PRINCIPAL’S NOTES:

‘GK NEWS’ PRODUCTION

We had an extremely busy start to the week. Two hundred and twenty students in years 1, 2 & 5 performed in four shows over two days and thoroughly entertained their audiences. Our GK performers have been rehearsing for several weeks now and their singing, dancing and acting skills were certainly showcased in the ‘GK NEWS’ production. We are extremely proud of their effort and congratulate them on their fantastic team and individual performance achievements.

Behind the scenes of course are plenty of adults who have played substantial parts in supporting this production. In particular, we are very appreciative of the efforts of the following people and thank them for their enormous support and contributions:—

- Producer, Director, Script Writer & Choreographer - Michelle Cotter
- Directors’ Assistant - Tash Johnson
- Choreographers of two dance items and trainers - Kylie Rogers & Tina Paizas
- Bio-box manager for 4 performances - Year 11 St Helena SC student Josh Bliss
- General administration, organisation and liaison with everyone - Leanne Tingwell
- Ticketing arrangements - Lisa Page
- Class teachers of years 1, 2 and 5 students for rehearsing their students, costume organisation & being on hand for every performance
- The Arts team along with other staff who supported the students and their colleagues in a range of ways
- Parent helpers who did a great job with prop making and assisting in many ways including back stage
- St Helena SC Principal, Karen Terry and Business Manager Ross McDonald for making the college theatre available for GK use along with liaison and administration assistance

Thank you also to our very appreciative parents and families for supporting this extra-curricular activity which has enriched the learning experiences of the children. In all, a huge team effort has resulted in an incredible experience for our students whose confidence and performance skills continually improved as the weeks went by. Well done everyone!
**CANTEEN NEWS**

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**Tomorrow** by 9am is the last chance to get in the Mid Term Milk & Cookies afternoon tea that will be held on Thursday 15th August. No late orders will be accepted so make sure you get it in on time with your name and grade AND choice of milk selected. (I will be giving Chocolate milk to those who forget to choose!) The cost of this afternoon tea will be $4.00. The order form can be printed from the school website. As it will be afternoon tea, lunches can still be ordered on that Thursday.

Thank you to Sharon Bowen who will be stepping into my shoes next Tuesday while I am interstate for a family function. Hope it all goes smoothly!

I have an opening on the roster for the 3rd **Tuesday** or 2nd **Friday of the month**. It would be great to fill these spots asap, especially as Fridays are the busiest day in the Canteen and there are only a few more to go for the year. Helpers are only needed 9am to 11.45am 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.

Cheers, Suzi Cunningham

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**ST HELENA SECONDARY COLLEGE CARPARK**

It has been noticed that some GK parents are using the **St Helena SC carpark** for drop-off or pick-up of GK students. Please don’t do this as the college doesn’t have enough parking space for their own staff and students who are 18+ years and who drive their cars to school. Throughout year 12, as students turn 18, more carpark spaces are needed by the college and if GK parents are using the carpark, this adds considerably to the shortage of parking space for college staff and students. So please … no parking allowed by GK families.

**REMINDERS:**

Grade 3 & 4 Camp Deposit due Tuesday, 16th August
MS READATHON

The MS Readathon is a national program, organized by Multiple Sclerosis Australia. For more than 30 years, it has been Australia’s principal reading fundraising program

By participating in the MS Readathon, the money raised by students enables
- Continuing research into the cause and cure for MS
- Services and facilities to help people living with MS maximize their quality of life
- Support and education programs for newly diagnosed people
- Information and advice for health professionals, family members and carers for people with MS

Multiple Sclerosis is a disease which damages nerves so that the brain cannot communicate properly with muscles and organs. It can happen to people even in their twenties and at the moment, there is no cure. There are over 21,000 Australians living with this disease.

What to do next?
With the approval of their parents, students are being invited to register for the Readathon online at [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au)
They are then required to seek sponsorship for the books they read during the month of August 2013.
Students can include the books they are reading in the Premier’s Reading Challenge.
It would be wonderful if you could consider your child’s involvement in this worthy cause while also encouraging them with their reading.

Further details are on the MS website as listed above.

Gail Elliott

SAVE THE DATE – IT’S ON AGAIN!

FRIDAY THE 6th SEPTEMBER 2013

GK Multi Purpose Building (MPB)

Session 1: Prep & Grade 1: 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Session 2: Grades 2 & 3: 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Session 3: Grades 4, 5 & 6: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Tickets will be $6 per student (Includes: Entry, glow band, drink & chips)

Ticket Entry Forms and Volunteer request will be distributed in the coming weeks.

The GK Parents & Friends Association look forward to organising another enjoyable evening for the Students of our School!

