I feel like the past week has been full of good news and positive outcomes for Glen Iris.

Welcome Matilda (Tilly) Daisy Walton
We were delighted to hear of the safe arrival of a baby daughter for Susie and Matt Walton on Monday, 23 July. Tilly weighed 3.3kgs. Mother, baby and dad are all well and settling in at home. I am sure the school community join me in sending the Waltons our very best wishes.

School Review
On Monday, 23 July, the School Reviewer, John Marks, visited Glen Iris to conduct our school evaluation. Throughout 2012, the staff, students and community have been undertaking a self assessment of the school's development over the past four years. On the Review Day, we met with the reviewer to discuss our findings. A draft report has been forwarded by the reviewer and I have included some extracts below for your interest. Once the final document is received and presented to School Council, it will be made available to the community. From this report, we will be well positioned to set the direction for our school for the next four years. Whilst we were able to draw on the input of many staff, students and the community in our self assessment, I would especially like to thank the following people who were able to attend the Review Day: Jeremy Beard - Department of Education and Early Childhood Development; Anthony Moore - School Council and staff members: Barbara Maclarn, Jenni De Villa, Andrew Cavell, Shelley Morrison, Helga Shaw, Tanya Tomic, Amy Kopciewicz, Melissa Costa and Shanae Hill.

The Reviewer commented:
“Glen Iris Primary School provides a learning environment for its students that is positive, friendly, secure and reflective of its vision which is characterised by high expectations of all members of the school community, professional growth, team structures and collegiate support.”
“…..The development and enhancement of literacy and numeracy skills through improved classroom teaching and learning practices has been, and remains, a priority, for the school. The staff nurtures a genuine enthusiasm for learning. It constantly reviews the curriculum and effective classroom strategies……”
“…..The sense of school community is a real strength of Glen Iris Primary School. The welcoming nature of the school, the approachability of the principal and staff and the spirit of community engendered are considerable achievements…..”
Acknowledging Others

Early this week, I was reminded of the power of positive feedback and acknowledgement when I met with a parent from our school. We all stand taller and try even harder when we know our efforts are appreciated. This parent had been so impressed by the efforts of one of our staff that she was moved to make an appointment and write a letter to highlight this teacher’s work. What a lovely gesture! It reminds me how often we notice and think kind thoughts of those around us, but don’t always find the opportunity to make our thoughts known. I know that many families will feel equally pleased with the ways our staff support and assist their children. I see the development of each individual child in our school as something like putting together a jigsaw puzzle. Each teacher who works with a child adds pieces to the puzzle. Of course, families and friends are working with us to build the same picture. Sometimes it is not evident how crucial each contribution is until the puzzle takes shape in the years ahead. Ultimately, every piece of the puzzle plays an important part in forming the picture. Our school reviewer identified one key strength of our school is our commitment to a sense of community where we work in partnership to provide the children with a happy and productive educational experience at Glen Iris. Thank you for the part you all play in working with the school to create wonderful outcomes for the children.

Working Bee

Last Saturday, our scheduled working bee was postponed due to the inclement weather for the jobs planned. Despite this, a small band of energetic parents chose to “soldier on” with other gardening tasks around the school. Thanks to Ilias Mastoris, Barbara McKinnon, Justine Moore and Emma Plowright for their time and effort in improving our school grounds.

Prep Enrolments 2013

Soon it will be time to start making plans for our school for next year. To assist with planning, families intending to enrol a child to commence Preps or at other grade levels at Glen Iris Primary School for 2013 are asked to complete an enrolment form and forward it with the relevant documents to the school Office. 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. Boroondara schools request enrolments be received by August 31st, 2012.

Parent Opinion Survey

Each year, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development conduct parent opinion surveys in all government schools as a measure of community satisfaction with the school’s programs and operation. A random sample of parents are asked to complete the survey. The survey is a pen and paper document that, once completed, should be sealed in the envelopes provided and returned to school. The surveys are then returned, unopened, for collation by the central office. This information is valuable to assist us to recognise our strengths and areas for improvement. If your family receives a copy of the survey, we would appreciate you taking the time to complete it and returning it to school by Friday 10 August.

