From The Principal

Dear Parents,

Staffing News
In the coming weeks, we will farewell some staff members who are beginning new phases of their life. Mrs. Kate van der Jagt will commence Maternity Leave at the end of Term 2 and will eagerly await some happy news in August. For the remainder of 2010, 4V will be taught by Mrs. Michelle Bayley. Michelle has taught 1C this term whilst Carol Chau has been on long service leave.

Mrs. Sue Elliott has also advised me of her intention to retire from teaching at the conclusion of Term 2. Sue has had a long and illustrious career in teaching at Glen Iris and other schools. While Sue will be greatly missed as part of our professional team at Glen Iris, we also know she will enjoy the opportunity to travel to visit her daughters who both live overseas. Best wishes and thank you for your many contributions to our school, Sue. In the second half of the year, 3E will be taught by Miss Sarah John. Sarah has been appointed following a statewide selection process during which she impressed the panel with her approach to teaching, generous nature and wide professional experiences.

Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR) Leadership Conference
On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week, Robyn Floyd and I are attending the EMR Leadership Conference. The conference will explore issues around creating opportunities for all students to ensure that their learning and success at school is maximised. A key focus for the conference will be the exploration of structures and practices to assist schools to continually improve. During the conference, Robyn and I will be able to attend addresses from top local and international educators. Susie Walton and Barb MacLarn will fill the role of Acting Principal in my absence.

Teaching and Learning
Staff at our school are constantly involved in a wide range of professional learning opportunities that support us to build and improve the learning programs for our students. The prominent professional learning underway at present includes:

Assessment and Learning Partnerships (ALPOS) – a program delivered by the Assessment Research Centre at the University of Melbourne. Teachers administer a series of online assessments to students from Grade 2 – Grade 6. The responses are analysed and teachers can more accurately identify the point of readiness for learning of each child. With this information, teachers then plan their teaching more effectively.

Effective Teaching of Numeracy – All teachers are working with an expert from the Mathematics Association of Victoria to further enhance our teaching and learning strategies in numeracy.

The Ultranet – a new online Student-centred learning environment that is being introduced in Victorian schools. Our Lead User group is attending briefings and training prior to a whole staff introduction on 9 August as part of the State wide curriculum day.

Student Mid Year Reports
Teachers have been working hard to prepare the midyear reports for each student. These reports will be distributed towards the end of term. To ensure a progressive reporting process for parents, Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted during Term 3. We feel this then provides regular information to parents each term. Of course, parents wishing to discuss the midyear report or any other aspect of the child’s school performance, may contact their class teacher to make an appointment at any time.
**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**

Last Sunday, a large group of our families assisted with running a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings in Notting Hill. By all reports, we quickly sold out of sausages and needed to replenish the supplies. The stall raised $930.00 for our school. Thank you to Carolyn Currie and Rachel Pinchbeck for their planning and preparation for the sausage sizzle and to the following families who helped out on the day: Xerri, van Werkhoven, Mrakas, Irwin, Downes, Hale, Dixon, Schwarz, Hanger, McKinnon, Hill, Garrett, Cox, Holmes, Pinchbeck and Currie.

**Parents’ Association – Movie Night**

Thank you again to our Parents’ Association for their efforts in arranging a “Movie Night” as a fund raising activity. There has been a good response to the event and I am sure a great night will be enjoyed by all. It sounds like quite a few dads have babysitting duty tonight!

**Instrumental Music – Have you considered your child learning a musical instrument?**

A love of music and the ability to play a musical instrument can provide a great deal of enjoyment and satisfaction. These skills also complement children’s intellectual growth and provide avenues for social interaction. Some of our Instrumental Music program has traditionally been delivered by Musicorp, a company specialising in music lessons for schools. Following a large number of music students moving on to secondary school at the end of 2010, we are keen to include more musicians in our instrumental and band program. On Wednesday 16 June at 2.00pm, Musicorp will present a small concert for children in Grades 3 – 6 to introduce them to the range of concert band instruments. Program information will also be distributed at this time. Parents interested in finding our more about the instrumental music program are welcome to attend the concert in the Hall or contact the Office for more details.