Tracey Russell
DISCO CONVENOR
**NEXT PFA MEETING DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED!**

**NOW – TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST 7.30PM (STAFFROOM)**

*All Parents are welcomed to attend!*

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**CAR DAMAGE AFTER CONCERT TUESDAY NIGHT**

A navy blue Mercedes benz was damaged in the St. Helena Secondary College car park between 8.45 pm and 9.15 pm on Tuesday, 6th August after the GK Production and no note or contact number was left on the damaged vehicle. Outside the skips white station wagon

If you have any information concerning this incident, please contact Natasha on 0402 587 875.

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**This week & next**

‘**DO RIGHT DETECTIVE**’ is looking for:

**SAFETY**

which means **DOING THINGS THAT KEEP OURSELVES AND OTHERS SAFE. WE WANT EVERYONE TO FEEL SAFE AT SCHOOL SO THAT ALSO MEANS WE DON’T BULLY OR MAKE OTHERS FEEL UNSAFE**

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**3 WAY CONFERENCES—WED. 14TH AUGUST**

Information regarding the 3 Way Conferences were sent home last week with the eldest child of each family. This information also includes log in details to book the appointment times on-line. The on-line booking system is available now, check the GK website for the link. If you have any queries, please call the office on 9431-1599.
Your family is invited to come along for a great social night out.

**Date:** Saturday 17th August

**Time:** 6 – 9pm

**Venue:** Skaterz - 27 Susan St, Eltham

**Cost:** $12 per skater (includes skate hire)

* *Children must be accompanied by an adult*

**Non-skaters** - free (max 2 per family)

**BYO:** Basket supper/dinner, snacks and drinks (no alcohol)

* The Skaterz kiosk will be open for hot drinks, ice-creams, lollies and crisps only.

This event has limited capacity for skaters and non skaters, so get in quick to ensure you don’t miss out! This social night is strictly for GK families only. Wristbands will be provided at the door, and no tickets will be sold on the night. Credit card payments are welcome at the office, or complete the form and return to school. Any queries please contact Kate on 0409528776.

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**REGIONAL FOOTBALL SUCCESS**

The Darks football team were successful in winning their 2 regional qualifying games on Monday to qualify for the Regional finals that will be held next Tuesday 13th August.

Game 1 GK DARKS 9g 10b 64 def Preston PS 2g 0b 12 pts
Game 2 GK DARKS 14g 9b 91 def West Meadows 0 pts

**SPORT THIS WEEK**

GK Darks vs Plenty Valley – home
GK Lights vs Yarrambat – away

**DISTRICT ATHLETICS**

The District athletics will be held next Tuesday 13th August at Meadow Glenn Track. Good luck to the GK team who having been training extremely well over the past 6 weeks.

David Blackburn
(Sport and PE Coordinator)
NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK AT GK.

National Science Week is a chance to celebrate science and scientific innovations. Here at GK we are lucky enough to have a science teacher, a science room and an accompanying outdoor learning space in which students can do lots of exploring.

Students enjoy science because it gives them a chance to do hands-on, practical activities that are not always possible in a classroom setting. Plus they get to understand a bit more about their world and why things are the way they are!

On Monday 12th August all students from Prep to Grade Six will be watching a Science Show performed by a travelling troupe of scientists called the Jollybops! This will take place in the new MPR (small gym area) and times will be:

9-10am for grades 3 and 4
10.10-11.10 for grades 5 and 6

12.10-1.10 for Preps, 1s and 2s.

See more at www.scienceweek.net.au to learn about science activities around Melbourne from 10th – 17th August.

Science is everywhere and as Stephen Hawkings said at the 2012 Paralympic Games – “Look up at the sky and not down at your feet! Make sense of the universe – be curious……”

So happy experimenting! Mrs Webb.

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VALUE AWARDS

Value Awards to be presented at assembly on Monday, 12th August.

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<th>For always offering his assistance to his fellow students when they encounter problems in and out of the classroom.</th>
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<td>Edward S</td>
<td>For consistently demonstrating respect to all classmates and teachers. You always contribute to class discussions with excellence and enthusiasm.</td>
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<td>Cade N</td>
<td>For always showing excellence with his presentation of work. He sets a fine example for others to follow with his beautiful handwriting.</td>
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<td>Jade O</td>
<td>For showing careful attention to her school work, having a confident no-fuss attitude and being a cheerful volunteer.</td>
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<td>Alex G</td>
<td>For working hard learning and practising his times tables and striving to improve his speed and accuracy.</td>
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<td>Jonas M</td>
<td>For showing excellence with his listening and concentration. This improvement has enabled Jonas to contribute more in class discussion and produce fantastic book work. Well done Jonas, Keep it up!</td>
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Eltham Netball club is now taking registrations for the 2013 Spring season. We cater for all ages from 9/u to open and all abilities from beginner to experienced. We train on Tuesdays and Thursday nights and games are on a Saturday commencing 31st August. The season is a mini season of 10 weeks, so if you have always wanted to try netball its the perfect time to as its only a short season. If you would like any information please contact:
Julie on info@elthamnetballclub.com.au or look on our website www.elthamnetballclub.com.au. Players are welcome to come to training for a "come and try" session.