DIARY

2016 - TERM 2

TOMORROW AFTERNOON
2.10pm —
ANZAC CEREMONY at the front of the school

Tuesday 26th April
(note change of date)

MEGA FETE INFORMATION SESSION
7.00pm in Staffroom

Wednesday 27th April
School Council Meeting

Mothers Day Stall
Wed 4th May
HELPERS REQUIRED PLEASE

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
NOW OPEN MONDAY and FRIDAY MORNINGS

WOW—OUR COMMUNITY WORKING BEE was a great success.
Sunday we had an outstanding display of community spirit with twenty nine families coming to get their hands dirty at our first working bee for the year. Our Facilities Committee would like to thank all the families that attended, accomplishing some much needed beautification around the front of the school and Gallipoli Bollard area. Holes were dug, soil was moved, seedlings planted and mulch laid. Seats were put in under the shade of the trees and a general tidy up was completed around the front footpath areas. Most importantly of all, everyone seemed to have fun and enjoy the chance to get to know a few more families in the school community. Thanks so much for all your enthusiasm and hard work. You can see some of the hard work that took place in pictures on the following page.

Our ANZAC CEREMONY will take place at 2.10pm tomorrow afternoon in this area—you’re welcome to come and have a seat on one of our new seats.

STAFF UPDATE

David Blackburn is currently on leave for a few weeks due to his upcoming wedding this Saturday. We wish David and his lovely soon to be wife Meling a wonderful day and beginning to a happy marriage. We welcome back Sally Armstrong this week from travel looking refreshed and we will farewell Anna Kapnoullas next Friday as Anna awaits the arrival of her baby. We wish Anna good health and wishes with this exciting time in her life. Marg Omond (previously retired GK teacher) will be replacing Anna in 3K during her leave.

Grade 5 & 6 Students are reminded about CYBERSAFETY

Last week Detective Senior Constable Tracey Porter visited GK with a focus on sharing her knowledge and safety tips for our students when using technology and social media. All of our students were able to hear recounts of stories that involve students and dangerous situations social media particularly has placed them in. We often have students involved in situations where responsible use of technology comes into question which unfortunately can cause emotional and social harm. We encourage parents to discuss safety processes with their children, including supervision, times of access and what to do if they become concerned about anything. We are looking to provide a parent information session later in the new about what we can do as adults to support our young people.

PREP INFORMATION EVENING

Last night we had a Prep Information Evening, inviting families of 2017 prep students to attend. It was a terrific opportunity to gain more insight about what it looks like to be a prep student and beyond at GK. Special thanks to our Prep team for their work preparation for the night. I’d also like to thank our school captains (Kailyn, Josh, Makayla, Edward) for the Buddy and school Information they shared with the parents as Grade 6 Leaders. Members of our specialist team, Annemarie Webb and Lucy Miller, Karen ter Haar and Shannon Whelan were also in attendance to chat to parents. As always our great PFA team were available serving up smiles and tea and coffee. It is always exciting to meet potential new families to our school.

This week I have had the best time chatting to our wonderful students at recess and lunch, sitting on the newly built seating under our trees. Gosh we’re fortunate to be able to chat to your children every day - they can turn a frown upside down within seconds. Have a great week.

Leanne Tingwell Principal
Thank you to these wonderful families for helping at our Working Bee and making such a lovely area for our students to enjoy.

Cooperwaite | Ramos | Reddrop
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Lowe | Monico | Lu
Howell | Allan | Blom
Alder | Cancliffe | Wade
Paterson | O'Loughlin | Wade
Maslin | Constable | Dillon
Dimeglio | Moody | Lansbury
Webster | Ryan | Browne
Kilcullen | Plummer | Turner
Pietersen | Hales | Miss ter Haar
Mr Blackburn | Mr Lincoln | Mrs Cosma
Mrs Webb | Mrs Tingwell
We are very proud of your efforts. LOOK OUT for APRIL SOTM students coming up soon! Keep up the great work.

WE WOULD LOVE LEGO DONATIONS

We want to get our kids playing, talking, creating and laughing together in opportunities outside of the classroom. We are looking to have a LEGO CLUB and are in need of this wonderful resource to do this. If you have any you could donate, please do. Even those little odd pieces laying about would be awesome. Send anything to the office so we can make this happen.

Appreciation in advance. Leanne Tingwell

ANZAC APPEAL - items to buy

Every year we support the Montmorency RSL by having a collection of badges, pens and arm bands on sale in the front office for ANZAC DAY. There is also a tin for donations.

If you would like your child to purchase any of the pictured items, send them to the office and our lovely Admin staff will assist.

We only have a small supply that will not cater to the whole school so once it is gone it is gone. Prices range from $1.00—$5.00.
Building on the work we have been doing with Michael Ymer at GKPS, each week we will be bringing you some Maths ideas to try at home!

