From The Principal

Dear Parents,

As the year marches on, the pace picks up and things at school are no exception. I am looking forward immensely to our Twilight Market on Friday, November 15th which will feature food, rides, music and around 70 market stalls where you can shop for Christmas presents. An energetic team of volunteer parents, led by Rachael Thompson, Dana Barry and Kim Murrells, are working so very hard to arrange this event for us all. Advertising boards and signs will be displayed in the next few days with more details. Please keep the date free as I am sure this will be a highlight of the year for Glen Iris.

NAPLAN Results
Recently, the NAPLAN results for Grades 3 and 5 were released by VCAA. Families should all have received the individual report for their child. Across the school, we are very pleased with the results in all areas at both grade levels with improvement shown on our previous set of results. In fact, the results for 2013 are some of the highest for several years. Bearing in mind that the expectation of performance by schools in Boroondara is, quite rightly, very high, at Glen Iris we can be proud that our student achievement data places us at a high level amongst this band of schools. Of particular note are our results in Grade 3 and 5 Reading, Spelling and Numeracy where our results represent the top 5 - 10% of Boroondara schools in recent years. Well done to the boys and girls for their good work and especially hearty congratulations to our teachers who work tirelessly to deliver high quality student learning for all students.

Lunchtime programs
Over the past week, a number of lunchtime programs have commenced or been in action. Two new programs are the Grade 3 and 4 Dance Club which meets on Thursday lunchtimes and is led by choreographer, Kate Stanford; and Taekwondo on Monday lunchtimes conducted by Melbourne Taekwondo Centre. Information regarding these programs is available on the website and at the Office.

Other lunchtime activities offered recently include preparation and training for our Grade 5/6 Lego Robotics Team; Open Library time, Netball clinics and a Basketball tournament. These activities are conducted by our staff, parents and Student Action Leadership Teams (SALT).

Staffing News
I am disappointed to tell you that Bianca Deckert, Performing Arts Teacher, is unable to continue at Glen Iris in 2014 due to her family’s return to live in Mildura. We will certainly miss Bianca’s vibrant personality and dynamic teaching at Glen Iris. We are currently finalising our staffing arrangements for 2014 and these will be announced shortly.

2014 Prep Transition
We are looking forward to welcoming our 2014 Preps to their first “Take Off” Transition session on Friday, November 8th. The children will participate in four sessions during November incorporating specialist lessons and classroom programs whilst parents are involved in workshops outlining various school programs and procedures. The “Take Off” program is a vital component of children’s preparation to commence school and I would urge all families of 2014 preps to do their utmost to attend the program. Feedback from parents over a number of years tells us that “Take Off” is a highly effective and valued program at Glen Iris.
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.

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.

Handyperson
The school is currently looking for someone willing to complete various small maintenance jobs as required at a reasonable rate. If you know someone in our neighbourhood who may be interested in this casual role, please ask them to contact me at the Office. The role suit someone with flexible time and a broad range of practical skills.

Ph: 9885 3624

Meredith Carracher
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)

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)
Justine3146@gmail.com
On behalf of Parents Association.

Parents' Assoc'n News

Last call for MANGO orders!

All mango orders must be in by Friday 25th of October 2013! Please hand in order forms and payment to the front office.

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)

On behalf of Parents Association.
Teacher aide/Teacher assistant qualification  
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Pathway to employment and Bachelor of Education (streams in Primary, Disability and Early Childhood). The programs place emphasis on ‘learning by doing’ and on areas of demand within schools supporting literacy, numeracy and special needs.

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Or contact Soosan Kian (Coordinator) 9925 9494

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Attention all Mums!

Do you have a child who is 1 to 5 years old?  
Are you & your child together most days of the week?

We are currently looking for mums and children to take part in an exciting new research study about mothers’ and young children’s physical activity & active play.

**Time commitment is minimal**

Receive a $10 voucher for your time

For more information, please contact:  
Jill Hnatink  
Deakin University  
Ph: 9251 7262  
macpac@deakin.edu.au

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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.
Australian Girls Choir Open Day

Congratulations to the girls in grade 1 and above who recently took part in the ‘Australian Girls Choir’ assessment workshop at school. By now you should have received your personalised assessment report either by post or via school. Girls in Foundation will be receiving an information flyer about the AGC Open Day and we hope that you will be able to join us! Everyone is welcome to come along to the Open Day which will give girls the opportunity to try a free class and attend an information session. Ph 9859 6499 for more information or visit www.ausgirlschoir.com.au

Friends of the Library (FOTL) - 2nd Hand Book Stall

A friendly reminder that if you have donations of good quality books (no text books or magazines please) for our second hand book stall at the twilight market - please leave them at the designated area outside the library or the office by Friday 1st November! Thank you for all the wonderful donations already received.

on behalf of Friends of the Library
Julie Gray
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Yes that’s right Pepper! Our school sustainability group ‘The Waste Busters’ have been hard at work designing the inside of Salt and Pepper’s coop. They have come up with a simple yet fantastic design. We are calling for any parents/grandparents/family friends that have some tools and some basic building experience to come and help the students on Wednesday 13th, 20th or 27th November after lunch. Please remember that all helpers need to have a Working With Children Check. Please email the school if you are able to help and included which date suits you best.

If you have any questions feel free to ask Kate Wipfli or Natasha Williams.
Issue: Should there be separate 5 and 6 classes?

Results:
58.82 % said Yes to separate classes (10 votes)
41.18 % said No to separate classes (7 votes)

**Ella, P** I think that there should be composite classes because the grade 5's can learn from the grade 6's. For example grade 6's can teach the year 5's about SALT, Hotspots, EMM and their personal experiences in year 5. It is also an opportunity for the year 5's to have someone to look up to. It would also be good for the staff because then there wouldn’t be as many classes to teach, but then on the other side of the argument if there is one teacher teaching the class and there would be more children to handle. They are some good reasons for each side of the argument, but I am leaning towards year 5's and 6's.

**Bella, G** I think they should have some 5/6 classes because they could make new friends and the grade sixes could help the year 5's. They could also show them different ways to do things, because we might have learnt things differently. I also think it wouldn’t be that hard to choose the groups because they would just give us a test to see what we are like, as they do every year.

**Jack, P** I think 5s and 6s should be different because if you’re in grade 6 you’re doing work that grade 5s can do so by the time they get to secondary school you would go from grade 5 to year 7. Also at secondary school there are no combined classes so it doesn’t help.

Issue: Should GIPS have a canteen?

Results:
100% - YES!

**Liam C**—I think that GIPS should have a canteen because then, if the parents don’t have time to make lunches, then they can just give you money. It would also be a great way for the school to earn money.

**Bella**—I think we should have a canteen but you can have the choice to buy things or have a homemade lunch. We should have a canteen also because some parents might have forgotten to get food so they could give some money to their kids to buy something.

**Olena**—I think that GIPS should have a canteen but every day you should have a choice if you want to buy food or make it at home. It would make it easier for the parents (and save time) to just give you money rather than making it.
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.