Dear Parents,

Another busy week has passed at Glen Iris with staff and children industriously working hard on teaching and learning. When you consider the vast array of activities that occur each week – Reading, Writing, ‘Rithmetic as well as sports events, rock band, choir just to mention a few – it is no wonder each week flies past. Have you asked your children about what they have been doing in Science, PE, Performing Arts or other parts of the curriculum? You may be surprised!

Parents’ Association

Our Parents’ Association have been cooking up a storm over the past couple of weekends. On Sunday 27 February, some keen parents braved the weather at the Ashburton Community Festival to run a fairy floss stall and offer information about the school. Last Sunday 6 March, more parents (some of them the same faces) manned the Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings, Hawthorn. Combined, these events raised approximately $2200 in total. Thanks to Carolyn Currie, Rachel Pinchbeck and their band of helpers for giving up two Sundays to work for our school.

Badge Presentation

Last Monday’s assembly saw more than 70 children presented with their student leadership badges. Minister of Parliament for Burwood, Mr. Graham Watt, acknowledged the achievement of our Student Action Leadership Teams and Student Representative Councillors as they commence their roles for 2011. The SALT students announced their action plans for Term 1 and it sounds like lots of great initiatives are in store for the GIPS students.

Federal Parliament sits at GIPS – Well, almost!

Tomorrow, Thursday 10 March, our Grade 5 / 6 students will participate in a Mock Parliament session at school. Glen Iris was the lucky school to be invited by Federal Member for Higgins, The Hon Kelly O’Dwyer, to conduct the mock parliament. The Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Hon Peter Slipper, will visit Glen Iris and conduct the role play of the House of Representatives in session with students playing the part of the members of parliament. Kelly O’Dwyer will also attend the session and conduct a question time at the end. Interested parents are welcome to join us in the Hall from 10.00am – 11.30am on Thursday.

Parents please note that receipts for 2011 Levies will be sent home with today’s notices.

From The Principal

No. 3
March 9, 2011

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School Staffing
After 30 years service with the Department of Education, I am taking long service leave in term 2 to travel with my family. In my absence, the Principal role will be filled by Robyn Floyd and the Assistant Principal role by Susie Walton. Prep W will be taught by Ms. Jen Raven who will join our staff for the term. Jen is a highly experienced and skilled teacher with many years experience as a Prep and Junior school teacher. I know I am leaving Glen Iris in very capable hands and I will be looking forward to seeing you all on my return in Term 3.

Building Project
Parents visiting the school will have noticed the progress being made on our new library and performing arts facility. Although there is still a way to go, the contractors expect we will have occupancy of the building at the commencement, or very early in, term 2. The next stage of the development with the refurbishment of the “old” library into three permanent classrooms will follow in term 2. Have a look in the community noticeboard for some new plans and colour schemes.

beyondblue – National Workplace Program
Last week, I attended a program designed to assist in the management of common mental health problems in the workplace. I was so struck with the material presented that I felt it appropriate to share this with our school community. Depression and anxiety affects people of all ages. When you consider that, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, one in four people will experience an anxiety disorder in their lifetime, and one in five women and one in eight men will experience depression, it becomes clear this is an important health concern for the whole community. The programs we offer at school to build children’s resilience and self esteem are one way we can try to protect them from suffering these disorders in the future. This is why we are committed to our Buddy program, GALAXY, You Can Do It and Values Education at Glen Iris Primary School. www.beyondblue.org.au

Important Safety Alert
The school has been contacted by Metro Transport to inform us that there have been reports of students in Glen Iris Primary School uniform cutting across the railway line where there is no authorised crossing. This has occurred between King and Wills streets Glen Iris. Clearly, this is a highly dangerous practice. I urge parents of all children to speak to them about this. It is both unwise and also illegal as it is considered trespassing. I spoke to all the Grade 5 and 6 students on Tuesday about the dangers involved and on Thursday, a representative from Metro Transport will visit the school to speak about safety near railway lines.

