State Athletics Champion at GK

Last Monday Kane M, one of our Year 5 students, competed at the State Primary Schools Athletics with some other GK students. Many times we have congratulated Kane on his outstanding performances at assembly or in the Linkletter. Kane has proven to be a very dedicated and inspiring young athlete and his achievement at the STATE ATHLETICS was nothing less than this. Kane won a gold medal in the 1500m event and silver in the 800m event. He achieved yet another personal best, completing the 1500m race in 4 minutes:3 Seconds - 3 seconds inside his best time. We are all exceptionally proud of Kane and his efforts which are truly remarkable.

Our Boys Basketball set to compete in the STATE FINAL

Friday, a team of our upper school boys won a basketball game that places them in the State Final on Tuesday 14th November at MSAC. Fabulous teamwork has been displayed up until this point and win or lose we will be super proud of these boys. Best of luck form all at GK.

World Teacher Day

Spoiling

Friday our teachers were treated to many delicious treats provided by many generous parents from our school community. Each year our staff are understandably grateful and in awe of the spread that the PFA and community lay out for us. Lovely cards are written with notes of appreciation and thanks. Rachel and Sandra, pictured left, were two of our organisers who set up, served and cleaned up after. It is always great to feel that you are appreciated, and on behalf of all staff I would like to pass on a very big thank you to our wonderful community.

2017 BOOK PACK & SCHOOL CHARGES INFORMATION

Today your child will come home with their book pack information and 2017 School Charges. We have included the Parent Payment Policy for your reference also as there have been some small changes to wording within this. The information is quite comprehensive, however if you require any further information or have further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Jodee Jackson (Business Manager) or myself.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY and STUDENT ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL SURVEY

Each year the Department facilitates a range of surveys aimed to catch the climate of schools, giving us the opportunity to evaluate programs, teaching and learning and wellbeing of all. A random group of parents, staff and our Year 5 & 6 students contributed to the data that I will be sharing at our next School Council Meeting. We are also looking at this with Staff on Tuesday which will assist us in setting new strategic goals for 2017. I will share some of the data next Thursday with you.
### IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

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### IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2017
- Friday 27th January—Office & Uniform Shop Open
- Monday 30th-31st Staff PD days
- Wednesday 1st February Year 1—6 Students First Day. Prep ‘Getting To Know You Meetings’
- Thursday 2nd-3rd Prep Assessment Interviews Begin
- Monday 6th February 1st Day For PREPS 9.15am
### Congratulations to our P-2 students. Your certificates will be presented to you at assembly on MONDAY.

#### 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.
By Catherine Gerhardt

As parents we want to do whatever it takes to minimise the mistakes our children make online. Netiquette is a set of general guidelines for cyberspace behaviour. Here are some basic principles parents can use to help children solve their own ‘netiquette’ dilemmas.

Be kind  Remember the human behind every screen. Every user is an independent person with individual thoughts and feelings. It can be easy to misunderstand another person’s intentions or even be rude to others when you are not interacting with them in person and given the grace of viewing facial expressions and emotions. Perhaps the best mantra we can go back to as parents is the golden rule of “Treat others how you would like to be treated.”

Respect privacy  With the world wide web being a public place, privacy is paramount. Learning how to protect personal information and the importance of looking at a website’s privacy policy can help develop skills around internet privacy. Asking for permission before creating accounts and downloading files, strategies for identifying scams and limiting the type of information kids give about themselves or others can help set a strong foundation for their digital lives.

Develop their internal filter  Parents may feel that they have some control over their child’s use of technology and many use programs and apps that allow for monitoring and filtering content. We need to help our children develop their internal filter, as this is the one they will always have and may need to rely on. Research is clear that the best way to teach morals and ethics is through example.

Teach them to do the right thing  Parents can nurture moral principles that will guide their children to stand up for their beliefs and act right even without us. Know what you stand for so that your child knows. Discuss with your child how you feel about the issue and why.

Be upstanding  There will be times online when your child will have to be brave and stand up for others, when they will have to go against social pressure to do what is right. Encourage your child to stand up, speak up and act up against online abuse. They can support the target by letting them know they are there and provide empathy. Encourage your child to report what is happening to a trusted adult; someone who they believe will listen and has the skills, desire, and authority to help.

THINK

Using the THINK rule can go a long way in practicing digital social skills. It is a checklist of questions that children must go through before they post or comment online. Is it True? Is it Helpful? Is it Inspiring? Is it Necessary? Is it Kind? Created to emphasise care online, it applies to real world engagement as well.

