PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

CAMP QUALITY PRIMARY EDUCATION PROGRAM VISITS GK!

Yesterday we were privileged to have two puppeteers from Camp Quality bring their puppet show to all classes from P-6. Camp Quality is a children's family cancer charity with the purpose of making a better life for every child living with cancer in Australia.

This is close to our heart as we have children and families within our GK community who have experienced cancer and the many physical and emotional challenges this brings. Our students were immersed into the life of a child living with cancer and the role cancer education, optimism and friendship plays in this. The children giggled through the comedy side of the show as well as learning lots of valuable information. Thank you to Marisa Pace, our Prep teacher, for organising this event.

CAN YOU HELP KEEP OUR 2017 MEGA FETE A POSSIBILITY?

During the PFA AGM on Tuesday night, grave concerns were expressed regarding the 2017 MEGA FETE taking place. Our MEGA FETE, which has run biannually, is a fabulous community opportunity to come together and showcase who we are at GK. We also are fortunate that this event consistently raises a lot of money that has been used purposely to target key goals in improving teaching and learning for our students. At present, we have one person who has volunteered to join the FETE COMMITTEE. The reality is, if we do not have any other parent volunteers the MEGA FETE will not go ahead in 2017.

If you are considering volunteering but are unsure about what this means in terms of organisation and commitment I encourage you to call Bridget Ramaekers, our PFA President, for a chat. Previous FETE COMMITTEES have already developed explicit procedures and structures to ensure the FETE is a success—you would not be starting from scratch. We would appreciate any assistance. See the information further in our linkletter for contact details.

OUR REGIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Yesterday we had a number of students head off to the Regional Swimming Competition. Two boys came to my office in the afternoon looking very exhausted but with smiles matching the shine of the medals hanging proudly around their necks.

Our freestyle relay team won their event by 1 second with a team time of 2minutes and 43 seconds. Leading the relay team was Fynn M, followed by Daniel W, Kane M and finishing with Nathan W. Congratulations to these boys and we wish them the very best of luck in the upcoming State finals.

Car Park Thank You Thank you to the students and parents for working hard to be mindful of each other in using the Drop Off Zone fluidly and safely. Exits have been faster and safer, and traffic flowing a little better since our reminders about procedures were shared.

Enjoy your long weekend. Leanne Tingwell Principal
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

**4. Talk**

Encourage children to talk. Talking about Mathematics is an effective way of learning and the family is one of the best places to talk, especially when mathematical

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**SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES—WEIGHING**

Children learn first to compare things by hand, and by using balances. Later, they learn about kilograms and grams. You can:

- Talk to your children about different ways of weighing things
- Talk about containers in terms of how much they weigh
- Compare the size and weight of items in the supermarket
- Weigh ingredients when you are cooking (learning to cook is helpful in many ways).

**SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES—CAPACITY**

Children learn to compare containers by their capacities. Sometimes children think that a tall skinny glass holds more than a short fat one. Playing with containers and water helps. Children can use water or rice to compare the capacity of containers. They also learn about litres, then about millilitres. You can:

- Talk about the size of the containers, of items such as washing detergent bottles and medicine glasses
- Describe objects in terms of their capacity such as the 375mL bottle of drink, or the 5mL spoon.
Admin Information

PARENT TEACHER ONLINE:
Just a reminder that **PTO closes tomorrow, Friday 11th March at 12noon**. Please contact the office if you have misplaced your logon code and parents in a separated family can also make an interview booking through the office.

PARENT STATEMENTS:

Bulk Billing notices for 2016 will come home with the students tomorrow. All excursions/incursions that have been planned for 2016 are linked to the Curriculum taught at that grade level this year. Teachers and the GK Leadership group have given every consideration to keep the costs at a minimum but have also made sure that the students are given a chance to have many varied experiences.

We have changed things this year by streaming the permission slip process. We have created a grade level yearly permission slip that once signed gives parent permission for their child to participate in all 2016 activities listed on the slip. By signing this form this also gives a commitment to pay for those listed excursions/incursions. Once signed, you will not have to sign and send back a permission slip for each activity as it occurs. Instead you will receive an information sheet about 3-4 weeks before a particular event with specific information about that activity eg what to wear, bus collection times, request for parent helpers and also an invoice will be attached if payment has not yet been received. We are hoping this new form will help families by reducing the amount of paperwork and it also helps us here in the office by cutting down our processing times.

