WORKING BEE THANK YOU
On Sunday we had approximately 25 adults and 25 children attend our Spring Working Bee. The weather held out for us and we were able to achieve a big amount in a very short amount of time. Down near the playground adjacent to the science precinct we now have seating thanks to a group of dads who made the construction of these look like child’s play. (Thanks to Adrian M for his hole digging volunteering on Friday afternoon). Then we had great teamwork in trimming, weeding and mulching the gardens in and around the science room. Thank you to all our volunteers on behalf of our staff and students. As always your effort is much appreciated—photos are further within this Linkletter.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP FOR 2017
As part of our attempt to gain greater feedback from our students regarding what they would like to see improving at GK, student leadership is getting an overhaul. 2017 sees us extending and refining not only the election/nomination process but also the responsibilities of all of our Year 6 students. We want to invest in all of our Year 6 students in 2017 by developing skills and passion to carry forward when they leave us. Working within and outside of our school community is a priority area and we hope the refined process allows this to occur. An outline of the process can be found on the following page.

SCHOOL UNIFORM—I NEED YOUR FEEDBACK
As noted previously, our school believes it is important that the students at GK have a strong commitment to the values our school uniform symbolises and are able to wear it with pride. I am happy to say that nearly 100% of students present at school with the correct school uniform. Our most common flaw falls in shoes and socks. At present, our uniform policy states that students may wear shoes that are ‘predominantly blue, black, grey and white’, with ‘blue or white socks’. Due to the fuzzy area of what ‘predominantly’ means, many students come to school with splashes of colour on their shoes with matching shoelaces which results in a varied, rainbow representation of uniform. I personally feel it would be far easier to stipulate a black or white shoe—school shoe or runner, with either full black socks or white socks. However, your feedback is wanted to determine what our community would prefer. As a result, I am requesting you to complete this very short survey that I will keep open for a fortnight. I aim to share this feedback back to you to see whether a small change to our uniform policy needs to occur. NOTE: If there is change to policy, this will be taken through School Council for ratification and then slowly implemented throughout 2017. I look forward to hearing form you.

SURVEY: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B9666NF

PREP BREAKFAST and 2017 PREP TRANSITION SESSIONS
Tuesday morning our current Preps had their annual Breakfast/PJ Day at GK. Rice Bubbles, vegemite toast and working together to serve and clean up spaces were all part of this day of independence and fun. Our 2017 Prep transition sessions have also started with 2017 Prep children visiting us and participating in activities. We have had a terrific start, with parents also getting time to chat over a cuppa to get to know each other. Our second session is this afternoon.

Have a wonderful week.
## 2017 Planning REMINDER

We are currently looking at projected enrolments, which includes our 2017 Prep cohort, staffing, class structures and of course budgets that align to all of this.

You can help with our 2017 planning by informing us:

- **in writing**, if your child/ren will not be attending GK in 2017.
- if you have a 2017 Prep child who will be attending GK but as yet is not enrolled.

At this stage we do not yet know the composition of our classroom structures (whether there will be the need for any composites, for example) or student and teacher placement. We do not consider teacher requests however **if you have any concerns regarding your child’s class placement in 2017, please forward an email or letter to the school addressed to me.** Please note that we only take into consideration concerns/requests that could be detrimental to the educational and social wellbeing of the students. These requests will be considered by a team of people but not guaranteed. If you have concerns and they are not raised now it is likely to be too late to address these after classes are announced later this term.

### 2017 STUDENT LEADERSHIP

#### LEADERSHIP ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

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**Process**

Term 4: Year 5 Students and staff nominate students via written explanation who they feel would be a responsible and hard working School Captain. This is posted in a ballot box at the office. Mrs Tingwell, Miss ter Haar, Specialist Teachers and Year 5 Teachers go through nominations and shortlist to a small group of possible candidates. Candidates are officially notified by the Principal team and a letter to their parents is provided to inform them of this. Candidates decide, after being nominated by peers and staff, whether they would like to apply for the position. If they do, each applicant will submit an application to the Mrs Tingwell. Mrs Tingwell and Miss ter Haar will then INTERVIEW each candidate. A decision will be made based on prior knowledge and this interview process by the Principal team. Captains announced mid Term 4 and begin a mentoring period with the current 2016 School Captains.

