Dear Parents,
Welcome back to one and all for Term 4. I trust everyone has enjoyed the holiday break. A couple of highlights for me were whale watching on the southwest coast of Western Australia and adventure caving near Margaret River. I hope you all created some happy memories and experiences too.

Solar Panel installation
Over the holiday period, the school installed a 25kW solar power system on the roof of the library building. The system represents a significant investment by the school to offset electricity costs now and in the future as well to clearly reflect the school’s responsible approach to environmental impact and sustainability. It is expected the system will provide about 35 per cent of the school’s electricity needs each year. The School Council has estimated that the system will have paid for itself in six years and provide a net return for the following 14 years. The planning and implementation of this project was largely made possible through the efforts and expertise of our Buildings and Environment convenor, Ilias Mastoris. Ilias’ tireless commitment to the research into and logistics of the solar panel system has been a huge advantage to our school. Thank you, Ilias.

NAPLAN Results 2013
The 2013 NAPLAN Results have recently been released. Schools will receive children’s individual NAPLAN reports shortly. The school will process these and distribute them to families this week.

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 are 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, November 8th. 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, November 8th, 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.

Congratulations Mrs. Smith.
Congratulations to our Grade 4 teacher, Miss Rachel Pitson – now Mrs Rachel Smith, and her husband Tim on the occasion of their marriage earlier in September. I am sure all at Glen Iris join with me in wishing Rachel and Tim all the best for the future.

Best Wishes Sue
I am sorry to advise that, after more than 16 years in office administration at Glen Iris Primary, Sue Wilson has decided to retire due to ill health. Sue and her husband, Peter, have been an important part of the Glen Iris family for many years assisting parents, teachers and children in all manner of things. Sue has worked hard producing our school newsletters and managing much of the student enrolment procedure whilst Peter has been our handyman for several years. Sue is a font of knowledge on all things “Glen Iris” and will be greatly missed. Thank you Sue and Peter for all you have done for us at Glen Iris Primary School and best wishes in your retirement.

Staffing News
As we move towards the end of the year, I wish to advise you of some staffing changes. Following her marriage, Rachel Smith will be residing in Ballarat and has been appointed at Ballarat Grammar from the start of the 2014 school year. We will miss Rachel very much at Glen Iris. Andrew Cavell will be taking a year’s leave in 2014 to explore other career options. We wish Andrew all the best for the future.
Families intending to enrol a child to commence Foundation (Preps) or at other grade levels at Glen Iris Primary School for 2014, are asked to complete an enrolment form and forward it with the relevant documents to the School Office as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available from the website or at the Office. Parents who wish to discuss their child's school commencement are welcome to make an appointment to meet with me. If you have neighbours or friends wishing to enrol children next year, please bring this to their attention.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the end of World War I. On the 11th day of November (11th month), 1918, the peace agreement was signed at 11 o'clock. On Remembrance Day, we observe one minute's silence to remember the sacrifice made by soldiers who were injured or killed while fighting for their country.

In the lead up to 11th Nov, the SRC will be selling 'poppy' badges ($2, $5 and $10), wristbands ($3) and bag tags ($4) for the Returned and Services League of Australia.

SRC representatives will come to your class during lunch eating time, each day, to sell these.

The GIPS 2013 Mango drive is here!

Our last fundraiser for the year will once again be a 'Mango Drive'. Quality Kensington Pride mangoes will be delivered from the farm in Queensland to GIPS. Mangoes are sold by the tray and include approximately 14-20 mangoes. The price per tray is $24 and they should be ready for collection in the first week of December.

If you would like to purchase mangoes please fill in the order form that has been sent home (green).

Ripe mangoes can be kept in the fridge for a couple of weeks and can also be frozen to enjoy all year round.
Nationally Consistent Data Collection on School Students with Disability

Our school has been selected to participate in the 2013 Nationally Consistent Data Collection on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This National Data Collection is taking place in schools across Australia and will provide information about the number of students with disability in schools, where they are located and the adjustments they receive.

The information provided by this new data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources. This will assist students with disability in government and non-government schools across Australia to complete school and go on to further education or find employment.

