**LEANNE’S MESSAGE**

Introducing our 2017 Teaching and Learning Teams at GK

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Another part of our 2017 jigsaw is just about complete. Monday 5th December, our children will meet their new teacher and class for 2017 after a brief Student of the Month and Sport Final assembly. They will then get to revisit their 2017 class on Friday 9th December in a follow up transition session. Our 2017 Prep children will meet their new teachers on Thursday 8th December for their Orientation Day.

We are currently in the process of recruiting our Year 2 position and the Science position for 2017. As mentioned in previous Linkletters, the departure of staff brings with it the need to employ and we are nearly at the end of this. Annemarie Webb has decided she wants to venture back into the classroom for 2017, taking with her the passion she exudes in Science. So while Annemarie will be missed in her Science role, we are really excited about Science permeating the classrooms.
# Student of the Month

## November

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Congratulations to all our SOTM students. Your certificates will be presented to you at assembly on MONDAY—This is our last SOTM for 2016 so while it may take a little while to get through, it will be worth celebrating these great students! Your patience, if viewing, is appreciated.
### 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
**ADMIN UPDATE—IMPORTANT DATES**

- Payments for **2017 Bookpacks** need to be made by **Dec 2nd** (next Friday) to ensure your student’s collection of bookpacks on Dec 14th. Please contact Jodee Jackson our Business Manager to discuss payment plans if you are unable to make payment by Dec 2nd.

- Bookpack collection days:
  - 2017 Preps **Thu Dec 8th**
  - 2017 Gr 1-6 new students **Fri Dec 9th**
  - Current GK students—**Wed Dec 14th**

- Last day for Canteen orders is **Wed Dec 14th**.

- Last day of school **Tue Dec 20th**

- First Day of School **2017**
  - Friday 27th January—Office & Uniform Shop will be open
  - Mon 30th & Tue 31st—staff return, PD days
  - Wed 1st Feb—Gr 1-6 students start & Prep Getting to Know you Meetings
  - Thu 2nd & Fri 3rd Feb Prep Assessment Interviews
  - Mon 6th Feb—1st day for Preps 9.15am

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**CANTEEN**

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**LIMITED LUNCH ‘MEAL DEAL’ SPECIAL – Almost all gone!**

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

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

*** LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER ***

Some items may become unavailable due to stock being run down for over the holidays.

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If you would like to help out in the canteen, please just contact me on 9431-1599, Tues to Fri 8.30am to 1.30pm or email cunningham.suzanne.s@edumail.vic.gov.au or sms 0408 172 778. We'd love to hear from you if you would like to do canteen in 2017 (see form attached).

Cheers, Suzi
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 an 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
SPORTS NEWS

SPORT TOPS - all sport tops will be collected by the sport coaches on Friday. Parents please ensure that your child brings their GK POLO TOP to change back into.

SPORT FINAL WILL COMMENCE AT 9.30 AND CONCLUDE AT 10.45

REBEL SPORTS GREENSBOROUGH
20% OFF FOR ALL MEMBERS
SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 9.00-5.00pm
Can join as a member on the day
Please join us in celebrating the

GK Christmas Concert

Thursday 15th December
1.30 pm in the Courtyard

It will be an afternoon full of music, singing, performance, fun, laughter and a wonderful finale to conclude the school year.

On Monday 12th December,
GK’s Performing Arts Club will be performing at the morning assembly.
Come and watch them shine!
This article is of course relevant to the parents of our soon to graduate Year 6 students. This can be both an exciting but anxious time for families and I think Michael captures this in his advice within the article. Leanne

GK uses resources from Michael Grose via the Parent Ideas website: www.parentingideas.com.au

Goodbye primary school, hello secondary school

By Michael Grose

The end of primary school is a significant milestone in children’s lives. They’ve spent half their lives in primary school, in many cases in the same school, which is significant.

Looking back

This is a time for kids to celebrate their achievements; show appreciation to their teachers and enjoy the friendships that they’ve formed. Here are three ideas:

1. Let’s celebrate

Primary school graduation ceremonies play an important part in the primary school life, as they mark the end of an era and the start of a new part of their lives. We need to be careful that the meaning doesn’t become lost as graduations become increasingly lavish, even to the point where some students are transported to their graduation in a stretch limo. Keep them simple and keep them close to the school’s values.