**BIG IDEAS**

1. Building on success is important
2. Working things out for themselves
3. Time to think
4. Talk
5. Use mathematical words
6. Read children’s books with mathematical themes
7. There is no hurry
8. Help your child’s teacher

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Your child's teacher is vitally interested in your child's mathematical development, Talk to the teacher about how your child is going in mathematics and find out whether there are any ways that you can help your child. Supporting teachers if they recommend any homework or home-based activities is greatly appreciated!

**SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES—DIRECTIONS**

Parent have a variety of opportunities to help children learn about directions. You might like to:

- Describe how to do various household tasks—e.g. when setting the table, give instructions like “Put the fork on the left hand side, the knife and soup spoon on the right hand side and the soup spoon on the right hand side of the knife.”

- Use north, south, east and west to give directions rather than simply pointing.

- When travelling in the car, if you need to use the street directory, let the children direct you. Let them find out how to locate your destination and then direct you using the street directory.

- When there are maps, such as maps of the school, maps of the suburb, or maps of the city that the children need to use for navigating or locating, let the children take some responsibility for interpreting such maps.
Admin Information

Grade 5&6 Sporting Program
The first instalment for the sporting program is now overdue. The first round of Interschool Sport is next Friday so to ensure your child’s participation next week, some payment needs be made by early next week.

Bulk Billing
Please note the date for the full or the first instalment of bulk billing is fast approaching—some payment needs to be received by Friday April 29th to ensure that your child can participate in their grade levels excursions/incursions. A number of activities actually fall before April 29th so we would appreciate payment as soon as possible otherwise we will have to chase up families for payment of activities already attended.

Entertainment Books
Entertainment Books were distributed today & are full of great value. Please make payment online directly with Entertainment Books or you can pay on Qkr.

Uniform—Pinafores & Waterproof Jackets
Please make sure all orders are in by Monday, May 9th. Payments & orders can be made using the form & returning to the office or and using Qkr!

CSEF
2016 CSEF Applications can be accepted until Friday 3rd June. Application forms are available from the office.

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**NEW GK CANTENE PRICE LIST IS IN EFFECT AS OF LAST WEEK**

Our next special lunch is in planning for Wednesday 18th May and will be in support of the Cancer Council of Victoria. Look out for that flyer coming home soon.

Please note that anyone still using the old prices may have items left out if there is insufficient money to cover the order.

Hard to believe the colder weather is on its way, but with it comes coughs & sniffles. If you are able to be on our Emergency List to help out if we are short, please contact me in the canteen Tuesday to Friday (8.30am to 1.30pm but I can look a little crazy Fridays!!) or via cunningham.suzanne.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

Suzi Cunningham

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SPORTS NEWS

SPORT THIS WEEK
Trials for selection of Winter Sport teams will be held this Friday. All practice will be held at the school except Footy which will be held at Anthony Beale Reserve. Trials will be held from 9am – 11am. Footballers will require footy boots, mouth guards, shorts and footy socks. Jumpers will be provided. Interschool Sport commences Friday week.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING
Cross country training has commenced already in preparation for the District Cross Country. We had a terrific turn up of nearly 40 students on Monday. Training will be held every Monday and Thursday at 8am except Anzac Day holiday. I encourage all team members to attend these sessions. The team will be finalised in 2 weeks.

David Blackburn
(PE & Sport Leader)

HEADLICE
After having a few cases of Headllice this year, we have two Headllice Nurses coming from the Council to do a check on all students next Wednesday & Thursday. Each student’s permission for head lice inspections is given when they first start at GK, if you would prefer that your child is not checked you will need to update your form which is available from the office.

A REMINDER ABOUT SENIOR CHOIR
Grade 4-6
Senior Choir will be on Tuesday mornings before school. It is held in the music room from 8-8.30.
EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Entertainment Books are here, they were handed to each family today…..

For only $65, the NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Membership has hundreds of valuable up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel, and much more, the only decision you need to make is which Membership to buy first!

Purchase your Entertainment™ Membership from Glen Katherine Primary School to support our fundraising efforts.

The great news is that you can use the Membership as soon as you have purchased it, and it is valid right up until 1 June 2017.

Payment options this year now include QKR as well as paying online with Entertainment Books.
SCHOOL BANKING

It's been a great start to the school year, and every week we see the students putting in a fantastic savings effort. That might be because of this year’s Grand Prize: a VIP tour of Australia Zoo to meet Robert and Bindi Irwin! Many of our true blue Outback Savers are well on their way to reaching their 15 deposits by the end of Term 3, which will give them an automatic entry into the Grand Prize competition.

Join school banking now by visiting your local Commonwealth Bank and opening a Youthsaver account, then bring it to school on Tuesday’s with your weekly deposit to go into the draw for the grand prize.

**Learning about your child’s ‘Common Cents’**

Earlier this year, CommBank released a report exploring just how clued-up about money Australian children are. They were asked to complete the ‘Common Cents’ Quiz, which looked at five key areas of financial literacy: spending, saving, earning, budgeting and investing.

