From The Principal

Dear Parents,

The “Silly Season” is well and truly upon us and it is a very busy time at school and for families. Arrangements are well in place for a smooth beginning to the 2010 school year and, whilst there will be many changes, there are many exciting things to look forward to.

Grade 2 Sleepover

Last Friday evening, our 63 Grade 2 children enjoyed a fun filled night of activities and even some slumber! The children played games on the oval, devoured a delicious dinner, watched a movie and prowled for possums before settling down for the night. Thank you to Robyn Challis, Melissa Costa, Michael Shannon, James Tomlinson, Richard Abrahams, Graeme Andrews and Colin Earle for offering this aspect of our camping program to the children. Thanks, also, to the many parents who assisted with supervision, games and catering throughout the program.

Parking Near Our School

Please take every precaution to follow parking and traffic regulations when dropping off and collecting your children from school. Most importantly, we want to ensure the safety of all the children. This week traffic officers have booked people illegally parked. Often, I am surprised by some actions I observe near our school. Please put safety before convenience.

Helpers’ Morning Tea

Many members of our school community support the school and help the staff and children throughout the year. This help may be directly at school or by reinforcing school programs at home. We would be delighted if any members of our school community could join us for a “Thank You” Morning Tea on Friday 11 December at 10.30am in the Multipurpose room.

Playground Development and Improvements

Families may have noticed that work has commenced to redevelop the area of the playground along the Glen Iris Road and northern boundaries. Once completed, this will provide a much more attractive and interactive space for the children.

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<td>House Swimming Carnival Grs.3 - 6</td>
<td>Piano &amp; Guitar Soirees 6.30 &amp; 7.30pm</td>
<td>Grade 6 Orientation day at Government Secondary Schools</td>
<td>Grade 6 Melbourne Sports &amp; Aquatic Centre</td>
<td>Thank You Morning Tea 10.30am</td>
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New fencing will be incorporated on Glen Iris Road to match the existing black metal fence. Prior to the end of the year, new bike racks will be installed between the two “infill” buildings on our western boundary. The bike racks will support our new Bike Riding Policy that will commence in the New Year. Please wait to begin riding bikes to school until we clarify the safety aspects of the policy with students. Special thanks to Barbara McKinnon for her coordination of the landscaping which has been complicated and time consuming. Thanks also, to James Tomlinson for his organisation of the fencing and bike racks.

Staffing and Programs 2010

With the extensive building and staffing changes in 2010, some different arrangements have been made to manage some programs in the new year.

Music: In 2010, a modified music program will be offered as we await the construction of our new Performing Arts Room and appointment of a music specialist. Each class will continue to have a musical experience each week as part of their level

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THANK YOU FROM THE SRC

The SRC would like to thank the School Community for raising $2,100 this year which was gratefully received and appreciated by a number of charities.

THANK YOU FROM THE SRC
Hi everyone

A big thank you to Judith Scarff, Irene Brumen and Kathryn Turner who have volunteered to co-ordinate our Special Lunches for 2010. I’m sure all the students will be very pleased to hear this news – we appreciate these mums stepping up to help.

On the subject of lunches, we are looking to trial online lunch orders with “Classroom Cuisine” next year. I would be interested to hear any feedback regarding this before we decide how often this service will be available to GIPS parents.

As we plan our fundraising and social activities for next year, please feel free to drop me an email with any suggestions you may have. Is there a particular type of event you’d like to see on the school calendar - a car rally, a dinner dance, a day at the races, something another school does which you’ve envied in the past? All ideas welcome!

Have a great week,

Carolyn Currie
President Parents’ Association
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What’s in a Bubble?
The Level 3 Science Enrichment children and Miss Black have been testing bubble mixtures. We started off playing with bubbles and conducted experiments to find the combination of ingredients for making the best bubble mixture. We found out that 7 tablespoons of hot water, 3 tablespoons of liquid detergent and 1 tablespoon of sugar or glycerine make the best bubble mixture.

We then tested to find which brand of detergent at the supermarket made the best bubble mixture. Palmolive was the best out of all the mixtures and made the best and biggest bubbles. We had lots of fun blowing bubbles and recommend people try and experiment with different ingredients and quantities. You must make the mixture with hot water otherwise it doesn’t mix very well.

FOR SALE
- Eco bags still available $4
- Wine books were $25, now $15
Come to the School Office for these bargains.

Parents
You are invited to join us for

MORNING TEA

on Friday 11 December
in the multi-purpose room at 10.30am
to thank you for all the support you give to the Glen Iris Primary School community during the year.

We hope you can come along.

From
The GIPS Staff
2009 Grade 1 Christmas Function

After pouring all day last Sunday, the skies cleared at exactly 3pm and 45 families from Grade 1 descended upon Howard Dawson Reserve for the Grade 1 Christmas picnic. A great time was had by all as about 90 children and their parents celebrated the Christmas season with a play in the park, basketball on the half court and a few games of friendly cricket on the oval. Santa and his Elf helper made a guest appearance and all the children received a small gift for being such good children for their parents and teachers this year. Special thanks must go to Trudy Vasta (1W) for organising the gifts for the children, Peter Holmes (1C) for producing the flyer, Kiah Wildoer (1W) for supplying the Santa suit and to Greg Tannock (1B) and Peter Luscombe (1B) for assisting with the appearance of Santa and his Elf!!

SCHOOL BANKING

Please note that School Banking has finished for 2009 and will restart in Term 1, 2010. Watch this space to find out when School Banking recommences.

THE UNIFORM SHOP

Sale of open hem windcheaters, sizes 4 - 12, 50% off while stocks last! Available at the Uniform Shop or at the Waverley retail outlet. The last day to purchase uniform at school is Monday 14 December. The Waverley store closes on 22 December and re-opens on 4 January, 2010. Open 7 days a week during January 2010 (Sundays 11am - 4pm).

INFORMATION BASKET

Copies of this information are available in the basket at the front office:

- Career Planning for Parents - no cost for eligible parents, fully funded by the State Govt. Course targeted at parents who have not been in paid work for more than 4 months in the last 2 years. The course runs 1 day per week during school hours for 10 weeks, apply now for Term 1, 2010 courses. Ph. Aust. Education Industry Centre 9895 1666 See flyer at Office for more information.

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.

GARAGE SALE

Sat 12 Dec 8am - 2pm, 1/13 Gardiner Pde, Glen Iris House clearing sale. Contact Mary 9813 8915

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

- Gymnastics notice (white, Prep - Gr.4)

2010 TERM DATES

Term 1 1 February to 26 March
Term 2 12 April to 25 June
Term 3 12 July to 17 September
Term 4 4 October to 17 December