Dear Parents,

I am sure you will all agree with me that last Friday evening’s Twilight Market was a roaring success. The delight in the faces and voices of the children reflected the wonderful sense of community fun that was spread throughout the school. Yummy things to eat, exciting things to do and great people to meet!

Enormous thanks must go to the many, many members of our school community (more than 200 volunteers, I am told) who worked to make the Market such a success. Of special note are our organising committee: Rachael Thomson, Dana Barry, Kim Murrells and Carolyn Ryan. The commitment, vision and drive of these people are things we are all grateful to have at Glen Iris. Stay tuned for a wonderful gallery of photos from the Market that will appear shortly on the foyer screen and the website.

We would like to invite our organising committee, any of the volunteers and other community members to a Thank You Afternoon Tea next Monday, November 25 at 2:00pm, prior to assembly where there will be a thank you from the children. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to the Office by Monday morning.

Swimming Carnival
On Monday, the Grade 3-6 children participated in the School House Swimming Carnival at Bialik Pool. The children swam their hardest and cheered madly to urge their team to victory. Even the noodle races were very hotly contested! In the end, Nettleton was the successful house.

For such an event to run smoothly, hours of preparation and planning need to be done. Thanks to Phys. Ed. Teacher, Natasha Williams, for her exemplary organisation and her army of volunteer parents for all their support and help on the day.

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.

We hope this makes “Back To School” easier for everyone in 2014.
NAPLAN 2013
The 2013 NAPLAN results were released during last week and distributed to families. Overall, the school’s performance was strong at both the Grade 3 and 5 levels with improvement shown. These results place our Grade 3 students in the top 10% of Boroondara schools in Reading, Spelling and Numeracy using the most recent Network figures (2011) and place our Grade 5 students in the top 5% of Boroondara schools in Numeracy and the top 10% in Reading and Spelling using the most recent Network figures (2011).

Congratulations to the students and teachers on their hard work and excellent results.

Staffing News
I am pleased to announce that Miss Christine Hallam has been reappointed to Glen Iris for 2014. Christine is a highly valued member of the professional team in our school.

Mrs. Lucy Gargano will return to Glen Iris from Leave in 2014.

Mrs. Robyn Floyd will be taking Long Service Leave for Term 1 in 2014.

Parents’ Association AGM
Yesterday, I attended the Annual General Meeting of the Parents’ Association where office bearers were determined.

I am pleased to announce the following roles: President: Alex Goldhagen, Vice President: Sene-Li Wong and Secretary: Penny Ashby.

Thank you to these people for giving so generously of their time. Many other roles were also filled, however, for the smooth operation of the Parents’ Association activities, some roles are still vacant. Please read the report in this newsletter and consider if you could help out.

Yours Sincerely

Cybersafety and your digital reputation
Whether you like it or not, more employers than ever are checking your social accounts or Googling you before they’ll give you a job. Will your future boss like what they see?

All year 5 and 6 students attended a cybersafety presentation provided by cyber [smart] a government funded program. Students talked about the age restrictions on popular apps such as KIK, Qoohme and ask.fm, using cyber-respect (i.e uploading photos without permission or inappropriate language) and digital reputations.

A parent session attended by twelve parents focussed on examining the data collected earlier that day from our student cohort as well as tips and strategies for issues that arise at home over internet use. Surprising was the number of students who use 13+ apps, know their parents’ iTunes passwords and shared passwords between friends. There were plenty of tips and strategies in the one and half hour session.

GIPS takes the development of student and parent awareness of cyber-issues seriously and this year have offered 4 parent sessions: Think U Know, Cyber [Smart] and two iPad sessions. We have booked sessions for next year and would like to see more parents attending. Although Think U Know has been presented for the last 4 years, technology changes and there is always something new to learn!

Resources and links to practical tips to help parents manage online risks with older children aged 8-12 can be found at:

For cyberbullying, digital reputation, downloading, excessive internet use, identity theft, inappropriate content, mobile phone costs, online shopping, protecting your information, please visit this site.

