



**WELCOME TO GK**

We are looking forward to meeting your child and family and welcoming you officially into our GK Community. Our GK Prep Connect Program traditionally is facilitated face-to-face, on-site however this remote learning experience we currently find ourselves in may prevent this.



For this reason, the 2021 Prep Connect Program has been developed to be facilitated virtually, with the opportunity to transition to on-site, face-to-face connection if this can occur. Regardless of which option we deliver, our intent is to connect with you and your child and begin our partnership in learning.

**Our 2021 PREP CONNECT PROGRAM**

We invite you to engage as a family in the following aspects of our program. These events and tasks will provide you with the opportunity to learn more about GK, what you can expect for your child in starting formal learning, as well as some virtual 'Prep' lessons for your child to participate in.

**FAMILY TASK 1:** Could we please ask families to **email us a clear face shot of your child**. As it is highly likely we will not be allowed to host our future preps and families on-site next term, we are creating an **'I'm here next year' gallery** in our school entrance/foyer. With the email could you please also add a statement from your child that starts with...**'I love to...'** We will not be putting student surnames with these faces but will display their first name and the 'I love...' statement to get to know them. This will go a long way in creating the exciting energy our new Preppies bring with them and will be up in place from day 1 when they do finally arrive, for all to see.

\*\*\*If you do not wish for this to occur please reply via email to let us know.

**FAMILY TASK 2:** Could we please ask families to **email us a self-portrait by your child**. On a blank white piece of A4 paper, ask your child to draw themselves using a **black texta only**. This is a surprise task and the purpose of this will be revealed in due course.

**CAN BOTH TASKS PLEASE BE EMAILED to [foundation@glenkps.vic.edu.au](mailto:foundation@glenkps.vic.edu.au) by THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER – thank you in advance.**

**Please note key dates and keep a look out in your emails for reminders of these events:**

1 <sup>st</sup> PARENT ZOOM SESSION	CONTENT	DATE
<b>Meet &amp; Greet ZOOM Meeting</b>	Get to know a little about GK with Leanne Tingwell (Principal) & Shannon Whelan (Assistant Principal)	<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b> 1.00pm 7.00pm (repeat session)
<b>ZOOM MEETING INVITE and LINKS</b> **Note – you only need to attend one as they are repeat sessions		
<b>Thursday Sep 10, 2020 1:00 PM</b> Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://zoom.us/j/9513343373?pwd=cmp5UmdJNi9GY3IHajNkTHBYbGVNdz09">https://zoom.us/j/9513343373?pwd=cmp5UmdJNi9GY3IHajNkTHBYbGVNdz09</a>  Meeting ID: 951 334 3373 Passcode: GKPS	<b>Thursday Sep 10, 2020 7:00 PM</b> Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://zoom.us/j/9513343373?pwd=cmp5UmdJNi9GY3IHajNkTHBYbGVNdz09">https://zoom.us/j/9513343373?pwd=cmp5UmdJNi9GY3IHajNkTHBYbGVNdz09</a>  Meeting ID: 951 334 3373 Passcode: GKPS	
2 <sup>nd</sup> PARENT ZOOM SESSION	CONTENT	DATE
<b>GK Q&amp;A ZOOM Meeting</b>	This session follows on from parents receiving their GK Transition Booklet via email and aims to answer any further questions you may have and well as step through some items	<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b> 1.00pm 7.00pm (repeat session)
<i>*GK Transition Booklet emailed to parents on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September</i>		
<b>Thursday Sep 17, 2020 1:00 PM</b> Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://zoom.us/j/9513343373?pwd=cmp5UmdJNi9GY3IHajNkTHBYbGVNdz09">https://zoom.us/j/9513343373?pwd=cmp5UmdJNi9GY3IHajNkTHBYbGVNdz09</a>  Meeting ID: 951 334 3373 Passcode: GKPS	<b>Thursday Sep 17, 2020 7:00 PM</b> Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://zoom.us/j/9513343373?pwd=cmp5UmdJNi9GY3IHajNkTHBYbGVNdz09">https://zoom.us/j/9513343373?pwd=cmp5UmdJNi9GY3IHajNkTHBYbGVNdz09</a>  Meeting ID: 951 334 3373 Passcode: GKPS	

### VIRTUAL LESSONS for 2021 Preps - children to participate from home

Any materials required for these lessons will be posted out to families by the end of this term, ready for the lessons to start.

Pre-recorded Story time	Pre-recorded Art Class	Pre-recorded Science at GK	Pre-recorded P.E. Session
Children participate in a story book immersion with a follow up activity to do (Materials to be delivered)	Children participate in a pre-recorded art class	Children participate in a simple science session	Children participate in a simple Phys. Ed session
<b>Recording will be shared on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Recording will be shared on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Recording will be shared on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>Recording will be shared on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>

### ‘BEING A GK PREP’ VIDEO SUITE available for families

We have created some videos that will be shared with families via email on the date below that we feel are beneficial to watch in preparation of your child beginning school next year.

My child’s WELFARE & WELLBEING Needs – what should I be mindful of?	My Preparing my child and our family for Prep	COMPASS and QKR – what are they?	Learning in Prep – What can we expect?	Seesaw – digital portfolios
Self-regulation Resilience Anxiety Character Qualities	Routines and Organisation Hints and Tips	Learn about the communication platforms we use at GK – get hooked up.	Learning qualities, knowledge and skill development in the first year of school	Learn about our digital portfolio that your child will be using in Term 1
<b>Recording will be shared on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>	<b>Recording will be shared on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>	<b>Recording will be shared on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b>	<b>Recording will be shared on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b>	<b>Recording will be shared on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>

### STORY TIME – getting to know who we are at GK

Nearly every Friday in term four, we will be emailing a story time video to you. Key staff will be taking it in turns to read a story that your child can view. Leanne Tingwell (Principal), Shannon Whelan (Assistant Principal) and later the 2021 Prep Team will take turns in reading, allowing you and your family to get to know the faces and people here at GK. This is an optional activity for you to consider.

Story time with Mrs Tingwell	Story time with Mrs Whelan	Story time with the Prep Team
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December



### SOCIAL STORIES for you to read with your child

Social stories are carefully constructed texts that tell a story that your child will likely experience in the lead up to starting school. By reading these with your child, it opens up the opportunity for discussion, sharing feelings of joy, excitement or worry while also familiarising your child with the specifics of GK.

These stories may arrive by post or be emailed – either way, keep a look out for them as we use them to help prepare your child for their start with us.

People you will meet at GK	Places you will see at GK	My GK Buddy	My first day at GK
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If you have any questions regarding any of the information presented above, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

We really look forward to getting to know you and your child as they begin this magical time at GK.

Leanne Tingwell and Shannon Whelan  
Principal                      Assistant Principal