From The Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 2. I hope everyone enjoyed the break and spent some quality time with family and friends.

Welcome back, Robyn!

We are pleased to welcome Robyn Floyd back to Glen Iris after her period of leave in Term 1. Robyn has spent time travelling, working on her Ph.D. and spending time with her family. It is good to have her back in the Assistant Principal role. Many thanks to Shelley Morrison and Susie Walton who filled this role most admirably during Robyn’s absence. Shelley will now resume her Numeracy Support teaching and Susie will take up her role in Performing Arts from Prep – Grade 2.

Welcome Mr Gilliland:

I am very pleased to welcome and introduce Nathan Gilliland to the Glen Iris community. Nathan is teaching Grade 5/6GJ with Mrs Niki Judd. Nathan teaches Tuesday – Friday and Niki teaches on Mondays. I am sure Nathan will be a valuable addition to our teaching staff and everyone will make him feel very welcome.

Congratulations Mrs Black

I would like to congratulate Natasha and Daniel Black (nee Williams) on their marriage during the recent holiday period. I am sure everyone at Glen Iris joins me in wishing them all the very best for the future.

Stranger Danger - An Important Safety Reminder

This week, teachers have reminded children about the important things they should remember to keep safe. On Tuesday, two grade 5 students felt worried and scared when approached by a person they did not know on their way home from school. The person spoke to the students and then left the area. The students made a number of wise choices: they were walking home together rather than alone; they did not speak to the person they did not know; they saw other school families and joined them and spoke to an adult about the situation as soon as possible. The police and school security have been advised of the incident. Without making children unnecessarily fearful, it is important to gently remind children about personal safety and ensure they follow safe practices.

Upcoming Events

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Education Week 2014

We look forward to celebrating Education Week 2014 with our community in the week May 19 - 23rd. We invite current families to come to school and join in our Family Learning Night – Writing / Spelling - Wednesday, May 21st 6:00 – 7:00pm. There will be a range of learning activities through the school related to writing and spelling. Families will be able to move through the school trying out all sorts of learning activities, games and competitions. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Curriculum Day

I would like to notify families that a Curriculum Day will be held on Wednesday, May 28th to support the student reporting process. Children do not attend school on this day.
Anzac Day Service
Yesterday afternoon, our students presented the annual Anzac Day Service to commemorate Australians who have suffered in war. Each grade level presented information and their interpretation of the Anzac spirit. We heard facts about animals on the battlefield; children living in wartime; poems written by students and other poignant presentations. Each class prepared a wreath which is now on display in the foyer. Thank you to the parents who joined us to mark this occasion.

Making a Difference – Save The Frogs
Yesterday, Charlie Mrocki (1J) and her mum, Kelly, sold frog home-made biscuits to raise money for the “Save the Frogs” campaign. In total, Charlie raised $214.00 which is a great result. I have been impressed by Charlie’s commitment and persistence to her cause. Kelly Mrocki is currently publishing a children’s picture story book about frogs and the environment. Kelly will be one of our guest presenters at the Family Writing Night on May 21st telling us about the process she has followed as an author to produce her book.

Enrolments 2015:
If you have a 2015 Prep child who will be attending Glen Iris or you know of a local family considering schools for next year, I suggest you look carefully at the range of events on offer to help parents find out all about our school and activities for pre-schoolers highlighted on our website. “Storytime @ Glen Iris” is a literacy program for preschools that begins on Friday, May 2nd and will be conducted fortnightly. “Be a Prep” morning on Tuesday May 6th invites pre-schoolers to spend time in the prep program. Both programs are limited in numbers and require bookings at the Office. Further details are available at www.gips.vic.edu.au Enrolments for 2015 are now open.

Yours Sincerely
Meredith Carracher

From the Assistant Principal
It was great to chat to students this week and see how wonderfully they have settled into the year and hear about their adventure so far. I had a fantastic holiday visiting the art galleries and museums in New York and Philadelphia and the Smithsonian in Washington. So many beautiful artworks and amazing sights.

On my return I painted my dad’s house, taught my daughter to sew (for the second time _ in year 9 she had an unfortunate episode with my overlocker!) and read heaps of books. However, I knew it was time to return to work when I realised I knew that track 5 was ‘Big Red Car’ and I was singing it to myself when grands weren’t in the car!

