PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Interviews

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ALWAYS A PRIORITY AT GK

Each year staff join together in developing an Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) that clearly articulates goals and key improvement strategies for us to focus on, building both professional and personal capacity. Like our students, we place the same learning expectations on each other. Our ongoing learning is key to your child’s ongoing learning and we plan this strategically throughout the year. Yesterday afternoon our staff participated in a task that required them to understand and articulate our key goals to improve student learning at GK. Placed in mixed teams, they were instructed to use posters, creativity and visual language to interpret and present key focus areas from our 2016 AIP. A lot of fun and laughter was had, which is a staff priority. Importantly, a communal, collegiate understanding of what we’re working on together this year for the betterment of our students’ learning was clearly established.

Don’t forget next Wednesday we have Camp Quality joining us to provide our students with an engaging and information packed presentation around cancer education. They do not charge for this, however students are encouraged to donate a gold coin to this very worthy cause on the day. Hoping your week makes you smile.

PREP FAMILY BBQ

Last night it was a pleasure hosting our first Prep ‘Getting to Know You Better’ BBQ. Despite the heat, the evening was attended very well by many families of our 2016 Preps. It was great to see mums and dads interacting with each other as well as the Prep Teaching Team who were present. The children played well together, introducing their Prep friends to families. The evening provided an opportunity for parents to place a name with a face with new friendships that have been formed in the last few week. I would like to thank our dedicated PFA team for setting up, cooking and serving the BBQ dinner. This event was initiated by our PFA and the feedback from staff and parents has been overwhelmingly positive and encouraged as an annual event.

PFA ARE AWESOME BUT NEED YOUR HELP!

This event highlights just a small way community can become involved within our PFA (Parents & Friends Association) who are holding an AGM meeting on Tuesday 8th March at 7pm. Small or large contributions are always welcome. If you are unsure about what joining PFA would look like for you, you are welcome to attend the AGM for an overview of key projects and initiatives planned for this year. All welcome!

DIARY

2016 - TERM 1

Wed 9th Mar
Camp Quality Incursion.
Gold Coin Donation

Thu 10th Mar
Whole School Photo Day

Mon 14th Mar
LABOUR DAY

Tue 15th Mar
Parent Teacher Interviews
3.10pm–4.30pm

Wed 23rd Mar
Parent Teacher Interviews
3.20—7.00pm

LAST DAY THURSDAY
24th March

Thu 14th Apr
Cyber Safety Gr 5 & 6

SAVE THE DATE:
Working Bee
Sunday 17th APRIL

Leanne Tingwell  Principal
Congratulations to our FEBRUARY Student Of The Month recipients. Thank you for being wonderful students in our school. You will be congratulated on Monday at our assembly, asked to stand so we can give you a pat on the back. The Mrs Tingwell and Miss ter Haar will visit you with your SOTM certificate. Well done special people!
Admin Information

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:
At the close of nominations, the School received four nominations for the four available parent positions. Therefore we have great pleasure in announcing that Lynne Bartlett, Charles Charalambous, Stacey Lawler and Zoe Webster have been duly elected onto the Glen Katherine Primary School Council as Parent members for the next two years. Similarly, I have great pleasure in announcing that Annemarie Webb and Karen ter Haar have been elected as DET members for Glen Katherine Primary School Council for the next two years. We thank all these new members for their nomination and look forward to another productive year of School Council. At the School Council AGM on March 16th, we will be confirming office bearers and will notify the GK community in due course.

We would also like to thank out going members, Libby Downey, Marcus Whelan, Margie Haynes and Melissa Houston for their commitment and contribution made while being members of the GK School Council.

PARENT TEACHER ONLINE:
Letters and login codes are being sent home today to the eldest of each family in preparation for next week when the system opens for parent bookings. Please see below for further information.

PARENT STATEMENTS:
Parent financial statements went home with students yesterday. The 2016 Curriculum Charge is now due and any payments families would like to make in regard to Voluntary Contributions i.e. Building & Grounds Charge, First Aid Charge and Library Trust (tax deductible) would be greatly appreciated. For any payment issues please contact Jodee Jackson to discuss. Payment can be made via Qkr, our preferred method. Also families will soon be receiving 2016 Bulk Billing information and payment details.

REMINDER—CSEF — Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund
We can accept parent application forms until 3 June 2016. Forms available from the office.

