DIARY

2014 - TERM 4

Fri 12th Dec
Yrs 1-6 Orientation Session
9.00am-11.00am

PAYMENT REMINDER
ALL STUDENT BOOK-PACKS MUST BE PAID BY
12th DECEMBER

Mon 15th Dec
GK Twilight Christmas
Concert 6.00pm Start

Tuesday 16th December
Bookpack Collection Day
Parent Helper morning Tea
11.00am

Fri 19th December
8.45am LAST ASSEMBLY

Last Day of Term 4, 1.10pm finish

Office Opening Hours for
Wed 28th Jan
Thur29th Jan
9.00am-3.00pm

2015 DIARY DATES

Wed 28th Jan - Student Free Day
Thu 29th Jan - Student Free Day
Friday 30th Jan
Yr1-6 Students return
Prep Interviews

PRINCIPAL’S NOTES:

CONDOLENCES

We are all extremely saddened by the sudden loss of a highly respected educator and local principal, Dr Mark Thompson. Mark was the Principal of Eltham PS for the last two years and prior to that, was a Senior Education Officer with the Northern Metropolitan Region. In that capacity, Mark was a regular visitor to Glen Katherine and other Nillumbik network schools which he so capably supported. In October 2014, we undertook a 4 year school review and we were privileged to have Mark’s wise counsel and expert knowledge as a peer review panel member on review day. Mark will leave a lasting legacy for all of us, both here at GK and throughout the entire education sector. Our sincere condolences to Mark’s wife Lynda and family; to the staff, students and the parent community at Eltham Primary School; and to all other schools and community groups whose lives Mark had touched.

THANK YOU

We certainly appreciate the assistance and support provided by so many people throughout the year and say a BIG thank you to everyone who has helped out in one way or another throughout the 2014 school year. Our students and staff are extremely grateful to the many helpers who have pitched in and helped out in a wide variety of ways including:- classroom help, canteen, uniform shop, excursions, camps, sport, working bees, School Council, PFA, fundraising etc. Next Tuesday, helpers are invited to join us for some light refreshments from 11am to 12 noon in the OSCH area. Please join us if you can. Our school is so much the richer for such a high level of volunteer support and involvement. Thank you!

Our PFA mums had their final meeting for 2014 last week and what an outstanding year they have had. Congratulations to the PFA President, Bridget Ramaekers and her committee for continuous hard work and effort and thankyou to all of our families and friends of GK who supported a range of PFA run events throughout 2014. Their last activity for 2014 is running the BBQ at the Christmas concert & drawing the raffle next Monday. Well done ladies and thankyou!

Thank you also to Our School Councillors who also had their end of year meeting last week. School Councillors also do a great job overseeing finance & budgets, facilities, policies and programs generally. Like the PFA members, School Councillors give of their time freely and together, they work on making fair and reasonable decisions that are in the best interests of everyone, namely the students. Well done and thankyou.

GK CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We’re looking forward to a great concert on Monday evening. Main things for parents to know include:-

- The PFA is running a sausage sizzle from 5pm. GK students will need to have finished eating and be ready to assemble in their grade groups by 5.30pm ready for a 6pm start. [Note: parents may still access the BBQ and drinks stall after 5.30pm but not students. Students are to have eaten before 5.30pm]

- The audience needs to be seated and ready to start by 6pm please. Once the concert gets underway, toddlers and pre-schoolers need to remain seated with their parents and are not go to join their siblings. All students are expected to stay with their grade group and teacher until the end of the performance.

- There will be designated seating areas for the audience. Bring along rugs and chairs please.

So all is set for a great evening we hope! Fingers and toes are crossed for good weather too! We look forward to a fantastic GK community gathering. Hoping to see you there!

FAREWELL TO

KATE RODGERS & VIV BYRNE

Both Kate (Welfare) and Viv (Office) will be leaving GK after 25 and 20 years respectively. Both ladies are very well known to a number of our families. Over the next week, feel free to drop in and say goodbye to two long term staff members whose contributions to GK have been substantial. Kate works on Mon, Tue & Thu; Viv from Mon—Wed.
Thank you to everyone who has helped my normal crew get the Special Lunch out to all those participating over the last two 2 days – these sorts of treats for the children would not be possible without your help.

