PRINCIPAL’S NOTES:

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR A VERY PRODUCTIVE AND HARD WORKING TERM

Looking ahead in time, nine weeks sounds like a while away however, looking back over term 1, nine weeks has gone by incredibly quickly. The whole school settled very quickly into new routines over the first few weeks and teachers and students have since built very productive teaching and learning relationships across all classrooms and in specialist teaching sessions. All is set for a hard working term ahead in term 2!

Thank you to our students for the terrific way they have settled into the 2013 school year. It’s always pleasing to see their growing enthusiasm for their learning and maturity which helps them to take even more responsibility for the choices they make.

Thank you also to our entire staff team, both teachers and non-teachers, who together work on ensuring consistency of approaches, supportive team work and ongoing improvements both within classrooms as well as across and around the school generally. To our parents also, we are most appreciative of your support and where possible, involvement in the school. When home and school works together, your child is the direct beneficiary of your interest and involvement in their learning and their school. It has been great to see the high number of parents who have been able to make arrangements to attend the recent round of parent/teacher meetings. Keeping in touch with your child’s teacher is important as is taking on any advice that has been imparted.

PRINCIPAL’S LEAVE

I will be taking a short period of leave directly following the holidays and will return to GK on May 2nd. I have been fortunate to have an opportunity to participate in an educational leaders’ study tour to Canada where along with 20 other Victorian principals, we will be visiting schools, educational sector personnel and school leader organisations across three Canadian provinces. I expect this tour to be a very stimulating and professionally challenging experience and one in which our collective observations and learning will provide some ‘food for thought’ for our own schools and practices. Following the 19 day study tour, I will then spend a further 10 days with my son who lives in Canada. Thank you to Leanne Tingwell who will be the Acting Principal during my absence.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Following the recent School Council election process, the first meeting of the new School Council was held last night. Key office bearers are:- Richard Bull (President); Tracy Scott (Vice-President); Samantha Saunders (Treasurer); Jill Ramsay (Executive Officer). The current membership of School Council comprises 8 parents, 4 staff plus the principal. We look forward to a very productive year ahead and will update the community along the way about the work of School Council.

Wishing everyone a very safe and happy Easter and holiday period…

Jill Ramsay
Time to celebrate!

Today your child will be bringing home their Portfolio. This will be an opportunity for you to share selected examples of what your child has been learning about in Term 1. It also provides time for you to celebrate the level of achievement your child has made. It has been a very busy term and I’m sure the children have lots to tell you about!

STEPS to LEARNING—Behaviour Management Information Page

Included in your child’s portfolio will be their Steps to Learning reflection task. I have also provided the whole school behaviour management information pages, which run parallel to this task and the good learning behaviours we have been establishing in Term 1. Boundaries are important in getting most out of learning time so clear boundaries have been established to ensure all children have a strong learning environment available to them.

Assessment & Reporting Parent Information bulletin

An information page clarifying assessment and reporting at GK will also come home today. This will provide some information about what to expect this year in reports and the term by term calendar of reporting dates.

LEARNING LOGS

The process teachers move through in order to target and achieve growth in learning outcomes with children is not dissimilar to the process we work children through to take steps to achieve their goals.

Over the past week I have worked with Grade level teams discussing Reading and how to target our children who need a little more assistance. Much collaboration around data analysis and good teaching practice has occurred to create a Team Reading Goal (Learning Log). All Grade Level Teams have completed a Learning Log which identifies specific areas to target in reading with specific students over a short period of time. Collectively the team discuss best practice, plan explicit instruction aimed at specific reading needs and collect evidence of growth. This will be ready to share and reflect on in 4-5 weeks to ascertain student growth.

This process is continuous and will be mapped across a term and year, changing the goals as needed. We are looking at developing Learning logs for other Literacy areas as well as Numeracy throughout the year. Creating logs that target our high achieving students will also be a primary focus...challenging our teachers in achieving their goals can only be a good thing for our kids!

Leanne Tingwell
Assistant Principal/Curriculum
Hope everyone who ordered a Hoppy Afternoon Tea enjoyed their Hot Cross Bun and Milk as a bit of a celebration for the finish of Term 1. Thanks to all the helpers for getting it out to the classes in record time.

**SPECIALS** until sold out:
- Frozen 250ml OJ tetra box $1 – only available over the counter at recess.
- Lemonade Icy Twists $1.00 – only available over the counter at recess.
- Pretzels 30g 50c each.
- 8pk Mini Cookies & Cream Cookies 30c each or 4 for $1.00.
- Mixed Rice Crackers 27g 20c each.

The roster is slowly filling up but the following days need extra help if anyone is free:

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

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. Just a note that next term I am hoping to do the ‘Biggest Afternoon Tea’ on May 22nd & having a Special lunch for the end of term 2. Enjoy the holidays!

