LEANNE’S MESSAGE

Our Data—What is it telling us?

Last week I briefly mentioned that our annual school data has been received. This includes Parent Opinion Survey data and Student Attitude To School Survey data.

Parent Opinion Survey

Each year a random sample group of our parent community are canvassed requesting feedback on school climate, school behaviour and school engagement. This feedback provides a terrific baseline for our Strategic Improvement Team to evaluate and consider when planning for the year ahead and beyond. It’s pleasing to see that the data has improved significantly compared to 2015 with gains made in all areas, except extra-curricula provision. We feel further clarity around what we provide may need to be addressed in the future.

Attitude to School Survey

Our Year 5 & 6 students annually partake in a survey similar to our parent community. This survey explicitly focuses on Student Relationships, Wellbeing and Teaching and Learning. This survey provides an opportunity for our students to voice what they feel is going well and what needs improvement. Our data has remained comparative to 2015 however our data indicates the need to address some key areas with the students and teachers in 2017 in order to develop the level of excellence we all aspire to. This data is always discussed at school council and this will occur on Wednesday more explicitly. I have provided you with one of many data sets on the following page to view.

Leigh Fatchen and Bridget Ramaekers are departing GK at the end of 2016

This year marks the end of some dedicated service by two well know GK identities. Leigh Fatchen, our current Year 6 teacher, has decided to retire and leave education after 39 years of service. Leigh has been a big part of GK for the past 16 years and will be sorely missed. However he has the impending delivery of his first grandchild to look forward to, so we know he will be kept more than busy next year. Bridget Ramaekers, with the graduation of her third child Josh from GK, will be also leaving our community. Bridget is our current PFA President and has been so for the past 9 years, with 12 years in total at the school. In this time there is rarely an event, fundraiser or support network that hasn’t been directed, initiated or covered by Bridget and we will miss this contribution and dedication greatly. To assist in farewelling both Leigh and Bridget, our assembly on Monday 12th December will be dedicated to celebrating and acknowledging their time with us. If you can make it to help say thanks that would be great.

Grade 6 students are excited—their vision is appearing!

The year 6 chill space, better known as ‘6th Avenue’ came a step closer to completion this week. The children have painted madly (when the weather has allowed) and Frank Totino (Ange Totino’s generous husband) , Adam Totino (an ex-GK student) and some of Frank’s workers have whipped up a pergola and seating as requested by the students. It is full speed ahead now with painting, planting and more painting. There are a few other parents who have offered their services over the coming weeks too. The students are super excited—we just need the weather to remain nice so we can complete it. Thanks to Frank and his team on behalf of all the Year 6 students and the students who will benefit form this in years to come.
Parent Opinion Survey - GK has shown significant improvement in all areas.

Attitudes to School Survey Results, 2016 - Years 5 & 6

Trend data from previous years to 2016 indicates that our student data is comparative with other schools, however we would like to see an improvement in all areas.

Of particular interest, targeting student safety, student distress, stimulating learning and teacher effectiveness.

These, with some other key improvement targets, are being evaluated and reviewed so that we strengthen how our students feel at school in 2017.
**STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

**OCTOBER**

**Years 3-4**

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Congratulations to our Year 3-4 students. Your certificates will be presented to you at assembly on MONDAY.
### IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

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### IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2017
- Friday 27th January—Office & Uniform Shop Open
- Monday 30th-31st Staff PD days
- Wednesday 1st February Year 1—6 Students First Day. Prep ‘Getting To Know You Meetings’
- Thursday 2nd-3rd Prep Assessment Interviews Begin
- Monday 6th February 1st Day For PREPS 9.15am
Sports Precinct Update

Now that we seem to be past the very wet weather (fingers crossed) both the oval & netball court areas are progressing very quickly.

The netball area has now got the light towers in place and the new surface including the athletics track will be laid in the next couple of weeks. The fence is being installed this week and the whole area looks fantastic. (Please see photos below).

The oval/soccer pitch is scheduled to get the light towers installed tomorrow and after some final drainage works are completed the synthetic surface will be laid in the next month or so.

At this stage the whole construction should be completed by mid January and ready for use by the start of the school year in 2017.

Both areas will be an amazing school and community space and will be an asset to both Glen Katherine Primary and St Helena Secondary College.

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**CAANTEEN**

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*LIMITED LUNCH ‘MEAL DEAL’ SPECIAL*

**VEGETABLE LASAGNE, MUFFIN & CHOICE OF JUICE (or water)** - $5.00

*EXTRA SPECIAL – POTATO BAKE (Gluten Free) $2.50 until sold out*

If anyone can spare some time we need help in the canteen on the following dates: **Wednesday 30th November**.

If you can help, please just contact me here in the canteen on 9431-1599, Tues to Fri 8.30am to 1.30pm or email cunningham.suzanne.s@edumail.vic.gov.au or sms 0408 172 778.

We’d also love to hear from you if you would like to do canteen in 2017.

Cheers, Suzi
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 an Occupational 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 forms can be downloaded & lodged at your local Post Office.

