I hope that everyone has recovered from a not too hectic Cup Day. I did hear of some successful punters within our school community. Funny that I didn’t hear from any unsuccessful ones - myself included in this category.

I had the pleasure of meeting our new 2013 Prep students last Friday. Most of them absorbed beautifully into the classroom climate, with only a couple of butterflies evident. Thank you to the Prep teachers who ensured everything ran like clockwork and also to the working party that provided refreshments for parents. Thanks also to Jack Risos, School Council President, for formally welcoming our new families to our school community.

It’s a BOY! Congratulations to Sarah and Simon Hunting on the birth of their bouncing baby boy, James last week.

Class Structure - 2013
After a great deal of consultation we will remain with the model currently used in 2012. This model is very much based upon the financial capacities within our Student Resource Package, the cost profile of our staff and the entire student numbers across the school. It is a process that is also influenced by the traditions and culture of our school and recognition of matters for the short and longer term future of our school and its curriculum provision.

The following represents our arrangements for 2013:

Grade Structure:
Prep – 3 classes, Yr 1 – 3 classes, Yr 2 – 3 classes, Yr 3 – 3 classes, Yr 4 – 3 classes, Yr 5/6 – 5 classes.

Specialist Program Structure:
Phys Ed, Visual Arts, Literacy Support, Numeracy Support, Performing Arts, Program for Students With Disabilities (PSD), LOTE
This represents 20 classes. Before the end of the year, I expect to be in a position to indicate to all parents and our wider community the allocation of staff to each of these roles for 2013. Please be aware that at this time of the year, our teaching and non-
teaching staff have the opportunity to apply for other positions state wide and often it is very late in proceedings when we are able to confirm final arrangements. Importantly, I would expect that all students will know and have met their class teacher prior to the end of the school year through our Transition Up sessions.

**Year 4 Informal Parent Session**
On Wednesday 5 December at 7pm we invite parents of current Year 4 students to attend an informal session explaining the 2013 Senior Model (5/6 multi-age classes). This will be held in the library and is on the same evening as our school disco.

**RAK Awards (Random Acts of Kindness)**
Our RAK awards are as follows: Scarlett C(5/6K), Hugh P(5/6K), Angus F(3N), Mark D(3M), Lucy P (2H).
Congratulations to those students who went out of their way to make our school a safer and friendlier place for someone else.

**Working Bee and Library Working Bee**
Please keep Saturday 17 November free for our final working bee of the year -12.30-3.30 pm. A Working Bee notice will be sent home next week. **Friends of the Library** will also be holding a Library Working Bee during this time. Their focus will be Launching Christmas at Glen Iris Primary School. We are looking for creative minds with a festive spirit to decorate our library based on the theme of ‘Who stole Christmas?’
Proceeds from the TRIVIA night were used to purchase new books. They have arrived and been catalogued. However, we are still seeking parents to assist with covering so that they can be shelved and borrowed by our students.

**Library- will be open Wednesday lunch time.**
We will be opening the library every lunch time until the last two weeks of term. This will further encourage our students to use this beautiful space for quiet reading. Our Friends of the Library will be volunteering their time to support us with this.

**Industrial Action**
Please note that the AEU industrial campaign is continuing with potential impacts on the school and the community. This has resulted in some staff banning attendance at one meeting each week and a ban on written comments in the end of year student reports. Students will still be assessed and VELS data will be included in all reports. If this impacts your child a note will be inserted in their report.

*Enjoy the short week*

*Regards, Carolyn Macaulay and Robyn Floyd*

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**Salt Teams News**

**Performing Arts Team**
“GIPS has got Talent” begins on Mondays Week 7 & 8 (19 and 26 November) lunchtime in the hall.
Sign-ups will be next week on Monday and Wednesday near the flag pole. We will only be taking the first 30 acts that sign up so be quick.
You can only be in one act.

Thanks

**Jackson & Amanda**

**ICT Team**
On Thursdays at lunchtime in Weeks 5 & 6 the ICT Team will be running a Song Smith Competition for Grade 2s, 3s and 4s.
In the first session we will teach you how to use Song Smith and in the second we will hold a competition. The prize will be announced later.
We can only take 20 people so you need to be at the library this Thursday at the second bell. No food in the library. We need to make the most of our time.

**Andrew & Tom**

**Our annual ICT Team Conference** for Parents will be held later this term. More information coming soon.

**Tomas V**

**Wellbeing Team Toy Sale - Thursday 15 November**
Donations of clean toys in good condition needed.

**Other Extracurricular Activities**

**Lego Club** continues in the Library with Miss Black on Mondays and is very popular with a group of Lego enthusiasts.

**Girlfriends! Christmas Present Drive**
We are collecting presents for homeless teenagers. A box will be placed outside the Office next week. Girlfriends! are also supporting Cancer Research by making necklaces to sell in December. Donations of beads most welcome.

**IMPORTANT Robotics Team request for stories of your grandparents’ childhood.**
Do your grandparent/s have a favourite story about their childhood? Can you write it down and give it
to the office or email it to the Glen Iris email address. We are collecting stories to make a book for our library. A photo of your grandparent (and you) that could be published in the book would be fantastic. The deadline is Thursday 22 November.

