**PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:**

**NOT LONG TO GO NOW**

Plans are well advanced for the Glen Katherine Mega Fete on Sunday March 17th. Hopefully parents are reading the fete information that comes home along with the up to date information on our website (home page / mega fete tab).

Many of our families have already responded to pleas for assistance on the day so thank you to those who have put their names down to help out for an hour or two. However, we still have a lot of vacancies and are in desperate need of more assistance.

If you are coming on fete day and have yet to put your name down to assist, then please do this urgently. Without adequate helpers, then some of the planned activities won’t be able to be offered which would be a great shame given the time that has already gone into planning them.

Please keep your eye out for the up to date fete information in today’s Linkletter and do help out where you can. Feel free to invite grandparents, friends, neighbours etc. too! The GK Fete is held every two years so let’s band together to make sure this wonderful community event is one of our best ever fetes.

**REMINDER ABOUT UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS**

To meet school uniform policy requirements, shoes have to be **predominantly BLACK, GREY, WHITE or BLUE with SHOELACES TO MATCH IN ONE OF THE 4 PREDOMINANT COLOURS**. Since the beginning of the school year, a number of students have been noticed wearing shoes and / or laces that are not black, white, blue or grey. Splashes of other colour on the shoes are OK providing the splashes are not the dominant colour. Light canvas-style footwear isn’t suitable for active students. More sturdy sport shoes or school shoes are appropriate and provide better support for growing feet. We believe the uniform requirements are quite generous giving some choice as to shoe colour and therefore request parents to please help out by making sure that shoes fit the GK uniform requirements.

Many students have already been reminded about the uniform requirements by their teachers or by myself and it’s been pleasing to notice that some changes have been made. However, some reminders seem to be going nowhere so from next week, uniform reminder notices will be given to students where it is observed that they are not wearing the correct school uniform. These notices will need to be taken home along with a copy of the school uniform policy.

Wearing uniform that meets the school uniform policy requirements means that our students share a collective identity. Where a student isn’t in correct uniform, then they can and do stand out amongst the crowd and therefore make themselves more obvious for the wrong reasons. If in doubt about the uniform requirements, then please check the website (parent tab/uniform/policy). We look forward to the continued support of parents in helping us to ensure that children are in correct uniform.

_**Jill Ramsay**_

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**DIARY**

**2013**

**Thurs. 28th Feb.**
EMA Applications Due

**Mon. 4th March**
Grade Communicators Meeting after assembly in MPB.

**Tues. 5th March**
Division Swimming

**Mon. 11th March**
Labour Day Holiday

**Tues. 13th March**
Hockey Clinic

**SUNDAY 17th March**
10am—3pm

**Mon. 18th March**
Life Education Preps, Gr 5 and Gr 6

**Tues. 19th March**
Parent Teacher Meetings (tbc)

**Wed. 20th March**
Parent Teacher Meetings (tbc)

**Thurs. 21st March**
Photo Day

**Tues. 26th March**
Grade 5 / 6 Camp Parent Helper Meeting
PFA AGM 7.00 pm

**Thurs. 28th March**
End of Term 1—2.30 pm
LITERACY LEARNING

Our Curriculum Day on Friday provided a terrific opportunity for all of our staff to reflect on where they are in their literacy teaching practice and what they can do to strengthen this in each classroom. Our learning continues on Tuesday afternoon when Cheryl Lacey, our Literacy Consultant, comes back to GK for further Reading Workshops with staff.

What we discussed on Friday has been put into practice this week, with teachers assessing some students in reading ready for analysis.

This information will provide a stimulus for discussion about what we now can do to move our children to their next point of learning. Moving theory into effective literacy teaching is our ultimate goal and Tuesday will put us a step closer in achieving this.

State Schools Spectacular

GK has been successful in getting 47 of our GRADE 6 students participating in singing and dancing groups at this exciting Hisense Arena event!

We look forward to seeing these groups perform for us soon!

NUMERACY LEARNING—What’s Going On@GK?

What is a digit and what is a number?

What is the value of 7 in 67 890?

What is another way of ‘naming’ 135?

Use < or > to show which is larger;

345.30 306.999

Place Value is a core numeracy focus in Term 1. Place Value is knowing that every number holds a place in our numeracy system. When a child has a strong understanding of Place Value, all other numeracy learning is supported. Often maths weakness stems from poor understandings of Place Value. Hence our targeted focus in Term 1.

