**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

**OUR SCIENCE FOCUS ROCKS!**

I am very proud to announce that GK took out first prize in the LEADER NEWSPAPER Science Awards yesterday at the Langham Hotel. Annemarie Webb with Jacob E and Sarah B (Year 6 students) were awarded first prize by Peter Hitchener, beating out many other schools. Annemarie has placed more information in pages that follow with photos so have a read! Special thanks to our parent Kirsty Reddrop for initiating this process, and believing GK to be worthy of the challenge. Also to our community for voting for us. Top job Annemarie, Jacob and Sarah.

**District Swimming Champs**

Monday we congratulated Daniel W, Kane M, Fynn M and Nathan W for another fantastic demonstration of skill and tenacity at the recent District Swimming. The boys came a respectable 6th place, achieving a 2.5 second PB time. We are very proud of your efforts boys and for representing GK so well.

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL THANK YOU**

Yesterday and today out students have been able to shop enthusiastically down at our Mother’s Day stall. With Mother’s Day just around the corner, eager little people were very excited to browse and bag some lovely little gifts that will bring a smile to many this Sunday. This type of event doesn’t come together easily, even though it runs so smoothly on the day. I would like to thank all of our parents who have assisted and helped the stall come alive, particularly our PFA members. A very special thank you to Sharon Murphy for taking on the organisation and hard work of the stall this year. Our students love it and we are all most appreciative.

**Welcome Marg Omond**

We welcome Marg Omond back to GK for nearly the remainder of the year. Many will know Marg from a few years back, working as an upper school teacher at GK. It is comforting to know she returns to take over from Anna Kapnouillas in 5K. Anna is eagerly awaiting the birth of her first child so we’ll keep you posted with that one.

**TRAFFIC FLOW**

Usually the Drop Off Zone works very well as everyone follows the process in place. Over the last week or so staff have had to remind parents/carers not to park or stand still in the zone longer than 2-3 minutes at a time. Stopping and parking prevents the whole process from working efficiently. The traffic should flow and our students are aware that they need to get to cars in good time to ensure this happens. *If you are in drop off and your child has not arrived you are asked to drive out of the carpark and re-enter the loop until the children present to get in the car.* Can you please ensure you follow this process to assist efficiency and safety for all.

Also, unfortunately we have had some communication from Calendonia Drive residents stating that during drop off & pick up times some of their driveways are being blocked. Please make sure that driveways are always kept clear as a courtesy to local residents.

**STAFF LEARNING** - Last night our staff participated in a 2 hour workshop with Katie Cromie from Kalparrin. We focused on the SENSORY NEEDS of people, in particular our students which was enlightening and interesting. Our staff are continually seeking change motivation to help us get better at our craft. Last night definitely provided motivation to try new things for the benefit of our students. Learning is fabulous!

*Have a wonderful week everyone.*  

Leanne Tingwell  Principal
WE WOULD LOVE LEGO DONATIONS

THANK YOU—some donations are starting to come in. 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

GKPS Wildlife Warriors wins the Local Leaders

Wow, we won! Yesterday we (the Green Team Captains, Jacob and Sarah) went into the city with Mrs Webb for the finalists’ breakfast at the Langham Hotel. We got to meet some great people with amazing project ideas – plus Harrison Craig (winner of ‘The Voice’) sang and we got photos with him. Peter Hitchener, from Channel 9 News, announced the winners from each region and we were lucky enough to win the Diamond Valley section.

After winning, we had photos taken and talked to a journalist about our project. Look out for us in next week’s Diamond Valley newspaper. Then…..unfortunately…..it was time to return to school……

We would like to thank Kirsty Reddrop (mother of Alex) who submitted the grant for us and to ALL OF YOU who took the time to vote. We will work on getting the cameras and nesting boxes up as soon as possible. Stay tuned!!!

Jacob E and Sarah B– Green Team Captains

Forensic Science Incursion – Years 5 and 6.

Yesterday the students in years 5 and 6 participated in a forensic science incursion, to help solve the mystery of the missing treasure. Using evidence (with a little bit of fun thrown in) students gathered the clues and worked together to solve the mystery. CSI – GK Style!!
Congratulations to our Year 3—4 students. You will be announced at assembly on Monday.

Our Year 5—6 students will be announced in the next Linkletter,
For the last instalment of our series on helping your child with Mathematics, we are focusing on number games!

**NUMBER GAMES**

There are a range of games which are published in books and which are suitable as family games and which provide mathematics skills. Once card game commonly available now is called Numeracy which can be purchased in games shops and newsagents. These provide practice with mental arithmetic. There are also more traditional games such as Cribbage and Pontoone which provide some experience at addition and useful practice for children.

