ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Our ceremony on Friday afternoon allowed time for our community to come together and reflect on the sacrifices our service people have given in times of war. I was particularly proud of the respect shown from all our students during our ceremony. Some more pictures are on the following page.

School Council—Fete

Last night our School Council meeting focused primarily on sharing our 2015 Annual School Report. This report is a department collation of how the school performed in the areas of Achievement, Engagement and Wellbeing for 2015. Data sets are perused and discussion linked to how this information informs our Annual Improvement Plan for 2016. Both of these documents will be available to view via our website within the next week.

Unfortunately we are still at a crossroad in terms of our 2017 Mega Fete and whether it is viable to go ahead. School Council are drafting a letter to go home to every family shortly outlining a suggested approach to getting this magnificent event going ahead. Keep an eye out for this—we need help and know we have the community to make this happen.

Brett Cardwell

We welcome back Brett Cardwell to GK. Brett began his ‘Artist in Residence’ program with our upper school students in Art yesterday. Brett will be remembered as our cartoonist who visited a few years ago, leaving the wonderful murals throughout our school grounds. This time around, Brett is engaging our students through Visual Media and iPads, creating STOP ANIMATION projects that will be shared at our upcoming Art Show in Term 3. Exciting stuff.

Head Lice Checks

This week we have had Local Council Health Professionals visit our school to do head lice checks for the entire school. Head lice are one of the unfortunate realities in any school and once they get a hold, they spread rapidly. If your child returned home with a slip indicating they have lice we ask parents to be vigilant in treating your child’s hair and rechecking them in a few weeks time. Our visiting health people will return in two weeks to recheck the hair of students who were identified with lice. We also ask parents to notify the office if your child has lice at any point. This will allow us to provide a note to parents in your child’s class to please check hair. These little critters do not discriminate so having this process in place will assist us in keeping it under check.

Attitudes to School Survey

Each year the Department of Education collect information from our Year 5 & Year 6 students gauging attitudes to learning, wellbeing and engagement. The students are requested to provide honest replies to questions relating to safety, bullying, connectedness to peers and teachers among many. This information is presented to our School later this year which provides valuable insight into the culture of our school and the perception of our students. Karen ter Haar has visited all the classrooms this week administering the survey so it is approached consistently. We will share this information with you later in the year.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Leanne Tingwell  Principal
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.

Friday our school community took time to pause and reflect on the strength, courage and resilience shown by our servicemen and women throughout our war history. Our School Captains did a sterling job leading our ceremony and escorting our preps to our ANZAC bollard to lay our wreaths of remembrance.

Lest We Forget
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!

**SUGGESTED ACTIVITY—LEARNING TO COUNT**

Learning to count is important. Counting 1, 2, 3, 4 (counting by ones) is the main way, but counting by patterns is very important in developing number fluency. Patterns include:

- 2, 4, 6, 8… 5, 10, 15, 20
- 100, 99, 98, 97… 100, 90, 80, 70
- 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2… a, b, c, d…
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday… January, February, March…

Nursery rhymes help. “Five little ducks”, “1, 2, 3, 4, 5, once I caught a fish alive,” and “10 green bottles” are just a few examples of the nursery rhymes you can say together.

**SUGGESTED ACTIVITY—NUMBER FACTS**

Knowing number facts is very useful for the future mathematical studies of your children. You can help by taking an interest and by giving them practice. There are a number of important elements about learning tables and number facts.

First is that all the number facts come in families, if the children know, for example, that 5 + 2 = 7 is the same as 2 + 5 = 7, and relates to 7—2 = 5 and 7—5 = 2, then they know a lot of facts! The same is true for multiplication. If they know 5 x 4 = 20, they also know 4 x 5 = 20 divided by 5 = 4 and 20 divided by 4 = 5.

Next they need to learn general principles such as adding 1, adding 2, doubles, near doubles (e.g. 5 + 6 is the same as 5 + 5 + 10. For multiplication they can learn about doubling (x by 2), multiplication by 10, 5, 11, 3, and 4 first, then the rest.

**SUGGESTED ACTIVITY—SHAPES**

- Children learn about shape names by hearing them used in everyday speech. You can also:
- Use shape names to describe objects, such as the square table, or the rectangular vegetable garden
- Get them to sort the cutlery drawer
- Have them help tidy items in the tool shed
- Make buildings using different shaped blocks.
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!!