Grade 5 - Leadership & Community Service
One exciting new project that I was thrilled to be part of on my first day back is the Grade 5 Leadership and Community Service program (in partnership with the Glen Iris Road Uniting Church Kindergarten). Groups of six students will visit the Kinder 4 times over 2 weeks (Tuesdays and Fridays 2-2.45 pm) to develop their leadership skills and prepare them for their role as a Prep Buddy in 2015 with either myself or Meredith Carracher. Our first visit was an outstanding success with our students facilitating and joining in with the children’s play. Sand pies and house building with big blocks were favourite activities!

LATEST NEWSLETTER
Want to receive an alert when our latest newsletter is online? Go to the GIPS website homepage and click on the orange link: Subscribe to Newsletter.

Robyn Floyd - Assistant Principal

HOURS OF SUPERVISION
Please note that students are supervised in the yard before school from 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm.
Join Camberwell High School’s International Student Homestay Program

Have you considered becoming a Homestay Provider for Camberwell High School?

Do you have a spare bedroom? Can you provide supervision, three meals a day, a family environment and study facilities? Are you close to Camberwell High School or within easy reach of transport to the school?

Camberwell High School has 80 international students from many countries including China, Vietnam, Korea, Iran, the Philippines and Indonesia. Many of these students are in homestay accommodation with local families. The School’s International Student Program accepts students from year 10 – year 12. In July we have an intake of 20 new students for our full-time Language Program, and we are currently looking for new homestay families to accommodate these students. Homestay families are reimbursed $290 per week (including internet provision).

Please contact Rachel Stewart, Homestay Coordinator, for more information.

Phone: 9831 8320

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day is on Friday 25th of April. ANZAC Day is about remembering the Australian and New Zealand Armed forces who fought for us in World War I and all soldiers who have died. ANZAC badges are on sale this week Prices range from $2 to $5.

Thankyou
The Student Representative Council
Dear GIPS Parents,

Welcome back to school after what we all hope was a safe and enjoyable holiday break for you and your families.

The next Parents’ Association community event is the Mother’s Day stall which will be open at the school on Wednesday, 7th May. Details were included in this week’s notices and are available on the GIPS website.

We are pleased to confirm that our annual Student Walkathon is scheduled for Friday, 23rd May. More details will be provided in the next week or two. For now, please mark your calendars for this event... it’s one of our best fundraisers each year and the children really enjoy being involved.

As always, we welcome parent volunteers at all of our events, so please contact us if you're interested in helping out.

Regards,
Alex Goldhagen - President

PARENTS'/GUARDIANS

If during the day you need to advise the school of your child’s pickup arrangements, please ring the school office at all times. Please do not send this information via email as we cannot guarantee this will always be seen by the office staff or teacher before the afternoon dismissal, and we want the children to be safe and accounted for at all times.

LAST DAY OF TERM
FREE DRESS DAY

On Friday 4th April we raised $538.90 through donations for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

This was a fantastic effort.
Thank you very much for your support

Kind regards
The SRC team

GIPS MOTHERS DAY STALL

Coming up on Wednesday 7 May 2014

Great chance to buy something special for that special person in your life.
Prices will range from $1-$10 and there will also be a raffle for your chance to win a wonderful gift hamper.
2014 TERM DATES

Term 1
5 October to 18 December

Term 2
13 July to 19 September

Term 3
13 April to 19 June

Term 4
28 January to 27 March

2015 TERM DATES

Term 1
28 January to 27 March

Term 2
13 April to 27 June

Term 3
13 July to 19 September

Term 4
6 October to 19 December
Camberwell High School
2014 Open Evening
Tuesday 29th of April @ 6.00pm
(Principal Address 7.30pm)

Choosing the right educational environment for your child is an important decision and can only be made after viewing a prospective school in action.

To facilitate this, Camberwell High School offers regular school tours and holds an Open Night each year in Term 2. Our students volunteer to be tour leaders on this open evening and represent their school with honesty and pride.

Please contact the office on 9831 8333 for further information.

Melbourne Girls’ College

Year 7 Information Session
Tuesday 29th April
Held in College Lyceum
(Surname A-K at 7pm; Surname L-Z at 7:45pm)

Open Day
Wednesday 30th April
From 9:30am—2:30pm

Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2014/2015 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Pick up a nomination form online at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au.

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

Closes Friday 2nd May 2014

Community Notices

Just a reminder to all to keep checking our community noticeboard on our website. There is new information every fortnight that many of you may be interested in.