Here is one example: Digital reputation

All internet users will have a digital or online reputation. If you don’t think so - try Googling your name. Essentially, this digital reputation is the opinion that others hold about the user. Digital reputations are informed by content that is posted online and how people communicate online. People can be judged on how they behaved as a child well into the future.

For young children, the concept of a digital reputation is probably too complex for them to grasp. General internet safety tips are a good start in helping children to develop appropriate online etiquette and to learn appropriate ways of responding online. These are available under the Parenting online topic.

As a starting point, it can be useful to help young children understand that they should behave the same way online as they do offline. Help them to understand that other people can see what they are doing online. So they should take care with what they say and do.

Robyn Floyd - Assistant Principal
Icy Pole Co-ordinator Vacancy:

GIPS urgently needs a volunteer to co-ordinate the icy pole roster and the weekly ordering of icy poles for the 2014 school year.

This is a really easy way to get involved at GIPS and requires minimal effort with the following commitment:

- 1 hour at the beginning of the school year to send out a request for volunteers, collate names, set the roster and email the advice (there is no need to reinvent the wheel here as all templates will be provided)
- 5 minutes per week to check the stock of icy poles in the freezer in the canteen and call Dairy Bell to have them deliver the icy poles to GIPS in time for the Friday selling of icy poles
- 30 minutes once a term to defrost the freezer

If you are interested in helping with icy poles, please call Susan Sieber on 0411 793 826 or email me on smsieber@gmail.com

I'd be more than happy to provide you with the notice templates and to meet with you at the school to go through the ordering process and answer any questions.

It's a really, really easy way to get involved in the school and the kids LOVE the icy poles, so please volunteer.

I've been doing icy poles for about 3-4 years and would continue except my youngest is moving on to high school next year.

Thanks,

Susan Sieber
0411 793 826

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)  
Justine3346@gmail.com  
On behalf of Parents Association.

My fellow GIPS community members,

What a fabulous Twilight Market we had last Friday! Wouldn't you agree?

Before I begin here is a big thank you going out to the volunteers, staff and teachers and the Glen Iris Primary School community!

YOU GUYS ROCK!!!

I want to thank Rachael Thomson and her wonderful team for pulling off a great Twilight Market for young and old. On behalf of the committee - WELL DONE! From the impeccable planning, to the slick execution on the day, to the clean-up led by Ilias Mastoris, one would never have guessed that this was our first ever Twilight Market. Judging from the success, there will be many more requests for a repeat performance.

Well, from what I have heard thus far, the Twilight Market did very well to raise funds for the school. We are waiting for final numbers to come through but my fearless VP, Alex Goldhagen and I did a quick tally in our heads from what we have heard on the grapevine and let me tell you, boy oh boy, are we excited! I can't wait for the final numbers to come through. Watch this space!

On another note, this is my last letter for the year as I step down as President of the PA. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this capacity. It has been a truly rewarding experience for me. I worked with the best team any PA could have wished for. There are some seriously talented people in the PA this year but the talent pool just does not end there – there are some great talent outside the PA too!

I do hope many new parents will put their hands up to serve in the PA next year. There are many roles to be filled and the PA is a great way to partner with the School Council and the GIPS teachers and staff to bring about the best school experience for our children as well as the opportunity for forming great friendships.

During my time as President, I have come to realise that nothing can be achieved without the power of the volunteering spirit and a strong commitment to the cause. The number of you who have put your hand to the plough despite the everyday busyness of life has shown me once again what a great school community we belong to. I am truly proud to be a parent at GIPS.

I end with a quote from Martin Luther King Jr., which basically sums up what I have seen and experienced in my time as President:

Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love. — Martin Luther King Jr.

So, on that note, I hope you can put your hand for an opportunity to serve because the rewards of the journey far outweigh the risk of leaving the harbour!

Sincerely, Sene-Li Wong
This year, the school disco will be held on Wednesday 4th December, in the Hall.

