Dear Parents,

As you know, Meredith Carracher will be returning to Glen Iris Primary School in Term 2. Unfortunately she will not be able to return on day one as intended, but is anticipated to return sometime mid-term. In the meantime, we are very fortunate to have Carolyn Macaulay continue in the role of Acting Principal.

There have been extensive discussions between Rod Williamson (Department of Education North East Region Senior Advisor), myself (School Council President), Carolyn Macaulay and Robyn Floyd. One key decision is that a hand over period will occur when Meredith returns in which Carolyn and Meredith will work together to enable a smooth transition, and to ensure that GIPS continues to achieve our planned goals without disruption.

Please feel free to contact me if you require further clarification.

Regards
Jack Risos - School Council President

From The Principal

TERM 2 STAFFING NEWS

For the remainder of the year, Robyn Floyd will be taking leave one day per week for study purposes. Susie Walton will be returning every Monday to support the role of Assistant Principal. We welcome the return of Susie to the team and I look forward to working with her.

As notified in past newsletters, Jenni de Villa, Emily Burgess, Shanae Hill and Megan Neal were successful in their application for Teacher Professional Leave. As a result, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development funds a maximum of 30 days relief teaching for the exploration of an area of teaching over the 2013 year. Our GIPS Team will be developing their professional knowledge and expertise in the teaching and assessment of spelling. Their learning will be shared amongst all teachers resulting in an improved approach to the teaching of spelling. This is an exciting opportunity that everyone will benefit from.

Over the term break we will be appointing two new Integration Aides to support classroom teachers with students requiring extra assistance.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a safe and happy Easter and enjoy the hopefully slower pace of holidays.

Regards
Carolyn Macaulay

HAPPY EASTER

From Salt & Pepper

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