PRINCIPAL’S NOTES:

STAFFING UPDATE

A BIG thank you to Lisa Page (Office) who will leave GK next Monday to take up a position with Basketball Victoria. Lisa has been at GK for almost 18 years during which time she has been meeting and greeting people who visit the office and or who phone the school and assisting them with their inquiries. Lisa is well known to most of us, staff, students, parents and is often the first person our prospective families meet. We congratulate Lisa on her appointment to a position at Basketball Victoria and sincerely thank her for her efficiency and hard work at GK over many years. Thank you Lisa!

2013 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Family order forms for our second GK school magazine will be going home next week. Look out for these and to secure a copy of the 2013 magazine, you will need to place an order. The magazine will profile the year that was 2013.

PLANNING FOR 2014

Thankyou to those families who have confirmed their family’s relocation in 2014. If there are still other families who have yet to notify us of their changed circumstances for 2014, then please let us know ASAP so that we can 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.

We are about to begin the process of making up classes for 2014. Using anticipated enrolment information for each grade level, parents might like to have a go at developing a suitable grade structure. We are hoping to have 23 classes for 2014, depending on our enrolment confirmation. For those parents who would like to have a go at creating a fair and equitable grade structure for 2014, a planning grid is available on our website. You are welcome to exercise your mathematical thinking and sort our anticipated enrolment of approximately 540 students into 23 classes. The task is never easy and the final structure will need to be one which best suits the learning needs of all students. Have a go if you can and return your suggestion by Friday Nov 8th please.

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 information that can assist with our decision making, then please do this in writing by Friday Nov 8th. Requesting to have/not have a teacher is not considered to be vital information. We will 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
The ‘DO RIGHT DETECTIVE’ found the following students displaying good learning behaviours last week:-

2A   Lucy A
2A   Liam R
3R  McKinley T
3R   Elly H
5R   James S

Well done to these students as well as many others who were also noticed for showing great learning behaviours.

The Salvation Army Christmas Food Appeal

The Salvation Army annual Christmas Food Appeal is beginning! There are so many families in our community who depend on extra help at Christmas time and without your help The Salvation Army would be limited in what they could do for them.

If you are able to donate any of the goods listed below, it would be greatly appreciated – every little bit helps! All donations can be delivered to the office and placed in the barrel provided. Our Junior School Council will be reminding us at assembly each week about bringing in goods and updating us with how the donations are growing.

The donations will begin to be distributed to needy families during the first few weeks of December. So get into the GK spirit and give what you can to a very worthwhile cause.

Thanks in advance for your kindness,
Leanne Tingwell

SALVATION ARMY RECOMMENDED DONATION LIST:

1. Food items - non perishable, with use by date at least January 2015 - suggestions would be pasta, pasta sauce, breakfast cereal, uht milk, plum pudding, uht custard, fruit mince pies, biscuits, canned foods - especially tomatoes and fruit, tuna, ham, corn, beetroot, vegetables, soup, beans, etc., coffee, tea, packets of gravy, sweets, anything you would appreciate receiving in your own Christmas hamper.

2. Toiletries are acceptable, however, perfumed items such as soap can taint the other items in the hampers, so probably best to stick to food if possible.

3. Food items are preferred, however, gifts are acceptable provided they are new. We do not distribute second hand toys or gifts. Also, we must check all items, so please do not gift wrap items.

4. We cannot distribute alcohol or tobacco products.
**CANTEEN NEWS**

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**AVAILABLE UNTIL SOLD OUT:** Erica Choc-Gingerbread Man 35g $1.50

Flyers for the Book Worm special lunch being held on Wednesday, 13th November should have gone home this week. If you don’t have the form you should be able to get one off the website or from the front office. The costs of this lunch will be $6 and orders will be due in by 9am on Friday, 8th November. (Please note that no late orders will be accepted and no refunds given)

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:**

**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 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.
STATE ATHLETICS SUCCESS

The GK Athletics Team produced many outstanding results at the State Athletics that were held at the State Athletics Track on Monday 28th October. The highlights were Lucas W winning the Gold medal in the 11 boys 100m and Gretel B winning the Bronze medal in 12/13 girls shotput. Lucas’s winning time was 13.52 secs and Gretel threw the 3kg shot 9.35m.