**F-2’s:** 5.30 - 6.30pm  
**3-5’s:** 7.00 - 8.00pm

The Grade 6’s will have a separate disco, run in the Multi-Purpose room from 7.00-8:00pm. They must enter and exit from the Multi-Purpose room doors.

All students will be required to bring a $2 donation on the night. All profits will go to a charity, chosen by the SRC.

We look forward to a fantastic night!

The SRC

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**MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE 2013**

Between April and September this year we had a group of Grade 5/6 students selected to take part in the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians which was conducted by the Australian Mathematics Trust.

Students participated in the “Enrichment Stage: Newton”. This is a set of 8 problems written for very capable year 5/6 students and also Year 7/8 enrichment classes in secondary school. The Newton Stage includes chapters on: polyominoes, fast arithmetic, polyhedra, pre-algebra concepts, patterns and divisibility as well as using specific problem solving techniques.

Our students performed extremely well as a young cohort against the rest of Australia, with about 600 students competing altogether.

We are pleased to share their results based on a lot of hard work and dedication.

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The following students received awards for Participation:


We are very proud of all the students who took part in the Newton Challenge this year.

Melissa Costa & Shelley Morrison

Glen Iris Primary School thanks our sponsors for their generous support.
Congratulations to our two Teams of grade 5 and 6 students who took part in the Nature’s Fury Challenge and performed exceptionally well.

The Robot Game, involves building a robot from Lego robotics kit and programming the autonomous robot to score points on a themed playing field (Robot Game). We scored highly in our second and third games.

Teams are expected to complete a research project. Students develop a solution to a problem about a natural disaster. The ‘M’ Team of students, who had competed in a challenge before, created a eBook (which can be found on our website) on how to survive an earthquake. They held an earthquake drill for all grade 5 and 6 students which was enjoyed by all! Team GIPS wrote and performed a play, 'The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Tsunami' winning the award for most 'Creative Presentation of Research'.

Thanks to Natasha Williams for purchasing and creating our tshirts, Kate Van der Jagt for working with Team GIPS to create the play, and of course, Claire Schwarz for coaching both teams. Claire has put in an amazing effort over the past few years.

Robyn Floyd - Assistant Principal
Do the people from whom you seek help or training seem to speak a whole different language, and move at a pace that leaves you floundering and feeling like a total dummy?

Are you a parent or teacher feeling left behind by the kids - especially now that schools are introducing iPads and computers so early.

Thank goodness help is now available from a tech-savvy mum who can give you the time, patience and assistance you need.

Whether you are 40, 60 or 90, and whether you are a beginner or more advanced user, iTea&Coffee can help you make the most of your technology.

Join others like you and get some some 'Technology Life Support' -
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• Handy hint videos and online session videos.

iTea&Coffee News

Sometimes, we just need information drip-fed to us!

That’s why iTea&Coffee now has a weekly Handy Hint Video service!

These videos are a great way to learn about the wonderful features of your iPad, iPhone and Mac - short 1-2 minute videos that provide really useful and practical tips that busy mums and dads will love, and that are emailed directly to you each Wednesday! Best of all, they are FREE* and by registering to receive them, you will get access to the full library of previous Handy Hints, as well as other ‘member only’ offers and content on the website.

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Or email itandcoffee@itandcoffee.com.au and ask to receive them.

CyberSafety session videos now available to watch online

Did you miss our free CyberSafety sessions during Sept/Oct? Don’t worry, because this important information session is available as a series of videos on the iTea&Coffee website at www.itandcoffee.com.au/cybersafety-videos. Find out how to keep your children safe on their Apple mobile devices, and discover some great new iOS 7 CyberSafety features.

*Please note that the weekly Handy Hint video service is free for the rest of 2013. A subscription fee may be applied to this service at some time in 2014 on an ‘opt-in’ basis - further details to come early in 2014.

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We would like to invite our organising committee, the 200+ volunteers and other community members to a Thank You Afternoon Tea.