If your child is eligible to be included in the Data Collection, you will be sent a Privacy Information and Consent Form in this week. Inclusion in the Data Collection is voluntary. If you wish your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can complete the Privacy Information and Consent Form and return to the school.

If you do not receive a Privacy Information and Consent Form and believe your child has a disability and should be considered for inclusion in the Data Collection, please contact the Assistant Principal.

For further information about the Data Collection, please contact the Principal or visit Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/health/Pages/datacollection.aspx

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Mango Fundraiser Term 4

Once again we will be conducting a “Mango Drive”. Quality Kensington Pride mangoes will be delivered direct from the farm in Queensland to GIPS. Mangoes are sold by the tray and each tray weighs approximately 7kg (14-20 mangoes depending on size). The price per tray is $24.

Friends of the Library (FOTL)

Second hand book stall at the twilight market still requires donations of good quality books. Books can be left at the office. Friends of the Library Working Bee is on Saturday 26 October and the next FOTL will be on Monday 11 November at 9am.

Julie Gray
0411 110 537
jsgathome@gmail.com

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TWILIGHT MARKET

- Who has a sweet tooth? There will be a fun lolly stall at the Twilight Market with lolly bags, sweets jars and cute Xmas gifts.
- To make it happen - please can we make a request from each family to bring in ONE bag (or more :) of lollies/sweets to mix into the lolly bags.
- From the start of Term 4 there will be a donation box in each classroom. Any donations of lollies or sweets would be welcome and very much appreciated.

*(Please no nuts or items with nuts)*

- A big thank you to the wonderful Natalie Jefferson and all her helpers making Chutney and Jam for the Twilight Market. Please keep the jam jars coming!

Thanks,
Rachael Thomson

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LUNCHTIME LIBRARY DUTY

Thank you to everyone who volunteered last term, it was a great response!

A notice was sent home yesterday for Term 4, 2013.

Please try to find a spare lunchtime, as your children would love to see you. Remember you will need a current Working With Children Check to participate.

Thank you, Justine Moore - GIPS PA
On Friday, 20th of September, at the end-of-term 3 assembly, the Grade 3’s performed ‘Tutira Mai’. This song is a Maori welcoming song that uses body and stick percussion. The students had been researching different music genres in term 3 and looked particularly at international music. The song focused on rhythm, choreographed sequences and singing. They had lots of fun learning, performing and dressing up for the performance!

TWILIGHT MARKET

I would like to offer a BIG thank you to everyone who has been working hard to make the TWILIGHT MARKET an event to remember.

If you see Dana Barry, our brilliant site coordinator, or Kim Murrells, our energetic sponsorship coordinator, in your travels this week please go up and give them a hug! Dana and Kim have put in a huge amount of time to do a million and one little things that will make the GIPS market a buzz of excitement. Thank you both. Your time and dedication are greatly appreciated.

There are lots of ways to be involved, if you would like to help to set up, pack up or work on a stall please call me on 0439 942 506 or email rachael@synergisticgroup.com.au.

We are also looking for:
- marquees,
- hanging lights, and
- fabric off cuts to make bunting (preferable Christmas or GIPS colours).

If you have any of these at home and are happy to lend them for the night (or donate in the case of the fabric) that would also be much appreciated.

Best Wishes
Rachael Thomson
Parents Association (Main Event Coordinator)
Bedtime Storytime

Monday 14 October at 7pm
Camberwell Library
340 Camberwell Road
Ph: 9278 4666
The whole family is welcome!
Wear your pyjamas and bring your favourite cuddly friend.
Air Pollution and Asthma

School age students and young children with asthma can often have breathing difficulties when exposed to air pollution. Air pollution can occur:

**Outdoors** — smog (made up of nitrogen oxides and ozone), bushfires, cigarette smoke.

**Indoors** — formaldehydes/resins (some building materials), volatile organic compounds (found in paints, furniture, cleaning products), cigarette smoke, poorly maintained gas appliances.

The most important way to reduce the impact of air pollution on your child’s asthma to avoid the pollutant completely if possible.

