From The Principal

It is hard to believe that we only have twelve days left of the school year and the frantic last minute Christmas shopping that has to be done (well, for me anyway!).

COMMUNITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
A BIG congratulations to The Robotics Team. We are really proud of their efforts and just love the trophy they rightly deserved. Please see Ms Floyd’s report for further details. Thank you to everyone involved, in particular Ms Floyd for giving up a couple of her Sundays, Ms Black and Ms Finley and Clare Schwarz in supporting the team through their competition.

It was a pleasure to be in the audience of our GIPS Soiree on Monday evening. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the whole event however what I saw was certainly entertaining and represented some very talented young people. Thanks to Ms Deckert and Mr Smith for their work in the co-ordination of this event. Also to Jill Schofield and Geoff Dawson, the Instrumental Music Teachers who attended and supported our students.

Thanks to all who came along to our Family Fiesta. We were very fortunate with the weather and it was great to see so many of our families enjoying each other’s company. It was also nice to see many of our new families attend.

A warm welcome to our new Parents’ Association President - Ms Sene-li Wong. Sene Li has two children attending Glen Iris Primary School next year and is incredibly enthusiastic about taking over the role. Ms Liz Fowler has stepped down after two periods holding this role. She has performed an exceptional job and I know that as the new Vice-President she will continue to contribute to our school community and will show ongoing support for Sene-Li. This year the PA has funded the purchase and installation of our new kiln, purchase of our school’s basketball singlets and has been a major contributor to a new playground. One of the responsibilities of the PA is to manage the Parent Representative Group. Parent Reps represent the class by liaising between teacher and parents and also organising parent events. Ms Jaqui Brown will once again be co-ordinating this group. You will be asked if you would like to consider one of these roles for 2013. It is something perhaps that you can think about in anticipation of the letter that will be sent home in the new school year. It is a wonderful way to meet all the parents of the students in the class.

TEACHER APPOINTMENTS
I am pleased to announce the re-appointment of Brodee Goldman as the successful applicant for our Graduate position. Brodee is currently teaching in year 2 and for this reason will remain in this year level for 2013. Unfortunately Kylie Craig is no longer able to join our Glen Iris Primary School community thus resulting in this position now becoming vacant. We are currently in the midst of filling this grade 3 vacancy. This will be announced to the school community as soon as possible.

We would like to welcome Christine Hallam to our PE position for the remainder of the year.

A reminder regarding the process for teacher allocations, classes have now been set and we are currently collaborating with relevant teams ensuring
that students are placed in the best learning environment. This collaboration includes students’ 2013 class teachers. This week we begin ‘Transition Up’ where students begin to become familiar with 2013 classrooms and teams of teachers. All families will be notified of their child’s teacher on the last Wednesday of term.

RAK AWARDS
The following members of our school community represent our first group of RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) Awards: Amy P (1W), Daniel O (5/6B), Mitch B (5/6B), Ava S (3N), Anna V (3N), John H (3P), Lucy G (4G), Georgia L (4C), Oscar C (3P), Elise L (3P), Helena (3P), Pari V (1LN), Hassib S (5/6T), Casey C(2W), Louisa B (5/6B), Gemma T (2S), Winona W (Prep M), Monique C (5/6K) and the Mastoris family.

DISCO
Remember the Disco is being held this evening
5.30 - 6.30pm Prep to Grade 2
7.00 – 8.00pm Grade 3 to Grade 6

GRADE 5, 2013 INFORMATION NIGHT
At 7pm parents of 2013 Grade 5 students are invited to join us in the Library for an information session on the multi-age program in years 5 and 6.

Regards

Friends Of The Library
Thank you to all FOTL members who have helped throughout the year. We now have an established group of parents available to support our Librarian and help with library related tasks. Our efforts this year have been focused on updating fiction books within the collection. Approximately 500 new books have been introduced into the library. Next year we will review and update non-fiction books, with a particular emphasis on texts to support the National Curriculum. If you would like to participate or be informed of FOTL 2013 happenings please email your details to Julie Gray: jsgathome@gmail.com.

Merry Christmas and Happy Reading!
Kay Borrow

THANK YOU
A huge thank you to the many parents who have taken home books to contact. There are still more to cover so if you would like to help out, please inquire at the Office.

Helga Shaw
Literacy Coordinator

Parents’ Assoc’n News

Thank you to all of the parents who attended yesterday’s AGM. A list of our new 2013 committee will come out with the next newsletter. I am however very pleased to be able to report that the vast majority of positions on the committee were filled. Sene-Li Wong, mother of Daniel Park in 2S and Shaun Park, starting in Prep next year has filled the role of President and Chairperson. Sene-Li comes to us as a full time working parent with a fresh new approach and we welcome her with open arms.