**TOMORROW is the last day for having normal lunch orders.** The Canteen will only be open for counter sales Tues to Thurs next week.

If anyone has any contacts regarding new or used freezers I would love to hear from you – our large chest freezer is on its way out after 25 years of faithful service (& it was 2nd hand then!!!).

**ITEMS NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL 2015:**
- GK Bubble Slice
- Gingerbread Babies – individual or packets
- Frozen Pineapple Rings
- Choc Bites

*Paddle Pop Lick-a-Prize* is up and running again – only bring your CLEAN sticks with a picture of an ice-cream on it & saying ‘You’ve won a Paddle Pop’ (if your stick says ‘You are a Winner’ you need to go onto the internet to claim your prize) and we will redeem it for another paddle pop.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR 2015!!** If you can help out once a month, 9am to 11.45am Tuesday to Thursday, please contact me in the canteen with your details or complete the form available in this newsletter or on the website. I am available Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 1.30pm (I am not always able to chat Fridays until after 11.30am).

Thanks, Suzi Cunningham

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**GLEN KATHERINE PRIMARY SCHOOL MAGAZINE FOR 2014**

Extra copies are NOW available from the office

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**LOST PROPERTY**

Thank you

Please check the lost property tub (in the office area) if you are missing clothing items. Anything without a name ends up in this tub.

A BIG thank you to Mary Lennon who regularly checks and looks after our lost property.
**URGENT HELP NEEDED!**

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

Are you available on **MONDAY 15th DEC** at any of the following times:

- **8.45 am** - Oval set up
- **4.00pm** - Prepare BBQ’s and stall &/or
- **5.00pm** onwards - General assistance & selling.

Once again the PFA will be offering sausages and drinks for sale at the GK Christmas Concert - Monday 15th Dec from 5pm.

I am in need of offers from Dads & Mums to assist with set up, food preparation, cooking & sales.

Please contact Bridget Ramaekers (PFA) if you are able to assist at any point throughout the evening, contact 0407 243 024 or ramaeks@bigpond.com. Thanks in advance for your offers of assistance. It’s sure to be another fabulous night for our community to come together.

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**BOOK PACK PAYMENT REMINDER**

All student bookpacks need to be paid by **12th December**

Backpacks will not be given to students unless payment has been received. Collection day is Tuesday December 16th. Payment must be received by 12th December to allow collection. If you need another Booklist Order form, please contact the office ASAP.

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**HELPERS’ MORNING TEA**

**Tue 16th Dec @11am**

Please cut and return:

Name/s ____________________________________________

will be attending the morning tea on 10th December. Or email the office on glen.katherine.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**2015 DIARY DATES**

**2015 Curriculum Days Student Free Days**

- Wed 28th Jan
- Thu 29th Jan
- Mon 27th Apr
- Wed 5th Aug
- Mon 2nd Nov

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**Thank You**

All Parents, Guardians, Grandparents who have helped the school during the year

(e.g. Canteen, Library, Classroom, Excursions, Camps, School Council & Sub-Committees, PFA, canteen, Working Bees, Uniform Shop, 2nd Hand Uniform etc.)

are invited to join us for a Thank You Morning Tea on Tuesday, 16th December in the Multi Purpose Building from 11am. We hope to see you there!
REMEMBERS for 2015:

SCHOOL SHOES -

It’s great to see so many students wearing shoes that meet uniform requirements. A reminder to parents if purchasing new shoes for the start of the 2015 school year.

1. Shoes need to be predominantly BLACK, BLUE, GREY or WHITE with shoelaces in any of these same 4 colors. Shoes may have other color/s BUT the predominant color/s have to be those listed. It is not OK to wear fluoro shoes and/or non matching laces.

2. Shoes must be substantial and provide adequate support to the foot. Light weight canvas type shoes are not considered suitable.

