Mon 19th August
Grade 2 Mapping Excursion

Mon 15th August
Grade 5 Scienceworks Excursion

Welcome back everyone! I hope you were able to have a lot of rest, warmth and good times and that you feel rejuvenated, ready for another big term ahead.

The OVAL is beginning

On the first Monday of the break, our oval area was fully fenced off ready for the development of our wonderful new sport precinct. At the moment there is not a lot to see however the next few months will see the entire surface and surrounds ripped up and replaced with synthetic surfaces that will benefit both St Helena Secondary School and our students. The only impact for us at the moment in the use of the oval during lunch and recess is not available. We are looking to run some additional ‘clubs’ during this time to redistribute the amount of students populating areas of the school. I will keep you informed as the development progresses.

TOILET BLOCK—the toilet block at the bottom of the Year 1 and 2 rooms was removed on the holidays as well. The demolishing company have left a new sleeper and tan barked area for us to beautify at some stage.

ANNIE PRODUCTION

On the holidays I was fortunate to be able to attend ‘Annie’ at the Eltham Little Theatre. We had some very talented people from our school community participate in this fabulous musical. Congratulations to our own Nikki Ramsay (Singing Teacher), Bianca Perry (Gr2 Teacher), Sarah Hill (Gr6 Teacher), Charlotte Z and Morgan W (Year 5) and Lily C (Year 4) for their outstanding performances.

3-Way Conferences

This year our 3-Way Conferences are on Wednesday 27th July (Week 3). Students do not attend school on this day except for their conference with you and their teacher. Our 3-Way Conferences are an opportunity for your child to share their learning and successes thus far. It is also an opportunity for new goals to be set for the remainder of the year. Letters with general information and parent login codes will be sent home tomorrow—Friday 15th July with students so please check schoolbags! The PTO online booking system will be available from Monday 18th July at 8am and close at noon Friday 22nd July. There is a link on our website that will take you straight to the PTO page where you enter your name and code and make your bookings. Please contact the office if you have any issues.

KidsMatter Survey

Last term I shared that we are in the process of becoming a KidsMatter School as a part of our Social and Emotional Learning overhaul. To begin the process, all staff completed a survey last term that provides our Leadership and SEL team with invaluable information about staff learning needs. This week and next, all students will be completing a KidsMatter Student survey so that we can understand what our student needs are and what we need to consider when moving forward. Because this is a community approach to wellbeing, we are asking parents to complete a KidsMatter Parent Survey by the middle of this term. Information you provide will assist in developing a strong, community driven approach to the culture and learning I want to create at GK—your voice is important. We know life is busy but to make things easier we have two ways you can complete the survey. I have included a link on the following page that you can access at anytime before Friday 5th August when data will be closed off. Otherwise, we will be providing electronic surveys to be completed prior to (while you are waiting) or after your 3-Way Conference visit in week 3. The more families that complete this, the more valid our data so we can plan comprehensively and strategically for our students and community. Your feedback is very much appreciated.

Have a great week everyone.

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

KidsMatter PARENT SURVEY—Completing this survey is very much appreciated.

Instructions
⇒ http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey Go to this site
⇒ Find our school in the drop down box
⇒ Select the reporting period—IMPORTANT that the right time is chosen—2016 Q3: Jul—Sep
⇒ Select main language spoken at home
⇒ Select year levels your child/ren are in
⇒ Select NEXT

Your honest feedback is invaluable for the future planning and direction of the school. I will share this data with you at some stage later in the term. Leanne Tingwell

Thank you to Lara, Kate, Tom, Cameron, Daniel and their families who did an amazing job looking after the chooks, birds and garden during Mrs Webb’s absence and throughout the holidays.
Cluck Cluck ......
CANTOON

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COUNTER SALE SPECIALS (Until sold out)
OLAF ICE-CREAM - $1 EACH

THE CHALLENGE CONTINUES...
The cold winter nights are a great time to snuggle up and read a good book. There are 9 weeks to go to complete the challenge!

SPORTS NEWS

SPORT THIS WEEK
Sports practice will be held this Friday, Interschool sport resumes Friday week.
Home soccer and softball games will now be played at Anthony Beale Reserve due to the re-development of the school oval and soccer pitch.

VENUES FOR THIS WEEKS SPORT PRACTICE
Anthony Beale reserve - Soccer darks, softball and football
School – netball, soccer lights

Admin Reminders
Grade 5&6 Camp final payment is due tomorrow the 15th July
Final instalment of Bulk Billing was due on the last day of Term 2, 24th June so is now overdue. Please make sure payment is made—there are a number of activities coming up this term so payment needs to be made to enable your child to participate.
Also the final payment for the Grade 5&6 Interschool Sports Program was due on June 24th and so is now overdue. Payment needs to be received to ensure your child continues to play Sport.
If you are unsure of where you stand re what you still owe please contact the office and we can give you a current family statement.
As always if you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact our Business Manager Jodee Jackson to discuss payment options.
Finally the Qkr app has recently been updated so if you are having issues when you open it up please run the update and then the app should start up and work properly.
A warm welcome back to all. This term is certainly going to be a busy one in the Visual and Performing Arts Programs. We start by reminding you that this term we will be holding our fantastic biennial GKABULOUS Art Show once again, the date is...