- Stay indoors on high smog days, close windows and external doors
- Make sure you have a bush-fire plan if you live in a bushfire prone area
- Make sure your child’s asthma is well controlled and that you and your child know what to do if their asthma gets worse
- Make sure your gas appliances are serviced regularly by a registered or licensed gasfitter and that there is adequate ventilation in rooms containing gas appliances
- Choose building items, furniture, paints and wood items that are certified to emit low levels of formaldehyde and volatile organic compounds.

For more information about air pollution and asthma, contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASTHMA (278 462) or visit [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au).
Congratulations to the students who participated in the challenge, this year.

In particular, a huge 'well done' to the 92 GIPS students who completed the challenge.

‘The Age’ will publish names on its Honour Roll from Sunday 27th October.

Certificates should arrive in coming weeks.

Glen Iris Primary School thanks our sponsors for their generous support.

Dental services for children

Your local community dental service offers

LOW-COST dental services for all children
FREE if you have a Centrelink concession card

Dental health is essential for overall health and wellbeing. Regular dental check-ups are important to catch any problems early.

Who can access this service?
The Child Oral Health Program is available to all children aged 0-12 through your local community health service. Your child will have priority access which means there is no waiting list, they will be given the next available appointment.

What does the service include?
This service includes:
• emergency care
• general care (e.g. fillings, extractions and sealants)
• dental health advice

How much does it cost?
Emergency care –
All children (12 years and under) FREE
General care –
Children (12 years and under) who:
• are government concession card holders or dependants of concession card holders
• identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people
• are in out-of-home care provided by the Children, Youth and Families Division of the Department of Human Services
• attend a special or special development school

General care - For general course of care that includes an exam and all general dental treatment with a max $124.00 cap per family per year.
Children (12 years and under), who do not fit into any of the above categories $31.00 CAPPED AMOUNT PER CHILD

To make an appointment contact
Inner East Community Health: Ashburton
7 Samarinda Avenue, Ashburton     Telephone: 9885 6822

For more information visit www.dhsv.org.au or follow us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/_dhsv

Today's Notices

• Lunchtime Library Duty (yellow) - to the eldest
• Mango Drive (green) - to the eldest
• Gymnastics Program (white) – to all children
School Crossing Supervisors - "Superheroes keeping our kids safe"

The City of Boroondara has one of the highest numbers of schools, both primary and secondary, compared to other metropolitan municipalities. The roads around these schools experience high traffic volumes at peak times and this can have implications for pedestrian safety.

For most schools there is at least one school crossing; and in some instances two or three. These school crossings are an important safety feature for all pedestrians around schools. The crossing supervisors perform a valuable role in ensuring children's safety within the precincts of our schools.

As part of Council's commitment to safety, we will endeavour to provide crossing supervisors even if VicRoads has installed pedestrian lights. Despite annual VicRoads subsidies, our challenge is attracting enough school crossing supervisors to provide this service to the community.

We need the community's help to find a solution and attract enough school crossing supervisors to service all school crossings requiring supervision.

We want your suggestions to attract school crossing supervisors:


- Check out onsite signage and eKiosks at Balwyn Library, Amcal Chemist (Balwyn North), Ashburton Pool and Recreation Centre, Kew Recreation Centre, The Well Shopping Centre and Camberwell Library

- Attend one of our community workshops located for your convenience:

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The project will run until 15 November 2013.

For more information or to register your interest, please phone Tina Tsamis, Business Systems Coordinator, Local Laws department on 9278 4949, or email [tina.tsamis@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:tina.tsamis@boroondara.vic.gov.au)
New store hours for Term 4.

As of Monday 30th September you can purchase your school uniform from PSW Mount Waverley during the following times:

TERM 4 & TERM 1 TRADING HOURS*

Monday to Friday
8:30AM - 5:00PM

Saturday
9:00AM - 5:00PM

Sunday
CLOSED

LAY-BY AVAILABLE WITH 20% DEPOSIT

*Term 4 hours commence Monday 30 September. Our stores will be closed Saturday 28 September, Tuesday 5 November and from Saturday 21 December, 2013 to Sunday 5 January, 2014.

Please note: Store hours may be reviewed/changed to meet demand. PSW will communicate any changes to store trading hours with your school.