From The Principal

Dear Parents,

The sun is shining; the Melbourne Cup has been run and won; the School Fair season is in full swing and it is almost time for the first Glen Iris Primary School Twilight Market! Around the school, you can feel the anticipation building for this exciting event on Friday, 15 November – the first such event at our school for many years. Under the leadership of Rachael Thomson, our Market Convenor, I have been overwhelmed by the huge amount of support and commitment offered by an army of volunteers over many months. The Twilight Market is bound to further boost our sense of community spirit working together through the preparations and from the shared experience on the evening. I am sure the boys and girls will have a wonderful time and the organisers are poised for a great success.

Congratulations and thank you to Rachael Thompson, Dana Barry, Kim Murrells and their enormous team for their hard work and best wishes for a smooth and successful event. Let’s all cross our fingers for a beautiful, balmy evening to bring things all together.

2014 Booklists and School Levies

In 2014, there will be new arrangements for the purchase of individual student requisites and the payment of school levies. Whereas in the past, you have had to find time to call at the school, wait in line, collect, check and pay for your children's school requirements, soon you will be able to do all this without leaving home, work or your holiday destination. Glen Iris Primary School Council has liaised with OfficeMax, our regular supplier of student book boxes and school supplies, to bring all your needs to you in an online environment. In the coming weeks, you will receive detailed information outlining how to order the student requisites your child requires and pay your school expenses on line in one step. Your payments will be forwarded to the school by OfficeMax and your book box of student materials will be delivered to your door or preferred address. **Families will need to place orders on line shortly to ensure you receive your requirements before school resumes so please read the material we send home in the next couple of weeks carefully.**

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| Friday 15  | **Twilight Market** |
| Monday 18  | House Swimming Gr 3-6 |

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We hope this makes “Back To School” easier for everyone in 2014.

Class Placement 2014

Shortly, teachers will begin the lengthy process of developing well-balanced classes for optimal learning in 2014. Input from class teachers, parents and children is taken into account in conjunction with learning, social and personality considerations. Parents with particular information they would like to be considered during this process may put their request in writing to me no later than Friday, 8 November. Requests may relate to social, family or learning matters. Requests relating to individual teachers will not be considered. If you would like to discuss your request, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with Robyn Floyd or me by Friday, 8 November, to ensure your request can be considered in the timeframe for the class placement process. By following this process, we are best able to meet your request. In the event that we are unable to meet any requests, parents will be contacted prior to classes being announced. Late requests will not be accepted.
2014 Prep Transition
We are looking forward to welcoming our 2014 Preps to their first “TAKE OFF” Transition session on this Friday, 8 November. The children will participate in four sessions during November incorporating specialist lessons and classroom programs whilst parents are involved in workshops outlining various school programs and procedures. The “TAKE OFF” program is a vital component of children’s preparation to commence school and I would urge all families of 2014 Preps to do their utmost to attend the program. Feedback from parents over a number of years tells us that “TAKE OFF” is a highly effective and valued program at Glen Iris.

Whole School Transition
We know that moving on to new grades and classes is a challenging time for many children. In fact, experts liken the experience to starting a new job where you need to adjust to many new people and expectations. At Glen Iris, we anticipate that children will make this transition more smoothly with some opportunities to become familiar with their new grades, teachers and what to expect. Teachers are planning a series of experiences for children commencing later in November when all classes will experience what lies ahead. Children will visit classrooms, meet their teacher and new classmates and have the chance to ask questions of the children in the year ahead. We hope this will assist children to have a smooth introduction to school in 2014.

Congratulations Melissa!
I would like to congratulate Grade 5/6 teacher, Melissa Costa, on her recent appointment to Sacre Coeur in 2014. Melissa has taught at Glen Iris Primary School since 2005 making a valuable contribution as a member of our teaching staff. We wish her well for the future.

Plans for 2014
It is already that time of year when our school must make some major decisions regarding our operation for 2014. Families can assist us with these important decisions by letting us know if their children will not return to Glen Iris in 2014. If your child will not return to GIPS in 2014, please notify the Office in writing as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely

Wednesday 13 November 2013
Cybersmart Outreach
Internet Safety Awareness Presentations (ISAP)
Trainer - Lesley Harrison

5/6 STUDENT SESSION
2.30 - 3.30pm
Students will attend the one hour presentation at 2.30-3.30 with class teachers.