When playing games for which there is a degree of logical thinking implied, talk with the children about better moves, or plays which lead to winning. Think together about ways which help not to lose rather than to win. Verbalising strategies are important for logical thinking.

Below are some examples of other games that can be played easily:

**CAR NUMBER PLATES**

When your car pulls up behind the car in front, you might have a competition to see how many different answers children can make using the numbers from the car number place. For example, if the number place is 152 the children might say “1 x 5 + 2 is 7 or 1 + 5 + 2 is 8 and so on.

Another idea is to add the digits like this: 157 becomes 1 + 5 + 7 which is 13, then 1 + 3 = 4 and see which number plate will give a special target number.

**GUESS THE PATTERN**

One player might think of a rule (such as double and add 1). Other player can suggest a number (such as 5) and the first player tells them the number which results from the pattern (11). The players can keep testing numbers until they can figure out the rule.

**RACE TO TEN**

This game has two players. Starting at 0 they take turns and can add either 1 or 2 to the last number said. The player who says 10 is the winner. You could also change the variables and the goal number to create a greater challenge!

**GUESS MY NUMBER**

One player thinks of a number between 1 and 100. The other player can ask questions only using the words “more or less”. For example, they might ask “Is the number more than 52?” The first player must answer yes or no.
Admin Information

Family Statements:
Family statements are going home with students today with outstanding amounts highlighted. A number of families still haven’t paid their 2016 Curriculum Charges which were due in February. We also have highlighted Excursions/Incursions that students have participated in but we have not received any payment. If payment can be made we would appreciate it otherwise we will be regularly sending home invoices for payment. Grade 5&6 Sports payment is now well overdue and students who have not made payment will not be participating in Interschool sport tomorrow or until some payment is made or a plan is put in place.

Grade 5&6 Camp Deposit & Expression of Interest is now overdue—we need these forms back by the end of this week to confirm camp numbers and student attendance.

Upcoming Payment Dates: Grade 5&6 Sport 2nd instalment 13th May Bulk Billing 2nd instalment 27th May We appreciate that some families may be experiencing financial difficulties so if you are unable to make payments for any reason please contact Jodee Jackson our Business Manager to discuss payment options and to prevent your child missing out on activities and constantly being sent reminders!

Entertainment Books
Entertainment Books have been distributed & are full of great value. Please make payment online directly with Entertainment Books or you can pay on Qkr or return named books to the office.

Uniform—Pinafores & Waterproof Jackets
Orders close this Monday, May 9th. Payments & orders can be made using the form & returning to the office or using Qkr!

CSEF
If you have a current Healthcare card you are eligible for the 2016 CSEF payment which is $125/student paid to the school which can be allocated to outstanding excursions. Applications can be accepted until Friday 3rd June. Application forms

DAY & DATE | NAMES
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Tues 10th May | P Hill; S Plummer; G Shaw
Wed 11th May | N Peerman; B Hecker
Thurs 12th May | N Campbell-Kerr; W Kilcullen
Fri 13th May | T Forbes; S Armstrong

Sadly I’ve lost two of my helpers last week. Urgently require help for the first Friday of the month starting tomorrow and the 2nd Friday (starting 13th May). If you are able to help, please contact me asap in the canteen or via email cunningham.suzanne.s@edumail.vic.gov.au or sms 0408172778. My usual hours are Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 1.30pm.

The Biggest Morning Sushi Day (Wednesday 18th May) order forms have been sent home with students this week. 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).

Just a reminder that you can order lunches through the QKR app that you may already use for payments to GK. Bonus is you do not need to supply a bag for the lunch tub as we do all the work for you!

Suzi Cunningham
BIGGEST MORNING SUSHI DAY
FOR CANCER COUNCIL VIC

WEDNESDAY, 18TH MAY 2016

FULL NAME: _____________________________________________

GRADE: ________________________________________________

QUANTITY (Please indicate number of sushi) at $3.00 each

☐ COOKED TUNA ROLL - tuna, lettuce, light mayo & rice

☐ CHICKEN TERIYAKI ROLL - chicken in teriyaki sauce, cucumber, light mayo & rice

☐ VEGETARIAN ROLL - avocado, carrot, cucumber, tofu, light Mayo & rice
   All orders will be provided with soy sauce

☐ ADD $3.00 to include 1 x 350ml Lemonade Quench Drink, a Choc Chip Cookie AND a $1 Donation to the Cancer Council

TOTAL OF MY ORDER $__________

PLEASE RETURN BY 4PM Thursday, 12th May, 2016

*** NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY ***

No late orders accepted/No refunds given.
No paper bag required.

ORDERS CAN BE PLACED ON QKR : RECEIPT #_____________________

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