SUNHATS -

Students must have their GK sunsmart hat ready to begin the school year in 2015. The ‘NO HAT, NO PLAY’ rule operates from September through to April so please make sure those hats are in school bags and ready to be worn on the first day of school. Also, hats should be in good condition please without frayed edges.

NAME EVERYTHING PLEASE -

Personal items of clothing, hats, school bags, lunch bottles, water bottles, books etc. all need to be clearly named from day 1 please.

TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 2014

The GK Twilight Christmas Concert is not far away at all now! We are really looking forward to seeing you on Monday December 15th. The Concert will be begin at 6 pm sharp. Delicious barbequed sausages and soft drinks will be on sale from 5pm from the PFA. All classes have been working very hard and re-hearsing their special songs and there will be some well-known songs which the whole community can join in with, followed by a surprise finale. It promises to be a wonderful evening for all to celebrate the achievements of our students, and the end of a very busy school year!

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHOIR AUDITIONS

Earlier this term, a representative from the Australian Youth Choir visited GK Primary to hold preliminary auditions for the Australian Youth Choir. Congratulations to the following students who were successful in further auditions, and have been offered places in the Australian Youth Choir training program. Well done!

Martina Charalambous, Mia Charalambous, Zoe Forbes, Laura Matthews, Madison James, Kayley Robertshaw and Ashleigh Ellul.
**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 BAT TENNIS, 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 –**

**BOYS BAT TENNIS** (1ST vs 2ND) defeated Hurstbridge 31-15 games

**BOYS BASKETBALL** (1ST vs 2ND) defeated Laurimer 33-32

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** (1ST vs 2ND) defeated Apollo Parkways 29-17

**CRICKET** won semi final vs Laurimer (1ST vs 2ND) lost to Hurstbridge in grand final

**GIRLS BAT TENNIS** (3RD VS 4TH) defeated Laurimer 31-28

**VOLLEYBALL GIRLS** (3rd vs 4th) lost to Apollo Parkways 0-2 sets

**ROUNDERS** (3RD VS 4TH) defeated DCE

**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 Ms Dunstone; cricket and bat tennis to Mr Fatchen, rounders-Mrs Rinaldi; volleyball– Ms Collicoat, Mrs Opperman

David Blackburn

(Sport & PE Coordinator)

**LIBRARY BOOKS**

Could all Glen Katherine library books please be returned to school by next Monday 15th December. Perhaps a search of the car, under beds, on bookshelves, down the back of couches will locate a book or two which has been missing for some time!

It is a shame when books go missing because there is always another student keen to borrow it. The school does not have the funds to replace all such books.

At this stage we still have an enormous amount of books outstanding from students.

Please check with your child if they have been given a slip of paper reminding them of the books they need to return.

Thank you Gail Elliott
**Scientist in Schools Program**

Last week a micro biology analyst from CSL visited our grade 5 and 6s during their Wednesday science lessons. This program has been initiated by CSIRO to partner up scientists with schools. Our students enjoyed the experience and below you can read some of 6R’s reviews.

On Wednesday the 3rd of December, Glen Katherine had a scientist named Sean visit our science lessons. Sean works at CSL in Parkville as a micro biologist analyst. That means that Sean studies and analyses micro (miniature) living things and analyses how to keep laboratories clean and sterile when making vaccinations and other serums. Another part of his job is helping to make medicine. The lesson was good because we conducted a very interesting experiment with an exciting result of water changing colour and made a Christmas ornament out of pipe cleaners that will grow crystals.

On Wednesday the 3rd of December, Sean from the CSL came out to talk to us about his job. We made pipe cleaner stars soaked them in borax for the next couple of days for them to form into crystals........ we all had lots of fun learning about microbiology!!!!!

In science on the 3rd of December a scientist came out too teach our science lesson. His name was Sean.
- We learnt that there is an association called CSL.
- We learnt that you can make a snowflake with pipe cleaners and borax.
- We learnt what Sean does in his job.
- We learnt about chemical reactions

We enjoyed our last science lesson of our primary school!

