What’s been happening?

PERFORMING ARTS brings African Drumming to GK

Tuesday our students were entertained by an African Drumming group who visited our school for the day, supporting our performing arts program. Rhythm and percussion sounds permeated the environment with students and staff encouraged to shake and groove to the irresistible beats.

Sovereign Hill Camp complete

I was lucky enough to go to the camp with the Year 5 students on Wednesday through to Friday. We had such a great time, participating in all the Sovereign Hill activities as well as all the fun overnight stays provide. Our Year 6 & Year 5 students were very well behaved and represented GK respectfully in such a public setting. I would like to thank Sherryn Owen for her huge amount of work in organising and preparing for the camp. There is so much behind the scenes that occurs and we could not have had this level of success without this. A very big thank you to our staff who attended: Sherryn O, Leigh F, Sarah H, Sandra E, David B, Mary G, Daniel B and Katya G. As always we welcome and appreciated our dedicated parents who attended and supported our camping program: Stacey S, Maxine B, Dean J, Mark N, Jodie W, Colin F, Scott H, Marcus W, Marisa P and Kellie W.

Scienceworks@Year 5

I have had such a great time connecting with the Year 5 students as I also got to attend their Scienceworks excursion on Tuesday. The Year 5 students are studying SPACE this term so a key area of focus was visiting the planetarium and literally feeling like we were planet hopping. Once again our students were fabulous and we had a large group of parents attend to help support the learning groups on the day.

We are a KidsMatter School

Thank you for completing the parent survey that we have had open for the past few weeks. We officially launch our KidsMatter whole school mental health focus in 2017 but my Social and Emotional Learning Team (SEL Team) have been analysing all this data collected from our staff parents and students. All of this information will assist me in leading targeted focus areas across the school and specifically deal with key, identified needs in our community. Our upcoming curriculum day has a focus on KidsMatter which we are looking forward to.

Year 6 kids need your help!

I am working with our Year 6 Leaders to develop a special area for them to use in our school yard. They are building it themselves but their wish list includes:

- fake grass
- excavation
- seating
- paint donation
- concreting
- fencing
- plants
- soil

If you can offer any assistance with any of this could you please let me know - our kids would be forever grateful. Have a great week.

Diary

2016 TERM 3

The 5 cent challenge continues

Mon 15th Aug
Grade 2 Mapping Excursion

Wed 17th Aug
Prep Aquarium Excursion
Grade 1 Edendale Excursion

Thu 18th Aug
Grade 4 Poetry Recital and Exhibition

Thu 1st Sep
ART SHOW
 Helpers required
Fathers Day Stall

Fri 9th Sep
GK DISCO

Future 2017 Preps
Enrolments need to be received by the office as soon as possible to ensure your involvement in our Prep Transition Program.
**STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

**JULY**

**Prep—Year 2**

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Congratulations to our Prep to Year 2 Students. You will be announced at assembly on Monday. Year 3&4 students will be announced next week.

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**The GK Winter Escape Raffle has arrived!**

As we enter the last month of winter, we are excited to announce that the PFA is running our second major fundraiser for the year – our first ever GK Winter Escape Raffle.

One lucky GK family (or friend of GK) has the chance to win a 7 night family holiday to Hamilton Island.*

Other prizes include:

- $500 travel voucher from Delta Holidays*
- $500 Rebel Sport voucher*
- $250 Big4 voucher*

*Conditions apply

A book of 20 tickets (at $2 each) was sent home to each family via the eldest child this week. Tickets and payment are due back by Thursday 25th August and the raffle prizes will be drawn at the GKabulous Art Show on 1 September at 7pm. Payment for tickets sold can be made via Qkr or returning cash to the office.

Please support the school by purchasing and selling as many tickets as you can... additional books of tickets will be available at the office for those families who can sell more than a single book.
Volunteers and Donations Needed

- Thursday 1st Sept (all day) & Friday 2nd 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/samualij@bigpond.com

Please leave all donations in box at front office.
Grade 6 Sovereign Hill Camp

Last Monday the grade 6’s From Glen Katherine Primary went to their camp at Sovereign Hill. We did heaps of amazing activities there and everyone really enjoyed it!

After settling into our rooms, my activity group did the Secret Chamber Mine Tour. To get down into the mine, we had to travel down in the pitch dark in a mine cart. We learnt about a Chinese miner who got crushed by falling rock down there after finding the ‘Welcome Stranger’ nugget.

Gold panning in Red Pan Lake was great! After a while you get the hang of it. I didn’t find much gold, only eight pieces. Jacob found over thirty on the first day. The specks of gold were pretty small, but they were real gold and we put them in special jars to keep.

We went old fashioned bowling. There were nine pins and the balls were really heavy and the bowling lanes were super long. You had to bowl from under your legs and it was hard to get a strike!

We watched a Gold Pouring demonstration and saw pure melted gold made into an ingot that was 3.5kg and worth $170,000! Connor got to hold it as it was his birthday.

