RECONCILIATION WEEK
This week is National Reconciliation Week. It is a time when we celebrate the presence of Aboriginal nations in Australia and pledge reconciliation.

GK were among many schools in the area to be invited to participate in a Reconciliation Ceremony at the Nillumbik Shire Council this morning. Our Year 4 students have been investigating and learning about many aspects of indigenous culture and history. As a result, four students from Year 4 travelled with me today to the Ceremony. Finn, Neala, Louis and Michele were immersed into a different time, listening to the didgeridoo as a warm up to the many guest speakers. One of which was Warundjeri Elder Perry Wandin who spoke a little about his family history and the strong connection to country. It was a very poignant time to reflect with our young generation about what was and what could be. A highlight for our students was also the amazing refreshments served after.

I thank Finn, Neala, Louis and Michele for representing GK so respectfully and leaving a very touching student reconciliation poster with the Council on our behalf.

Our children have a little fun with their own PJ Day
We couldn’t allow our students to miss the fun of dressing in their PJs for the day so Tuesday we were bedazzled with colour and graphics to both inspire and get us into a comfy mood for learning. Fun should be a primary focus at school and I love that we can combine this so easily with strong learning intent at GK. Look out for our next day of fun and shenanigans!

BABY NEWS!
We would like to share that Anna Kapnoullas and her husband Chris welcomed baby Lia into their family the weekend. Both Anna and Lia are doing exceptionally well with Lia weighing nearly 3kg. We wish Anna and Chris all the very best as they enter into the exciting world of parenthood.

KidsMatter at GK!
Tuesday and Wednesday a group of our staff, including myself, attended training in KidsMatter. In our Annual Improvement Plan for 2016 we have identified the need to focus heavily on the wellbeing of our community, which includes students, staff and parents. KidsMatter highlights the importance of looking after our mental fitness and health, just as we would our physical fitness and health. Our implementation of this will be slow and steady over the next few years as we believe this is a framework that will benefit us all in developing strong sense of self and community.

Have a great week everyone.
Words Their Way (WTW) is a developmental spelling, phonics, and vocabulary program. It was developed by Invernizzi, Johnston, Bear, and Templeton. WTW is an approach to spelling and word knowledge that is based on extensive research literature and included stages of development and instructional levels that are critical to the way students learn to read. A word study program allows teachers to provide differentiated, efficient, effective instruction in phonics, spelling, and vocabulary.

Word study teaches students to examine words to discover the regularities, patterns, and conventions of the English language in order to read, write, and spell. It increases specific knowledge of words—the spelling and meaning of individual words. Literacy is like a braid of interwoven thread: reading, oral language, and writing. Words Their Way demonstrates how exploration of orthographic knowledge can lead to the lengthening and straightening of the literacy braid.

Why WORD STUDY instead of a traditional spelling program?

Research indicates that memorisation of lists of “spelling words” does not promote the development of spelling skills. In the past, the traditional approach of “everyone gets the same weekly test on Friday”, many students who passed the spelling test were not able to transfer the knowledge to their independent writing! Memorising a list of words and getting 100% on weekly tests does not necessarily mean your child is a good speller. It may just mean that they are good at memorising words for a test.
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.

**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
**ASSEMBLY CHANGE FOR JUNE—AUGUST (Reminder from last week)**

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**COUNTER SALE SPECIALS (Until sold out)**

**OLAF ICE-CREAM or TROPICAL PADDLE POPS $1 EACH**

I require help for the 2nd Thursday of the month and from Term 3 the 4th Thursday. Also, I can always do with names on our Emergency List. If you are able to help, please contact me in the canteen or via sms 0408172778 or email cunningham.suzanne.s@edumail.vic.gov.au. My usual hours are Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 1.30pm.

Suzi Cunningham

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**TUESDAY IS SCHOOL BANKING DAY**

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you’re saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your School Banking deposit every Tuesday.

**To reward our bankers for regular savings we are running a School Banking Competition. Bank at least 3 times at school this term to automatically go in the draw to win a fun pack.**

Thank you to our wonderful School Banking Team, Justine, Tarsha, Sally & Penny who processes the banking every week.

