From The Principal

Dear Parents

We are certainly feeling that Spring is in the air - sunny days, blossom on the trees, Footy Fever and children's jackets scattered around the playground! With only just over a week until the school holidays, may I wish everyone a relaxing break in readiness for a busy term 4 which will disappear even faster than we imagine. I am particularly looking forward to the Twilight Market on Friday, November 15th which will be like a mini fete for Glen Iris. Our organising committee, being led so expertly by Rachael Thomson, are doing a marvellous job with a band of enthusiastic volunteers. This will be a great occasion that will be a highlight of 2013, I'm sure.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEAVE

Did you notice the article featuring our Grade 4 teacher, Jenni De Villa, in The Age on Saturday 7th September? Jenni is a member of a team of staff that successfully applied for a grant to undertake professional learning in the area of spelling. With her colleagues Emily Burgess, Shanae Hill and Meg Neal, the team was granted funds to release them from classroom duties for 30 days over the course of the year. This equates to approximately $36,000 in funds to support teacher learning and curriculum development at Glen Iris. During the program, which is still underway, the team have attended training workshops, visited other schools, undertaken their own personal research and trialled new teaching strategies. On our Curriculum Day in August, the team presented their findings and some recommendations to the staff. We have added many of the valuable resources to our teaching repertoire across the school. Teachers plan to ensure phonetic awareness, phonemic awareness and morphemic awareness feature prominently in our spelling programs. In 2014, the staff will work together to develop closer links between the teaching of spelling as a tool for students' written expression leading to greater writing skills for the children.

SWIMMING, FRENCH DAY, FATHERS' DAY EVENTS, EXCURSIONS ....

The last two weeks at GIPS have been mighty busy for children, teachers and parents. It would be fair to say there was too much happening, in some ways, even though each event was worthwhile in its own right. This is food for thought for future planning. Despite the whirlwind of events, a great deal was achieved. Whilst some important classroom routines were varied to accommodate the special events, ongoing planning by our teachers ensures a balanced program is achieved over the term. Thank you to the teachers and parents who organised and supported the various programs.

TEAM PLANNING

This week is Planning Week and parents may be interested in the process behind our curriculum development at Glen Iris. The broad scope of learning outcomes in each subject for each Grade level is set down in the State and National Curriculum - AusVELS.
and Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS). At the school level, teachers develop a meaningful context through which to deliver the required learning outcomes and break these down into annual, term and weekly stages. It is widely recognised that curriculum is best developed by a team of competent teachers with a range of strengths, knowledge and interests. At Glen Iris Primary, our teachers work closely in teams to ensure our curriculum programs are thorough and engaging. Each week, our specialist timetable enables the classroom teachers at a particular grade level to be released from teaching at the same time to work together on curriculum planning whilst the children are at specialist lessons. Further time is spent at a weekly after school meeting. In Planning Week, which is conducted at the end of each term, teachers are released for half a day to work through the planning for the term ahead.

PREPS (FOUNDATION) 2014
Planning is in full swing for our 2014 intake of new students in Prep / Foundation. Usually, our classes are more than filled by children from the immediate neighbourhood with little opportunity to accept enrolments from other families. In 2014, there are still a limited number of places available in our Prep classes should there be families yet to decide on their child's schooling. Interested families are welcome to contact the Office to make an appointment to discuss enrolment with me.

SWIMMING PHOTOS
I urge parents visiting the school before the end of term to take a moment to view the current set of photos on display on the screen in the foyer. The underwater shots of the children during their lessons are very cute and adorable.

SOMERS CAMP
Six of our children are this week participating in an outdoor education and social development program at Somers offered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Children from a range of schools mix to enjoy new experiences and make new friends.

Yours Sincerely

PREP/Foundation 2014
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.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Curriculum Matters!
A busy day 12th September

Family Life Sessions
- Years 1 and 2: 5.45-6.45pm
- Years 3 and 4: 7.00-8.00pm

iPad Information Session
2pm Thursday 12th in the Library/Lab
A free session for 15 parents offered for GIPS parents by technology educator Lynette Coulson who has her own business ‘itea and coffee’. This session requires online booking www.itandcoffee.com.au/glen-iris-ps-cybersafety
Robyn Floyd - Assistant Principal

Education and Community Partnerships Committee
At GIPS, we value parent participation in school programs and student learning. To support this, we run a number of Parent Information Sessions and Family Evenings throughout the school year. In the past, these sessions have included Transition Evenings, Camping Information Sessions and areas such as Student Welfare and ICT.

To help in planning future sessions, we would like to thank those in the parent community who participated in the recent Parent Survey.

Meagan Cofield
(on behalf of the Education and Community Partnerships Sub-committee)

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
Keep an eye out for your order forms next term.

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
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jsgathome@gmail.com

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

LUNCHTIME LIBRARY DUTY
Thank you to everyone who volunteered last term, it was a great response!
A notice is being sent home today 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

PSW Uniform Shop Hours—Last day of Term
Please note that on the last day of term due to early departure, the Uniform Shop hours will be 2:00pm—3:00pm
Green Day

On the 6th of September Glen Iris had a very special day for caring for the environment. The day was called Green Day. Each student was to bring in a gold coin donation and/or an empty ice cream tub (used to place under the tap to catch all the excess water). All of the money was going to the new Veggie Patch at our school. The students wore either green or blue or both. We raised a whopping $490.00 all together and all of that money will be perfect for the new Veggie Patch. The school had a great and fun filled day and we look forward to doing it next year.

Thank you

The Environment Team.
Swimming Program 2013
Foundation - 4
“Your Say” by Grade 5/6

Jessica, Olena and Tessa would like to know:

**Should school uniforms be compulsory?**
21.43% Yes
14.29% No, they should not exist
64.29% Optional

**Ella**
I strongly think that school uniforms should not be compulsory. People in America, France, Russia etc get to wear free dress so why don't we have the right to wear free dress? I think it would be good because then students get more of a variety of things to wear and then we can have more of a say.

**Jeremy**
I think school uniforms should be optional because if you are running around on a hot day, uniforms would get sticky and sweaty. I think uniforms should be worn on an excursion but otherwise, they should be optional.

**Darcy**
I think uniforms should not be compulsory because we will have to keep on buying new ones as you get bigger. If you didn't have to wear them, and just wore what you wanted, it would be easy because you would still have to get new clothes anyway.

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**TODAY’S NOTICES**
- Lunchtime Library Duty (to the eldest)

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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.