LEONNE’S MESSAGE

3-Way Conference Thank You
Yesterday our 3-Way Conferences provided our students with the opportunity to share recent learning with their family. Students have been encouraged to reflect on their achievements with their teachers so they can share learning and future goals during the conferences. I thank you for your support of this reporting day. It is one way that our students can be involved in their own learning direction and gain feedback from adults (teacher and parents) in a meaningful and positive manner. As always, if there is anything you feel you need to discuss with your child’s classroom teacher that didn’t get addressed during the conference, we encourage you to make an additional meeting time with them.

Our Junior Choir shine
On Monday our Year 1-3 Junior Choir debuted in a very well rehearsed rendition of ‘It’s a hard knock life’ from the musical Annie. I did feel like I was watching a production with all our talented children in costume and adding theatre and movement with gusto. A special thank you to Bianca Perry and Sarah Hill for dedicating lunch times to rehearse with this dedicated young group.

Term 3
CRAZY HAIR DAY FOR KIDS
Tues 2nd Aug
Mon 1st Aug to Wed 3rd Aug
Grade 6 Sovereign Hill Camp
Mon 3rd Aug to Fri 5th Aug
Grade 5 Sovereign Hill Camp
Tues 9th Aug
Grade 5 Scienceworks Excursion
Mon 15th Aug
Grade 2 Mapping Excursion
Wed 17th Aug
Prep Aquarium Excursion
Grade 1 Edendale Excursion

Thu 1st Sept
ART SHOW
If anyone has black fabric that could be donated it would be greatly appreciated.
SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Now open only on Mondays

Grade 5 & 6 Camp
Next week the Year 5 & 6 students head away on camp to Ballarat. Our students are fortunate to be staying at the Sovereign Hill Camp which is within the Sovereign Hill tourist attraction. Year 6 attend Monday to Wednesday with Year 5 tagging them Wednesday to Friday. It will be a bit chilly in Ballarat at this time of year but the fabulous activities and fun times will keep everyone smiling I’m sure. I’m looking forward to attending Wednesday to Friday with the year 5 group too.

Our PREPS turn 100!
Tomorrow our Preps are celebrating being at school for 100 days. This is a big achievement in their little world and the help remember this milestone the Prep Team and children will be participating in a range of fun activities—including devouring 100 cup cakes! Well done Prep kids.

KidsMatter—Please complete the survey—We want to have the best school possible for your children so your feedback is important to us.
Link and info on following pages.

CRAZY HAIR DAY for kids TUESDAY—why? Because it’s FUN! No coin needed—just a smile :)
Leanne Tingwell Principal
**Student of the Month**

**June**

**Years 3 & 4**

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Congratulations to our Year 3 & 4 students. Your certificates will be presented to you on Monday.
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

Admin Information

- Due to the positive response we have had with our Expression of Interest for the free dental program, we have decided to extend the deadline, so if you are interested in participating please complete the form that was sent home last week and return to the office by Friday 5th August.
- In response to the office receiving an enormous amount of school uniforms in the last few weeks that are unnamed—we actually have 55 items with no name currently in Lost Property! It has been decided that if we get any uniform items that are not labelled they will be donated to our second hand uniform shop. Please make sure all your uniform items are clearly labelled or named to avoid losing them and them being onsold.
- Please make sure that your family accounts are paid and are up to date. We are happy to send home statements or discuss payment options if you are experiencing financial difficulties.
- Also in Qkr we now have a free payment field in the School Payments section, this allows you to pay any amount of your choosing. Please note that Qkr unfortunately does not have the capability to give you your running balance of your school account—the charges you see on Qkr are the generic charges per grade level not what you individually owe. If you get a current statement and owe a particular amount you can now use the new free payment field and pay what you want!

National Tree Day

Over the next few weeks, during science lessons, students at GK will be participating in a tree planting activity to celebrate National Tree Day in Australia. This coincides with the students investigations into Earth Sciences, particularly looking at soil in Grades three and four, water in Grades one and two and weather with preps. Plants were purchased with $2.50 as part of Grades P-4 bulk billing for 2016. This activity gives students the chance to see how we can improve our environment through our own actions.

Cheers, Annemarie Webb – Science teacher
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COUNTER SALE SPECIALS (Until sold out)
OLAF ICE-CREAM - $1 EACH

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED

Thursday 1\textsuperscript{st} Sept (all day) & Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} Sept (Morning)

Do you have a business that could donate anything for the fathers day stall ???

*Chocolates *gifts *mugs,glasses *sox, ties *wrappings *wrapped lollies *hankerchiefs *jars, pens, teas, etc...

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

If so please contact Sharon Murphy 0407829036/samualjj@bigpond.com

Please leave all donations in box at front office.
Abulous Art Show

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 which is fast approaching!

