PRINCIPAL’S NOTES:

WELCOME TO THE 2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome everyone to the 2013 school year at GK! It’s always great to know that our students, staff and families have returned safely from the holiday period. A very special welcome also to the many new students, families and staff who have joined GK for the first time. We welcome several new staff members Libby Downey, Jess Smith, Jane Angel, Katherine Oswin, Winter Dunstone and Amy Murray. At the end of 2012 we farewelled a number of staff and since then, Roger Manderson (Music) has informed us that he will be taking leave prior to retirement later this year. We sincerely thank Roger for the terrific job he has done in running the music program for many years and wish him well as he moves on to the next stage of his life. For the time being, we will temporarily fill the Music position.

We had a very smooth and orderly start to the school year yesterday with all of our students in grades 1-6 returning with smiles on their faces and plenty of enthusiasm for the year ahead. Everyone is settling into their new routines quickly and the scene is all set for a terrific year ahead.

Today a very excited group of Prep students commenced school for the first time and what an exciting morning they had too! I’m sure some of our Preppies (and parents) thought the day would never eventuate, such was their level of enthusiasm! Special thanks to our Parents and Friends Welcome Committee for providing a welcoming “Cheers & Tears” morning tea which I know was appreciated by those able to attend.

A big thank you also to parents for doing a great job of making sure that your children have returned with their book bags, water bottles, hats and other items necessary for school. Well done on your organisation!

I pass on my appreciation and thanks to a fantastic team effort that has enabled such a smooth start to the year. Since the last school day in 2012, many staff have continued to be in and out of the school ahead of their official return date which was Jan 30th. Their planning and organisation is to be commended, the results of which have been seen this week. Thank you!

We’ve had some works undertaken around the school during the vacation. Much of the exterior of the school has been repainted, some small concreting works have occurred, one relocatable building has been repainted internally and as well, some major redevelopment works have been taking place in our gully, the natural drainage basin at the lower end of the grounds. We’ve also started the process of replacing carpet in the Library which means our Library is temporarily out of action for at least another week. So, in short, there has been a lot happening at the school during the holidays in readiness for a smooth start to the new school year. As previously mentioned, the team effort overall has been outstanding.

Jill Ramsay
**STREET PARKING**

Please take notice of the new parking restrictions in Calendonia Drive. Banyule Council, after local community consultation last year, changed some of the parking restriction signs later last year. **PLEASE READ THE PARKING RESTRICTION SIGNS CAREFULLY.** The changes are intended to improve traffic flow at peak times and to do this, some parking spaces have had to be removed. It’s a ‘catch 22’ with improvement for some drivers whilst less parking space is a disadvantage to others. Ultimately though, it is about maximising safety conditions for all users (drivers, pedestrians & neighbours.)

**SCHOOL/STAFF CARPARK**

The carpark is only able to be used for a 2 minute pick-up or drop off (ALONG THE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ONLY). Parents/grandparents are advised that the carpark is not to be used for parking and walking students to/from classrooms. Where it is observed that parents are parking their cars in the carpark, there will be follow up. We are a large school and need all of the parking spaces for teachers, non teaching staff, and others who visit the school on school business (tradesmen, psychologists, speech pathologists, pre-service teachers etc.) We have a number of part time staff who have different start and finish times so spaces need to be available for the parking needs of all staff and school business visitors.

Further information regarding how the pick-up and drop off zone works can be found on our website (About Us / Facilities & Grounds / Pick-up and Drop-off Zone). When drivers follow the rules, the pick-up and drop-off area generally runs as safely and smoothly as possible during the busy peak 15 minutes period prior to and after school.

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**Coles Sports Equipment for Schools**

The Coles Sports Equipment has arrived and been distributed for students to use in their grades during recess times and for sports sessions. A big thank-you to the Glen Katherine community for the support provided last year. A fantastic range of equipment has been purchased which will benefit your child’s fitness and skill development.

**INTER-SCHOOL SPORT**

Trials for selection in GK teams for interschool sport were held on Thursday for Gr 5-6 students. Students will be selected in either a Darks or Lights team in the following Summer sports – cricket, rounders, bat tennis, volleyball and basketball. Please ensure that your child has a hat, drink bottle and appropriate footwear. Summer sport commences next Friday 8th February.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION LESSONS**

Students need to be prepared for their PE lessons by ensuring that they have a hat, drink bottle, and appropriate medication if required – ie asthma puffers and appropriate footwear – runners. If your child cannot participate in PE sessions they should provide a written note which needs to be handed to Mr Blackburn before the start of the PE session.

