DIARY

2013
Mon. 11th March
Labour Day Holiday

Tues. 13th March
Hockey Clinic

SUNDAY 17th March
10am—3pm
MEGA FETE

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

Tues. 19th March
Parent Teacher Meetings

Wed. 20th March
Parent Teacher Meetings

Thurs. 21st March
Photo Day

Tues. 26th March
2:4.30pm P/T meetings
5.30pm Grade 5 / 6 Camp
Parent Helper Meeting
PFA AGM 7.00 pm

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

TERM 2
Mon. 15th April
Term 2 commences 8.40 am

PRINCIPAL’S NOTES:

ONLY 10 DAYS TO GO!!!!
Keep on reading the updated fete
information on our website (home page / mega fete tab) and in the Linkletter for up to
date information.

The offers to assist on the day have been
streaming in and the rosters are certainly
looking better than they were a week or so
ago. There are still some spaces left though
which we hope to have filled by the middle
of next week. If you can help and assist on
the day, then please make sure your name
gets added to one of the many rosters.
Thank you to the many parents, ex-
students and grandparents who have all offered to help out. The fete committee is
very grateful to a large number of people who are all helping out and assisting in some
way.

STUDENT LEADERS
Congratulations to the newly elected Junior School Council members (ref page 2).
Thirty-four students from grades 2 - 6 had their first JSC meeting yesterday. The JSC
complements the roles of School Captains, House Captains and Green Team
Captains. At GK, there are a number of opportunities for students to take on a
leadership role, both within classrooms and across the school. It is terrific to see the
level of interest being shown by students and their willingness to put their hand up and
be considered for a leadership role.

Whilst we understand that some students may also be disappointed on missing out on
one of the across school leadership roles, it’s also important for them to understand
that there are still other opportunities to show leadership skills, regardless of whether
or not they wear a badge for a particular role. Not giving up and continuing to look for
opportunities at another time are all signs of developing resilience and ultimately,
being resilient is something that we all hope to be.

We look forward to hearing more about the work of our different leadership groups
across the year.

PUNCTUALITY
Congratulations to our families and students for getting to school on
time each day. Just about every student is arriving on time and
getting to their classroom by the time the bell goes. Wow!!! Such a
great effort. Getting to school on time really makes for a great start
to the school day. Keep up the great effort everyone!

Jill Ramsay

Our values: RESPECT, Resilience, Excellence, Safety, Persistence, Encouragement, Creativity and Tolerance
Our Learning Journey

Our Preps have STEPPED firmly onto the Learning Path at GK!

The beginning of every year brings a new wave of Prep children to our school, some bursting with enthusiasm and some needing a reassuring cuddle from mum or dad saying, ‘it will be o.k.’.

When we think about the learning curve the Prep children are expected to move through in the first term of school, is it any wonder we see such a diverse range of emotions and behaviours.

Suddenly there are bells telling them when to do things, lines to move into, classroom boundaries to fit within, Grade 6 buddies to meet, lots of teachers’ names to remember and outside play with BIG kids! And this is all before we hit the formal learning expectations of classroom and Specialist classes.

Our Preps have settled in extremely well, with a big focus on getting to know our school and the people in it. Our children have been learning how to develop friendships, how to be kind to one another and how this looks when we are looking after each other. Learning to belong in our school and our class is the first important step in being a successful learner. It’s great to see our Preps are already making positive steps in achieving this.

Leanne Tingwell

President: Jack D
Vice President: Sophie T
Secretary: Ben G

2013 Junior School Council Representatives

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have been elected, by their peers, to be the Junior School Council (JSC) representatives for 2013. JSC gives students many wonderful opportunities to demonstrate their leadership qualities and voice their ideas. Students will be presented with their certificates at assembly on Monday 18th March.

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The first fundraiser will be taking place in coming weeks - please stay tuned and read the next Linkletter!!

We look forward to working with all JSC in 2013.

Well Done!!

Rita Vitelleschi-Zauzich, Amy Murray and Lucy Miller
Look out for the *Hoppy Afternoon Tea* order form coming home after the Public Holiday – it is for the last day of term (Thursday, 28th March) and will cost $3.50 for a choc chip hot cross bun and a flavoured milk. All orders must be in by 9am Friday 22nd March and as this is an afternoon tea, normal lunch orders will be available on the day.

The following days need extra help if anyone is free:
- **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 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 pickup 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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**GK SCHOOL PHOTOS**

*Thursday, 21st March*

Individually named envelopes have been sent home with students for photo day. These are to be brought back to school on 21st March and handed to the photographer. Any student without their envelope will be charged an additional fee upon printing of photos.

Sibling photo envelopes are available at the office. Only siblings attending Glen Katherine can be in the photo. These envelopes are to be brought back to school on photo day.

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**REMINDEERS:**

**FRI. 8TH MARCH**
Life Ed payments due
Grade 5 & 6 Camp Instalment $80 due

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

- 10:30-11:30
- 12:00-1:00
- 1:30-2:30

**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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**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Catalogues for Issue 2 of Scholastic Book Club were distributed to students this 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 15th March 2013.**
**Due to a short Term 1, unfortunately there has been little time between Issue 1 and Issue 2.**

Astrid Bathen, Gail Elliott
MEGA FETE

Only 10 DAYS to go!

