ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S NOTES:

WE HAVE SO MUCH HAPPENING!

Welcome to this week’s Linkletter. We are pushing full steam ahead into a busy but exciting term. Let me share some great things that have or will be happening.

OUR PREPS CAN DO CIRCUS TRICKS!

On Tuesday our prep children were visited by the Fitness Worx crew who took the children through a fun filled, engaging circus experience with a focus on fitness. I’m sure many families were taught some of the tricks on Tuesday night!

Our 2014 Prep Family Information Night

Our 2014 Prep families attended an information night last night. This is an opportunity for our current Prep Team to share relevant information about general school life but also outline specific areas of school readiness and school preparation. I’d like to thank Jenny Hopkin, Angela Totino, Libby Downey, Jess Smith and Kate Rodgers for their ongoing hard work in providing our future prep students with a smooth transition into GK.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Our Grade 5 teachers are working with our current Grade 5 students in preparing them for the role of Student Leadership in 2014. We consider all of our Grade 6 students to be student leaders and we begin this term by exploring the qualities that demonstrate this. Every year we encourage students to consider nominating for a School Captain position. Our 2014 School Captains will be elected in the coming weeks and our Grade 5 students are busily preparing speeches to present to their peers outlining why they consider themselves to be a suitable School Captain. We look forward to sharing our new School Captains with you before the end of term.

GRADE 3 & 4 SWIMMING

Our Grade 3 & 4 students will be participating in a swimming program over the next two weeks. I’d like to thank Jai Lincoln for the many hours taken in organising this program for the students.

Leanne Tingwell
The ‘DO RIGHT DETECTIVE’ is still on the look out for students showing great learning behaviours. Congratulations to the following students who received a ‘Do Right Detective’ Award at assembly this week:

- Jonathan G (2A)
- Abigail W (2A)
- Chelsie D (5R)
- Alex W (5R)
- Karan S (6M)
- Holly T (6M)
- Jack D (6A)

Congratulations also to all students who have been noticed by the Do Right Detective for great learning behaviours. Well done and keep up the great effort!

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.
CANTINE NEWS

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SPECIAL: AVAILABLE UNTIL SOLD OUT:   Erica Choc-Gingerbread Man 35g $1.20ea  
                                     Starburst Double Headed Anaconda 50g $1.20ea

Look out next week for the order form for the last of our special treats for the children for the year. It will be an afternoon tea held on Thursday, 12th December and the cost will be $3.00. It will consist of a Quench Drink with a choice of either ‘Rudolph Red’ (apple raspberry) or ‘Grinch Green’ (lemon lime) and a bag of assorted Christmas sweets. The bag of sweets should be made up of the following: 1 x Cadbury Caramel Santa (sourced from the Cadbury Cash Shop), 1 x Tattoo Lollypop, 5 x Jelly Lollies, and 2 x Marshmallow Candy Canes (all sourced from Woolworths St Helena). Orders must be in by 9am Friday, 6th December.

I need an extra helper for Friday, 29th November so if you think you are free to help out that day, please give me a call in the canteen.

I am currently working to fill the roster for 2014. Helpers are only needed 9am to 11.45am once a month. I can be contacted 8.30am to 1.30pm Tuesday to Friday should you wish any more information, or you can complete the form with this Linkletter or on the website and send it in through the Grade lunch tub.

Cheers, Suzi Cunningham

REMINDERS:

GK 2014 Grade 5/6 Camp
Payment 3 : $50.00 due Friday 13th December

School charges due Monday 2nd December
SPORTS NEWS

STATE ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Over 100 Glen Katherine Gr 3-6 students competed in the State Orienteering Championships held at Maroondah Reserve, Healesville on Friday 15th November. The team performed exceptionally well, with Glen Katherine taking out all four Grade section awards as well as the Overall Schools title. The students application, team spirit and behaviour was excellent throughout the day. Thank-you to Sherryn Owen, Luisa Rinaldi, Jai Lincoln and Amy Murray for your organisation and assistance with the team. It was fantastic to see so many parents attending to support their children and the GK team.

Full results will be on PE/SPORT BLOG

Gb – just a reminder that GR 3-4 students that borrowed a GK top, please return to the PE office ASAP.