The roles which require filling for 2013 are Special Lunch and Main Event. Special Lunches requires a group of 3 people to co-ordinate special lunches 4-6 times per year and includes distributing forms, collating on-line orders, ordering food from suppliers, delivery and pick up of goods and organising helpers to pack and distribute the lunches. This job has very well set out guidelines and there is always an abundance of helpers on the day. We just need someone to help co-ordinate!

Main Event is our largest fundraiser of the year. The Co-coordinator of this role, together with a team of helpers (a few people have already committed to help), is responsible for the delegation of jobs required to make this event happen. It has not yet been decided what this event will be for 2013 and we are hoping as a committee that some parents will come forward with ideas and implement them. This will be discussed further at our first meeting next year which is on 5 February at 9am in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

As always, without a strong network of parent helpers, we are unable to raise much needed funds for our school and provide our children with special events such as the special lunches. I encourage you to think about becoming involved in 2013.

If anyone would like to speak to me about either of these roles further I am more than happy to meet with you and discuss.

Liz Fowler,
Outgoing President
mob 0430 980 418
Robyn’s Report: Student Voice

The ICT Convention led by the ICT Student Action Leadership Team was again a success as it gave students from each grade level the opportunity to present to parents the way ICT is used as a tool to support their learning. Laptops, Easi-speak microphones, iPads, Storyphones, eBooks were set up in the Technology Centre by the students who eagerly assisted parents to ‘try’ out programs.

I was invited to present our ICT Vision for Glen Iris and Carolyn Macaulay to talk about future developments planned for ICT at Glen Iris.

Although disappointingly our numbers this year were about one third of previous years, the audience was very appreciative and saw examples of the use of:

- Kidpix drawing software to illustrate student understanding of life cycles in Prep classes.
- Easi-speak microphones to record their reading so that students could improve their fluency. Also used in filmmaking (Preps, Year 56).
- Flip cameras to video talks, plays and actions (P-6).
- Animation APs on the iPad to develop narrative (story) writing skills in Year 3.
- PowerPoint presentations and Publisher brochures that enable students to communicate their learnings to other students (2,3,4).
- Moviemaking software to create advertisements to promote their political parties. In Level 4 (56) student teams vied to be elected in order to have the privilege of running the class for a day.
- eBooks in technology-based Literature Circles (Book Clubs) to engender an interest in the classics while using 21st century Internet resources to hone their research skills.
- Google sketch to design and test racetracks based on different criteria and specifications (56).
- Plus much more….

We look forward to seeing parents again next year as technology moves so quickly there will be different ICTs to showcase!

ICT Vision: Our students will have access to a variety of devices so that they can be creative and adaptable in the 21st Century. The use of ICT will enhance teaching and learning throughout the curriculum.

Wanted: A Handyman to make a green screen for TV/Movie production. A large board on rollers painted green that can be moved. If you think this is you…please see Amy Kopciewicz.
INSPIRATION PROGRAMS THIS TERM
This term students from Glen Iris, Solway and Ashburton joined together to participate in a number of collaborative learning activities for highly able students. These programs, though targeted at a small group of students, benefit all our students. They return to our school with new ideas and fresh ways of understanding how to work with others. Year 2 students wrote the script for a fractured fairytale and performed for parents in just 3 hours. Year 4 students learned how to make movies with iPads and this week I noticed that these ‘experts’ have been showing their classmates how to do the same. We have 4 iPads to share across the Level 3 (Year 3 & 4s) school. This is a fantastic example of our students leading and teaching other students.

LEGO ROBOTICS CHALLENGE AWARD
Congratulations to our team of seven who worked hard for 2 terms at lunchtimes and recesses with the support and patient encouragement of Claire Schwartz as coach. Jenny Finley also assisted, Emma Black guided their research project, and Danniel Smith helped them create their presentation to the judges about Seniors in song form. We have collected stories from our students’ grandparents which can be read on our website. Please read them as they give a fascinating insight into childhood in other eras! Our team had to explain how the robot was programmed to the judges. You can see the trophy we won for Technical Innovation at the Office. It’s made of LEGO!

LIBRARY IS NOW OPEN FOR READING ON WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIMES DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND.
Lego Club is on Mondays in the Library while Wednesday is open for quiet reading, borrowing or games.
We’d like to introduce Sheryl, a member of our local community, who has volunteered to support the Friends of the Library and helps students at lunchtime Wednesdays search for books they’d like. Parent helpers also join us and every-one is warmly welcomed. Pop in and see our new additions to the library furniture that shout, ‘Come and read’ with rugs and cushions made by Natasha Williams and cosy corners.