When; Thursday 1st September 2016  
From: 6.00pm to 8.00pm 
Where: Multipurpose Building

Students have been busy making and creating and this year we are very excited to be introducing digital technology into the Program. Senior students have been busy creating their own “Stop Motion” 3D animations with their i-Pads which will be shown on the night. Furthermore, there will be some amazing performances to entertain you on the night. This is just a glimpse of what is to come, more information will be forwarded in the weeks to come.

At this point we would love to hear from you if you are able to help in any of the ways mentioned below.

**Set Up Assistance:** We are looking for parents and other family members to help with setting up for the Art Show. This could include pinning up art work, labelling work and moving display boards. This is likely to be on Wednesday 31st August. I am hoping to start first thing in the morning, even one or two hours will be of great help. If you are available and are willing to assist in setting up for the Art Show, please fill in this short form below and return it to school ASAP.

**Do You Have:** To help make our night as successful as possible we are in the process of organising a few things. If you have any of the following items we can borrow OR know of a contact they may be able to assist could you please let me know by calling the school on 9431 1599 or by returning the form ASAP, any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Large amounts of fabric (preferably black) to drape over the display boards. If you know of anyone that may be able to assist in this way please let us know

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**Please return to Mrs Cosma ASAP**

**SET UP ASSISTANCE**

(Wednesday 31st August)

Name: ..........................................................................................

Contact phone number: ..................................................................

I would be happy to help with: ............................................................ Times: ..................................

**Connection to GKPS:** (Child’s name) ........................................................ Grade: ..........................

Relationship to child: ................................................................................................................................

I have a current “Working With Children Check” YES NO (please circle)

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**Please return to Mrs Cosma ASAP**

**DO YOU HAVE...?**

I am able to assist (or have a contact) with the provision of the following items for the Art Show:

Please Circle: Black /dark fabric/ other colours __________________ Other: ______________

Name: ................................................................ Contact phone number: __________________

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Nadia Cosma, Emma Hankinson, Lucy Miller, Melinda Djukic and the GK Arts Team

Visual and Performing Art Teachers
In Term 3, we’re bringing the exciting news to School Bankers that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dollarmites are giving those who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

**How to enter**
Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes including 50 camping kits, 90 instant cameras and 200 magazine packs.

What’s more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making their three deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of 50 Supernova prizes – PlayStation 4 packs. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting [commbank.com.au/prizelights](http://commbank.com.au/prizelights)
COMMUNITY NEWS

GLEN KATHERINE PS

TENNIS LESSONS

Location: Glen Katherine Primary School Tennis Courts

WE SPECIALISE IN LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS

BOUNCE INTO OUR TERM 3 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 $60

For more information please call Topline Tennis on 9432 - 3706
Web: www.toplinetennis.com Email: info@toplinetennis.com

YMCA Kids Better Health Program

Healthy • Happy • Active • Kids

What is it?
• A FREE program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier
• For children aged 7-13 years and their parents or carers
• Sessions run once per week for 9 weeks
• Starts: Tuesday 16th July 4.30pm - 6.30pm
• Where: Eltham Leisure Centre 40 Brougham St, Eltham

To sign up call: 1300 822 953

Get Into The Swim

New Members Welcome

Northern District Hockey League

WHO: Children aged 5 - 10, beginners or with experience
WHEN: 6-7pm on Monday nights from 18 July - 5 September
Runs for 8 weeks in term 3 – join anytime
WHERE: Greensborough Hockey Club, Plenty Park Memorial Drive, Plenty 3090 (Melways Map 11 D5)
REGISTER: Please feel free to turn up on any Monday night.
To pre-register your child/ren or for more information, please contact Erika Newbegin on 0419 888 050 or at juniors@greensboroughhockeyclub.com.au

Joey Scouts

Do you know how to cook chocolate spiders?
Can you build monsters from scrap recyclable items?
Where else can you find out about nature and grow plants?
You can do all this and more at Joey Scouts. The Joey Scout motto is Help Other People (HOP) You'll learn to jump in and HOP and to share with your friends.

Join us at 2nd Eltham Sea Scouts on Wednesday 5.26 - 6.26pm. Joey Scouts are aged 6 - 7½. All enquiries welcome. Talk to Woody (Kate) on 0425 724 088 or email us at
Joeyelthamjoeys@gmail.com. Be Prepared... for new adventure!