Final Top 10 School Placings

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PLACEGETTERS

GR 3A BOYS
2ND – Michael M
4TH – Mitch T
GR 4B BOYS
2ND – Mitchell H
4TH – Jordan D
GR 6A BOYS
2ND – Isaac L
3RD – Jack D
4TH – Mitch R

GR 3B BOYS
2ND – James G
GR 5A BOYS
3RD – James S
GR 6B BOYS
2ND – Kyle S
3RD – Ben G
4TH – Andy M

GR 3A GIRLS
1ST – Bronte B
2ND – Tayla B
4TH – Erin P

GR 3B GIRLS
2ND – McKinley T
3RD – Chloe A

GR 4A GIRLS
3RD – Louise S
4TH – Lily R

GR 4B GIRLS
1ST – Georgia P
2ND – Felicity C
3RD – Catherine Z

GIRLS 5A
1ST – Rhiannon R
2ND – Mikayla P

GIRLS 5B
2ND – Lauren S
3RD – Emily D
4TH – Brooke J

GIRLS 6A
3RD – Abbey R

GIRLS 6B
3RD – Charis B
4TH – Sophie T

GK TEAM 2013
STATE ORIENTEERING ACTION

Noah and Blake – Gr5 Pairs
Rhainnon -1st P, Makayla -2nd Gr 5A Girls

Abbey, Daniel F

Isaac -2nd Jack – 3rd
Georgia – 1st, Felicity – 2nd Catherine – 3rd

Kyle – 2nd Gr6 Boys B
Aaron and Jin Gr 4 pairs
SCHOOL WORKING BEE

The School Working Bee was held on Sunday 17th November. The major task was the re-development and landscaping of the area at the front of the school near the school sign. A group of 20 GK families made a fantastic contribution to the improvement of our schools appearance. It was a great team effort and it was tremendous to see some new families attending as well as our regular attendees who make such a difference. Over 50 native grasses and shrubs were planted, 30 m of top soil and mulch spread and a pine barrier layed. Thank you to the following families – Smith, Howell, Pugsley, Browne, Moody, Anquetil, Charalambous, Kovacic, Cooperwaite, Park, Newell, Hunter, Campbell, McLaren, Ktistakis, Scott, Milton, Wade and Whelan families. Thank you once again to Mr Lincoln for his assistance and help with the organisation for the day.

THANK YOU TO COLIN MYNARD

Special thank you to Col Mynard who cooked a fantastic BBQ – we all enjoyed the pork fillets, cooked to perfection. This was Col’s last working bee as Zari is moving on to Secondary College next year. Col has been involved with the Glen Katherine Facilities Committee over the past 8 years. He has made a significant contribution to our school working bees, buildings and grounds. Projects such as the building of our covered area over the courtyard, drop-off shelter, retaining walls for garden beds, garden boxes, tables and seating just to name a few, are some of the projects that Col has provided his considerable expertise to over the years.

DAVID BLACKBURN
(on behalf of the Facilities Committee)

Re-developed area.
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 for is 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,

Suzy Cunningham (Canteen Manager)

**CANTEEN ROSTER 2014**

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Once a month (please circle your preferred day)

| TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |

Would you be prepared to go on our emergency list? (please circle)   YES NO
**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Catalogues for Issue 8 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 you reference, it is a good idea to take note of the receipt number.

Orders for this issue close on Friday 22nd November 2013.

**DATES FOR YOUR 2014 DIARY**

- **Tue Jan 28th** - Teachers return, NO STUDENTS at school
- **Wed Jan 29th** - CURRICULUM DAY, no students at school
- **Thur 30th Jan** - Gr1 - 6 students start school; Prep interview day

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**PFA CHRISTMAS HAMPER**

Please help the PFA in their final fundraiser for the year by donating items to our Christmas Hamper raffle! Donations can be dropped into the GK office foyer in the donations box by Friday 13th December.
These awards will be presented at assembly on Monday 25th November.

