Dear Parents,

On Monday, the staff participated in a professional learning session focussed on the teaching of Numeracy. Our Numeracy coordinator, Shelley Morrison, invited guest presenter, Professor Dianne Siemon from RMIT, to discuss the findings from her research into children’s numeracy learning with a focus on problem solving. We considered the capacities that underpin children’s understanding as well as the capacities to apply their knowledge: Adaptive Reasoning, Strategic Competence, Conceptual Understanding, Productive Disposition and Procedural Fluency. Dianne emphasised the importance of children being able to articulate and share the strategies they use to reach an answer and the need to highlight that there are multiple ways to reach a solution. Here is a question Dianne posed to the staff that families might ponder at home:

Fred Frog dived into a well that was 12 metres deep. Unfortunately, the well was empty. Each day he could only jump 4 metres up the side of the well. Each night he slid down 2 metres. How many days did it take Fred to get out of the well? (Hint: Try drawing a picture to find the solution.)

Our Curriculum Day program also examined the teaching of spelling across the school. A team of teachers, Jenni De Villa, Emily Burgess, Shanae Hill and Meg Neal, are currently investigating how to expand this aspect of our literacy curriculum reviewing the sequential program and teaching strategies across the school matched to AusVELS.

Thank you to the teachers involved in organising this worthwhile professional learning opportunity for our staff.

**Tournament of Minds**

Good luck to our three Tournament of Minds teams that will compete at Deakin University next Saturday. Tournament of Minds is a problem solving program for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. They are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges from one of the following disciplines: Applied Technology, Language Literature, Maths Engineering and Social Sciences. Tournament of Minds is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way. Best wishes to the teams and our facilitator, Amy Kopciewicz, for presentation day.

**Athletics Carnival**

We are looking forward to our House Athletics Carnival this Friday at Bill Sewart Reserve in East Burwood. Children from Grades 3 – 6 will compete in a full program of track and field events. Many thanks to our Physical Education teacher, Natasha Williams, for all her hard work to organise the day and to the many parents who have volunteered to assist. We have our fingers crossed for a fine, sunny day.

**Sports Uniforms**

I am aware some families have waited many weeks
for the delivery of the latest order of sports uniforms and that there have been some disappointing problems emerge with the stock that has been supplied. Rest assured, we are taking up our concerns with the supplier and making every endeavour to sort out these matters as swiftly as possible. Thank you to Andrew Cavell for overseeing this situation and persisting to resolve it satisfactorily.

Working Bee
On Saturday 3 August, a productive working bee was held to undertake some grounds maintenance and library operations tasks. Volunteers cleaned out the storage area under the school, spread mulch under the playground, swept, gardened and organised books in the library. These efforts are much appreciated and ensure the presentation of the school and the library remains in good condition. Thank you to our Buildings and Environment convenor, Ilias Mastoris, for his work in coordinating the working bee.

A Friendly Reminder
As part of our commitment to providing a safe learning environment for the children, there are some protocols that I would ask parents to follow when at the school. Parents are reminded that visitors to the school are asked to sign in at the Office on arrival and to wear a Visitor’s badge for the duration of their visit. We welcome parental assistance and involvement in our various school activities. In many instances, we require parents to hold a current “Working With Children Check” (WWWC). Our Office staff will sight these documents when volunteer parents arrive in the school and there will be a box to mark in the “Sign In” book. Thank you in advance for your understanding with these procedures.

Preps 2014
Boroondara schools request enrolments be received by 31 August 2013. 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.

Yours sincerely, Meredith Carracher
On Tuesday 5 August, Carp Productions attended GIPS to perform ‘A Feast of Fairytales’ for the Foundation to Gr. 2 classes. The performance included two delicious stories: “Goldilocks and the Three Bears” and “The Gingerbread Man.” There was also a special guest appearance from The Big Bad Wolf and Granny!

Some students were the stars of the show and played animal parts in the production including the Three Bears, a horse and a pig. The show also included group participation and the students had a great time learning the "Big Bad Wolf" dance.

Dear Parents,

We’re the House Captains. As you know, we held a House Mascot competition at the end of Term 2. We are now in the process of making the mascots and we need parents to help sew them. Please contact the House Captains of your child/s house if you can help out:

Raven: Evelyn 5/6D and Oliver 5/6D
Nettleton: Emily 5/6C and Daniel 5/6S
Ferndale: Lily 5/6W and Max 5/6C
Gardiner: Annie 5/6W and Will 5/6C

Thanks heaps,

Sports Team and Michelle Freeland Small (Art teacher)

Here are the winners:
“Your Say” by 5/6K

Topic: Should students in the junior school (Foundation - Gr.2) be included in school events such as Cross Country, Athletics etc?

40% NO
60% YES

"I believe that they should get a chance to be in these competitions because they should have the same opportunities as us. We get to do it so why can't they? The could cheer for us." Tessa

"I think they shouldn't as they already do small versions. It would be too hard to organise. I think maybe they should just run in Cross Country so they know what it's like." Liam

"I think they should because the younger kids can get an idea of what Athletics etc is and decide what sport they want to do for the future." Archie W

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Now in a new format, you will find the new expanded Noticeboard under the News tab.

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TWILIGHT MARKET

A big THANK YOU to all the generous GIPS families who have donated toys over the last couple of weeks.

All the jars are also very much appreciated. Natalie Jefferson is doing a wonderful job preparing for the Jams & Preserves stall for the market and is already putting them to good use. If you have any smaller size jars with lids we will keep the box outside the office for another week.

I am also looking for an electrician who can assist with the power set up for the market. If you know anyone who is able to help please pass on my details rachael@synergisticgroup.com.au.

Thanks
Rachael Thomson

TODAY’S NOTICES

- Father’s Day Stall Helpers (green, eldest, reply slip)

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The award winning School Banking program is designed to teach a child a life skill to develop savings behaviour-not grown-ups doing it for them. It includes an exciting and exclusive Rewards Program designed to encourage students to get into the habit of making regular savings.

Every time a student makes a deposit at school they receive a silver Dollarmite token. Once they have individually collected 10 tokens they can be redeemed for an exclusive Dollarmite reward item. Students will enjoy saving their tokens and redeeming them for rewards, including a Dollarmite moneybox, hand ball, wallet, torch, knuckles game, calculator and headphones. All they need to do is bring their bank books to school every week on **School Banking Day is every MONDAY.**

**How to Participate**

**Participation is simple and easy**

1. Existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account holders can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet on School Banking Day—**MONDAY**

2. **CBA representatives will be at the school on:**
   **MONDAY 19th August 2013 between 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. and 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. to open accounts.** Please bring ID with you i.e. drivers licence. Location—Outside School Library.

3. A Youthsaver account can be opened immediately by visiting any CBA Branch.

4. **Existing Commonwealth Bank customers with access to NetBank can apply for a child’s Youthsaver account online.**

**Benefits to your School**

The School receives commission as follows.

- $5 for every student that starts banking through the School Banking program at school.
- 5% of every deposit made at school (up to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit) ongoing

**School Banking Checklist**

- Become a savings hunter and set your savings goal
- School Banking **every MONDAY**
- You can bank as much as you like every week as School Banking is about frequency not value.

**2013 Rewards**

Important Information: Terms and conditions issued by Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 for Youthsaver Account are available from the Bank, and should be considered before making any decision about the Youthsaver Account.

**Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program**

For any School Banking questions please contact

CBA School Banking Specialist – Leanne Laverty M: 0423 758 056