**OTHER LEADERSHIP ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

All other leadership positions will require students to indicate preferences from 1-8 on a leadership roles & responsibilities proforma.

If a student has nominated for School Captain but is not successful in gaining the position, their preference sheet will assist in determining other leadership opportunities.

**Process**

**MID Term 4** Year 5 Students indicate 2017 leadership preference on a proforma. Staff will collate and distribute students into Leadership Roles for 2017 based on their preferences and our knowledge of student passion and skill. **THERE IS NO STUDENT VOTING IN THIS PROCESS**

All students will have a leadership role they have identified for themselves. These will be announced at a 2017 Leadership Assembly for our Year 5 Students before the end of this year.

**LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

(There will be teams within these titles)

- Junior School Council Leaders
- Junior Sports Leaders
- Senior Sports Leaders
- Green Team Leaders
- Peer Mediation Leaders
- Better Buddy Leaders
- The Arts Leaders
- Literacy Leaders
- Maths Leaders
- STEM (Science & Technology Leaders)
- Junior Help Desk Leaders (ICT)
- Senior Help Desk Leaders (Office/Admin)
- Maintenance & Grounds Leaders
- eLearning Leaders
- Library Leaders
- Media Leaders
- KidsMatter Leaders
- 100% Leaders
- Community Leaders

We look forward to introducing our 2017 School Leadership Teams to you at our assembly on Monday 12th December.
BFF Forever: When friendships go sour

By Jenny Brockis

Emotional intelligence remains a work in progress throughout our lives. Dr Jenny Brockis offers parents tips to help children deal with emotional pain.

Tips to help your child deal with emotional pain

Allow them to grieve
Pain hurts and that's normal. Social pain hurts as much as physical pain because they share common neural pathways. Share with your child that you're sorry they are hurting to help them learn that emotions are normal, and that it's normal too to feel that their whole world has temporarily turned upside down.

Encourage them to step away from the situation
When up close it can get very personal. Encourage your child to look at the situation from the other person's perspective to ease their pain; even though they may not fully understand why the other person acted in the way they did or said those horrid things. This helps them to reframe what happened, elevates empathy and builds resilience to future hurts. What doesn't work is returning fire with fire or blocking communication routes. A nasty comment on Facebook is best not responded to. However, telling your child to not use social media or to ban access to Facebook or their phone isolates them further and means they can't reach out to their other friends for support.

Offer time and an open ear
Sometimes what helps the most is to just be there. Offering support so they know you care with a kiss or a cuddle and encouragement to do some 'normal' things is what counts, as well as being available to just listen when required. It's about understanding, not interrogation. They don't necessarily want our advice!

Move forward with respect and dignity
A great friendship is a thing of joy, but many will wax and wane for a variety of reasons. Helping your child to celebrate what makes them feel good about any relationship leads to greater acceptance and tolerance of difference.

Emotional intelligence remains a work in progress throughout our lives. It's something that can always be built on and added to. Helping our children develop their EQ equips them to know they will survive when a relationship goes pear shaped, and increase resilience to life's knocks. This has to be one of the greatest gifts as parents we can give to our kids.

Dr Jenny Brockis is the Brain Fitness Doctor, author of Future Brain: The 12 Keys to Create Your High-Performance Brain and mother to two young adults
## Canteen

**Roster:**

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**Counter Sale Special (Until sold out)**

**Bulla Splits – Assorted Flavours – $1 Each**

**Limited Lunch ‘Meal Deal’ Special**

**Vegetable Lasagne, Muffin & Choice of Juice (or water) – $5.00**

Sunshine Jellies ($1), Frozen Pineapple Rings (50c) & Frozen Orange Quarters (50c) are back in the canteen this week.

We need extra help in the canteen on the following dates:

Friday 4th November, Friday 11th November or Wednesday 30th November.

If you can help on any other these days, please just contact me here in the canteen Tues to Fri 8.30am to 1.30pm or email cunningham.suzanne.s@edumail.vic.gov.au or sms 0408 172 788. We’d also be happy to hear from you if you would like to do canteen in 2017.