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<td>Saida Larchin</td>
<td>Well done Saida! You always show respect to all students in our grade! Prep D is very lucky to have such a kind class member.</td>
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<td>Prep H</td>
<td>Aidyn Kovacic</td>
<td>Congratulations Aidyn. You ALWAYS show RESPECT to others. You care about your classmates, our school and your own learning. You always make sure that everything is organised, everyone is happy and your work is the best that you can do. Well Done, Aidyn!</td>
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<td>Prep S</td>
<td>Will Johnson</td>
<td>Well done Will for being a kind and caring class member who always helps others. You approach your learning in a positive way and continue to show persistence when challenged. I’m very proud of you! Well done.</td>
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<td>Prep T</td>
<td>Jack Murphy</td>
<td>Congratulations Jack for always approaching your learning in a positive way. You show persistence when tasks are challenging and always try your best with your learning. You have achieved many fabulous successes. You are a star!</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Emma Kent</td>
<td>Well done Emma for always being a RESPECT-able classmate. You are always showing your classmates, others and school property respect by caring and making sure everyone and everything is ok! You are a fantastic helper and a pleasure to have in 1A. Keep up the great work Emma!</td>
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<td>1G</td>
<td>Martina Charalambous</td>
<td>For showing tolerance, respect and persistence by helping others, Listening to the person who is talking and trying her best in all she does. Well Done Martina!</td>
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<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Rebecca Bowen</td>
<td>For always setting a wonderful example to the other children in our grade in lots of ways. Bec you are a great listener and are always kind and understanding. You are a really interesting writer and always try your best in your reading and maths. Congratulations Bec on being a hardworking, respectful member of our grade.</td>
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<td>2D</td>
<td>Alexander Chisolm</td>
<td>For showing excellence in everything that he does and for being a kind and respectful member of our grade. Congratulations on being a terrific role model for others, Alex– you are a superstar!</td>
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<td>2O</td>
<td>Kane Marriott</td>
<td>For being an excellent example for your classmates throughout the year. You listen to others and respect everyone’s right to learn. You have shown persistence in all learning areas and are willing to give everything a go. Thank you for being an excellent helper and role model.</td>
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### 2013 FUNDRAISING/SOCIAL SCHEDULE

**Term 4**
- Calendars
- Christmas Concert BBQ & Xmas Raffle

### SOCIAL GATHERING

Thank you to everybody for their patience & consideration with our rescheduled Skaterz Family Night. This was the first time such an evening had been held and we were very excited to see so many families participate. We even had many Mum’s & Dad’s giving the Speed Skate and real go!!! Special thanks to Kate Arnot & Michelle Garner for co-ordinating the night.

### FUNDRAISING CALENDARS

This year we added merchandise to our Calendar Artwork Fundraiser. With organising conducted by Natalie King many families/friends will be enjoying Calendars, Mouse Mats, Diaries & iPhone cases this Xmas. The Children created some amazing pieces of Artwork. Orders will be distributed shortly. Thank you Natalie King for your swift organising.

### XMAS RAFFLE

At the Xmas Concert we will be drawing our Xmas Raffle. The prizes again this year will be several overflowing hampers filled with food, beverages & toys! Keep an eye out for Raffle Tickets which are being sent home to the eldest child. Additional tickets can be obtained and tickets will be on sale on the night. DONATIONS towards these Hampers are required. So if you can donate NEW Toys, Non Perishable Food, Bon Bons, Serviettes, Beverages etc please leave at the box in the office. Any queries please see Natalie King or Namaste Gadbois.

### PFA XMAS DINNER/MEETING

The PFA’s final Meeting for 2013 will be held on Tuesday 3rd December. This will be a Meeting/Dinner to celebrate hardwork, new friendships and to thank everybody that has contributed to our Wonderful School Community. We invite our Parents, Teachers & Staff to attend. Diamond Creek Hotel (6.45pm for 7pm Meeting). If you would like to participate in our KK please bring a $10 gift to exchange. RSVP to Tracey Russell 0412 581 887 by 20th November.

### WANT TO KNOW MORE?

This year our PFA has welcomed many NEW parents to our Committee. We have enjoyed and welcomed your ‘Fresh ideas’ enthusiasm and good humour.

Why not consider joining our PFA in 2014? Being a part of the PFA doesn’t mean being an Elected Committee person. You could help sort Lost Property, be a Grade Communicator, help with Secondhand or NEW Uniform Shop, co-ordinate a fundraising activity, just volunteer to help at Disco, join Fete Committee – the areas of need are endless but enjoyable!

If you would like to help or know more, contact the co-ordinators listed above or Email: glenkpsf@gmail.com and your message will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

### GK WEBSITE

Don’t forget to look on the GK Website regularly for upcoming events, ways to help and useful information for parents. PFA information is found under the “PARENTS” tab. www.glenkps.vic.edu.au. Have you subscribed to our electronic Linkletter? If not, register NOW to keep updated on the School’s weekly events.