Qkr & Skoolbag:
We have added the Grade 5&6 Sports payment to Qkr and the new Special Lunch day will also be added to Qkr. All Bulk Billing will also be on Qkr—it’s so easy to use and pay for all school related charges so please download and give it a try.

We are using Skoolbag more this year to stay in touch with our GK Community so please also give that a try!

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Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 15th March and Wednesday 23rd March

Parent/Teacher meetings provide an opportunity for parents to meet with their child’s teacher and discuss progress to date along with any identified concerns or issues. These meetings will take place on Tue 15th March (3.10-4.30pm) and Wed 25th March (3.20pm-7pm) and will be of a 10 minute duration. Please note there are also extra and different times setup for Grade 4A and all Grade 5 classes which will be detailed in the grade level notices to parents.

You will receive a notice today regarding forthcoming parent/teacher meetings will be given to the eldest child in each family. The notice will include a PTO logon code for parents. Please go to the school’s website, click on the PTO link, login using the code provided and book your preferred meeting times. The PTO booking site will be active from 8am Monday 7th March until noon on Friday 11th March.

Only one logon code can be issued per family so for parents in a separated family that does not receive a code, please contact the office & we can make a booking on your behalf or you can contact the classroom teacher to make alternative arrangements. If you have any problems with
Helping your child with Mathematics

Building on the work we have been doing with Michael Ymer at GKPS, each week we will be bringing you some Maths ideas to try at home!

BIG IDEAS
1. Building on success is important
2. Working things out for themselves
3. Time to think
4. Talk
5. Use mathematical words
6. Read children’s books with mathematical themes

3. Time to Think
Children need time to think and time to answer. When asking your children questions or talking to them about Mathematics, give them time. Be patient. Wait for them to answer. Also, explain to older children that they need to give younger children time to answer questions, rather than always answering for them.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES—REMEMBERING
It is helpful for children to get practice at remembering numbers and other information. Examples of the type of information which we commonly try to remember are:

⇒ Telephone numbers: when children are young you might ask them to repeat back to you 2 or 3 numbers in a row; as they get older they should be able to repeat back to you longer strings, and even to remember some numbers such as their own phone number and those of their grandparents
⇒ Addresses; help the children to learn their own address and others such as their grandparents
⇒ Car registration numbers
⇒ Birthdays: children can learn the birth dates in your family, and those of other relatives and friends
⇒ Times of special events
**DIVISION SWIMMING**

Tues 1/3/2016 Division swimming. Grade 5 boys came 1st in Freestyle relay (Nathan Watts, Kane Marriott, Daniel Weightman & Finn Maloney). Nathan Watts also came 1st in Backstroke and 3rd in Butterfly. Well done boys. Good luck next week!

**District Swimming Carnival**


**Basketball Referee**

We are in need of a basketball referee for our Friday morning Interschool Sport. If you are available on Friday mornings from 9:15-10:45 for the next 4 weeks (until the end of Term 1 and then for all of Term 4) and you are a basketball referee (or experienced in basketball) please contact the school.

Thanks
Shannon Whelan
Hi my name is Jessica! I am very excited to be your art captain this year. I love art and drawing, because I can just let my imagination run free! My hobbies include dancing and singing, so I am looking forward to Performing Arts. I am also looking forward to all the leadership tasks ahead and working with McKinley.

I will always try to be the best person I can be and take pride in my work.

Hi my name's McKinley! I am very lucky to be an Art Captain for 2016! I am really looking forward to working alongside Jessica this year to help out with Visual Arts as well as Performing Arts.

I have had a great passion for art just about my whole life! For four years I did dancing which included jazz, tap and ballet. I also hope to join the YABC which is singing, dancing and drama.

What I love about art is that there is no limit to your own imagination!

I look forward to helping out, and showing/ improving my leadership skills! :)

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**CANTEEN**

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*There have been price increases this year, please make sure you are using our Feb 2016 GK Canteen Price List* – items will be removed from your order if there is not enough money supplied. The Price List can be obtained from the Admin office or viewed on our website.

Look out on Monday for our first Special Lunch for 2016. The Bunny Buster Lunch Munch will be held on the last day of term, Thursday 24th March. **All orders must be received by 4pm on Thursday 17th March.** Subway Diamond Creek will be making the subs fresh for us & Woolworths St Helena are supplying the mini choc chip Hot Cross Buns.

Still have a teal coloured top belonging to one of my volunteers; please contact me so I can arrange to reunite you.