The focus for first term for Gr 3,4,5 and 6 students is fitness and athletics. The focus for the Prep -2 students is movement, fitness and fundamental motor skills.

David Blackburn

(PE and Sport Co-ordinator)
I hope everyone has had a great holiday and looking forward to settling back into the school year. It definitely went very fast for me!

Our first day for lunch orders will be Monday 4th February 2013 (may be limited depending on timing of deliveries) and we hope to be in full swing by the end of that week.

Thanks to everyone who has put their name on the Canteen Roster for this year. I look forward to seeing those who are continuing on, and a big welcome to those joining us for the first time. I have quite a few days with no or little help and I would like to fill them as soon as possible:

1st, 2nd or 3rd MONDAY – 1 HELPER NEEDED FOR EACH OF THESE DAYS
2nd, 3rd & 4th TUESDAY – 1 HELPER NEEDED FOR THE 2ND TUES, 2 HELPERS NEEDED FOR 3RD & 4TH TUES AS I HAVE NO HELP ON THESE DAYS AT PRESENT
1st & 2nd WEDNESDAY – 1 HELPER NEEDED
3rd & 4th FRIDAY – 1 HELPER NEEDED (I need at least 3 helpers on each Friday but am happy to have an extra if anyone is free)

If you are available on any of these days I would really appreciate hearing from you. I am in the canteen 8.30am to 12.30pm every day. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!!

Canteen is generally one day a month starting 9am and finishing at 11.45am. I also have an Emergency Roster for anyone who can help out only occasionally or doesn’t mind an extra day if we are short!

Cheers, Suzi

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**PUT A SMILE ON YOUR CHILD’S FACE .... And on ours’ as well!**

One way to put a smile on your child’s face is to become one of our valued volunteers in the Canteen! The excitement is written all over their faces as they come up to see you helping us in such an important role. All we ask is for a small commitment of a few hours of your time (9am to 11.45am) once a month.

**Being on our Emergency List** is also a great way to assist us as quite often we know we will be short the day before and can give you early notice.

Feel free to pop in and chat to us Mondays to Thursdays between 8.30am and 12.30pm to find out all about how the canteen works and how you can help.

**NB:** Unfortunately, no younger children are allowed to come with parents who work in our Canteen as it is a Health and Safety issue. Also government regulations require all persons working and volunteering with children to have a Working With Children card. This is free so Volunteers (there is a small fee if you don’t have a current passport type photo) and more information is available at your local Post Office.

Thanks for your time.

Suzi Cunningham (Canteen Manager)

**CANTEEN ROSTER 2013**

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Once a month (please circle your preferred day):

Would you be prepared to go on our emergency list? (please circle) YES NO
2013 STAFF LIST

TEACHING STAFF

Principal
Jill Ramsay

Assistant Principal
Leanne Tingwell

CLASS TEACHERS

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SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Welfare / Intervention / Class support
Kate Rodgers
Italian
Sandra Portaro
Phys. Ed
David Blackburn
Art
Nadia Cosma
Susan Hollyoak
Music
To be confirmed
Science
Annemarie Webb
Chris Crowe

ADMINISTRATIVE / SUPPORT STAFF

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POLICY STATEMENT – SCHOOL UNIFORM

PHILOSOPHICAL BASIS

Wearing School Uniform fosters pride in the school and unifies the students from various social backgrounds into a cohesive school unit.