Leanne Tingwell
Assistant Principal /Curriculum
Thank you to my little band of helpers yesterday for getting out the Welcome Back Special Lunch – hope everyone that decided to have it enjoyed their lunch. The next ‘special day’ will be the last day of term when I will be doing afternoon tea for the whole school. Flyers will be coming home after our long weekend! Just a reminder that all ‘special days’ are optional, and as I try to do two a term, you can pick and choose which ones to have.

New Price Lists (Orange) should have come home this week. Whole egg or egg sandwiches have been removed from the canteen. Some products supplied may still contain egg products or traces of nuts – feel free to check out the items supplied if you have concerns. All families that have children with allergies should have received a letter explaining how the ‘Allergy Alert’ system works.

Thank you to everyone who has put their name down on what was a very sad looking roster. I could still use help on the following days:

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th MONDAY – 1 HELPER NEEDED FOR EACH OF THESE DAYS
2nd, 3rd & 4th TUESDAY – 1 HELPER NEEDED FOR EACH OF THESE DAYS
2nd & 3rd FRIDAY – 1 HELPER

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 (still time to meet friends for lunch or do the shopping before pick up time). I am in the canteen 8.30am to 12.30pm every day.

Cheers, Suzi

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**SICK BAY—CLOTHING NEEDED**

Donations of second hand polo shirts (sizes 10 to 14) needed for sick bay please.

Leanda Hudson

FIRST AID OFFICER

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**REMINDERS:**

**THURS. 28TH FEB.**
EMA Applications due

**FRI. 8TH MARCH**
Life Ed payments due

**THURS. 28TH MARCH**
Grade 5 & 6 Sport Instalment 1 $50 due 28th March

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

to the 2013 House Captains who have been presented with their badges this week.: Abby R, Bayley B, Laura D, Daniel F, Hollie R, Andy M, Zoe G and Cooper J
**GK MEGA FETE~ OPEN MIC SESSIONS**

**Calling all GK students who love to perform!!**

If you are interested in singing, dancing, reciting poetry, performing magic tricks or simply getting up on stage to tell a few jokes, then the 'Open Mic' session at this year's GK Mega Fete is for you! You may choose to perform by yourself, with a partner or in a small group!

Fill in the following form and return to Mrs Miller by Friday 8th March.

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Child's Name:  
Grade:  
Brief description of performance:

Preferred Time Slot

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Parent Signature: __________ Date: __________

**You will receive notification in the week leading up to the GK Mega Fete to specify the exact time slot.**

Please note- Students will have a maximum of 4 min to perform on stage.

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**GRADE COMMUNICATORS MEETING**

Monday, 4th March, 2013 after assembly in the new MPB.

The grades listed below still require a communicator. If you are interested please contact Helen.

Prep D  
1G  
2O  
5D  
5R  
5V

If you cannot attend please call Helen on 0438 588 894.
SUNDAY 17th MARCH
10am - 3pm
2 WEEKS TO GO

THINGS TO DO - CHECKLIST:

HAVE YOU:

☐ Put your name on the ROSTER BOARD to help on a stall **LOTS OF SPACES TO FILL**
☐ Offered to join the SET UP CREW on the morning of the fete.
☐ Returned your RAFFLE BOOK & the SELLER'S INCENTIVE PRIZE competition
☐ Ordered your UNLIMITED RIDE TICKETS
☐ Entered the COLOURING IN COMPETITION
☐ Entered the PET ROCK CREATION COMPETITION
☐ Returned your QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS
☐ Offered to BAKE for the CAFÉ or CUP CAKE DECORATING stalls

KISS A PIG
Our KISS A PIG NOMINEES FOR 2013 are:

- Mrs Totino
- Mr Fatchen
- Mrs Di Lizio
- Mrs Tingwell

A piggy bank for each nominated teacher can be found in the office foyer. The aim is to put your spare change in the piggy bank of the teacher that you want to see kiss a pig (a real-life pig will be provided by Farmer Dan!). The teacher with the MOST money at 2pm on Fete day will get the honors of kissing the pig.