Thanks for your time,

Suzi Cunningham (Canteen Manager)

CA poopoot ROSTER 2017

| NAME: ___________________________ | PHONE NO.: ________ |
| CHILD’S NAME: ___________________ | GRADE (in 2017): ________ |

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
STATE ORIENTEERING
GK will have over 100 gr 3-6 students representing the school at State Orienteering Championships held at Westerfolds Park on Friday. The State titles is the culmination of the Schools Orienteering program that is run in PE.

SPORT
There will be no interschool sport on Friday due to the Orienteering. Students will have practice at the school.

STATE BASKETBALL FINALS
Good luck to the boys who will be competing at the State Basketball finals on Tuesday.

David Blackburn
(PE TEACHER)

In their final few lessons in science, year 6 students are having a go at making some homemade cosmetics, such as bath bombs and soaps. However, Mrs Webb is getting a bit tired of cleaning out the supermarket of all their CITRIC and TARTARIC ACIDS........

If you think you could supply some IN BULK (ie.2 kgs or so) please let her know ASAP.

Cheers, Annemarie

webb.annemarie.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Annemarie Webb
Science Coordinator and Sustainability Coordinator
Glen Katherine Primary School
ICAS TEST RESULTS

Certificates will be presented at assembly on Monday 14th November.

LATE SPELLING RESULT

Congratulations to Emily B 5G for receiving a distinction in the ICAS Spelling Assessment.

Results are in for the ENGLISH ICAS tests. Congratulations to all who took part.

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Thank you again to everyone who took this opportunity to participate. It has been a worthwhile venture this year.

Kind Regards,

Julie Collins
EARNING THE RIGHT

By Michael Grose

Earning the right and not assuming a sense of entitlement is a life lesson parents, teachers and coaches must instil in children.

On talk-back radio recently I heard a caller tell a timely story about how as a child she was lucky enough to receive riding lessons from a renowned horse expert.

He had one condition. She had to earn the right to be taught to ride a horse. That meant she had to muck out the stables; brush and feed the horse; look after the gear and do everything else required to look after a horse. Only when she’d proved herself could she earn the right to ride a horse under his tutelage.

This caller said this powerful lesson shaped her entire life. It taught that there were no entitlements in life; to work hard and value her achievements. She never took anything for granted.

Contrast this with the extraordinary sense of entitlement of Australian tennis players Nick Kyrgios and Bernard Tomic who routinely treat the public, players and the game that serves them well, with utter disdain. Their attitude of entitlement is mind-boggling, not to say embarrassing to reasonable-minded, hard-working people.

Our kids should earn the right

The talk-back caller’s earning the right story is a fabulous lesson for all parents and teachers. If we want to raise a generation to appreciate what they have, then we shouldn’t give children or young people everything on a platter. In an era of small families, child pester power and relative affluence it’s tempting to simply give kids what they want.

“Dad, can I have a…?”

“Sure!”

The Rolling Stones were right four decades ago when they sang, “You can’t always get what you want!” Those words form a great child-rearing lesson. That is, just because you can provide something for your kids, doesn’t mean that you do.

They need to earn the right to have something by saving, working for or simply waiting until they are old enough to appreciate it.

Similarly, kids don’t automatically have a right to greater freedoms such as going out at night; those rights need to be earned by proving they are trustworthy.

Also, kids who think they are entitled to use a part of the house such as a living room without cleaning up mess are acting with a false sense of entitlement.

In fact, there are no entitlements, only rights. And rights are earned by being responsible.

A child has a right to use the living room but they also have a responsibility to clean up a rather than leave it a pigsty. A night banished to their room is a reminder that spending time in the living room is not an entitlement. It’s a right that comes with conditions.

Earning the right! A simple phrase with so much complexity.

I suspect it’s a phrase that neither Nick Kyrgios or Bernard Tomic heard much when they were growing up. Maybe their parents thought their prodigious talents excused them from having conditions placed upon them. If so, they did them no favours as good manners, gratitude and graciousness appear to be lacking in their social repertoires.

It usually takes a parent, teacher or coach to remind kids that they have to earn the right to have things, to do things and ultimately to be respected. That’s a lesson that stays for life.
PFA Fundraiser

Vision family Portraits - Sunday the 13th of November times still available. Only $15 per session and receive a free 10"X 13" photo with frame. Great Chrissy pressie.

Any bookings made on or before Friday the 4th of November will go into the draw to win a $200 gift voucher to use on the day of your booking.

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- Daytime screening - movie starts from 6.00pm
- BYO seating and blanket
- BYO picnic
- Sausage sizzle

LOCATION
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Mountainview Rd, Montmorency

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2016 ROTARY ELTHAM FESTIVAL
Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 November

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9am to 4.30pm
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10am to 12noon
11.15am and 3.15pm
11.30am and 2.30pm
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**2017 CLUB Registration**

Monday 7th November & Monday 14th November

Anytime between 4-7 pm although it is never too late to join!

Registration forms available from clubroom anytime or can be downloaded. [diamondcreeknetball.com.au](http://diamondcreeknetball.com.au)

Simply drop into the specially marked box in the clubrooms.

Uniform - $65 always available from clubrooms

All games played Saturdays at Diamond Creek Netball Complex

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4-5pm 9/U & 11/U
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**Emergency Services Open Day**

Sunday 20th November
10am – 2pm

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Lots of activities for the whole family

**Free entry**

Sausage sizzle by Bell’s Butchers
Emergency Services Complex
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