PARENT SESSION
6.30 - 7.30pm
In response to parent concern and request for more detailed information after our Cybersafety parent workshop earlier this year we will be offering an ISAP session for parents to further increase parent awareness.

Robyn Floyd - Assistant Principal
The Grade Two children went to CERES Environment Park in Brunswick last Friday as part of their investigation into the topic ‘Going Green’. They enjoyed a beautiful spring day learning about the 4R’s – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink.

The different activities were designed to help the children identify simple ways of caring for our environment. Everyone had a terrific time as they made paper from pulp, sorted rubbish for recycling and got their hands dirty with worms and insects.

Thank you to the parents who assisted on the day – we hope you learnt a few tips along the way!

Meagan Cofield, Brodee Goldman and Emma Black
Felting and Silk Dyeing

The students will be working together on a whole school project, exploring colour, texture and pattern through textiles, to create a mural. They will use merino wools to make felt, paint sun and silk dyes onto Habutai and Pongee silks and experiment with a variety of stitching techniques to embellish their fabrics.

The students’ work will be mounted onto a canvas that they have coloured using watercolour paints. They will also take home a swatch of their fabric that will be mounted onto card.

Parents are invited to join the students during class time to assist and see the processes involved. (Please note that parents must have a current WWC.)

Michele Freeland-Small - Visual Arts Coordinator
**GIPS TWILIGHT MARKET IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!**

With just over a week to go until the Twilight Market, you can now keep up with all the action, latest news on rides, showbags and more at:

www.facebook.com/gipsfair.

Please “LIKE US” and “SHARE US” with all your friends. We want to ensure a fabulous turnout on the day, and it's also a great way of showing our sponsors and donors that we appreciate their support. Not to mention trumpeting the amazing work being put in by members of the school community. We'll be posting about the hottest auction items so you can do your research ahead of the bidding bonanza, and we've just shared some inside information (shh...) about the content of our showbags. But if you don't look, you'll never know.....

Rachael Thomson - Coordinator

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**TWILIGHT MARKET - SHOWBAG STALL**

For all those who like a bag of goodies, come along to the showbag stall! There will be five to choose from, at $6 each. There are limited numbers of each, so you may like to think about this in advance, and come prepared!

1. **GLOWBAG** - with glow in the dark accessories
2. **KITKAT** - for the sweet tooth
3. **STINKY and GROSS** - yucky stuff, too gross to mention here
4. **PRINCESS ROCK** - for those who like black nail polish
5. **GREAT INFLATE** - some inflatable goodies!

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**LUNCHTIME LIBRARY DUTY**

Thankyou to everyone who volunteered for this term already, however there are still a few dates remaining. Please try and find a spare lunchtime as your children would love to see you. Remember you need a current working with children check to participate.

Justine Moore (9889 9547)
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On behalf of Parents Association.
GIPS Twilight Market
15 November 2013 from 6-9pm

On the 15 November, GIPS will come alive with over 70 stalls of fabulous arts and crafts, gourmet food and Christmas supplies and gifts, accompanied by live music, a choir performance, and children’s rides, activities and show bags.

DISCOUNTS: Ride Armbands can be pre-purchased via trybooking for the discounted price of $20 per person (http://www.trybooking.com/DVNA). These will be on sale from the ticket booth for $25 on the night.

Just bring your trybooking ticket to GIPS on the night and swap it for your armband/s. These will be available at the ticket booth from 5:45pm. Please note that the pre-booking deadline is 6:00pm on Wed 13th November.


Join in the fun!
2013 TERM DATES
Term 1 30 January to 28 March
Term 2 15 April to 28 June
Term 3 15 July to 20 September
Term 4 7 October to 20 December

2014 TERM DATES
Term 1 30 January to 4 April
Term 2 22 April to 27 June
Term 3 14 July to 19 September
Term 4 6 October to 19 December