also mentally and physically exhausting. I’m proud that we have a great bunch of Grade 5 & 6 kids who know how to do the right thing to ensure everyone gets the most out of the camp. I’m equally proud that we have a dedicated group of teachers and parents who are willing to give up their time to ensure our children experience all that camps have to offer. Special thanks also to Shannon Whelan and Luisa Rinaldi for their hours of organisation in getting everyone camp ready.

**ANZAC DAY SERVICE**

Wednesday afternoon our School Captains facilitated an Anzac Service for our school community. Throughout the day classes discussed Australia’s service history and it was pleasing to see some students sharing their own families stories. The School Captains shared some information about prior wars Australians have been involved in and why ANZAC Day is so important to us. It was terrific to see the flower arrangements that each class had created adorn our assembly area steps. Each flower brought in by our children signifies the level of respect our community has for Australia’s past and current soldiers and the messages that were left on some of the arrangements by our children were touching.

Yesterday we had the following children represent GK at the Montmorency RSL service; Chelsey & Elisha King, Isabella Salas Bull and Hayley & Erin Russell. My appreciation and thanks to these five students and their families for taking the time to be a part of this important day. Thank you to the parents who assisted in classes on Wednesday in assembling the floral arrangements. I’d also like to thank Jen Hopkin and Sally Armstrong for assisting me in transporting all the flowers to the Montmorency RSL ready for yesterday’s service.

**GK’s School Production is underway – ‘GK NEWS!’**

As mentioned briefly in last week’s Linkletter, GK will be having a school production in week 4 of Term 3. This is the first production in a long time at Glen Katherine and because of this we have made the decision to start with what we see as manageable for staff and students to include in their daily learning.

Only Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 5 students will be participating in the production. We plan to have a production focused on performing arts every second year from this point on. This will alternate with a visual arts school focus, similar to what we saw last year with the Art Show. We are fortunate to have Michelle Cotter, who also happens to be a GK parent, producing the production. We look forward to sharing more information with you as we head into the rest of this term.

Have a great week.

**Leanne Tingwell**

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**DIARY**

**2013**

**TERM 2**

**Tues. 30th April**
Carlton Football Clinic—Grade 4

**Exploring Time for 2014**
Preps 3.30—4.30 pm

**Wed. 1st May**
Grade 3 Marvelous Melbourne Excursion

**Responsible Pet Ownership**
Prep Incursion

**Thurs. 2nd May**
Regional Dance Rehearsals State Schools Spectacular

**Tues. 7th May**
PFA Meeting 7.30 pm GK
Staff Room (new members welcome)

**Thurs. 9th May**
Exploring Time for 2014
Preps 3.30—4.30 pm

**Learning To Read Parent Evening 7.00—8.00 pm**
Out of School Hours Building

**Tues. 21st May**
Open Morning 9.00 am—11.00 am

2014 Prep Parent Information Evening

**Wed. 22nd May**
Grade 3—6 Special Lunch

**Thurs. 23rd May**
Grade Prep, 1 and 2 Special Lunch
Imagine if everyone gave up when the going got tough, what type of world would we live in? This week we have taken time to reflect on ANZAC Day and how mates and a great amount of encouragement would have got many of our soldiers through tough times. We’re lucky that we aren’t facing war and fighting like our soldiers but each day every person faces their own challenges.

Each day our children are challenged socially and academically and nothing can assist more to overcome fears, hurdles or achieve set goals than encouragement at the right time. A focus this week in class has not only seen students discuss what ANZAC Day represents for us as Australians, but also the value of encouragement.

Being a good mate, buddy or support person when someone needs a little encouragement not only helps that person but makes you feel pretty good too! Our Do Right Detectives are always on the look out for children encouraging others to keep going and push through or start something new. Who have you encouraged in a positive way this week?

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; 
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. 
At the going down of the sun and in the morning 
We will remember them."

The Ode was included and explained in the proceedings of our ANZAC Day service, organised and facilitated by our 2013 School Captains.

The POPPY
The story goes that, following one of the bloodiest battles of World War I, in the fields of Flanders in western Europe, when the ground was completely churned up and muddied, thousands of red poppies sprang up. The seeds had lain dormant in the soil and, after being aerated with the churning of the soil from the soldiers' boots and fertilised with their blood, the poppies grew abundantly, springing forth new life from death.