GUIDELINES

1. The wearing of school uniform is compulsory for all students except where exemption is given by School Council.
2. The acceptable school uniform should consist of a combination of items from the designated uniform list. Any modifications to school uniform other than adjustment for proper fit are unacceptable.
3. Students participating in interschool sport and excursions will wear the appropriate uniform.
4. All Grade 5 and 6 Sporting Teams will be expected at lunch to change back into their school uniform prior to the start of session 4.
5. The majority of school uniform items should be available for purchase from the volunteer-operated Uniform Shop.
6. Second Hand Uniform Shop
   a. A second hand uniform shop should operate to enable parents to sell or buy good quality used items of school uniform.
   b. The second hand uniform shop should be operated by the PFA and the commission earned on the sale of garments should contribute to the fundraising of the PFA.
7. Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
8. A special jacket for the Grade 6 students will be available for purchase each year.
9. Guidelines relating to out of uniform days will be published in the Linkletter prior to the event.
10. Hats
    a. Wearing a hat (as prescribed in the uniform list) for all outdoor activities is compulsory from September to April each year unless the activity is conducted in a shaded area.
    b. Hats are not to be worn inside.
11. Hair
    a. Hair should be neat and well groomed at all times.
    b. Hair which is shoulder length or longer should be tied back at all times in line with our Head Lice Management Policy.
    c. Extreme hair colors and styles are not acceptable at any time including special out of uniform days.
12. Accessories
    All hair accessories should conform to the colour scheme prescribed in the uniform list. (navy blue, royal blue, pale blue and white)
13. Scarves should conform to the colour scheme prescribed in the uniform list.
14. Fashion jewellery (including plastic wrist bands) is a health hazard during any physical activity and should not be worn to school. Stud earrings in pierced ears are an exception.
15. Make up and coloured nail polish are not to be worn except for approved school activities.
16. All shoes should be selected to conform to the description in the uniform list and all shoe laces should match shoe colours.
17. Teachers will hand out a Student Uniform Infringement Notice when incorrect school uniform is worn. If the issue is ongoing then teachers need to speak to the Principal/Assistant Principal for follow up.
18. Parents are recommended to purchase school back packs that are endorsed by the Australian Physiotherapy Association in order to minimise the risk of back injury to students. School back packs with our school logo which meet these guidelines are available from the uniform shop.
19. The School Uniform list will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year and be available in both the Parent Section of the school website and from the office.
20. Monitoring of Policy
    a. The monitoring of the School Uniform Policy should be the responsibility of the Uniform Sub-Committee with the day-by-day decisions to be at the discretion of the Principal.
    b. In the event of conflict the School Council should be the arbiter.
    c. The Uniform Sub-Committee should be accountable to the School Council.
21. Enforcement of the Uniform School Policy is the responsibility of the principal and supported by staff.
SCHOOL UNIFORM

T-shirt # (light blue)
Short-sleeved Polo shirt # (light blue)
Long-sleeved Polo shirt # (light blue)
Polar Fleece Windcheater # (royal blue)
Bomber Jacket # (royal blue)
Bootleg Pants – fine fabric (girls) (royal blue)
Straight leg pants (boys)
Short-sleeved Summer Dress with GK check
Skorts (royal blue)
Pleated sports skirt (royal blue)
Winter Pinafore/Skirt with GK check by order only
Draw-string Shorts (royal blue)
Broad-brimmed hat (royal blue)
Socks (white/blue)
Tights (navy blue)
Plain Scarves (royal blue)
Plain Beanie # (royal blue)
Vest # (royal blue)
Raincoat (royal blue)

INTERCHOOL SPORT UNIFORM
(Optional for Physical Education)

T-shirt # (light blue)
Short-sleeved Polo shirt # (light blue)
Long-sleeved Polo shirt # (light blue)
Shorts (royal blue)
Skorts (royal blue)
Track-suit pants (royal blue)
Socks (white)
Pleated sports skirt (royal blue)
Sports Briefs (royal blue)
Bike shorts (royal blue)

FOOTWEAR

All shoes should conform to the school colors (ie black/blue/white or grey combinations). Sandals must have covered toes. Footwear should offer appropriate foot support when doing physical activity. Light weight, slip-on style canvas-style footwear is not considered appropriate.

All footwear should be worn with matching laces and socks.

FOOTWEAR (sport)

Sport specific footwear e.g. Football / soccer boots for those students in sports teams

UNIFORM SHOP
HOURS
Weekly
Mon 8.30-9am
&
Fri 8.30-9am

UNIFORM REMINDERS for parents and students ....

PLEASE read through the whole uniform policy and take note of the requirements. The wearing of correct school uniform is expected.

Students will be reminded by their teachers and where necessary, parents will be contacted if uniform expectations aren’t being met. This will include those students who are wearing bright fluoro colored sneakers or nail polish, neither of which comply with the uniform policy requirements.
Please remember we are sunsmart school and hats are compulsory from September to April each year. Students will be told to stay in shaded areas during play times if they do not have a hat and they will not be able to participate in sports sessions without a hat.

HOT WEATHER AND DRINK BOTTLES

With hot weather upon us, please make sure all students bring a drink bottle to school so they can sip water during the day.