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Congratulations to our Prep to Year 2 students. You will be announced at assembly on Monday. Our Year 3—4 students will be announced in the next Linkletter, with the Year 5—6 students in the week following.
Admin Information

Grade 5&6 Sporting Program
The first instalment for the sporting program is now overdue and unfortunately we still have a number of payments outstanding. The first round of Interschool Sport is tomorrow so if no payment is received by the morning unfortunately those students will not be able to participate in sport tomorrow.

Bulk Billing
The first instalment or full payment for Bulk Billing is due tomorrow - Friday April 29th. A number of students have actually already participated in activities already this year, so we would appreciate some payment by tomorrow or you will receive a tax invoice for activities already attended.

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

Uniform—Pinafores & Waterproof Jackets
Only a week to go until orders will be closed - 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.

Mother's Day Stall
Wed 4th May
Gifts will range from $1.00-$10.00
Please bring your own plastic bag

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
Christie Buswell 0413556737

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

Thankyou
Canteen

**NEW GK CANTEEN PRICE LIST IS IN EFFECT NOW**

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

The Biggest Morning Sushi Day (Wednesday 18th May) order forms are ready & should come home with the students on Monday. The Sushi will again be made fresh on the day by Jushi Sushi, the cookie will be purchased from Woolworths St Helena and the drink from Canteen Specialists. Children will have the option of how many sushi, and/or the cookie & drink. Every snack order will raise $1 for Cancer Council Vic. Orders are due back by 4pm Thursday 12th May & can be place through QKR (record the receipt on your flyer).

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) or via sms on 0408172778 or email cunningham.suzanne.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

Suzi Cunningham

Collingwood Leadership Incursion

On Monday the 18th of April, grade 5 and 6 students were lucky enough to have a Leadership Incursion with four AFL Collingwood players. They were Tom Langdon, Jordan De Goe, Jeremy Howe and Darren Wyatt. They taught us about leadership in sport and how to be a good leader.

They also spoke to us about other important leaders in life such as Malcolm Turnbull, their coach Nathan Buckley, Scott Pendelbury, our teachers and most of all our parents.

After speaking to us about leadership, and how important it is to work hard and put in effort to achieve our goals, students got to ask them some questions that we had prepared. They had some surprising, yet funny answers.

After this inspiring talk, we were lucky enough to get their signatures if we liked and some boys played a bit of kick to kick with the players. We all had a great time and will take on their advice. We were very grateful to them for coming to our school and to Mr Blackburn for organising this great event!

By Tayla, Sam & Erin 6O
Mike Spears Incursion

On Wednesday the 20th of April Year 6 were lucky enough to have a visit from the motivational speaker Mike Spears. Mike spoke to us about leadership, never giving up no matter how hard it gets, how important education is, how important physical education is and how lucky we are to have what we have today.

Mike Spears is a retired professional basketball player from America. He spoke to us about some of his absolutely amazing experiences such as meeting the great champion Michael Jordan, coming first in just about everything in school due to the hard work he put in and all of the great coaches he had experienced. He shared amazing memorabilia with us.

Mike also did a physical work out with us that included; ten pushups, one hundred arm rotations and fifty rocket jumps. Mike re-invented push-ups and he made them fun and easy to do. He was very inspirational with all of his sayings and his achievements in the sport of basketball. His favorite saying is, “It’s not luck, its SKILLS.” He also told us a story about him wanting to give up. So if you ever want to give up, you just keep persisting and great things will come.

Some of his other very inspirational quotes were, “You can achieve any goal if you reach high enough.” and, “How you win in sports/life depends on how high you are willing to reach for your goals.”

Mike Spears was inspiring, motivating and encouraging us to follow our dreams. We were grateful for him to come to our school and showing us that we can achieve anything in life as long as we don’t give up!

By Olivia & Jess 6O

REMINDER: Entertainment Books are due back 28th April

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

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Italian Exchange Students and Host Families

Italian Exchange Students, both girls and boys aged 15-17, hope to be coming here this July for 3, 5 or 10 months to study, improve their English skills and learn about Australia and a host family. If you and your family feel you would like to host an Italian student during their stay here or even part of it, being able to choose the gender and interests of the student you feel would best suit your family, and perhaps making a friend for life, by having an extra person at meal times and providing a spare bed, please contact Klaus Schumann, their coordinator, on 03 97584279 or by email to let me know of your interest. There is no payment involved. There are other nationalities also available if you would prefer.

Hoping to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,
Klaus Schumann
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