This is why poppies are worn on Remembrance Day (commemorating Armistice Day) as well as ANZAC Day in Australia and New Zealand, and other solemn occasions when we remember the soldiers who fought or even gave their lives for our freedom.

Some Grade 3 children shared the importance of the poppy during our ANZAC service

Leanne Tingwell
Assistant Principal/Curriculum
NEW: Please make a note on your canteen price lists for the following items:
Paddle Pop Icy Twists & Vanilla Dixie Cups (Yay, they are back) – both are $1.00 each

SPECIALS until sold out:
ANZAC COOKIES 50c each
Frozen 250ml OJ tetra box 50c – only available over the counter at recess.
Pretzels 30g 50c each
8pk Mini Cookies & Cream Cookies 30c each, 2 for 50c or 4 for $1.00

Urgently require help for the 2nd Friday of the Month. I only have 1 helper on this day and really need 3! If anyone is available for even a couple of these could you contact me in the canteen asap.

Also looking for extra help on the following days:
1st, 2nd & 4th MONDAY – 1 HELPER NEEDED FOR EACH OF THESE DAYS
2nd & 4th TUESDAY – 1 HELPER NEEDED FOR EACH OF THESE DAYS

If you are available on any of these days or for our emergency list, I would really appreciate hearing from you. It is just once a month, 9am to 11.45am.

Cheers, Suzi Cunningham

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REMINDERS:
Grade 5 & 6 Sport Instalment 1 $50 now overdue
State Schools Spectacular Choir & Dance Money now overdue

MONDAY, 22ND APRIL
Marvellous Melbourne note due back

FRIDAY, 26TH APRIL
1st instalment of Bulk Billing excursion payments due

Kindergarten Open Day!
Saturday the 4th of May 9am-midday.
Wahroonga Preschool
3yo and 4yo Kinder
66 Wahroonga crescent
Greensborough
Ph: 94346089
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Catalogues for Issue 3 of Scholastic Book Club were distributed to students last week.
If wishing to place an order, please complete the order form and enclose with payment in an envelope which is clearly labelled “BOOKCLUB” and includes the student’s name and grade.
[Your purchase may be a “surprise” gift. If this is the case, please contact the Library direct].

For credit card payments, please refer to the Scholastic catalogue.
If ordering from more than one catalogue, you can tally them and just make one credit card payment to Scholastic.
Please ensure you record the receipt number on the order form and return to school.
For your reference, it is a good idea to take note of the receipt number.

Orders for this issue close on Friday 26th April 2013.

Astrid Bathen, Gail Elliott

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP - HELP WANTED
Volunteers are needed to help run the second hand uniform shop on Monday and Friday mornings between 8.30am & 9am. Please call Amanda on 0405 718 770 or drop in and see us if you can help.

If you have school uniform to sell that is in good, clean condition, simply write your child's name & grade on an envelope for each item and send it to the uniform shop. As the second hand uniform shop is a fundraising activity for the school, a small percentage of the sale price is deducted and the balance returned to the seller. All of the funds raised during the year are put towards resources for the school. More information can be found on the school website.

SPORTS NEWS

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING
Training for the District Cross Country commences on Tuesday 30th April at 8am. Students are to meet in the courtyard. Training will be held every Tuesday and Thursday until the Cross country on Thursday 23rd May. Please ensure that your has runners, drink bottle and any required medication. -ie asthma pumps. Training will be held in and around the school grounds.

DISTRICT SPORTS REPRESENTATION.
Congratulations to the following students who have made it through to the Division level of the State Selection trials in the following sports:
Basketball – Chloe A ; Soccer – Ruben S , Teagan M ; Football – Kobe B, Ethan L, Cooper J

NATIONAL KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS REPRESENTATIVE
Congratulations to Nick K who achieved a bronze medal competing in the National Karate Championships held in Sydney recently. Nick competed in the 12/13 boys Under 55kg class. He won his first fight comprehensively and lost the 2nd contest when it had to go to the judges for a decision. Well done Nick, a fantastic achievement.

