2016 TERM 4

Mon 19th Dec
Grade 6 MSAC Excursion

Tue 20th Dec
LAST DAY OF TERM 4
1.10pm Finish

Fri 27th January 2017
Office open for general enquires,
Uniform purchases can be made on this day.

Wed 1st February Year 1-6
Students first day

Mon 30th - Tue 31st
Curriculum Days (no school)

Mon 6th Feb 1st day for PREPS

HAVE A VERY MERRY XMAS
AND A SAFE HAPPY NEW YEAR

2017 IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st January— CURRICULUM DAYS (no school)
Wednesday 1st February— Grade 1—Grade 6 students start (Prep testing day)
Monday 6th February— Prep students' first day 9.15am—3.00pm

LENNIE’S FINAL MESSAGE FOR 2016

Grade 6 Graduation
Congratulations and well done to our 2016 year 6 students who graduated last night. We are very proud of our graduates and wish them every success in their transition to secondary school and eventually into the world beyond school. They are a wonderful group of young people and I sincerely thank their teachers (Sherryn Owen, Leigh Fetchen and Sarah Hill) along with Sandra Embling and other staff, both past and present, for the wonderful job they have done over the years in developing the students as learners, thinkers, problem solvers and socially responsible citizens. Special thanks also to the parent committee who did a fantastic job in helping to organise graduation, decorate the hall, arrange the tickets etc. Particular thanks to Sarah Garbellotto and Jessica Birch for leading the team and spending many hours in making it a night that the graduates will long remember. You did a great job!

Christmas Concert
Thank you to family and friends for coming to share in our festivities during our Christmas Carols this afternoon It is always uplifting to see our young students filled with joy and song at this time of year. I would like to give particular thanks to Nadia Cosma, Lucy Miller, Mel Djukic and Emma Hankinson for their organisation, set up and coordination of event. Great work Christmas Concert team.

Reports & Portfolios Home
Your child’s reports and portfolios will be coming home on Monday.

Uniform Policy change for 2017
Further in this Linkletter is a reviewed School Uniform policy that has been ratified at School Council. Within this are some changes for the 2017 school year. Of note is the inclusion of black tights and black socks (no logo). Please take time to make note of these changes so your children are aligned to uniform expectations to begin 2017.

Thank you, Farewell and Best Wishes
At the end of each school year, we can proudly look back and reflect on what has been a very busy, productive and successful year. Our fifth edition of our GK magazine will go home to families who have ordered a copy before the end of this term. The annual magazine or year book is a great way of being able to reflect on the people, programs and activities that characterise Glen Katherine and the 2016 school year. Some extra copies are available for purchase at the office.

Tuesday will mark the end of an era for our year 6 students and many of their families. Across the school from P-6, we say a fond farewell to all the families who are leaving GK. To each family, we say thank you for your support and involvement in the school and we wish you all well for the future.

As mentioned in previous Linkletters, we have a number of staff who will also be leaving—for retirement, leave or transfer to other schools - Leigh Fetchen, Lucy Miller (family leave), Daniel Boulton and Vanessa Cerfoma. We sincerely thank these staff members for their commitment to GK students and the great job they have done whilst at our school. We wish each of them well in their future pursuits.

In closing, best wishes everyone for a very happy and relaxing festive and holiday season. Stay safe and well and may the year ahead in 2017 be full of optimism and good times for one and all. To those students, staff and families who will be back at GK again next year, we certainly look forward to another very enjoyable, productive and successful year together.

Merry Christmas
Farewell Bridget

Thanks Bridget

Farewell Mr. Fatchen

Thanks Mr. Fatchen

Dance Group

Performance

Prep Graduation

Junior Choir

Performance

Thanks School Captains

Dance Group

Performance
## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

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### CANTEEN

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*** CANTEEN IS NOW CLOSED ***

We will re-open on Thursday, 2nd February for lunches

THANK YOU to all my wonderful volunteers for another great year in the GK Canteen. My job is made so much easier because of your help.

For those moving on now their ‘babies’ have finished primary school or to a new school or due to employment, may I wish you all the best & you know where to find me if you’re in need of a chat!!!

Also, thank you to those who have put their name down for next year. I am working on the roster & will have it ready to send home in the first couple of days of first term. 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.

Have a safe and happy Silly Season & a great start to 2017,

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 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)

| 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
SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

PHILOSOPHICAL BASIS
Wearing School Uniform fosters pride in the school and unifies the students from various social backgrounds into a cohesive school unit.