UNLIMITED RIDE TICKETS
Unlimited ride tickets are great value if purchased before fete day. They are only $20 ($25 if purchased on fete day) and are also available to friends, family, work colleagues & neighbours at the discounted rate. Final orders must be in by Tuesday 12th March. Extra order forms can be downloaded from the website.

AUCTION ITEMS
A cubby house similar to this will be built “during” the fete by Mynard Homes & DV Mitre 10 & auctioned at the end of the day.

There are lots of other great items but we need more. If you have any items suitable for the auction please contact the committee asap. The AUCTION LIST will be printed & distributed before fete day. Sporting Club memberships/registration fees would also be great if you know someone to ask.

*** URGENT HELP NEEDED ***
We urgently need someone to take on the Auction organising role. A number of items have already been sourced and the auctioneer has been booked, however we need someone to collate & distribute the list and oversee the activity on the day – ie. Displaying the goods, watching the stall during the day and receipting payments. Call Amanda now if you can help 0405 718 770

SECOND HAND GOODS – HELP!!!
Urgent help needed - If anyone can help sort & price items during the next 2 weeks please contact Christina on 0468 465 731.

Donations are still being accepted at the uniform shop on Monday and Friday mornings (8.30 - 9am).
***** CAN YOU COOK / BAKE FOR US? *****

CAFÉ BAKING DONATIONS
The ladies running the café at the fete this year need the help of our fabulous masterchef parents! If you love to bake we would love to have your goodies on our menu! Our 'wish list' would be:
- Whole Specialty Cakes
- Scones
- Sausage Rolls/ savoury pies
- Slices
- Cookies
- Muffins
- Quiche
- Lasagna
- Whatever is your specialty!!!
To help with planning and budget it would be much appreciated if you could call us with your baking donation and details! Thank you.

Michelle Cotter-Young 9438 2762 or Kylie Longley 9438 5398

CAKE STALL
The cake stall is an old favourite of the school fete and the success of the stall relies on donations, so if you can spare the time and whip something up (or even purchase) we would be grateful.

We are asking for donations of cakes (large or small), biscuits, muffins, slices, whatever your talent is – to be delivered to school either the day before or on the day. A plastic plate is being sent home this week for you to fill. To meet food safety standards please remember to label your items with a list of ingredients & no items with cream as we do not have cold storage.

If you have any queries please contact Kylie Longley on 9438 5398.

CUP CAKE DECORATING
This year we are again running a cupcake decorating stall & need people to "pledge" a batch or two of cupcakes. Home brand Safeway or Coles vanilla cake mix and the large cup cakes would be best.
Call Josie (0419 870 495) now if you would like to make a pledge.

2013 Fete Committee Contact Info:
EMAIL: gkfete@gmail.com
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Amanda Fraser 0405 713 770
Fiona Davies 0418 611 311
Helen Giannakos 0438 588 894
Tracey Russell 0412 581 887

LETTERBOX DROP
If you enjoy walking & would like to distribute some Fete Flyers we need you! There is a map in the office area – simply highlight the areas where you will distribute, take some flyers and start letterboxing!

WANTED
- Marquees
- Trestle Tables
- Large Eskies

THANK YOU TO THE SPONSORS & DONATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR:

- Myrnard Homes
- Skylers Etham
- Delta Holidays
- Fish House Cafe, St Helena
- Sovereign Hill
- Srix 2 Anything
- Imas Melbourne
- Streamline Swim School
- Melbourne Bicycle Centre
- 7-Eleven
- Bakers Delight St Helena
- Park Royal Hotel – Melbourne Airport
- Puffing Billy Railway
- Heidelberg Golf Club
- Eureka Skydeck
- Coles
- Mortgage Choice
- Travel Counsellors Etham North
- St Helena Pharmacy
- Frost 2 Boot
- Adventure Park, Geelong
- Museum Victoria
- Diamond Valley Garden Centre
SPORT REPORT

DISTRICT SWIMMING SUCCESS

Congratulations to the GK swimming team for achieving 2nd place at the District Sports held at WaterMarc Pool Greensborough on Tuesday 26th February. There were many outstanding performances, in particular the relay teams where 6 out of the 8 teams finished either 1st or 2nd to qualify for the Division swimming sports to be held on Tuesday 5th March at Northcote pool. A big thank -you to Mary Green for her help in training the team and to Tracey Russell for her assistance over the past 3 weeks. Thank you to Jai Lincoln and Shannon Whelan for their assistance on the day.