CARLTON FOOTBALL CLINIC
Next Tuesday 30th April Gr 4 students will have the opportunity to participate in a football clinic at the school with Carlton footballers. The clinics will run for about 30 mins in the morning. Students who are Carlton supporters in Gr 4 are welcome to bring their jumpers to have them signed. No photos will be allowed except with the school camera.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT
Interschool sport trials for Gr 5-6 will be held on the morning of Friday 26th April. The trials will help determine which team the students are in – Darks or Lights. Interschool sport commences on Friday 3rd May.

David Blackburn (Sports Coordinator)
**SCIENCE ROOM HELP**

Can you help with any old stuff around home for our term 2 Science lessons? Equipment required for term 2 science units:

- Old MOVEABLE toys – cars, trains, balls, marbles etc. for our Push-Pull unit.
- Non-working light bulbs – for grade 5/6s to look at and identify parts.
- Materials – wool, polyester, cotton to try creating friction and heat
- Non-working battery operated objects – for 5/6 students to look at.

Anything you may have would be gratefully accepted. Bring down to Science Room or leave at office for Mrs Webb. Thank you!

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**Our visit to the Resourcesmart Sustainability Fair: A GK Green Team Student Report**

Hello, my name is Charlotte and with Amy and Connor, last Monday the 22nd April, we went to Epping Views Primary School for the Northern Metropolitan Sustainability Fair. There were lots of students and teachers from different schools also there looking for new ideas and ways of improving their school environments.

First off we walked around to five different stalls, talking to people from different places, about how they can help us at Glen Katherine achieve 5 Stars! We talked to Zoos Victoria, Edendale Farm, Darebin Council, VAAE and Greening Australia. Then we walked around the school looking at what they have there, including a Cluckingham Palace (chook shed!) and the new sensory garden they will be planting. We are thinking at GK that we might get some aviaries down near the Science Room to enable students to learn about Australian birds!

After a quick play outside, we got into student groups and did some workshops. The first one was Ivanhoe Primary talking to us about what things they do at their school, including an Environment Day. The second workshop was Merri Creek Primary School who showed us some miniature worm farms and told us how to make them.

We collected lots of free stuff, ideas, a mushroom kit and a tree to plant in our garden and then returned back to GK. We really enjoyed the day and look forward to sharing some of our ideas with the Green Team and GK school community.

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**MOTHER’S DAY STALL DONATIONS AND HELP REQUIRED**

PFA is seeking donations for our Mother’s Day stall on Wednesday 8th May. If you have any small gifts, soaps, wrapped lollies, wrapped chocolates or anything you think our lovely mothers would appreciate, please place it in the box at the office labelled MOTHER’S DAY STALL. All donations, big and small, are very much appreciated.

We also require help to assist on the day of the stall (Weds 8th May) and the day before to set up (Tues 7th May). If you would like to help in any way (can be for as little as one hour or more) please contact Renee McDermott on 0408 175 676.

Thank you.
Grade 6 camp to Kinglake

On Monday the 15th of April, 94 grade 6’s headed off to Kinglake Ranges Wilderness Camp. They were very excited since it was their last camp in primary school.

Here are some reflections and the fabulous time we all had.

On the first Monday of school, I was so excited because I was going on grade 6 camp. I arrived at school with all my bags. All the grade 6’s went into the new gym and had a talk about our 3 days away from home. We got on the bus and waved good bye to our mums and dads.

Kobe B 6W

O.M.G! Camp was the best. I had the most fun on camp because I climbed the 10-11 metre rock climbing wall. I wanted to get down but then I took a deep breath, persisted and got to the top.

Charlie S 6W

Wow! What a night we had at the talent show. The teachers did a dance and Miss Murry did 2 backflips. It was so cool! We all had a great night.

Tiarne S 6W

On grade 6 camp, we had so much fun seeing all our friends and getting to know more about the teachers. The activities were great. We did rock climbing, giant see-saw, prouties landing, acting with a friend. There was a 5 K walk with our activities group and we learnt a lot about Black Saturday.

Brandon M 6W

“The food was great,” Mitch B 6M.

“Some of the activities were challenging,” Areeya P 6M.

“It was good learning about tips and tricks of teamwork,” Ryley M 6M.