Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 4. It is hard to believe it is already that stage of the year. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing term break. The term ahead will bring many exciting and productive learning opportunities for the children: camps, excursions, sleepovers, sporting events and stimulating learning.

Learning with Technology

Over the school holiday period, the school received 125 new laptop computers to replace our existing desktop computers in the classrooms and computer lab. A team of staff have investigated “best practice” in computer use in a range of schools and designed a model for Glen Iris that will expand the use and integration of computer technology in our classrooms. Laptop computers will allow a much more flexible use of this equipment than the existing desktop machines. The new computers are currently being set up to operate on our school’s network and should be in place in the next couple of weeks. Thank you to Robyn Floyd, Susie Walton and Amy Kopciewicz for their extensive work in researching the best computer arrangements for Glen Iris and to Robyn for the time and effort she has put in to sourcing the computers and coordinating their installation.

School Social Event

Many parents will be looking forward to the Parents’ Association “Social Event” this Saturday night at Canvas, in Hawthorn. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with other school parents and meet others you don’t already know. Thanks to Carolyn Currie and Rachel Pinchbeck for their time and effort they have given to planning and organising this evening. I’m sure we will have a great night.

District Athletics Carnival

Today our School Athletics Team competed in the District Athletics Carnival at Bill Sewart Reserve. Approximately 40 children represented the school in a full range of track and field events. Thank you to parents who have supported the Athletics Team and to Andrew Cavell for his organisation and preparation of the team. Depending on the results from today’s competition, some students may go on to compete in the Zone Athletics.

School Visits in Western Australia

In the week prior to the school holidays, I was fortunate to represent the Victorian Department of Education on a tour of remote community schools in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. Throughout the visit, the group travelled more than 3500 kilometres to reach a range of remote schools. We visited schools in large towns through to those set in isolated communities. Each of the schools catered for a large indigenous community. The purpose of the visits was to determine how schools in various contexts work in partnership with their communities. A strong influence in this area was the high profile and involvement of the multinational mining companies that have a very real impact on daily life of the people and the operation of the schools. As well as dealing with the massive logistical challenge...
of distance from major centres and services, these schools also play a significant role in the fundamental health and wellbeing of the children. I was very impressed by, firstly, the physical presentation of the school facilities, staff and students and, secondly, by the innovative programs in place to develop students’ skills; encourage regular school attendance and support students to develop skills that will potentially lead to vocational opportunities. Whilst there were obvious differences between life in a Pilbara school and life in a Boroondara school, the basic elements that children need to succeed are the same. There were also striking similarities between the two environments such as computerised learning, school concerts and NAPLAN to name a few. I will be providing reports on the visits to colleagues and the Education Department and I would be very happy to share more tales of my travels with anyone else interested.

Class Placement 2011
Shortly, teachers will begin the lengthy process of developing well-balanced classes for optimal learning in 2011. Input from class teachers, parents and children are taken into account in conjunction with learning, social and personality considerations. Parents with particular information they would like to be considered during this process may put their request in writing to me no later than Friday, 5 November. Requests may relate to social, family or learning matters. Requests relating to individual teachers will not be considered. If you would like to discuss your request, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with Robyn Floyd or myself by Friday, 5 November, to ensure your request can be considered in the timeframe for the class placement process. By following this process, we are best able to meet your request. In the event that we are unable to meet any requests, parents will be contacted prior to classes being announced. It is most likely that late requests will not be able to be met.

Plans for 2011
It is already that time of year when our school must make some major decisions regarding our operation for 2011. Families can assist us with these important decisions by letting us know if their children will not return to Glen Iris in 2011. If your child will not return to GIPS in 2011, please notify the Office in writing as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

SHOE RECYCLING
Thank you to Glen Iris Primary School for your participation in the 2010 “In Your Shoes” Project and for the collection of 528 pairs of shoes!

Your contribution has helped make this year’s shoe recycling program very successful. The shoes you have donated will be distributed to a number of developing countries, including Kenya and Iraq, as well as several local charities.

Aside from serving as a means to provide shoes to disadvantaged individuals and communities, you have also helped divert this material from landfill. In addition, a number of disadvantaged young people were offered some casual employment and training as a result of this project.