Addy is starting to feel better and will see you all on Monday 30th May 2016.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.

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**HOUSE ATHLETICS**

The GK House athletics will be held at Meadowglen Track. Parents are most welcome to attend to support their children. Students will compete in their age groups and rotate through 8 events.

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY**

Due to the inclement weather The district cross country has been rescheduled to Friday 3rd June. Same schedule and venue. Sport rd 5 will be rescheduled due to the District Cross Country
Performing Arts has encouraged prep students to work collaboratively to engage in learning a number of songs with actions from memory. Students have been encouraged to use movement and dance as a form of self-expression. This collection of ‘movement’ songs is aimed to increase an awareness of beat, pitch, rhythm, concentration and coordination.

Students have also engaged in body percussion, focusing on basic rhythmic patterns in four beats. This has been followed by an introduction to percussion instruments through a ‘hands on’ approach. The musical elements of Dynamics, Tone, Tempo, Form and Style will also be explored.

Foundation students will also have the opportunity to engage in the use of finger/hand puppets as an introductory to role plays and drama. Prep students have been immersed in the story of Pinocchio and Geppetto and have been re-enacting this popular story.

Please feel free to contact me at school on Mondays or Tuesdays.
Thank you
Sandra Portaro Prep Performing Arts Teacher

**PFA CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE – 2016**

Our Cadbury Chocolate Drive Fundraiser is now underway for our major PFA Fundraiser this year.
Each family at GK has been provided with a carry box of fundraising chocolates.

**Inside you will find:**
- 50 assorted Freddo Cadbury chocolates priced at **$1.00 each** ($50.00 per carry box).
- A collection envelope in which all money raised is to be placed.

Please make sure your name is on the envelope and that it is sealed securely.

**Payment Options:** Cash, Cheque or QKR.

Please send in your envelope with QKR marked as payment so you can go into the Prize Draw.

We ask that each family assist with the fundraising by selling the chocolates to family members, colleagues in the work place, friends or neighbours. It is recommended that children are supervised by an adult if selling chocolates.

Remember to store the Cadbury chocolates in a cool place, taking care to avoid areas of direct sunlight.

**If you have sold and returned money for a complete carry box of chocolates and could sell another please contact us or the school office.** The family that sells the most boxes of chocolates will win a $100 Myers Voucher.

Chocolate Drive will run for three weeks and **conclude on Wednesday 1st June.**

Sell a complete box of Chocolates and return full payment to go into a prize draws at the conclusion of the chocolate drive of 1st Prize- $200 Myers Voucher & 2nd Prize $100 Myers Voucher.

Through fundraising activities such as this we are able to provide additional facilities and resources at GK for our children. **Please note that if each family sells one box of chocolates the school will profit approx $10,000.**

Happy selling & thank you for your support.
Bridget (0407 243 024), Zoe, Catherine & Melissa.
COMMUNITY NEWS

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OCCASIONAL CARE IS AVAILABLE IN MONTMORENCY

Montmorency Occasional Care Centre
Petrie Park Montmorency

Session times:
Wednesday 9am - 12.00pm
Friday 9am – 1.30pm

Occasional Care is:
• Flexible to provide short periods of care, in a safe early childhood learning environment with opportunities to socialise and interact with other children
• Offered on a regular sessional basis, or as needs
• Available for children aged 3-5 years.

Please contact Susan or Lynne 9434 3131 to make an enquiry and/or booking.
Think ELTHAM offers young people from across Melbourne in Grade 4, 5 and 6 through to Year 7 and 8 the opportunity to come to ELTHAM College to learn a new skill. They will be taught by one of our ELTHAM College students from Years 7-12.

A great variety of fun and interesting sessions will run between 10.00am-3.30pm.

Saturday 4 June 2016

Students can experience a short introduction to a topic of their interest; this may be something they’ve always wanted to learn about, or something they never knew existed.

Visit our website for more information and to book your session.