Dear Parents

Travel Plan
Traffic flow and parking have long been issues for our school. It can be time consuming and frustrating to try to park near the school at peak times. Even worse, some of the driving and parking practices that are used are a danger to the children. With School Council, I have sought assistance from Boroondara Council. The Sustainable Transport Officer Schools has offered to work with our community to develop a traffic plan incorporating a range of innovative strategies that meet the needs of our community. Already, parent, Justin Stark, has volunteered to coordinate this project but it cannot work without your help.

We are hoping to form a group of interested parents and staff to liaise with the community and Boroondara Council to find out what you want and the best way to ease the problem. If you are interested in being involved and having input, please leave your name at the Office and we will contact you with further information.

Library Furniture
This week, new furniture arrived for our new Library and ICT Centre. The bright, unstructured pieces will enable the children to make full use of the facility in a multitude of ways. Thanks to our staff who researched the best furniture for our space using their design talents: Susie Walton, Kay Borrow, Sarah Hunting, Natasha Williams and Shanae Hill. There are still further furnishings to be added.

Also, we are trying to think of an appropriate name for the flexible facility with its many uses. If you can think of something original, please be sure to let us know.

Level 4 Camp
Next week, our Level 4 students are off to Camp Coonawarra in East Gippsland. The children will participate in a range of outdoor education activities including canoeing, horse-riding and the flying fox. Thanks to the staff and parents who are giving up their time to accompany the children: Emily...
Burgess, Meg Neal, Melissa Costa, Rachel Pitson, Shanae Hill, Ian Griffiths, Ray Carrasco, Michael Georgiadis and Illias Mastoris. I am looking forward to joining the group for 3 days during the week.

Parent / Teacher Interviews
I hope that parents have found their meetings with class and specialist teachers informative and productive. This term, we have trialled the online booking system for Parent/Teacher Interviews which has saved many hours for teachers. We are keen to receive feedback from parents about the system. Was it convenient for parents? Are there any improvements you would suggest? Please feel free to drop a line to our Assessment and Reporting Coordinator, Barb Maclarn via the Office.

Wear a Hat for Sophie!
Most families will be aware that Sophie, will represent Victoria in the National Schools’ Cross Country Carnival later this month in Canberra. On Tuesday 16 August, we are inviting families to help us “Pass Around the Hat for Sophie”. Children can wear an amusing hat, or even a footy beanie to join in the fun for a gold coin donation. Funds will assist cover the costs associated with Sophie’s trip to Canberra.

There are also raffle tickets on sale in support of the Victorian State Cross Country Team. The tickets are available from the Office for $2.00. Prizes include: Mitsubishi Lancer ES, Family Holiday to Disneyland and HD 3D televisions.

Art Auction
Arrangements are taking shape for our major fundraiser next term – the Art Auction. The event will be our first community function in our new facility. Put the date on your calendar now. Art Auction – 15 October. See the Parents’ Association Report for further details.

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher

CURRENT PREP FAMILIES
In the first week of term, reminders were sent to families concerning Birth and Immunisation Certificates for their Prep child. We still have a few of these outstanding - if you received a reminder please bring your certificate/s in to the School Office so a copy can be included with your child’s enrolment form.
Thank you, Office Staff.

HATS
If any family has any interesting hats (that they don’t need any more) we would really love them for Performing Arts lessons. Please give them to Mrs.Van der Jagt as soon as possible. Thank you.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
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(We need lots of helpers to make the breakfast a success. If you can help, please let the office know.)

ART AUCTION
This year’s major fundraiser is our Art Auction to be held in our fabulous new library/performing arts space. As you will have seen on the flyer that went home last week, the date is Saturday 15 October.
Champagne will be provided on arrival and finger food during the evening. You will have the opportunity to bid on 19 magnificent pieces of art, one from each GIPS class. Drinks will be at bar prices. So mark the date in your diary and organize the babysitter, it will be a night not to be missed!