Thank you for your support.
Kids Off The Kerb & In Your Shoes 2010 Team
GIPS SOCIAL NIGHT AT CANVAS

The social night of the year is finally here – I’m sure everybody is looking forward to a great evening this Saturday! We now have around 190 parents attending, which is a terrific result. As promised, there will be some great raffle prizes on the night including a $200 food and beverage package from Canvas restaurant, a three month gym membership kindly donated by ReCreation Health Club, Jurlique facial vouchers, and Village movie passes. We also have many other lucky door prizes so make sure you hold onto your numbered ticket given out as you enter. Tickets will be $2 each, or 3 for $5.

Thursday 7 October is the absolute last day for last minute tickets – please see Liz in the office as the Trybooking website has now closed.

WALKATHON

Just a reminder that the Walkathon has been rescheduled for Tuesday, 19 October. Sponsorship forms will be coming home with this week’s notices for those who have misplaced theirs from earlier in the year! We will need parent help for this event to be a success, so please return forms to the office indicating if you are able to assist on the day.

“SUSHI” SPECIAL LUNCH - TERM FOUR FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER

**New Online Ordering via TryBooking**

This Term we will be trialling a new way of ordering Special Lunch. Given the enormous investment of time required to collate orders manually and to count money, and how much parents already offer their time and assistance to help in the school & classroom, we have decided to trial on-line ordering. To order, please follow the link to Special Lunches on the GIPS website available from Wednesday the 13 October. Hard-copy menus will be sent home from the school, with an instruction sheet.

Of course parents who are unable to access on-line bookings are still able to place orders manually (please collect 2 paper bags from the office). Remember, one bag is for your child’s sushi order and the second is for any extras that they may wish to order.

Please note that this is not the regular Classroom Cuisine on-line ordering system.

Special Lunch is a fundraiser activity for the school, with all proceeds going directly to the school.

We hope that your children enjoy their lunch and welcome any feedback after the event. Thank you to Irene Brumen, Judith Scarff and Kathryn Turner of the Special Lunch Committee for all the work involved in providing Special Lunches every term for our children.

YARD DUTY

There are still some places available in Term 4. If you can assist with any of the following dates please inform the office or email Sarah Hanger at: sarah.hanger@optusnet.com.au.

1 November 5 November 3 December 7 December 8 December 17 December

Kind regards
Carolyn Currie - President Tel: 0438 898904 Email: carolyncurrie@optusnet.com.au

NUDE FOOD WEDNESDAYS

Get excited everyone, because in Term 4 the Environment Team will be running a series of Nude Food Days! These will be held every Wednesday starting from the 13 October (second Wednesday of Term 4). Cool prizes will be given on random Wednesdays to classes with the least rubbish. There will also be a great prize for the best class over the full term! We hope that this program reduces the amount of rubbish generated by the school community. Parents, please send your child(ren) to school with food in re-useable containers.

Thanks in advance,
The Environment Team
**HOURS OF SUPERVISION**

Please note that students are supervised in the yard before school from 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm.

**GLEN IRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

8.30am until 4.30pm

**NUT AWARE SCHOOL**

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The 2010 Boroondara Sustainability Awards celebrate sustainable design in homes and gardens across the City.

The Awards are a chance for you to inspire others within the Boroondara community with your ideas and achievements.

Who is eligible to enter?
The Awards are open to all residential homes and gardens in Boroondara. You can enter whether you are an owner-occupier, tenant, landlord or a proud new owner!
You can also nominate a project you have worked on in a professional capacity.

What types of awards are there?
There are two award categories: homes and gardens. All entries that show examples of sustainability (beyond minimum regulatory requirements) will receive public recognition, as well as a small prize.
At the end of the year, Gold, Silver and Bronze award winners will be selected in each category. These winners will be given additional public recognition and a larger prize, as well as permission to use the Awards branding for promotional purposes.

How do I enter?
To enter, submit an entry form before 31 December 2010. Entry forms can be downloaded from our website, www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/sustainability-awards or pick one up from Council offices or your local library.

Please spread the word about the new Sustainability Awards to your friends and networks!
NOBODY'S PERFECT
Promoting Positive Body Image & Healthy Eating
Presented by Dr Naomi Craft

Topics Include:
- Body image
- Media literacy
- The dangers of perfectionism
- Fad diets
- How E.D.V. can help
- Promoting positive body image

We all have concerns about the way we look and what we eat. But how much is too much, and when should you worry about your children’s health? Learn how you can help your children and teenagers to develop positive attitudes to their body, food and exercise.

Tuesday 26 October
7:00 – 8:30pm
Hawthorn Town Hall
360 Burnwood Road, Hawthorn

This is a free event, but booking is essential.
(03) 9893 6563
eatingdisorders.org.au/events.html