Cheers, Suzi

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### REMINDERS:

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

State Schools Spectacular Choir & Dance Money due

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

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### WANTED: MOTHERS DAY STALL CORDINATOR

Do you love shopping?
Do you love seeing smiles on children’s faces?
Well this is the job for you!

We are in need of someone to take over the coordination of the Mother’s Day stall this year. PFA would be happy to meet with you and give you all the information you would need to coordinate the stall. It’s an easy and rewarding job and you get to choose the presents our children buy for their special mums.

If you are interested please contact Josie Minnelli on 0419 870 495 or Kate Arnott on 0409 528 776 ASAP. We would love to have someone in place over the school holidays.

Thank you.

Josie and Kate
PFA Fundraising Convenors
The annual school house fun run was held on Wednesday 27th March. It was fantastic to see the team spirit and endeavour of the students who ran in their various races, representing either Correa (Green), Eucalypt (Blue), Grevillea (Red) or Acacia (Yellow) house. Thank you to the parents who helped out as course marshalls and assisted with the set up in the morning. Thank you to class teachers who did an excellent job in supporting the fun run by having their grades run laps around the fitness track. Last week’s fitness competition was won by the following grades – Prep S – 269 laps, 1A – 505 laps, 4H – 684 laps and 5-6W.

Thank you to the HPE committee and staff who helped set up the Fun Run – Ms Murray, Ms Dunstone, Mrs Green, Mr Lincoln, Mrs Miller, Mr Hopkins, Ms Angel and Ms Oswin. Your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Gail Elliott for all of her organisation work.

The following House Captains did an outstanding job, leading the younger grades and helping with the set up and pack up of the events – Daniel F, Abbey R, Holly R, Andrew M, Bayley B, Cooper J.

The top 12 placegetters in the 10, 11, 12/13 age group qualify for the District Cross Country training squad. The District Cross Country will be held in term 2.

The Final Score was:
1st Grevillea – 287
2nd Correa – 279
3rd Acacia 245
4th Eucalypt 193

David Blackburn
(Sports / PE Coordinator)
All Grade Prep and Grade 2 Families - School Holiday Playdate

Date: Thursday 4th April 2013 at 10am
Grade: All Prep And Grade 2 Families
Activities: Fun in the Park
Venue: Eltham Lower Park Playground (Diamond Valley Railway Park, Eltham), 570 Main Road, Eltham (Melway 21, H10).

What to bring: BYO food and drink if you wish to have a picnic. Bring your own sports equipment if you wish to play on the oval.

PIANO/keyboard lessons
Teacher and composer
Mooroolbark/Chirnside Park
Positions are available for any child or adult who would like to learn keyboard or piano.

please contact Peter Raymakers (B. mus., A.mus.A, Dip. Lib. Arts)
Weekend Market

at

Diamond Valley
Special Developmental School.

14-24 Brentwick Drive Greensborough 3088. (03) 94321022

Saturday 25th May 2013 9am to 1pm.

Email dvsdspublicity@gmail.com to book your spot

$30 per stall or $24 if booked before the 10th of May.

Attractions include:

Food, coffee, BBQ, Raffles, children's play area (0-5 years),
school tours including horse riding demonstrations will be held every
hour from 9am.

We welcome all community members to come join us on the tour.
AUSKICK

Glen Katherine Auskick is set to start the first Saturday back in Term 2, 20th April. The session will run from 9.00-10.30 held at Greensborough football Club located at Anthony Beale Reserve, St Helena Road Greensborough. Melways reference 11 D11. Graham Campbell will be the head coach for the Glen Katherine Center, but more helpers would be greatly appreciated. To register your child, go to www.alsauskick.com.au. Please contact me with any queries.

Kylie Rogers 0433462072
Glen Katherine PS

is pleased to announce the

entertainment Book fund-raiser!

They’re coming...
...to Glen Katherine as a fund-raiser for 2013!
The brand new 2013 Entertainment Book features many of the area’s best restaurants, cafés, hotel accommodation, attractions, and activities. Books are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, and over $15,000 in total of valuable offers that your family can enjoy until June, 2013.

The best part is that for only $65, you’ll be helping us fund-raise, with $13 from every Book sold contributing to the PFA Fundraising Projects.

They’re going...
...to be sent home to families on 18th & 19th April.

Please take the time to look through the Book when you receive it, and take as many orders from your work colleagues, friends or relatives before...

They’re gone!
...Entertainment Books are very popular and sell out fast!

For further details, please contact - Paula Griggs 0422 997289

Or to order a Book online go to


For those who do not wish to receive a Book:

☐ Please do NOT home an Entertainment™ Book with my child

☐ Please return this form to the office by: THURSDAY 28th March

CHILD’S NAME: ________________________ CLASS: ________________________