All charges have been added to Qkr and we encourage families to use this fantastic easy way of paying GK school charges. If anyone is not sure how to download and setup Qkr please come to the office and we can give you a hand! Payments can be made via 3 instalments or in full and if you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact Jodee Jackson to discuss payment options.

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**CANTEEN**

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*Bunny Buster Lunch Munch is due back by 4pm Thursday, 17th March.*  Payment can be made on QKR if you prefer, please complete the Receipt Number on the flyer. No late orders will be accepted. If you can help out on the day, please complete the bottom section on the flyer. There are a few spare forms at the office, or you can print them off the website.

A reminder that Ice-creams, jellies, shusha's & fruit cups should not be included on your lunch bags, as these items must be purchased at the canteen counter.

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

Suzi Cunningham
BUNNY BUSTER LUNCH MUNCH

THURSDAY, 24TH MARCH, 2016

FULL NAME: ..............................................................................................................

GRADE: ..................................................................................................................

1 x SUBWAY VEGETARIAN 4 INCH SUB
(Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot on White Roll
made fresh by Diamond Creek Subway)

Served with
1 x MINI CHOC CHIP HOT CROSS BUN

&

1 x 250ml 100% POP TOP JUICE
Select Your Choice Of

☐ APPLE       or       ☐ ORANGE

$7.00

PLEASE RETURN BY 4PM THURSDAY, 17TH MARCH 2016
IF PAID ON QKR : Receipt No .........................

No late orders accepted/No refunds given.
NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY.

PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED FROM 9.30AM to 11AM

NAME: ___________________________ CONTACT ph: ________________________
(Mobile Preferred)
SPORTS NEWS

FUN RUN – NEXT THURSDAY 17TH MARCH

The Annual School House Fun Run will be held on Thursday 17th March. All children are expected to participate and represent their house on the day. Events will be held in grade groupings for children in prep to grade 3, and in age groups for children in grades 4, 5 & 6 (9/10, 11 & 12/13 years respectively). Children will be advised of their House name and colour by their class teacher, either EUCA-LYPT (blue), ACACIA (gold), CORREA (green) or GREVILLEA (red) and are encouraged to wear appropriate sports attire and house colours on the day.

Children need to ensure their tops have shoulders covered (i.e. are T-shirts, in line with our SunSmart Policy) and that they wear appropriate styled shorts/pleated sports skirts with sports briefs or bike shorts. Shoe string or bare-midriff tops are unacceptable. Children are NOT to have extreme hair colors and styles on these special out of uniform days.

Please ensure that your child has a drink and appropriate medication on the day. The first twelve competitors in the 9-12 age groups will be selected in a training squad to prepare for the District Cross Country to be held at Bundoora Park on Thursday 26th May. Gr 3-4 students will be timed to determine the first 12 placegetters. From this squad a team of 10 students plus 2 emergencies will be selected.

Grade 3-6 events commence at 9am and conclude at 11am
Grade Prep – 2 events commence at 12pm and conclude at 1.30pm

Teachers will be supervising the children on the oval and/or school grounds, depending on their age-group, as they run the course. In order to ensure the safety of all children and to enable the program to run smoothly, we require the assistance of parents to act as course marshalls. If we do not have enough parent volunteers we cannot supervise the entire course to ensure the safety of all children.

DIVISION TENNIS SUCCESS

Congratulations to Flynn C and Harry L who won through to the final of the Northern Division Final held at Plenty Courts on Monday. Both boys played 5 games to qualify for the final and then play-off against one another. In a close encounter Flynn C prevailed 6 games to 4.

A fantastic achievement by both boys, they now go on to the Regional Primary School Titles to be held on 21st March. I wish them all the best for this tournament.

David Blackburn
(PE Teacher)
MOTHER's DAY STALL 2016

Donations wanted

Do you have anything you could donate that a Mum or Nana would want?

Could you donate any wrapped lollies, chocolates, potty mix, succulent cuttings bubble wrap, or wrappings?

Do you have a business or work for a company that could donate any gift items to the stall. Ex. Nursery items, teas, Biscuits etc...