Robyn Floyd

**TAKE-OFF THANK YOU**
Thank you to the parents who helped out with our first Take-Off on Friday. It was great to have so many parents onboard to make it a welcoming atmosphere for our new families. Also a big thank you to Julie-Ann Taffe for looking after our "Prep Fashion Show". Remember, we still have lots of spots to fill and if you are unable to help at the Take-Off sessions, a plate of biscuits would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you. The Prep Team

**CYBER-BULLYING STUDY**
Thank you to the parents who volunteered and took part in my Cyberbullying study involving parents. It was a great discussion and a lot was taken from it.

Thank you for giving up your time to assist me.

Claire Sutherland

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**Jewish Religious Education**

We are excited to announce that in 2013 Jewish Religious Education (R.E.) will be offered at Glen Iris Primary school. The United Jewish Education Board (UJEB) is the sole provider of Jewish R.E. classes in Victoria. Currently UJEB facilitates classes at over 35 schools.

Jewish RE classes use informal and experiential education techniques to teach students about their Jewish identity through studying history, festivals, culture and traditions. Please register your interest with the office at Glen Iris Primary school or contact UJEB on 9038 5028 or ujeb@ujeb.org.au for more information on any of our programs.

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**PARENTS' ASSOC'N NEWS**

- Just a reminder about the up and coming Parents' Association AGM which will be held on Tuesday 4 December at 9am in the staffroom. If you are keen to join a great group of people and help make a difference in our school community, please feel free to give me a call on 0430 980 418 and I'll be happy to let you know more.
- Our next social event is the Family Fiesta on Friday 30 November from 5.30pm - 7.00pm on the oval. This will be a BYO picnic with entertainment. More information to come.
- Thank you to all of the families and staff who have supported the Mango Drive. We've had another great response this year and everyone will be notified when the mangoes are available for pick up.

Liz Fowler, President
mob 0430 980 418

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**THANK YOU**

A huge thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to contact our new take home and guided reading books. The Literacy Team are currently processing the books and they will be available for pick up from the office in mid-November.

Helga Shaw, Literacy Coordinator

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**TODAY'S NOTICES**

- House Swimming Notice (white, Grs. 3 - 6, reply slip)
- “May The Force Be With You” - Level 3 classroom request (white, Grs.3 & 4)
- Gr.5 Graduation Catering (Gr.5, return slip)
- GIPS Christmas Church Service (Green, eldest)

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Good Vision for Life

Did you know that along with allergies and asthma, eye disorders are the most common long term health problems experienced by children? Good vision is important for educational, physical and social development and to help young people reach their full learning potential.

Many young people experience undetected vision problems as they often assume that how they see is normal. The good news is that once detected, most eye problems are easy to correct. Incorporating regular eye examinations into your general health routine – just like visits to the dentist - can help to detect vision problems as well as other eye conditions that can threaten the health of eyes.

Signs your child may have a problem with their eyes include:

- Complaints of headaches or sore eyes
- A turned eye, red or watery eyes, and frequent blinking
- Delayed progress in reading ability
- Poor hand-eye coordination
- Skipping lines, losing their place or omitting words when reading
- Sensitivity to light
- Squinting when reading or watching television
- Difficulty recognising familiar people in the distance
- Difficulty concentrating.

Children’s eyes should be checked regularly throughout their school life, and immediately upon noticing any problems with their eyes or vision. You can see an optometrist without referral from a doctor, and most consultations attract a Medicare rebate. Visit www.optometrists.asn.au for more information on the things you can do to protect your eyes and to search for an optometrist in your area.

Participants needed: FREE study for overweight teens looking for help!

Murdoch Children’s Research Institute at The Royal Children’s Hospital is doing a study to find a better way to support overweight young people aged 12 to 17 years to make healthier choices about weight management. Participation involves completing online questionnaires and having height, weight, blood pressure and waist circumference measured at the beginning and then at 3, 6 and 12 month follow-ups. Parents are also invited to take part. Every 3 months there will be a draw for a $100 gift voucher for those who have kept their appointments. The results will help us to find out a helpful way to teach young people about weight-related behaviours during adolescence. We need overweight young people aged 12–17 living in metropolitan Melbourne to join in!

Enquiries: Karly Cini 03 9345 6954 or stayingfit@mcri.edu.au
For more info: www.rch.org.au/cah/research/The_Staying_Fit_Project/
GIPS CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

RE teachers invite families to participate in the GIPS Christmas Church Services on:

Monday 3 December, 2012, in the Church Hall

Prep - Gr.2 - 9.15am
Grs. 3 - 6 - 10.00am

Carols, stories and the Empty Christmas Tree

Each year we ask the children to contribute to the Christmas Hampers distributed by Camcare to local disadvantaged families to help make a special Christmas meal. Some suggested goods are:

- tinned ham, tinned fruit and vegetables, tinned salmon, pasta sauce (no baked beans)
- tinned Christmas puddings and Christmas cakes, packets of mince pies and shortbread
- sweet or savoury biscuits, chips, cordial, soft drinks, fruit juice, coffee, tea, Milo or Quik

If the children would prefer to bring small presents rather than food, the only request is that the present is not wrapped.

The gifts are collected as children enter the hall and a “symbolic goodies” basket is placed under the empty Christmas Tree at the appropriate time during the service. CRE teachers deliver these goods to Camcare after the service.

Margaret Duncan - CAMCARE & Judy Savige - Convener CRE Teachers