Lucas has qualified for the State Team and will go away and represent Victoria at The National Championships held in Brisbane in November. Well done to the following students who produced excellent performances in their particular events. The 11 Boys relay team of Lachlan S, Sam S, Liam M and Lucas W were just pipped for a place to finish 4th in the final. Alex H ran with great spirit to finish 6th in her heat in the 10 girls hurdles. Makayla P ran strongly to finish 7th place in the 11 girls hurdles.

SPORT THIS WEEK
GK Darks vs Apollo B (away)
GK Lights vs Hurstbridge (home)

SCHOOL SWIMMING TRIALS
The school swimming trials will be held at Greensborough WaterMarc next Wednesday 6th November. The trials will determine the GK team that will compete in the 2014 District Swimming Titles.

DAVID BLACKBURN
(Sports Coordinator)

Lucas W – 11 boys State 100m Gold Medallist : Gretel B – 12/13 State Shotput Bronze Medallist

District Winners

On Wednesday the 30th of November, the Dark softball boys played our District final game against Lower Plenty, at our home ground.

The opposition had a mixed team with boys and girls. We all played a great game with excellent pitching and catching by Mitchell and Adam, fabulous base defence by Kyle, Jack and Koen, fantastic shortstop by Jason and outfielding by Ryan, Wicksie, Nathan, James and Ethan. Also, excellent batting with the home runs from Mitchell, Jason, Jack, Kyle and Ethan. We all played a great game with the ending score being 21 to 1 GK's way.

Thank you Mrs Whelan for umpiring for the whole game, enthusiastic coaching and getting us this far into regionals. Regional finals will be Tuesday 12th November at Mill Park Softball Diamond.

We would all like to wish Mitch R all the very best next week as he heads off to Sydney for the Softball National Championships.

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

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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 Tuesdays to Thursdays between 9:30am and 1:30pm 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 to Volunteers (there is a small fee if you don’t have a current passport size photo) and more information is available at your local Post Office.

Thanks for your time,

Suzi Cunningham (Canteen Manager)

CANTEEN ROSTER 2014

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Would you be prepared to go on our emergency list? (please circle) YES NO
BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY

When: Wednesday 13th of November

JSC are raising money for a new fitness area at our school. To raise money we are holding a ‘Dress Up as Your Favourite Book Character Day’. Children that dress up are to bring a gold coin donation.

Some ideas include:

- The three little pigs
- Harry Potter
- Cinderella
- Bob the builder
- Mr men and Little Misses
- And lots more!

We look forward to seeing your creative costumes!

By Elizabeth & Dior on behalf of JSC

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY - THANK YOU!

I would just like to thank my team of helpers who contributed some wonderful goodies for the Afternoon Tea on Friday 25 October to celebrate World Teachers’ Day!

Thank you to Namaste Gadbois for helping to organise the event, to Tracey Russell for making the teachers’ gifts of all the wonderful little owl bookmarks, and to Natalie King for helping set up and clean up on the day and of course a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated a plate of food, it was greatly appreciated!

Many thanks
Carol Kovacic
ELTHAM COMMUNITY CRAFT & PRODUCE MARKET  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3rd.  
8.30am - 1.00pm  
PANTHER PLACE, ELTHAM

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

ELTHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB  
New for Season 2014 GIRLS TEAMS

EJFC is seeking girls to play in the following girls teams U12, U15 & U18 for Season 2014

Youth Girls Australia Rules Football is the fastest growing female sport in Australia.

Come and develop your football skills, make new friends and have fun in a family friendly atmosphere at Eltham Junior Football Club.

For more information: please contact our club Secretary: Fiona Allin by mob 0419 520 752 or email pressureworksp@bigpond.com

ELTHAM COMMUNITY CRAFT & PRODUCE MARKET  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3rd.  
8.30am - 1.00pm  
PANTHER PLACE, ELTHAM
Fire station open day

CFA Sunday
24th November

Entry and activities are free
Diamond Creek Fire Station 10am - 2pm
AUTHOR  SALLY RIPPIN

An invitation from Eltham Bookshop is extended to families to meet Sally Rippin who is the author of the very popular children’s series, “Billy B Brown, Billie B Mystery and Hey Jack!”

Date:  November 3rd 2013
Time:  3.00pm to 4.30pm
Venue:  Eltham Bookshop, 970 Main Road Eltham
Cost:  $10.00 per child which includes a signed copy of Sally’s latest A Billie B Mystery “Code breaker”

Prepaid books are essential. Please phone 9439 8700 elthambookshop@bigpond.com

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