Suzi Cunningham
GK Parents & Friends Association

*** NEW MEMBERS REQUIRED ***

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 8th March 2016
7.00pm
GK STAFFROOM, Supper & refreshments provided!

THE AGM WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

New members, fresh ideas & people power are needed!

At our monthly meetings you can: grab a cuppa, chat about new PFA initiatives & fundraising ideas, catch up on school news with Leanne Tingwell & staff and enjoy supper.

Meetings also provide an opportunity to voice ideas, suggestions and give feedback.

You are NOT expected to take on any major role; there are lots of little tasks that pop up throughout the year. Put your hand up if and when you are confident. **We work as a team!**

WHAT IS THE PFA?

PFA: Parents and Friends Association

The PFA is not just about fundraising, did you know we also:

Provide a link between the community and the school council.
Assist with the Prep Transition Program, including Cheers & Tears morning tea for the parents on their first day.
Contact and welcome new families to the school.
Arrange social & family events, e.g.: Fetes, Movie nights, GK disco, Trivia Nights.
Provide Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls for students to purchase gifts.
On-sell second-hand uniforms
Organise and coordinate Grade Communicators
Provide refreshments and assist with tours for Education week.
Organise guest speakers to provide important information to parents about issues relevant to our children.

I would love to see you at the meeting, please consider coming along to find out what it’s all about. If you have any queries please contact me, Bridget Ramaekers (Current President) 0407 243 024 or

* JOIN OUR PFA EMAILING LIST

If you are not able to attend regular meetings but would like to be included on our PFA emailing list please sends your details to: glenkpfia@gmail.com. We will keep you informed of upcoming events or tasks that require volunteers via this link so that you can get involved in activities that suit you.

*Note: Email details will only be used for PFA related matters.*
Netsetgo starts next term—Mondays and Fridays.

a modified skills program for 5-9 year olds
Learn the basic skills of netball.

Diamond Creek Netball Club
offer the choice of two courses-
Monday & Friday After School
Where: Diamond Creek Netball Complex
  Diamond St, Diamond Creek
Cost: $85–10 sessions includes ball, T-shirt and Netball Victoria Registration and Insurance
Session Time: Monday 4-5pm (Crt 5)
  Friday 4.30-5.30pm (Crt 8)
COMMUNITY NEWS

GREENHILLS MONTMORENCY BASEBALL CLUB IS RECRUITING FOR THE 2016 WINTER SEASON

Are you aged 6 to 16?
Have you ever wanted to play baseball?
Now is the time to give it a go!

PLAYER SIGN-UP DAY
Friday March 4th 2016, 4pm - 8pm
Malcolm Blair Reserve, Karingal Drive, Greensborough
All skill levels welcome
Enquiries: Paul (Junior Co-Ordinator)
juniors2016@montybaseball.com.au

LEARNING BASIC FIRST AID COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

Would you like to learn some basic first aid skills?
Local resident, volunteer and paramedic Craig Hazelwood will provide a general introduction regarding CPR, water safety and first aid.

Please join us...
DATE: 15 March 2016  TIME: 10.30am - 12.30pm
VENUE: Vicki Ward’s Office - 716 Main Road, Eltham
Register your details via email to: vicki.ward@parliament.vic.gov.au
or phone the office on 0439 1900.

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Warrandyte High School
Open Night
Thursday 17th March
4.30pm and 6.45pm School Tours
6.15 Information Session
Further Information:
9844 2749
whs@warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au

You will have the opportunity to view and discuss:
• Excellent academic results
• Student Leadership Opportunities
• Tiber School in China Exchange Program
• Wide range of VCE acceleration opportunities
• Enrichment Program
• Dynamic Performing Arts
• Breadth of offerings
• Maker Space

movies ON THE MOVE
Guardians of the Galaxy
Sat 5th March, 6.30pm-10.30pm
Free

LOCATION
Anthony Beale Reserve
St Helena Road, St Helena

ACTIVITIES FROM 6.30pm
• FREE children’s activities, including face painting, start from 6.30pm
• Movie starts at 8.15pm
• BYO seating and blanket
• BYO picnic
• Sausage sizzle

• Meet your local Councillor Wayne Phillips and our ‘Out and About’ team
• Accessible event
• No bookings required

Face painting

MORE INFORMATION
www.banyule.vic.gov.au or call us on 9490 4222