Robyn Floyd
Assistant Principal
**Yard Duty**
Thank you to everyone who volunteered this term, it was a great response!
A notice is being sent home with the newsletter today for Term 1, 2013 to start the year off. Please try to find a spare lunchtime, as your children would love to see you, and you will be helping to make a safer playground for everyone.

*Justine Moore (9889 9547)  
Justine3146@gmail.com  
On behalf of Parents’ Association*

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**LAST DAY FOR SCHOOL BANKING**
The last day for 2012 will be Monday 10 December.

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**Year 3 Netball**
Ashburton Netball Club are recruiting girls who are currently in Year 3, and are interested in playing netball next year.
If your current Year 3 child is interested please contact us before 5th December
We will answer all your queries
Amanda Parsons parso21@bigpond.net.au  
Kim Davis kmdavis@bigpond.net.au  
M: 0419 361 813

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**Christmas in Ashburton**
Santa Claus is coming to town from Saturday December 8... along with elves, reindeer, brass bands, carol singers and special entertainment for the kids.

**Saturday 8 December**
10am - 2pm  Santa’s Grotto in High Street
10am - 2pm  Free Christmas Make & Take activities:  
- Christmas Santa’s Satiations  
- ‘Put A Point!’  
- Decorate A Free Porron  
- Gingerbread Swans

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**HAWTHORN ROTARY CLUB**

Donations of Educational Materials (exercise books, pencils, rulers etc.) which will be sent to children in Africa, can be left at the School Office. GIPS has always given great support to this cause.

**PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DONATION AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

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**MALVERN MOBILE UNIT**
Malvern Town Hall  
Corner of Glenferrie Rd & High St, Malvern

**Thursday 3 January**  
1:30pm - 7:30pm

**Friday 4 January**  
9:30am - 3:30pm

To book your appointment please call 13 14 95,  
Or email dpallen@redcrossblood.org.au

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**Save lives together**

Join your local community group in making a big difference
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD
Copies of this information are available at the office:

- Catmandu - Motel for Cats, 119 Highbury Rd, Burwood. Ph. 9808 6006, email contact@catmandu-motel-for-cats.com.au or visit our website www.catmandu-motel-for-cats.com.au
- “Named” (Est.1989) - Personalising Gifts for those Special Occasions! Christmas Sale 7th December at 2C Northbrook Ave, Malvern. Ph.9824 6996 or www.named.net.au
- Art’scool for Kids - Term 1 Observational Drawing & Painting Program 2013 - enrol now for Term 1, 2013 Ph.9885 1195 / 0400 272 335
- Ashburton Support Services - not-for-profit organization supporting aged people and mature aged people with a disability. We’re involved with Meals On Wheels, Social Activities, “The Ashy” Op Shop, facilities for hire. We’re always keen to train new volunteers, for more information ph.9885 3815 or visit www.ashburtonsupport.org.au
- Clever Cricket Camps 2013 - Ages 6 - 16, boys & girls, 3 full days of cricket. Ph.9464 6664 or visit www.cricketcoaching.com.au
- Ashburton Women’s Soccer Club is currently seeking girl players for U8 - UU14 teams. Ph. 0409 235 641 or visit www.ashburtonwsc.org.au
- Canterbury Girls Secondary College Uniform for sale Ph. 0423 833 424
- The Australian Children’s Choir - The choir is currently holding auditions for entry in 2013. Auditions for all age groups will be held on Sun 16 Dec, 2012 from 1.30 - 6.00pm. Ph.9873 0277 or visit www.theacc.com.au
- Kraftworks for Kids - Holiday workshops for tweens and teens aged 8 - 14. Mon 21 Jan through to Fri 1 Feb at the Camberwell Uniting Church. Ph.0412 152 091 or visit www.kraftworks.com.au
- Futures Tennis Academy Holiday Tennis Clinics for all standards and all ages, from Mon 14 through to Thurs 24 Jan. Ph.9528 6375 or visit www.futurestennis.com.au
- SoccerWise - School Holiday Program for 4 - 12 yr old boys & girls, Mon 21 Jan to Fri 1 Feb 2013 Ph.0419 253 837 or visit www.SoccerWise.com.au
- Gymnastic Holiday Programs suitable for boys & girls aged 2 - 16 yrs. Mon 14 Jan - Fri 1 Feb at Bialik College. Ph.9529 4445 or visit www.fitnessforfun.com.au
- Farm Fresh Christmas Trees, available weekend up to Dec 16 from 10am at 1st Glen Iris Scout Hall Ferndale Park, Glen Iris Rd, Glen Iris. Pre-order or collect on day. Home delivery available. Enquiries 0411 083 814
- YMCA Camping Adventures for children aged 8 - 16yrs. Mon 14 to Fri 18 Jan at Camp Manyung, Mt. Eliza. For more information ph.9345 8022 or visit www.vicymca.org.au

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