Staffing for 2017 is complete

Last week when we announced classes and teachers for 2017 we had two vacancies we were in the process of filling. I am pleased to welcome Amy Hicks into the Year 2 Team and Monique Maya into our Science Specialist role. We look forward to working alongside our new staff members next year.

2017 Class Transition Sessions

Monday we had our first transition session where all students found out who their 2017 teacher and class. The new classes spent the morning getting to know each other, participating in an activity aimed at beginning to build a sense of belonging and comfort. This is followed up with a second transition session tomorrow morning. Your child will come home with a ‘Meet the Teacher’ sheet, introducing your child's teacher, class name and room number for 2017. They will also receive a laminated class photo to bring home so they can show you who is in their class in 2017.

Our 2017 Prep students completed their transition program yesterday also. Our Preps were also here for the morning, working in their 2017 classrooms with their 2017 teacher and classmates.

I would like to thank all our staff for working tirelessly over the past few weeks to get to the success that was experienced in these mornings. Also thanks to the PFA parents for being on hand to offer cupcakes and morning tea to all our prep parents yesterday. I couldn’t ask for a better team.

PFA & School Council thank you

Tuesday night the PFA met for the final time for 2017 and it was a night of celebration and acknowledgements. We were not only in awe of the $26,000 or more the PFA and GK community raised in 2017, but also in the impact Bridget Ramaekers has had in her role as PFA President over considerable years as a parent. Again I would like to thank the PFA and all community members for their volunteering and dedication in making GK the best place possible for our students. Your community spirit is inspiring.

Wednesday night we formally closed our School Council meetings for the year. I would like to thank our 2017 School Council members: Charles Charalambous (President), Fiona Davies (Vice President), Stacey Lawler, Wendy Kilcullen, Zoe Webster, Mick Van Werkhoven, Penny Gaskill, Lynne Bartlett, Melissa Houston, Sally Armstrong, Annemarie Webb, Jodee Jackson and Karen ter Haar. Our School Council are dedicated in meeting twice a term and providing guidance and feedback on the direction of school processes and procedures. We are fortunate to have a wonderful council who are all committed in working towards making our school the best place it can be for our students.

Community Helper Morning Tea

On Thursday 15th December (next week) we invite our community helpers to come and enjoy a morning tea put together by our most appreciative staff. Each year we have parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and more give us their time in classrooms, working bees and events to ensure we continue to have strong community connect and teamwork. We know life is busy with work and outside commitments, but if you can join us, please do. The morning tea will be in the year round care building from 10am to 11am. Join us if you can.

Christmas Concert Thursday

Thursday our Christmas Concert will be taking place in the courtyard from 1.30pm—3.00pm. We know this will not allow all parents and families to attend due to work commitments, however this year due to the oval works we needed to work the concert a little differently to previous years. Again, if you are able to come and join us for these festivities, we would love to have you there.

Assembly on Monday

We only have two more assemblies for the year. Our final assembly is always dedicated to our graduating year 6 students on the last day of this term. On Monday we have a wonderful list of celebrations and performances to enjoy. We will begin with a farewell and appreciation focus for Leigh Fatchen and Bridget Ramaekers. We will be presenting our 2017 student leaders to the community, the lunchtime dance group are performing as well as a fitting song being performed by the Junior Choir. And to finish up we have our current prep students singing a song in recognition of their ‘graduation’ from Prep. We look forward to sharing this with our community who can attend.

Lots to smile about as we move swiftly to the end of the year.

Leanne Tingwell
### IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

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### IMPORTANT DATES FOR 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
CURRICULUM DAYS 2017

Term 1  30 & 31st January Culture Setting for staff
Term 2  15th June Writing PD
Term 3  26th July 3 way conferences
Term 4  6th November Reporting & Assessment

ADMIN UPDATE—IMPORTANT DATES

• Payments for 2017 Bookpacks are now overdue. Payment is required 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.
• Bookpack collection days:
  - 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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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. I will be open for counter sales on Thursday, 15th December at Recess & Lunch time.

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)

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CANTEEN ROSTER 2017

| NAME: ________________________________ | PHONE NO.: __________ |
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Would you be prepared to go on our emergency list? (please circle)  YES  NO
SUMMER SPORT SEASON

The Summer Sport Season culminated last Friday with Finals in all sports. Congratulations to all teams involved, in particular the DARKS BOYS BASKETBALL and GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS capped wonderful seasons by winning the District Premierships in their respective sports.

Thank you to all coaches for their hard work in training the teams throughout the season.

RESULTS – DARKS

BOYS BAT TENNIS (1st vs 2nd) defeated by Apollo Parkways 16-24 games
BOYS BASKETBALL (1st VS 2nd) defeated Laurimer
GIRLS BASKETBALL (1st VS 2nd) defeated Yarrambat
CRICKET (3rd vs 4th) defeated Greenhills 5 for 56 runs to 5 for 54 runs
GIRLS BAT TENNIS (3rd VS 4th) lost to Laurimer 20-26
VOLLEYBALL GIRLS (3rd vs 4th) lost to Laurimer 2-0
VOLLEYBALL BOYS (1st VS 2nd) lost to Hurstbridge 1-2
ROUNDERS (3rd VS 4th) lost to DCE

LIGHTS

BOYS BAT TENNIS (1st vs 2nd) defeated by Apollo B 4-36 games
BOYS BASKETBALL (1st VS 2nd) lost to Sacred Heart 21-26
GIRLS BASKETBALL (1st VS 2nd) defeated Apollo B
CRICKET (3rd vs 4th) defeated Sacred Heart 3 for 62 runs to 2 for 57 runs
VOLLEYBALL GIRLS (3rd vs 4th) lost to DCE B 0-2
VOLLEYBALL BOYS (1st VS 2nd) lost to Apollo B 0-2
ROUNDERS (3rd VS 4th) lost to DCE 9-14

Sport Trials

Summer Sport trials will be held at the school on Friday from 9.30 -11.00 for next years gr 5-6 students.

SPORTS UNIFORM RETURN

A reminder to parents that all sports uniform or borrowed sports equipment needs to be returned to the respective sports coach by Friday. Basketball – Mrs Whelan and Mr Boulton; cricket and bat tennis to Mr Blackburn and Mr Fatchen, Rounders- Mrs Green; Volleyball – Ms Ferguson, Ms Gaitto Bat tennis to Mrs Owen and Ms Hill

David Blackburn

(Sport & PE Coordinator)
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!
COMMUNITY NEWS

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 25th

Pre-school
Learn to Swim Intensives
5 day intensive
Monday 9th January—Friday 12th January
Monday 16th—Friday 20th January
Cost $74.25
Concession $66.85

Children’s activities
Prep to grade 6
Cost $17.50 (bookings essential)
Activities subject to change or cancellation with 24 hours notice.

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<td>9:30-11:00 Trays, paints and water paints to make something you can take home</td>
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