2. Show gratitude

As a former teacher I know how much a simple thank you can mean from students at the end of the year. So make sure your kids take the time to thank their final year teacher and as well as seek out to thank other teachers who contributed to their education over their primary school journey. Gratitude costs nothing but has a great impact.

3. Enjoy friendships

Encourage your kids to be open and friendly at this time of the year, and steer clear of cliques and fellow students who want to exclude others from their groups. The end of primary school can be tricky to navigate, particularly when early maturers stick together and ostracise certain classmates. This is the time for friendly behaviour and inclusiveness.

Looking ahead

Here are three ideas for you to help kids make a smooth adjustment:

1. Promote friendships

The quicker kids form new friendships the sooner they’ll feel comfortable in their secondary school surroundings. Encourage your young person to be open to forming friendships with all sorts of kids; to be accepting of others who may be different to them; to take social risks by joining in activities even though they may feel uncomfortable; and to be friendly, approachable and positive!

2. Be ready to listen

Patience and understanding in the early weeks is essential. Brush up on your listening skills as you help your young person adjust. Talk to your young person about change and reassure them that it’s normal to feel unsure or nervous in new circumstances. Let them know that many difficulties they face will be temporary.

3. Keep your attitude positive

Confidence is catching so make sure you see this transition time as an exciting challenge that your child can handle rather than an event to be feared. Ask them about the new subjects or interesting activities they are doing, and try to shift their focus to the positive aspects of school. Discuss settling in issues with the appropriate person such as a year level coordinator, but give your young person time to handle them on their own before seeking help.
COMMUNITY NEWS

DIAMOND CREEK BLUE LIGHT XMAS PARTY
CELEBRATE THE LAST DISCO OF 2016!
FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER
7-10PM | 8 TO 13 YEAR OLDS | $6 ENTRY
COMMUNITY BANK STADIUM, MAIN HURSTBRIDGE RD, DIAMOND CREEK
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Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre
January 2017
Floating Inflatable Fun
Ivanhoe Aquatic & Fitness Centre
Monday & Wednesday 3-5pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
1:30-3:30pm
Tuesday 3rd Jan till Jan 28th
Pre-school
Learn to Swim Intensives
5 day intensive
Monday 9th January – Friday 13th January
Monday 16th – Friday 20th January
Cost $74.25
Concession $66.85

Children’s activities
Prep to grade 4
Cost $17.00 (bookings essential)
Activities subject to change or cancellation with 24 hours notice.

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movies ON THE MOVE
The Jungle Book
Sat 3rd December, 6.30pm-10.30pm

LOCATION
Berrinba Park
Amberley Drive, Berrinba North

FREE children’s activities, including:
• Face painting, start from 6.30pm
• Movie starts from 8.30pm
• BYO snacks and blanket
• BYO drinks
• Sausage sizzle
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• Meet your local Councillor Nick Gambi and our ‘Out and About’ team
• Accessible event
• NO bookings required

MORE INFORMATION
www.berrinba.qld.gov.au or call 9490 4222
COMMUNITY NEWS

Are you a caring family interested in other cultures?

We need you!

We have two Japanese students who will attend Catholic Ladies College for Term 1, 2017.

They each need a host family to include them in their Aussie life, provide a bed and 3 normal meals a day. There are no airport pick ups, she may catch the bus to school and you certainly don’t need to speak Japanese.

We pay $35 per night to assist with hosting costs.

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WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

For further information (without obligation) please call:
Barbara on 0409 366 562 or barbbenson25@gmail.com
Or Lynn Smith, Regional Manager Western Victoria
0421 507 580 or lynn@els.com.au

ELTHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
Panther Place, Eltham    www.elthamjfc.com.au

REGISTRATION DAY
Sunday 5th February 2017
NEW PLAYERS WANTED
BOYS & GIRLS AGED 7-17
Eltham Central, Panther Place, Eltham, 9am - 1pm

For enquiries, please contact the club on
0434 506 270 or email rego@elthamjfc.com.au
*New players, please bring a copy of your birth certificate*

AWARDED NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
JUNIOR CLUB OF THE YEAR 2016

FREE GIRLS SKILLS SESSION
TO FOLLOW REGISTRATION DAY
Come along and be trained by specialist coaches & meet AFL players
Sunday 5th February, 2pm - 4pm
Eltham Central, Panther Place, Eltham

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