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH
10am to 3pm

UNLIMITED RIDE TICKETS
Don’t forget to get your orders in for your UNLIMITED RIDE TICKETS at the discounted price of $20. This is great value and allows you to go on the rides as many times as you want during the day.

AUCTION ITEMS
An Auction list will be coming home next week. Please pass a copy onto family, friends, neighbours or work colleagues who might be interested in some of the items listed. We have some great items on offer & thank all of the businesses who have contributed.

KIDS COMPETITIONS
Keep your entries coming in. Pet Rocks are on display in the glass cabinet in the main foyer and colouring in competition entries are randomly displayed around the school.

LETTERBOX DROP
This is your LAST CHANCE to deliver pamphlets in your street. Pamphlets & a map are located in the office foyer. Please spread the word!

MYSTERY BAGS
Have you returned your mystery bag yet? These are a very popular activity at our fete and we need your help to fill the bags.

HONEY
One of our dads, Antony, produces his own honey and he has kindly donated some to be sold on fete day. This is local, pure, filtered, & non-heated honey that is absolutely delicious! Liquid Gold! This will be on sale at the Cake Stall but you will need to get in early because stocks are limited.

CAKES / CAFÉ BAKING / CUP CAKES
Don’t forget to make your baking pledge for: Café - Michelle Cotter-Young 9438 2762 or Kylie Longley 9438 5398.
Cup Cakes - Josie (0419 870 495)

Cake plates have also come home ready for your delicious contributions to our cake stall. If you have any queries contact Kylie Longley 9438 5398.

KISS A PIG
Have you chosen someone to KISS A PIG yet? The pigs can be found in the office foyer. The teacher with the most money on fete day will get to KISS A PIG. The teachers are:

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

ROSTERS
There are a few stalls still struggling to find helpers. PLEASE register now! Either return the yellow slip, ring Amanda (0405 718 770) or drop into the office & put your name on the list.

SET UP
Set up will take place from 7.30am on Sunday 17th March. Any extra helpers would be greatly appreciated.

RAFFLE
Raffle tickets should be returned by Friday 15th March. We will also be selling tickets on the day so if you have any UNSOLD tickets please return them to school by Friday 15th March.

Enter now for your chance to win a $1000 travel voucher, a retro ladies bike, petrol vouchers, an Ipod Nano, an amazing Electric toothbrush or a $100 Myer voucher.

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SPORT REPORT

REGIONAL SWIMMING SPORTS
The Glen Katherine PS swimming team competed in the Regional Swimming Sports held at Northcote Pool on Tuesday 5th March. There were some excellent performances with 9 students qualifying for the Regional titles to be held at Northcote next Wednesday. Laura D produced outstanding swimming by winning both her free-style and butterfly in the 12/13 girls section.

The 11 Boys (Kane F, Sam S, Nick T, Matt B) and 11 Girls (Kiara F, Casey W, Courtney W, Mackenzie C) relay teams swam exceptionally well to finish 2nd and 3rd respectively to qualify for the next level.

Well done and good luck at the Regional titles.

Well done to the girls medley relay team of Juhyung B, Abbey R, Laura D and Mackenzie C for their 3rd place.

SPORT THIS WEEK RD 5
Gk Darks vs Diamond Creek (HOME)
GK Lights vs Laurimar T (AWAY)

FUN RUN - Lets get active – Parent help needed
The Fun Run is to be held on Wednesday 27th March for all students from Preps to Grade 6. Students have been getting fit by running laps with their class teachers and in PE lessons. The Fun Run courses are set in and around the school grounds, therefore parental help is required to help as course marshalls.

David Blackburn
(PE & SPORT COORDINATOR)
Kids Born in 2002 – St Marys Needs You!!

St Mary's Greensborough Junior Football Club has a number of vacancies in their Under 11 teams for the 2013 Season. Guaranteed game time, no football experience necessary.

Come and join a fun filled, family focussed local club.

Please contact Evan Butterworth on 0413 266 484 for more information or come along to our first training on Tuesday 12th March, 5PM at Greensborough Park.

Eltham Lacrosse Club - Pre-season (juniors and seniors) New and returning players, girls and boys, come along to pre-season training and start preparing for the 2013 season, the club's 50th season of Lacrosse - it's fun and it's fast!

* Free * ALL Welcome * New Players * Returning players * ALL ages Wednesdays 7pm at Eltham Lower Park

- March 6th
- March 13th
- March 20th
- March 27th

Enquiries - Pauline Maher
9432 0769
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DIAMOND CREEK BASEBALL CLUB
COME & TRY / REGISTRATION DAYS

Either
WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH, 2013 (5.00 p.m. to 6 p.m.)
Or
SUNDAY 17th MARCH, 2013 (10 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.)

At CAMPBELL STREET RESERVE, DIAMOND CREEK
Entry via CAMPBELL STREET to CHALLENGER STREET, (MAP 11, K7)

UNDER 9 (T-Ball), Under 11, 13, 15 & 17’s PLAYERS REQUIRED
BOYS & GIRLS MOST WELCOME
** 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 Ramaekers, (Current President) 0407 243 024 or ramaeks@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: glenkfpa@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.