GUIDELINES
The wearing of school uniform is compulsory for all students except where exemption is given by School Council. The acceptable school uniform should consist of a combination of items from the designated uniform list. Any modification to school uniform other than adjustment for proper fit are unacceptable. Students participating in interschool sport and excursions will wear the appropriate uniform. All Grade 5 and 6 Sporting Teams will be expected at lunch to change back into their school uniform prior to the start of session 4. The majority of school uniform items should be available for purchase from the volunteer-operated Uniform Shop.

Second Hand Uniform Shop
A second hand uniform shop should operate to enable parents to sell or buy good quality used items of school uniform. The second hand uniform shop should be operated by the PFA and the profit earned on the sale of garments should contribute to the fundraising of the PFA. Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship. A special jacket for the Grade 6 students will be available for purchase each year. Guidelines relating to out of uniform days will be published in the Linkletter prior to the event.

Hats
Wearing a hat (as prescribed in the uniform list) for all outdoor activities is compulsory from September to April each year unless the activity is conducted in a shaded area. Hats are not to be worn inside. Hair should be neat and well groomed at all times. Hair which is shoulder length or longer should be tied back at all times in line with our Head Lice Management Policy. Extreme hair colours and styles are not acceptable at any time including special out of uniform days.

Accessories
All hair accessories should conform to the colour scheme prescribed in the uniform list, (navy blue, royal blue, pale blue, white and black) or be a neutral tone that matches existing hair colour (e.g. blonde, brown). Scarves should conform to the colour scheme prescribed in the uniform list. Fashion jewellery (including plastic wrist bands) is a health hazard during any physical activity and should not be worn to school. Stud earrings in pierced ears are an exception. Make up and coloured nail polish are not to be worn except for approved school activities.

Footwear must be appropriate for the activities undertaken that day.

Teachers will hand out a Student Uniform Infringement Notice when incorrect school uniform is worn. If the issue is ongoing then teachers need to speak to the Principal/Assistant Principal for follow up.

Parents are recommended to purchase school back packs that are endorsed by the Australian Physiotherapy Association in order to minimise the risk of back injury to students. School back packs with our Glen Katherine logo which meet these guidelines are available from the uniform shop.

The School Uniform list will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year and be available in both the Parent Section of the school website and from the office.

Monitoring of Policy
The monitoring of the School Uniform Policy should be the responsibility of the Uniform Sub-Committee with the day-by-day decisions to be at the discretion of the Principal. In the event of conflict the School Council should be the arbiter. The Uniform Sub-Committee should be accountable to the School Council. Enforcement of the Uniform School Policy is the responsibility of the principal and supported by staff.

Could we please have all overdue library books returned.
UNIFORM REMINDERS for 2017:

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 2017 school year.

SUNHATS -
Students must have their GK sunsmart hat ready to begin the school year in 2017. 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.

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FOOTWEAR
Footwear must be appropriate for the activities undertaken that day. Open toed shoes are not to be worn. Lightweight, slip-on style ballet slippers or canvas footwear is not considered appropriate.

# All of these items have school logo

FOOTWEAR
Sport specific footwear e.g. Football / soccer boots
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>Easy, quick and inexpensive activities the kids can try at home</td>
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<td>Get creative and keep busy on a warm day. Paint draw, print</td>
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TENNIS LESSONS
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GREENSBOROUGH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
Registration Day
Sunday 12th Feb 10am - 1pm
Tuesday 14th Feb 5pm - 7pm
Anthony Beale Reserve, St Helena
★★★★ SEASON 2017 ★★★★
New players welcome
Under 9 - 17
Female Teams
Under 10, 12, 14, 16 & 18
Promoting participation, enjoyment & ongoing development!
Enquiries: info@gjfca.org.au
Football Manager Grant: 0418 538 078
www.gfjc.org.au FREE BBQ

After The Bell
Star Quality OSHC
Vacation Care Program 2017
New Year- 3rd – 6th & Jan 9th - 27th/31st
Be part of these fun activity days......
* Luna Park (Excursion) * Wacky Mania * Explore Science (Excursion) * Artastic
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Group 1: January 9 - 13th, 2017
Group 2: January 16 - 20th, 2017

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Time: 9:00a-4:30p
Class: 15 students per group

For more information:
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