Cheers, Suzi

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**Grade 4 Camp to Phillip Island**

![Camp Images]
Grade 4 Phillip Island Camp

Last week the Grade 4s had a fabulous time at Phillip Island CYC The Island.

We would like to thank our parent helpers: Warren Forbes, Steve Howell, Dean Jackson, Paula Sanchez and Alwyn Smith for helping to make the camping experience a fabulous one for all the children.

The teachers were very proud of how independent the children were. Everyone, adults included, practised their resili-

The best thing about camp was spending time at the beach because it was like free time.
Another really good thing about camp was spending more time with our friends.
We also went to the Wildlife Park where we got to hand feed kangaroos.
Claudia

The activities were low ropes, trampoline, photo hunt, mechanical rock wall, archery, pool table, table tennis, and Ed’s Alley. I played pool a lot. Warren helped everyone to make us better. My favourite thing was doing a back flip on the trampoline.
Thanks you parent helpers for volunteering for camp.
Cooper V

Hello parents and other readers,
The grade 4 CYC Phillip Island Camp was good. We left at 9am and stopped at San Remo. Then we went to the penguins. It was cold with a capital C!
Finn

The grade 4 camp was lots of fun.
Although the Penguin Parade was FREEZING, it was so amazing when they came ashore. The next day we got to enjoy the amazing beach. Fortunately, the sun was shining and the sea was glistening, so we had a lovely time.
On the third day we travelled on the bus to the Nobbies and had a lovely time even though we didn’t get to walk on the boardwalk.
Like I said, the grade 4 camp was AMAZING!!
Michele

I had an awesome time on camp. Archery was the best. I got three in a row but a lot of people got the arrow right in the centre.
The mechanical rock wall was amazing.
Daniel

We had some much fun doing the activities like pool, table tennis, trampoline, low ropes, photo hunt, archery and mechanical rock wall and also Ed’s Alley.
In archery I got 2 bullseyes and 1 in the red. This is how you do archery:
Step 1: pick up the bow and put the arrow in the bow
Step 2: Pull the string back
Step 3: let the string go
My favourite thing was playing pool. The most boring thing was the photo hunt. Thank you to the parent helpers for volunteering otherwise we wouldn’t have gone to camp.
Olivia

Grade 4 camp was so great to do. We did archery with real arrows. My favourite thing was the trampoline because it was really bouncy.
Thank you to the teachers and parents for making this happen.

There were 9 activity groups. Each of the groups who were led by a parent wrote them a thank you note, one group wrote to the camp kitchen, another to the camp organisers and one to the buses to thank them. The final group wrote these comments, on behalf of all grade 4s, to go in the Linkletter
Spring Working Bee

Thanks to all the families that gave up their Sunday morning to come and help improve our school grounds. Much was accomplished and it was a great community feel. Our gardens are looking great thanks to all rain and maintenance. Don’t forget to come and utilise what’s in our COMMUNITY GARDEN – it’s there for ALL of us – so please wander in a pick some parsley, sage, kaffir limes or leaves or whatever else takes your fancy!!

Cheers, Mrs Webb on behalf of the Facilities Committee

REMINDER : Multicultural Morning - Next Week, Tuesday 25th October 2016

Cari Genitori (Dear Parents),

GK is celebrating Multicultural Morning with a diverse cultural celebration! It will be held during Week 4, Tuesday October 25th - an exciting day of activities for children in Prep to Year 6.

Please remember it is a :

Dress up day : It would be wonderful if all children could dress up on this day in a costume from their cultural heritage.

Carlton Italian Festa is on next SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER

Piazza Italia, Lygon Street, Carlton. Come and see Anthony Callea , Joe Avati, James Liotta , Sooshi Mango , Sarah C, Joe Salanitri, La Rustica Project, the Viva Italia Show and more live on stage..