Yours Sincerely

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ART ROOM - REQUEST!
Prep Art - We are learning about portraits currently and we’re going to make collages using paint and magazines. We are in need of magazines, especially those with large face images. Please leave at the School Office.
Thank you, Suzi Bamford

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) AND STUDENT ACTION LEADERSHIP TEAMS (SALT)
At Assembly on Monday the following students were presented with their badges for SRC and SALT:

SRC:
Matthew J & Sophie P (1J), Ella X & Daniel H (1C), Gracie M & Ben M (1M), Lachie I & Anna V (2LW), Elise L & Alec A (2W), Lucy P & Ethan S (2T), Ainsley C & John A (3J), Declan S & Elspeth H (3D), Isabella M & Jeremy D (3S), Ben a & Lauren H (4GS), Jess T & Alex R (4M), Liam C & Scarlett C (4K), Emily T & Jamie H (5/6C), Christopher C & Natasha K (5/6B), Andre L & Ayrton Z (5/6N) and Kobe D & Louisa B (5/6P).

SALT:
House Captains:
Jasmine C & Hamish S (Gardiner), Ashley W & Tommy S (Raven), Emelia W & Will G (Nettleton) and Annika M & Yianni B (Ferndale).
Environment:
Andy C, Alistair R, Connor M, Angus V, Upasna R, Emily R and Victor K.
Arts:
Spencer W, Andrea L, Kate M, Claudia, W, Emily E and Bruce G.
ICT:
Liam O, Dylan S, Cecilia C, Alex K and Ciara O.
Promotions:
James F, Claudia B, Lawrence M, Hamish H and Sarah C.
Wellbeing:
Ellen C, Matt T, Lizzie C, Mia S, Sebe H, Thomas G and Jordan D.
Risk of Illnesses Due to Mosquito Borne Viruses
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- advice from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development - Victoria

- In light of the recent floods in Victoria, there has been an increase in the population of mosquitoes and there is a risk that illnesses due to mosquito borne viruses will start to occur.
- It is timely to revisit some general advice about protecting children and young people from mosquitoes, particularly in flood affected areas.

For further information see the following Department of Health websites:
- Mosquito control around the home (http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ideas/diseases/mosbitses)

Glen Iris Road Pedestrian and Traffic Survey.

In the light of proposed developments on the corner of Glen Iris Road and High Street and concerns about student pedestrian safety and pressure on carparking, School Council thought it would be useful to know how many pedestrians cross the laneway to the north of the High Street shops, how many cars use the Council and Glen Iris Road strip car parks and how many cars enter and exit the council car park.

The most striking aspect of the survey was to observe how busy the council car park is. On average, there are more than 55 pedestrians crossing the car park entrance and about 30 cars entering and exiting in the 15 minutes from 8:45am - 9:00am and 3:30pm - 3:45pm. Pedestrians and drivers need to take particular care where they share the footpath crossings.

We also found that the available car parking is under significant pressure, with very few spaces available at 9:00am and almost none at 3:30pm.

Thank you to Priscilla Mellado, Anna Tomlinson, Gary and Megan Bennett, Bebhinn Cashin, Peter Holmes, Anne Hayes, Vivianne Cameron, Carolyn Currie and Ilias Mastoris for assistance with the counting.

Barbara McKinnon

MISSING
- Stud bomber jacket, Elena G, Prep M. Has her name on tag.

GIPS Ashburton Festival Stall

A big thank you to all the parents and students who helped out at our Fairy Floss stall, we made $800 profit. Fantastic to see everyone spinning with such good humour, I think the Inaugural GIPS Fairy Flosser of the Day goes to Julie Griffiths!

Special thanks to Mick Hill for saving the day with the loan of a gazebo to shelter us from the rain.

Bunnings BBQ

Another fantastic effort from a very enthusiastic group of parents, great to see some students pitching in again to assist. We are very happy to report we made a profit of around $1400! A big thank you to Coles Tooronga for assisting with a generous donation towards the cost of the sausages.