**When?** 1st September  
**What time?** 6-8pm  
**Where?** Multipurpose Building

There will be displays of art from grades Prep to Six available to view, as well as performances by Year 6 students, the Performing Arts Club and the Senior Choir. Senior students have been busy creating their own “Stop Motion” 3D animations with their iPads 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. There will also be sausage sizzle and the PFA raffle being drawn on the night. Brett Cardwell will also doing caricatures available for purchase!

You may have noticed QR codes in the newsletter this week. QR codes are a fabulous way of providing easy and quick access to information through the use of a variety of hand held devices. These codes can link you to anything from videos, photos and even websites. During this year’s ‘GKabulous Art Show’, you will see that students are very excited to be introducing digital technology into the Program. Scan the below **QR code** to see our wonderful students McKinley and Tom talk more about what to expect at the Art Show.

Scan me using your QR Code Scanner app!

**In order to make this night a roaring success, we are in need of the following:**

**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. We are hoping to begin first thing in the morning, however 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:** If you have any of the following items we can borrow OR know of a contact that 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.

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**Please return to Mrs Cosma ASAP**

**SET UP ASSISTANCE**  
(Wednesday 31st August)

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**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: __________
Has your child gone Pokemon wild?
Words of advice from MICHAEL GROSE

Beats just about any fad I’ve seen including yo yo’s, swap cards and the original Pokemon Gameboy way back in the old days – remember the 90’s. While Pokemon Go is geared toward adults and teenagers it’s taken off among primary aged children – even some pre school kids – as well. Both genders are playing the game, but a rough count among colleagues and friends indicates that it’s boys more than girls that are hooked on the game.

Pokemon Go has plenty of psychological hooks to make boys love it. The roam and search nature of the game appeals to the hunter-gatherer that exists in most boys. There are plenty of things to collect which appeals to a boy’s fundamental need to put order and control in his world. And the competitive element embedded in the game makes it almost irresistible to many boys who love nothing better than to better someone else. How can we approach this craze?

Many parents have asked me how they should approach the Pokemon Go craze, particularly when their children are besotted by it. Start by accepting that Pokemon Go, like all fads, has captured your child’s interest. It’s hard to fight against or even stop your child from being involved in games that ‘everyone is playing’.

That leads to two parenting requirements. First, find out all you can about the game so you know what you are up against. Ask your child to explain what it’s all about. Figure out which parts of the game are age-appropriate and which parts are going to present you with headaches. Once kids are old enough to have their own phones and transportation, they’re certainly old enough to play the game without help. Pokémon Go gives users plenty of chances to spend real money, so you probably will want to limit in-game purchases.

Lures, an aspect of the game, can present tricky situations for parents. A player can set out a lure to attract pokémon, but because these lures can be seen by any nearby player, you’re not sure who they are attracting. Re-visit those Stranger Danger lessons with your kids.

Second, you need to meld your existing family technology rules with the expectations and opportunities that Pokemon Go presents. These include, how much time children are allowed to spend on technology; consider what activities Pokemon Go takes kids away from (including homework); and be aware that’s is not healthy for your child to be hooked on one activity at the expense of everything else.

Keep your Pokemon Go player safe. Pokemon Go gets kids outside roaming and exploring their neighbourhoods, which on the surface, is a good thing. However as one mum told me her son's Pokemon Go experience was leading them to a local quarry, which had some obvious risks attached. So if your kids are old enough to wander unsupervised some quick reminders of safety rules maybe in order, such as crossing a street with a phone in their pocket and only playing the game with kids their own age.

If you join in the craze then be prepared to drive your players around as many Pokemon stops are in interesting places such as parks, historical markers and other gathering spots. Different places have different Pokemon things to collect.....yes, it can get complicated, which is the intrinsic value of the craze.

So my advice for parents is to approach Pokemon Go positively and intelligently. Discover about it as much as your time, your current circumstances and your kids will allow. Join them if possible. Remember, it’s a lot of fun; it does get kids exercising more than their thumbs and there are some great learnings (maths, nature and even history) built in to the game. On the other hand, ensure that kids keep a balance in their activities so that a fun craze doesn’t become an absolute, all or nothing obsession- which can so easily happen with boys.
COMMUNITY NEWS

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Instructor: Magdalene Kong

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Eltham Panthers
Junior Netball Club

SPRING SEASON STARTS
27 AUGUST 2016

Are you interested in playing Netball? Come along and join our fun and exciting club!

New season starts 27th August 2016
We still have vacancies in our Under 9 and Under 11 teams!

Saturday games and Thursday training
at Cnr Foote & Anderson Streets, Templestowe

Contact: panthersjuniornetballclub@gmail.com
Or phone Jo 0491 126 876

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A story of forgiveness

Friday 12th August
Saturday 13th August
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