**Monday November 25th at 2:00pm**

RSVP to the Office by Monday morning

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170 Glen Iris Rd, Glen Iris 9985 3624
School Holiday Program

SUMMER 2014
Ages 5 - 12 years

Fun activities include:

- Warrick Giddey
(Melbourne Tigers)
- Laser Tag
- Snorkelling
- Movies
- Police Visit

Bookings open
Friday 15th November 2013
Week 1

Monday 6th January - Creative Burst
Are you game enough to slide the ride? Are you a marvellous chef? Can you come up withigo names for Bunnies, and set up a racing course? Then we need you!

Tuesday 7th January - Mind Boggling
Experience mind bogging games, twist in different ways and create your own human chess board! Then head to our pool for a swim & boat racing frenzy!

Wednesday 8th January - Laser Tag, Cricket & Spag Bol...
Create your own course, as you protect against others in a game of Laser Tag! Participate in a game of cricket, before unwinding by relaxing your mind; relax your body with a Yoga session. (Lunch Provided)

Thursday 9th January - Marvellous Musicians
Are you musical? Come along and enjoy the art of African Drumming. Then dance your way into our swimming pool, as we move and groove through the pool!

Friday 10th January - Health Awareness
Learn from a dietitian, what should go in your lunch box and the importance of exercise. Then you become the Body Investigators with a drama incursion before judging numbers and maths! (Lunch provided)

Week 2

Monday 13th January - Too Chilly...
Create a volcano and make ice cream in a bag as we experiment with Science. Then off to the movies to see Frozen 2D. (Please note: We won’t return until 4:45pm from movies)

Tuesday 14th January - Construction Frenzy
A day of construction, as we build Jenga Blocks to the roof, then construct cars in our woodworking incursion on Road Safety!

Wednesday 15th January - Yes Sir/Madam...
Are you on your best behaviour today? Learn about the day in the life of a police officer, and explore police cars as the sirens sound! Then head to our pool for a swim & boat mania!

Thursday 16th January - Sporty Movies
Come dressed in your sporty clothes, as we dance the morning away with Sporty Movies. Then, head to the oval for a Lacrosse incursion and learn to move like a professional!

Friday 17th January - Table Tennis & Snowkilling
Test your skills in a round robin of table tennis; will you be the last one standing? Then head to our pool to learn how to snorkel!

Week 3

Monday 20th January - Variation Day
Participate in a netball incursion and go crazy with recycled materials (feel free to bring your own along)! Then, head to our pool for a swim and Aqua Aerobics!

Tuesday 21st January - Melbourne Tigers
Warwick Giddey is in the house, from Melbourne Tigers! Learn the skills to be a professional Basketball Player! Then, make your own hamburgers for lunch and a candle and plaster pieces to take home! (Lunch Provided)

Wednesday 22nd January - Oz Open
The Australian Open has come to ARACO; do you have the skills to play in the Oz Open? Then don’t miss out! Then learn to snorkel as we head to our pool for a swim!

Thursday 23rd January - Free Spirits
Head to the movies to see Free Birds, and then back by very popular demand, participate in our Soccer match.

Friday 24th January - Australia Day & DVD
Dress up in multicultural outfits and celebrate all Australia has to offer. Enjoy a BBQ lunch and an Indigenous incursion, making jewellery using native plants. Then, show us your movies in Aulack and unwind with a DVD afternoon.

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Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate

Child Care Rebate is available for families registered with the Family Assistance Office (FAO). Please contact the FAO directly on 13 61 65. A multi-lingual helpline is available on 1300 360 361, please be advised that CCR can take up to 4 weeks to be processed at the conclusion of the program.

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Glen Iris Rd Uniting Church Invites you to our

AUSSIE THANKSGIVING Community Sunday
November 24th

10:00 service
FOLLOWED BY FAMILY-FOCUSED FUN, FOOD AND FARMYARD MAYHEM!!!