Catherine Gerhart, is a dedicated advocate of critical thinking skills in children and young people. As a parent of school aged children she understands the commitments and challenges parents face ensuring they provide the right information to young people in a way that empowers them to develop their personal and social capabilities. Catherine is a certified training provider through the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner.
SPORTS NEWS

DISTRICT NETBALL

On Thursday the 26th of October a number of Grade 4 Students competed in the District Netball Tournament. All students had a fantastic day learning new skills and making new friends. All players are to be congratulated on their wonderful team work and encouragement of each other throughout the day. Many students had never played netball before and the day was a great opportunity to get out and try something new. Our three girls teams managed to come home with first place and our boys team came fourth. The mixed team enjoyed the day, winning one of their games and coming fifth.

Many thanks to our parent helpers Beverley Smith, Elmarie Anderson and Helen Giannakos for coaching on the day and assisting with training sessions. Thank you also to Miss. Murray for all of your hard work in running trainings and assisting with the organisation of the day.

Mrs. Johnston

CANTEEN

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LIMITED LUNCH ‘MEAL DEAL’ SPECIAL

VEGETABLE LASAGNE, MUFFIN & CHOICE OF JUICE (or water) - $5.00

EXTRA SPECIAL – POTATO BAKE (Gluten Free) $2.50 until sold out

If anyone can spare some time we need help in the canteen on the following dates:

Friday 4th November, Friday 11th November, Friday 25th November or Wednesday 30th November.

If you can help on any of these days, please just contact me here in the canteen on 9431-1599, 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 love to hear from you if you would like to do canteen in 2017.
PUT A SMILE ON YOUR CHILD’S FACE
.... And on ours’ as well!

One way to put a smile on your child’s face is to become one of our valued volunteers in the Canteen! The excitement is written all over their faces as they come up to see you helping us in such an important role. All we ask is for a small commitment of a few hours of your time (9am to 11.45am) once a month.

Being on our Emergency List is also a great way to assist us as quite often we know we will be short the day before and can give you early notice.

Feel free to pop in and chat to us Tuesdays to Thursdays between 9.30am and 1.30pm to find out all about how the canteen works and how you can help.

NB: Unfortunately, no younger children are allowed to come with parents who work in our Canteen as it is a Occupational Health and Safety issue. Also government regulations require all persons working and volunteering with children to have a Working With Children card. This is free to Volunteers (there is a small fee if you don’t have a current passport size photo) and forms can be downloaded & lodged at your local Post Office.

Thanks for your time,

Suzi Cunningham (Canteen Manager)

CANTEEN ROSTER 2017

| NAME: ____________________________ | PHONE NO.: _________ |
| CHILD’S NAME: ___________________ | GRADE (in 2017): _______ |

Once a month (please circle your preferred day)

| TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |

Would you be prepared to go on our emergency list? (please circle) YES NO
PFA Fundraiser

Vision family Portraits - Sunday the 13th of November times still available. Only $15 per session and receive a free 10"X 13" photo with frame. Great Chrissy pressie.

Any bookings made on or before Friday the 4th of November will go into the draw to win a $200 gift voucher to use on the day of your booking.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Glen Katherine P.S
28 Day Challenge
Only $149.00 (save $71)
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TEXT "RESULTS" to 0410 606 455 with your name to register
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BABY AND KIDS MARKET

Saturday, 5th November
1:00pm – 5:00pm

1st Greenhills Scout Hall
Community Drive, Greensborough

Babies’ and Children’s Goods
Handmade - Local - Fair Trade

Cake Stall - Sausage Sizzle
Free Kids Activities
COMMUNITY NEWS

ELTHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTER NOW
FREE COME & TRY SESSIONS

GIRLS FOOTBALL
2017

ALL GIRLS AGED 7 - 18
U10, U12, U14, U16 & U18 AGE GROUPS

Eltham Junior Football Club will be running FREE ‘Come & Try’ sessions open to all girls aged 7 - 18 who are interested in trying AFL football. To register your interest, just ask your parents to email your name and age to ejfcgirls@gmail.com. The club will then keep you updated with the times and dates of the upcoming sessions.

Eltham Junior Football Club, promoting girls football for FUN, FITNESS & NEW FRIENDSHIPS

Eltham Junior Football Club - Panther Place ELTHAM, Vic, 3095.  www.elthamjfc.com.au

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ENROL NOW FOR 2017
at Wattletree Preschool

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We are offering extended hours in 2017. Our 4 year old kindergarten program hours are: Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30am to 4:00pm

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T. 9430 1353  E. wattletree@ecms.org.au

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Nationally recognised qualification courses starting in February 2017

Come to one of our information sessions
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Bookings essential. 9433 7444
Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care ECHC31313
Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care ECHC41313
Certificate III in Individual Support (Aging, Home and Community) ECHC32313
Certificate IV in Training and Assessment ECHC42313

- Government-subsidised places available to eligible individuals in our Early Childhood and Individual Support qualifications
- Highly qualified and experienced trainers
- Strong relationships with local employers
- Most of our graduates gain employment at or before the end of their course
- Assistance with child care costs may be available through the Family Learning Support Program.

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