On Wednesday, 3rd of December, 2014, we had a special science session with Sean Major, a micro biologist analyst from CSL. He taught us about types of bacteria, ways of seeing bacteria without a microscope, (e.g. with a swab) and we did awesome experiments. He showed us how to make crystals with borax and make a liquid that changes from clear to blue when you shake the liquid in a bottle.

Here are some of the things I’ve learnt.

Our bodies have more bacteria than any living thing.
A micro biologist analyst is a scientist that analyses micro sized living organisms.
Oxygen can be evaporated.

Bye Science 2014!

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Christmas hamper raffle

"Please help the PFA in their final fundraiser for the year by donating items to our Christmas Hamper raffle! Donations can be dropped into the GK office foyer in the donations box by the front door.
Great ideas are: non perishable items, wine, Christmas items, foods, biscuits, toys, jams, soaps, stationary."
Thanks for all your help."
FETE UPDATE
11th December 2014

STALL ORGANISERS WANTED FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:
- Crazy Hair & Nails
- Mystery Bags
- Loom Band Creations
- HOT Chips

LAST CHANCE TO WIN A FETE PACKAGE!

VISIT THE MEGA FETE TABLE AT XMAS CAROLS NEXT MONDAY NIGHT AND SIGN UP

SIGN UP to co-ordinate a stall or volunteer to work on a stall by Monday 15th December to go into the draw for a chance to win a FETE Package (1 x Deluxe Ride Wristband, 1 x Showbag & 1 x $5.00 Fete Voucher).

We have over 750 volunteer hours to fill! A marquee will be set up at the Carol evening calling for volunteers so please come and see us and register. The draw will take place on Tuesday 16th December.

Note: If you have already registered as a stall organiser or volunteer you will automatically be entered in the draw.

RAFFLE / AUCTION ITEMS
- Mums, Dads & Infants - do you have a business? Then you could help with our Raffle or Auction items! Not sure how you can help????
- Hairdressers - Donate a $50 value cuts and wash voucher
- House Cleaners - Donate 2 hour cleaning session
- Accountant - Donate Tax Return Service
- Cafe/Restaurant - Donate a $100 Voucher
- Mechanic - Donate Vehicle Service

There are so many ways that you can be involved. You could even become a Business Sponsor depending on the value of your donation.

Please contact Sharon Murphy on 0407 829 036 to see how you can support your school!

Visit our school website: glenkps@vic.edu.au – follow the Mega Fete link for downloads & more information!

CHOC TOSS & LOLLY STALL:

When we return from school holidays there will only be 6 weeks until fete day! We will be calling for donations of:
- Blocks of Chocolate
- Wrapped Lollies
- Chocolate Bars
- Mystery Bag Items

There will be incentive prizes for grades collecting the most items so keep your eyes open for a bargain ready for the challenge next year!!

Tattoos, Badge Making & Face Painting

These Stalls require donations of:
- Fabulously Cool Tattoo Stickers
- Flat Stickers (for Badge Making)
- Thin Dish Sponges
- Plastic takeaway food Containers

PERFORMERS REQUIRED

Searching for Musicians & Singers to entertain on Fete Day!

Is this you or a Friend???

Then contact: Melissa Houston on 0409 932 565

Please Support our Sponsors
Holiday hobbies for the school Fete

As school draws to a close, just a quick reminder that we will be looking for assistance and donations of plants and produce for the ‘Farmers Market’ section at our Mega Fete next March.

So if you are looking for something to occupy your time over the holiday period then below are some ways that you could assistance us in preparing for this MEGA event!

Seed collection and plant propagation – any plants that you grow over the summer period we would happily sell at the fete next year. If you need some pots please see Mrs Webb down in the Science precinct over the next week.

Pots for painting and decorating – if you find any terracotta or ceramic pots lying around, we would definitely appreciate them for our POT DECORATION stall.

Cheers, Tamara Brown
COMMUNITY NEWS

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**
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