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher

SCHOOL NURSE VISIT - TERM 4

Alison Baker, a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will be attending the school during term four to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents’ consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

Parents are invited to contact the visiting primary school nurse if there are any general child health issues they wish to discuss. The contact number for the visiting primary school nurse is 0412 161 473.

Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a Referral form that is available at the school office. This completed Referral form needs to be returned to the school office.
**Education Maintenance Allowance**

**Closing date Friday 3 August**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA:
1. Your child must be under the age of sixteen; and
2. Your child must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on **29 February 2012 for the first instalment and 3 August 2012 for the second instalment**; and
3. You must on 1 February 2012 for the first instalment and 16 July 2012, for the second instalment: be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the **State Concessions Act 2004**, that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health care card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) HOLDER; or be a foster parent.
4. Submit your application to the school by the due date: **29 February 2012 for the first instalment**, 3 August 2012 for the second instalment.

*Please note: you only need to make a second application in August if your child changes schools between March and August.*

EMA application forms are available from the school office or from our website.

**Fathers’ Day Breakfast**

**Thursday 30 August 2012 7.30 am - 8.45 am at GIPS**

Fathers or special friends are invited to come and enjoy a fabulous pancake or muffin breakfast to celebrate Fathers’ Day.

Breakfast options are now available for online ordering at [http://www.gips.vic.edu.au](http://www.gips.vic.edu.au). Just follow the links. If you have any difficulties ordering online please contact the GIPS office.

**Pancake Option $8.00** Pancake, cereal and juice with complimentary tea/coffee.

**Muffin Option $5.00** Brumby’s muffin, cereal and juice with complimentary tea/coffee.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE: FRIDAY 17 AUGUST - NO LATE BOOKINGS ACCEPTED.**

Tickets will be available for collection at the breakfast - simply present your ticket for stamping at the various “food stations”.

Come and join the children for a very relaxed start to the day!

Anna Tomlinson and Petra Remmen

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**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

Copies of this information are available at the office:

- How do I raise a resilient Child?
  - **Wednesday 22 August @ 7.30pm** Brighton Grammar - gold coin donation to the Fred Hollows Foundation. Bookings 9596 8814 or info@shineacademy.com.au
- Playgroup Victoria presents Steve Biddulph on Raising Girls. **Thursday 6 September @ Glen Eira Town hall**. Book online via trybooking.
- Help Ozchild Break the Foster Carer Drought in Victoria! Ozchild has just launched a new website to help with recruitment of urgently needed foster carers and to raise awareness of the diverse range of people who can make great foster parents - visit www.fosterparenting.org.au

**NOTE:** Advertisements are placed according to relevance and interest to the school community and are not a reflection of the school’s interest or beliefs.

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**TODAY’S NOTICES**

- Father’s Day Breakfast (eldest) pink with reply slip

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**PARENTS’ ASSOC’N NEWS**

- Next meeting **Tuesday 14 August @ 9.00am** in the Staffroom.
- Don’t forget to join us for the famous Father’s Day Breakfast. Remember to order for all the children and adults attending. Bookings are now open.
Prep to 2 classes watched a performance of “The Magic Flute” last Friday. Thank you to Mrs. Deckert for organising such an enjoyable afternoon. We now eagerly await the School Concert on Friday 19 October.
PSW Mount Waverley Store is moving...

We are excited to announce the PSW Mount Waverley store is moving to a bigger, better and sparkling new premise!

You will experience:

✔ A much larger, less cluttered store layout
✔ New, bigger school locator signage
✔ Clearly designated school areas
✔ Trained and friendly staff
✔ Brand new signage and fixtures

Commencing 1st August our new address is:

Moving a few doors down...

Where:
PSW Mount Waverley
290 Stephensons Road,
Mount Waverley, VIC 3149
Phone: 03 9809 5477
Fax: 03 9809 5386

Shop Hours:
Tue to Fri: 8.30am - 5.00pm
Saturday: 9.00am - 1.00pm

Can’t make it to the store? Shop Online
www.psw.com.au
A huge thank you to the following businesses who generously sponsored our tables at the Trivia Night. Their generous donations have allowed us to purchase new books for the school library and new sports uniforms for our sports teams. Please keep our sponsors in mind when shopping and in turn help support them by using their products and services.