Regards,

Carolyn Currie
President Parents’ Association
Email: carolyncurrie@optusnet.com.au

HOUSE ATHLETICS REFUNDS
As indicated in the note sent home last Friday, all parents who have paid for the rescheduled House Athletics on Thursday 18 August will be refunded their payment. Refund forms are being sent home today to those families, please return completed form to the school promptly to arrange refund.
**LUNCHTIME HAPPENINGS**

With the opening of our new Technology and Library Learning Space, the Promotion and ICT Teams have been keen to use it during lunchtimes. This offers students during Term 3 alternative activities. Staff and other students have also volunteered to offer lunchtime programs for various groups. These programs have been well publicised at Assembly and have begun this week.

**Term 3 Timetable**

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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Copies of this information are available at the office:

- The playful market - at Ashburton Baptist Church, Marquis St Carpark Entrance. Entry $2 per adult, kids free. Saturday 13 August 9am – 2pm. Handmade craft, sausage sizzle, second hand books, quilt display, lucky dips, animal farm - something for everyone. The playful market is also running 2 Kite Decorating Competitions for children (U8, U10 & U12) and an Open Competition. The School Office has flyers about the Kite Decorating Competitions.

- Zumbatonics for 8 – 12 yr olds - would your child like to join a Zumbatonics class in the local area. If you would like more information about this class, please contact school parent Irene Brumen by email - ibrumen@bigpond.com.au

- “Bedtime Bugs” is closing its retail outlet at High St Ashburton and going online. Currently offering a 25% discount on all handmade sleepwear. Please call in and leave your email address with us or visit us online at www.bedtimebugs.com.au Thank you to all of the GIPS families who have supported us over the years.

- MelbourneNetball.com - the specialist in social netball - Melbourne Netball runs social netball competitions all over Melbourne - women’s and mixed teams ... all ages. Call 0419 887 719 or visit www.melbournenetball.com

- How do I raise a Resilient Child? - free parent information night at Brighton Grammar on Weds 24 August. Gold coin donation appreciated. Bookings: 9596 8814 or info@shineacademy.com.au

- The Ark Clothing Company is looking for mums to join our team on a part time basis (up to 4 days a week). Good pay rates, exceptional conditions. If interested contact Kate 9912 2710 or 0409 003 175.

- The Anxiety Recovery Centre Victoria is offering a community education seminar “Parenting Anxious Children” on Thursday 11 August from 7.00 - 9.00pm at the Augustine Centre in Hawthorn. To register visit www.arcvic.org.au or ring 9830 0566.

- Victoria University is conducting a research study concerning children aged 8 - 12 and the development of age-appropriate motor skills. If interested ph. 9919 4025 or email Jacqueline.williams@vu.edu.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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Looking forward to a great morning!

Thanks,
Penny Ashby, Amanda Parsons & Viv Mason

BOOK COVERING VOLUNTEERS

We have purchased some exciting new class sets as well as the books which have been short-listed for Book of the Year. If you are able to help with covering these materials it would be greatly appreciated. Book covering can be done at school on a Monday or Wednesday morning or you’re welcome to take some home to cover at your leisure.

Thank you, Kay Borrow.

S.R.C. The Australian Red Cross thanks the GIPS community for raising $150 to support families and individuals affected by the floods in western Victoria.

FUNDRAISING COLLECTIONS AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

We currently have collection boxes for Coles and Woolworths’ vouchers and McCains’ barcodes. Please feel welcome to drop in your vouchers or barcodes at either end of the school day or send along with your child/ren.

SNOW IN ASHBURTON

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 2011, 10.00am - 2.00pm

Decorated snowman have taken over shop windows in Ashburton and on Saturday 6 August Mt Buller will dump 10 tonnes of snow for a real winter feel!

Families can join in the fun and enjoy the activities including toboggan rides and snowman making.
Glen Iris Primary School thanks our sponsors for their support.

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**BABYSITTING**

Hi, my name is Alice. I am a local 16 yr old ex-student of Glen Iris Primary School, currently attending MacRobertson Girls’ High School. I am responsible, reliable, mature and available for babysitting. If I can help you, please call 0449 969 778 or 9885 5562.