Final school placings

1st – Apollo Parkways 127
2nd Glen Katherine 99
3rd Hurstbridge 97
4th Greenhills 92; 5th Yarrambat 83; 6th Laurimer 72; 7th DCE 69
8th Sacred Heart 62; 9th Plenty Valley 61; 10th Diamond Creek 56

Student placings

Freestyle
Rhiannon R – 3rd, Conor D 2nd, Kane F 2nd, Mackenzie C 2nd, Daniel F 3rd Laura D 1st

Breaststroke
Juhyung B – 1st, Hayley R – 4th, Kane F – 3rd

Back stroke
Deakin L – 3rd, Cassy W -4th, Mackenzie C -4th

Butterfly
Laura D 1st, Daniel F 3rd

Medley Relay
Girls – 1st – Laura D, Abby R, Mackenzie C, Juhyung B
Boys – 3rd – Daniel F, Kane F, Nathan W, Conor D

Freestyle Relay
9/10 boys – 3rd, 9/10 girls -2nd, 11 boys 2nd, 11 girls 2nd , 12/13 boys – 2nd, 12/ 13 girls 2nd

INTERSCHOOL SPORT ROUND 4

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

David Blackburn
( PE / SPORTS COORDINATOR )

COMMUNITY NEWS

ELTHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB **PLAYERS WANTED**

EJFC is seeking players in the following age groups: U10, U12, U15 & U17

NFL JUNIOR CLUB OF THE YEAR 2009

Eltham Junior Football Club offers a great family atmosphere. We offer opportunities for all levels of playing ability, whether that is developing your skills or just to join your friends. Players can aspire to join our many recruits at the Northern Knights which is a pathway to the AFL.


Please contact: Deb Mallard - Registration Secretary. Phone: 0414 442 195 Email - debmal-lard@optusnet.com.au
**WANTED: NEW MEMBERS**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday 26th March 2013
7.00pm

Held in the GK STAFFROOM. Supper & refreshments provided.
THE AGM WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

New members, fresh ideas & people power are needed!

- At our monthly meetings you can: grab a cuppa, chat about new fundraising ideas & PFA initiatives, catch up on school news with Jill Ramsay and enjoy supper.
- Meetings also provide an opportunity to voice ideas, suggestions or give feedback.
- You are NOT expected to take on any major role, there are lots of little tasks that pop up throughout the year. Put your hand up if and when you are confident. We work as a team!

Please remember that 'many hands make light work'.

**WHAT IS THE PFA?**
PFA = Parents and Friends Association

The PFA is not just about fundraising. Did you know we also:

- Provide a link between the community and the school council.
- Assist with the Prep Transition Program, including Cheers & Tears morning tea for the parents on their first day.
- Contact and welcome new families to the school.
- Arrange social & family events, e.g.: Movie nights, GK disco, Term morning teas, family photos.
- Provide Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls for students to purchase gifts.
- On-sell second-hand uniforms
- Organise and coordinate Grade Communicators
- Provide refreshments and assist with tours for Education week.
- Organise guest speakers to provide important information to parents about issues relevant to our children.

I would love to see you at the meeting, please consider coming along to find out what it’s all about. If you have any queries please contact me, Bridget Ramaeeks, (Current President) 0407 243 024 or ramaeeks@bigpond.com.au

JOIN OUR PFA EMAILING LIST

If you are unable to attend regular meetings but would like to be included on our PFA emailing list please send your details to: glenkpdfa@gmail.com. We will keep you informed of upcoming events or tasks that need doing via this link so that you can get involved in activities that suit you.

Note: Email details will only be used for PFA related matters.
Netball

Netta - Teaching Program 11 years & under. Monday

Beginners – Modified Rules
11 years & under. Mon or Thurs

Juniors - Mixed Under 11, 13, 17, 21
Girls Under 16 & 19 Monday & Thursday

Ladies - Tuesday morning & evening or Thursday morning
Beginners to Advanced. Creche is available for morning sessions

All games played indoors at Diamond Valley Sports & Fitness Centre, Greensborough

Further details for teams or individuals contact
Susan Rose 9435 1129 or 0409 761 316
Diamond Valley Netball Competition