Class Representatives

Thank you to all who volunteered to be class representatives for 2011, we still need volunteers for Grades 3S and 5/6C. Please leave your name with these teachers if you can help out.

Enjoy your long weekend everybody,

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SCHOOL BANKING

Even though Monday is a Public Holiday, School Banking will still take place on Tuesday. Bank books will need to be at the School Office at the start of the day.
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**2011 TERM DATES**

**Term 1**
4 February to 8 April

**Term 2**
27 April to 1 July

**Term 3**
18 July to 23 September

**Term 4**
10 October to 22 December

**2012 TERM DATES**

**Term 1**
1 February to 30 March

**Term 2**
16 April to 29 June

**Term 3**
16 July to 21 September

**Term 4**
8 October to 21 December

**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

Copies of this information are available at the office:

- **Auskick** is back! For boys & girls from Prep to Grade Six. Ferndale/Nettleton Park. Registration Day will be held on 19 March 2011 from 9.30am to 11.30am. Visit their website at [http://web.me.com/cardalla/Auskick_AUJFC_Ferndale_-_Nettleton_Park/Home.html](http://web.me.com/cardalla/Auskick_AUJFC_Ferndale_-_Nettleton_Park/Home.html). Alternatively, pick up a flyer from the School Office.

- A community consultation group is being formed by Boroondara Council to upgrade the Ashburton Library and the Ashburton Community Centre. Council wants your ideas for the upgraded library and community centre. You can participate in a number of ways: through an online survey on Council’s website, a survey on the e-kiosk at the Library, and by attending one of two community information and discussion workshops being held during March. The survey will be available online and in hard copy from 15 March 2011. For those who would like to participate or want more information please ring 9278 4476.

- **Family and Relationship counselling** is available in your local area. The Chadstone Family Relationship Centre is staffed by experienced family counsellors. The centre provides relationship counselling and group programs to support your family and relationships. The Family Relationship Centre is supported by the Federal Government and the fees are reasonable. There are day and evening appointments available. To make an appointment for yourself, or for your relationship or for your family, please call 03 9564 6999. The Chadstone Family Relationship Centre: 41 Stamford Rd, Oakleigh.

- **Saint Cecilia’s Netball Club** is looking for expressions of interest from players wishing to play in either the Winter or Spring season. Training takes place at Saint Cecilia’s School, (Van Ness Avenue, Glen Iris) and games are played at Ashwood Netball Courts on Saturday mornings. We are also running a Net Set Go program for students in Year 3 commencing in Term 2. If you are interested in either joining a team or taking part in Net Set Go please contact Marina Harrison marinaharrison@netspace.net.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.

**TODAY’S NOTICES**

- Receipts for 2011 Levies
- Easter Special Lunch Order Form (white, all)
- Get to School Cool Challenge (green, all, return slip)
- Parents’ Association Fundraiser (envelope, eldest)

**Sensory Friendly Screening of Children’s Movie “Rio” to celebrate Autism Month**

As part of Autism Month celebrations Irabina Childhood Autism Services will be conducting a Sensory Friendly Screening of the new children’s movie “Rio”.

- **When:** Sunday 17th April
- **Time:** 9.45am for a 10am start
- **Venue:** Village Cinemas Century City Walk 285 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley

Irabina Childhood Autism Services is hosting its first ever sensory friendly screening of the new children’s movie “Rio” for children with an ASD and their families and friends. This event is being held during the school holidays to celebrate Autism Awareness Month. Village Cinemas have partnered with Irabina to host this movie in a safe and accepting environment which will involve turning the volume of the movie down and having the house lights up slightly. This movie will be shown be a relaxed family orientated environment.

**All funds raised from the event will go to Irabina Childhood Autism Services to establish a new Toy Library.**

Seats are limited so book your tickets early to avoid disappointment. For further information please call Lisa Lawler on 9720 1118

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