Do you have any spare time to help put together the gifts for the stall or help at the stall?

Please Contact Sharon Murphy Ph/Sms 0407829036 or samualj@bigpond.com

Please leave all donations in box at front door of the school office

Thankyou

GLEN KATHERINE MEGA FETE – 2017 is at risk of being CANCELLED.

In order to have a Fete in 2017 volunteers are required NOW to Co ordinate this event.

Unfortunately we only have one parent willing to assist on the committee so far.

A Mega Fete committee needs to be formed this month to commence preparations for next year’s fete. Date’s need to be set, rides ordered and planning started to ensure this great day for our children can occur. It is not only a fantastic way to raise a substantial amount of fundraising dollars for GK but is also a wonderful day to show case our school and bring families and the community together.

Support, guidance, and documentation provided by the PFA and School Council.

The core committee general consists of the following positions/roles:

Convener, Finance, Operations, Sponsorship/Donations

CAN YOU HELP?

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A FETE?

Contact Bridget Ramaekers 0407 243 024 or email glenkpfpa@gmail.com for any further information.

Please complete the form below and return to the school office

I am interested in assisting with the 2017 GK MEGA FETE (Please return slip to school office)

Name: _________________________________________________________________

Mobile: _______________________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________

Eldest Child: ________________________________________ Grade:_________
COMMUNITY NEWS

DIAMOND CREEK BLUE LIGHT DISCO
FANCY DRESS
MARCH 18TH
7-10PM | 8 TO 13 ONLY | $8
COMMUNITY BANK STADIUM
500 OAK STREET, DIAMOND CREEK
CONTACT SIMON GREGG ON 0404 498 309
BLUELIGHT_VC

GLEN KATHERINE PS
TEEN LESSONS
Location: Glen Katherine Primary School Tennis Courts
WE SPECIALISE IN LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS
BOUNCE INTO OUR Term 1 SUMMER SPECIAL
FOR FIRST 10 NEW STUDENTS
Enrol Now & Receive 30% Off Your Fees
and also receive a FREE HEAD Tennis Racquet Pack valued at $50
ENROL NOW FOR
TERM 1 2016 LESSONS
For more information please call Topline Tennis on 0432 - 3708
Web: www.toplinetennis.com Email: info@toplinetennis.com

Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre
April 2016
Floating Inflatable Fun
Ivanhoe Aquatic & Fitness Centre
Monday to Friday
(except Wednesdays)
1 - 3pm
Learn to Swim Intensives
intensives
Tuesday 28/3 - Friday 1/4 - $52.40
Monday 4/4 - Friday 4/4 - $55.50
Or
the 9 days for $105.10 (10% discount)
Includes pool entry
Bookings essential on 9490 7311

Children's activities
Prep to grade 6
Cost $15 (Bookings essential)

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Circus fun
experience fun
in tumbling, acrobatics, juggling,国产 and much more
Circus camp
Come along in your old clothes and create a travelling circus
Circus experience and fun activities that kids can try at home
Circus experience and fun activities that kids can try at home
COMMUNITY NEWS

CHILD CARE
Guardian Early Learning Centre
Montmorency
Discover meaningful, play-based care & education for your child
9436 1389 guardian.edu.au

MARKET AT THE MANOR
20th March
Ashton Manor
44-55 Main Street Diamond Creek
10am–2pm
3rd Sunday of Every Month
Lots of amazing Stalls
Coffee and Food
Face Painting for the kids
21/2 20/3 17/4 15/5
19/6 17/7 21/8 18/9
16/10 20/11 18/12
For more information contact Amanda
marketatthemanor@sparkleandcoevents.com.au
www.facebook.com/ascotdesigns

Open Night
Thursday 17th March
4-6pm and 6.45-8pm School Tours
6.15 Information Session
Further information:
9844 2749
www.warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au

Warrandyte High School has a strong belief in providing the best possible learning environment for all students. We have an excellent range of facilities, including a fully equipped computer lab, science laboratory, and music and art rooms. Our school also offers a variety of extracurricular activities, including music, drama, and sports teams. We are proud to be part of the wider Warrandyte community and work closely with local businesses and organizations to support our students. We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Night event on Thursday 17th March, where you can learn more about our school and meet our staff and students. We hope to see you there!