The research revealed our nation’s kids are – on average – educated earners and spenders, and children whose parents have smarter money habits recorded higher ‘Common Cents’ scores. Here are some of the statistics we’ve uncovered:

- 68% of Aussie kids like saving their money more than spending it.
- 77% of them understand they can earn extra money by doing chores around the house.
- Only 50% know what a budget is, with one in five thinking it’s a sheet of paper with numbers on it.
- Over 50% of children surveyed would take $5 now, over larger monetary sums if they have to wait.

The report also shows that 69% of primary school children in Australia receive pocket money, and 82% of those are expected to complete tasks to earn it. Pocket money is a great way for parents to teach kids the value of money and the earning process.

If you’re curious about your child’s ‘Common Cents’, we encourage you to take them through the simple Quiz that’s available at [commbank.com.au/commoncentsquiz](http://commbank.com.au/commoncentsquiz)

For more tips, videos and activities to stimulate your child’s interest in money skills, head to The Beanstalk at [commbank.com.au/youthsaver](http://commbank.com.au/youthsaver)

School Banking Coordinator – Melissa Houston (0409932565)

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Addy the Dollarmite is coming to Glen Katherine’s Primary School at assembly on Monday 23rd May 2016.

Addy the Dollarmite is coming to talk to us about the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program.

Our dedicated School Banking representative, Rose, will be holding Account opening sessions before and after assembly on Monday 23rd May 2016.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your driver’s licence.

If you would like to start school banking sooner, please visit your local branch to open a Youthsaver account, and then send along your Bankbook each Tuesday with your deposit for processing. Remember After every 10 deposits you are eligible for a fantastic reward.

Please contact Melissa Houston, School Banking Coordinator for any questions on 0409 932 565.
MOTHER’s DAY STALL 2016
Wednesday 4th May

Donations Wanted

Do you have anything you could donate that a Mum or Nana would want?

Could you donate any wrapped lollies, chocolates, potting mix, succulent cuttings bubble wrap, or wrappings?

Do you have a business or work for a company that could donate any gift items to the stall. Ex. Nursery items, teas, Biscuits etc...

Do you have any spare time to help put together the gifts for the stall or help at the stall?

URGENT HELP REQUIRED

Please Contact Sharon Murphy 0407829036 or samualjj@bigpond.com

Chritsie Buswell 0413556737

Please leave all donations in box at front door of the school office

Thankyou

GLEN KATHERINE MEGA FETE – 2017 is at risk of being CANCELLED.

In order to have a Fete in 2017 volunteers are required NOW to Co ordinate this event.

Unfortunately we only have one parent willing to assist on the committee so far.

Please come to our Fete information night on Tuesday 26th April 7pm to find out more about our Fete.

A Mega Fete committee needs to be formed this month to commence preparations for next year’s fete. Date’s need to be set, rides ordered and planning started to ensure this great day for our children can occur. It is not only a fantastic way to raise a substantial amount of fundraising dollars for GK but is also a wonderful day to show case our school and bring families and the community together.

Support, guidance, and documentation provided by the PFA and School Council.

The core committee general consists of the following positions/roles:

Convener, Finance, Operations, Sponsorship/Donations

CAN YOU HELP?

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A FETE?

Contact Bridget Ramaekers 0407 243 024 or email glenkpf@gmail.com for any further information.

Please complete the form below and return to the school office

I am interested in assisting with the 2017 GK MEGA FETE (Please return slip to school office)

Name: ____________________________________________________________________________

Mobile: __________________________________________________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________________________________________

Eldest Child: ___________________________ Grade: ___________

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COMMUNITY NEWS

GLEN KATHERINE P.S
TENNIS LESSONS
Location: Glen Katherine Primary School Tennis Courts

WE SPECIALISE IN LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS

BOUNCE INTO OUR TERM 2 SUPER SPECIAL
FOR FIRST 10 NEW STUDENTS
Enrol Now & RECEIVE 30% OFF YOUR FEES
and also receive a FREE HEAD Tennis Racquet Pack valued at $50

ENROL NOW FOR TERM 2 2016 LESSONS

For more information please call Topline Tennis on 5432 - 3706
Web: www.toplinetennis.com Email: info@toplinetennis.com

Native Plants Sale
Sunday 1st May
10am — 3pm
Corner Brougham St
& Main Road
Eltham

Huge range of native plants
including indigenous & grafted

Organised by - Australian Plants Society
Yarra Yarra Group Inc.

Build and Test Drive a Billy Cart
Join your children to build and paint their own
‘old school’ billy cart and then take it for a test drive

Session details below

Build a Billy Cart, Sunday 15 May, 2 sessions, 10am-1pm
and 2pm-5pm, Banyule Men’s Shed, 103 St Heller St,
Heidelberg Heights. Test Drive, Sunday 22 May,
2pm-4pm, Vando Crescent, Greensborough

You will get expert step by step guidance from members
of the Banyule Men’s Shed to build a race-ready cart.
Then, join the fun and test drive your cart. All you need
to bring is your racing gear (helmet and padding) for the
opportunity to win one of our great prizes.
Children must be accompanied by an adult to this
popular annual event.
Free. Bookings essential, with limited places available.

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