Bring the whole family! See you there. Ciao! Signora Portaro
GIGLIOLA

BOUTIQUE

www.gigliola.com.au

You are invited to attend a Exclusive Shopping Night at GIGLIOLA
Sip on bubbly and shop in style as the boutique is open especially for friends of Glen Katherine Primary School

$15 ticket includes sparkling wine, light refreshments, mini fashion parade and a $10 voucher to spend on the night* (maximum of 50 tickets available for the night)
10% of the proceeds from the night and the ticket price will be donated to the school

**WHEN** Friday 21st October
7.30pm - 9.30pm

**WHERE** Shop6/67 Main Hurstbridge Rd
Tel: 9438 4385

RSVP: Friday 14 October. Any queries contact Sharon 0407 829 036 or samualjji@bigpond.com

*Voucher can be used on any item valued $29 or more.

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Name ________________________ Class ________________ QKR receipt # ____________

Mobile _______________________

Return slip to school office - RSVP 14th October

I’ve paid $_________ for _________ tickets/s @ $15 each

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKET
ONLY A FEW LEFT

Upcoming PFA Fundraiser:
Please keep an eye for upcoming information.

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VISION PORTRAITS

Booking Information

$15 Photo Fundraiser
10" x 10" photo frame

- Don’t miss this great opportunity to update your family photos
- Order your photo, book & pay online
- Cash bookings are also welcome
- Valid for booking for family, friends, relatives, or anyone

Vision Portraits: 1/51 Mawby Street, Glen Katherine Phone: 9438 4385

Glen Katherine Primary School
$15 for a 10" x 10" Photo and Frame
Choose either an Indoor or Outdoor Photo Sheet
Date: Sunday 13th November, 2016
Book online at: www.roybooking.com.au
Book a photo session in the office or at the photo shoot location
Cash bookings: hand $15 to the office
Bookings Due by: Friday 4th November, 2016
COMMUNITY NEWS

T-BALL SMASH
STARTS FRIDAY OCTOBER 28
at Glenaunburn Park, Lower Plenty

For boys and girls aged 5–12 years

Learn more and register:
Roadrunner TBall Smash
www.tballsash.com.au
baillargean_aj@hotmail.com
AJ on 0423 782 970

Briar Hill Primary School
Spring Fair

Sat 22 October
10am-4pm

25 Gladstone Road, Briar Hill 3088
www.briar-hill-ps.vic.edu.au • 9435 1633

The Annual Diamond Creek Traders

HALLOWEEN
TRICK OR TREAT IN DIAMOND CREEK

10am til 4pm

Saturday 29th Oct | Monday 31st Oct

Don’t walk the streets when you can entertain the children in Diamond Creek this Halloween.
Over 40 businesses are participating in this year’s Trick or Treat in Diamond Creek.

Saturday, 29th October
10am – 7pm, Face Painting
Diamond Creek Plaza
11.30am Magic Show
The Witty Mite
1pm Magic Show
Halloween Cafe & Bar
2pm – 3pm, Trunk or Treat
Diamond Creek Plaza

Monday, 31st October
11.00am Magic Show
Diamond Creek Plaza
12pm, Halloween themed Licensed Competition
Under 7 category boys & girls
Under 12 category boys & girls
Cubie Z
2.30pm, Halloween Craft Making
Halloween Cafe & Bar
4pm – 4pm, Halloween Photo Booth
Diamond Creek Shopping Station - Coles
5.30pm – 7.30pm, Halloween Party
Diamond Creek
Booing mandatory. T: 9400 6577
7pm – Late, Adult Halloween Party
The Witty Mite

Refer to www.diamondcreekshopping.com.au for further details

Eltham High School Art and Technology Exhibition 2016

4 & 5 Nov 2016
Calling all Under 8 and Under 10 Eltham North kids that want to play basketball!

The Eltham North Jets Basketball Club is a family friendly junior basketball club that is a long standing member & one of the largest domestic clubs in the Diamond Valley Basketball Association. Jets has both Boys & Girls teams from U8's through to U18's & we are currently taking registrations for next season which begins Term 1 2017.

Teams train once a week & Girls games are played at the one place, DV Stadium Greensborough, on the same night each week & Boys teams play on Saturdays at DV Stadium or other local stadiums.

**BECOME A JETTS TEAM PLAYER TODAY!**

_To join Jets or for further information please contact_

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