Other activities included Candle Dipping, learning how the Chinese miners lived in the Chinese Village, visiting the Gold Museum, going on a Clydesdale horse cart ride around Sovereign Hill and learning about the past in an Education Class. The Pantomime in the old fashioned Theatre on the second night was pretty funny.

On the third day we were doing souvenir shopping. I got a wanted poster, a candle and a jar of lollies. The wanted poster was my favourite thing because it says I am wanted for stealing some bread and in the 1840’s that was a massive crime!

Sovereign Hill is a great place to visit and learn about the Gold Rush days. It was of heaps of fun, especially the mine tours and gold panning. We ate really nice meals in restaurants and cafes there. It was the best camp I’ve been on in Primary School!

A big thank you to teachers; Mrs Owen, Mr Fetchen, Miss Hill, Mr Blackburn, Sandra Embling and to our great parent helpers: Mark Nolasco, Dean Jackson, Maxine Butterworth and Stacey Hattenfels for making camp such a good one. Thanks too to Sculli Brothers in Greensborough and Bolton Street Fruit Market for supplying us with great fruit on our camp!

By Edward B 6O

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I now have a vacancy on the roster for the 1st Wednesday or 2nd Tuesday of the month so if anyone would like to join our Canteen Crew, please just contact me here in the canteen Tues to Fri 8.30am to 1.30pm or sms 0408 172 788 or email cunningham.suzanne.s@edumail.vic.gov.au. Not too many left for the year!

Cheers, Suzi
GKABULOUS ARTS SHOW 2016

This term, students have been busy creating some amazing artwork for the GKabulous Arts Show Program Competition. Firstly, we’d like to say a huge thank you and congratulations to all of the students who entered. The creativity and originality shown was amazing. Mrs Miller, Mrs Hankinson and Miss Thorpe have had a very difficult time in selecting a winner because there were so many outstanding entries. For this reason the teachers have selected not one but two entries to use as the front cover of our GKabulous Arts Show Program. The two winning entries were very unique because they both included different areas of the arts, such as music, performing arts and visual arts.

Jessica O (4W)
Emily M (6O)

A number of students also received Honourable Mentions for their designs as their artwork showed creativity and originality. We would like to congratulate the following students:

Giselle R (2P)                      Mia C (4A)
Paige (3R)                           Jeyda M (5G)
Lisiana I (3K)                      Charlize G (5K)
Brielle H (3K)                       Fynn M (5K)
Bailey E (3K)                        Sophie N (6O)
Skyla S (3F)                         Courtney F (6H)
Giselle H (4J)

Well done to all students who entered!
Our GKabulous Arts Show is fast approaching! We have been lucky enough to have Brett Cardwell working with our Grade 5 and 6 students during our Artist in Residence program. Brett will be with us on the night creating caricatures available for purchase – FIRST IN BEST DRESSED! Caricatures will be $10 for an A3 size. There will be a $5 charge for each extra person on the same page.

Brett has also been kind enough to offer one lucky winner an A3 family caricature, both coloured and framed! This amazing artwork will be awarded as a door prize so the more people you bring along to the event, the greater your chances of winning! We can’t thank Brett enough for his generosity and we look forward to seeing his creations on the night.

Cardytoons.com.au

We can’t wait to see you all at the GKabulous Arts Show on Thursday 1st September, from 6pm - 8pm.
The GK Arts Committee.
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 in store, 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 fantastic 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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Commencing Monday the 8th August. The 5 cent Challenge will run for 5 weeks.
Simply fill your grade's '5 cent tube' with as many 5 cent pieces as you can. The coins from your '5 cent tube' will be collected and tallied for your grade every Friday morning.
WEEKLY CHALLENGE: Each Monday at assembly the grade with the greatest amount of 5 cent pieces from the previous week will be awarded the '5 cent trophy' for the week. A tally board will be displayed on the PFA notice board.
5 WEEK CHALLENGE: The grade that has collected the greatest amount of 5 cent pieces at the end of the 5 week challenge will be rewarded with a special 'Hot Chips Lunch'!!!
---The 5 week 5 cent Challenge is a PFA fundraiser---
Wattletree Preschool is seeking to offer a 3yr kindergarten program in 2017

If successful sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 9:15am to 2:15pm

If you are interested please complete the details below and return to Wattletree Preschool.

☐ Yes I am interested in enrolling my child in 3yr old kinder at Wattletree Preschool for 2017.

Your name: ___________________________  Child’s name: ___________________________

Your mobile: ___________________________  Your email: ___________________________

Wattletree Preschool
20 Wattletree Rd, Eltham
T: 9431 1353  E: wattletree@ecms.org.au

Vacancies are still available in our 3 Year Old Possum Program for 2017. If you or your friends and family are looking at enrolling for next year, please contact Sophia at ECMS enrolments@ecms.org.au or phone 8481 1117.