**Relocation Working Bee**

Parents are reminded that on Saturday 19 June, we are holding a special working bee in preparation for the commencement of our new building program. This will involve relocating our library resources to the two infill areas to create two mini libraries and then setting up the existing library as a classroom for 4V for the remainder of 2010. Our Library Technician, Kay Borrow, has developed an extensive plan for packing and relocating the resources. With a crew of willing helpers, we should be able to complete these tasks efficiently. People able to assist should respond to the notice circulated by the Buildings and Environment Committee through the newsletter.

**New Crossing Supervisor**

We have been fortunate to have a crossing supervisor appointed to staff the Ashburton Road school crossing. This is one part of helping make our school zone safer for the children. Thank you to parents who are assisting us by using the correct parking areas and abiding by the traffic and parking bylaws.

**Enrolment 2011**

Local families intending to enrol children for Prep or other grade levels at Glen Iris Primary School in 2011 are encouraged to make these arrangements as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available from the Office or website. If you wish to discuss your child’s enrolment for 2011, you are welcome to contact the Office to make an appointment.

Yours Sincerely

**MAY TEAPOT MORNING TEA**

The following students enjoyed a delicious morning tea with Ms Carracher: Samantha 4V, Charlie 4V, Charlie 4V, Micah 1C, Emma 1MC, Claire 5/6E and Nicolle 5/6N
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Thanks to all parents who participated in the Online Survey. The Education Sub-committee will be planning Parent Events based on the responses made.

Parent Night: THINK u KNOW Wednesday 18 August

Last year over 50 parents attended a trial program for ThinkUKnow, an Internet safety program delivering interactive training to parents. http://www.thinkuknow.org.au We are pleased to be able to offer the session again for parents who were unable to attend.

Numeracy Coaching

This year our teachers are working in teams with Maths Association of Victoria Professional Officer, Sharyn Livy to develop numeracy planning tools that will align with the new Australian Maths Curriculum. Sharyn has been working in classrooms at all levels with teams. Sharyn also provides professional development sessions at staff meetings and will be participating in planning activities for the remainder of the year.

Student Leadership

SALT Teams are active around the school. The ARTS Team is offering weekly lunchtime drawing classes, the SPORTS Team organises games under the sails, while the PROMOTIONS Team guided new parents around the school. The choir and string group enjoyed performing on Open Day.

Reminder from the PROMOTIONS TEAM

Bring your Reading Challenge lists to validate on Fridays to Ms. Floyd’s office.

Robyn Floyd

Concert Update – GIPS SINGS THE HITS

This term we are beginning dance lessons for our school concert on August 20. Rose has been getting us ready with our singing and chosen great songs. We are also very excited to be taught our dance moves by Kate Stanford. She has been working very hard to make up a dance for each year level.

The Preps are performing a song called ‘Good Morning’ and are very excited. That will be very cute.

The Year 1s are singing a song called ‘You’re Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile’ and you’ll never see them without a smile.

The Year 2s are performing a song call ‘Under the Sea’ and that will be an amazing dance and there’ll never be a crabby moment.

The Year 3s are belting out a really cool song about Simba and Zazu from ‘The Lion King’. It’s called ‘I just can’t wait to be King’. It will make you feel like you’re on safari.

The Year 4s are singing an awesome song called FAME and their dance is amazing. It’ll make you feel like you’re at the theatre.

The Year 5/6s are performing a magnificent song called ‘We Go Together’. It’ll make you feel you’re in the late 50s.

By Caitlyn and Nicola.

PLANTING DAYS

Two weeks ago the whole school played a part in planting. There were over 700 plants in the pavilion but in two days the plants were gone because of the school’s magnificent planting.

The types of plants now in our gardens are pandorea pandorana, Birthday Candles, Long Leaf Tassel Rush, pipsqueak pear, nectarine, ballerina apple, peach, metrosideros Tahiti, Gum trees, skylidium graninifotium, Wahlenbergia stricta, bluebell, Themeda Trinda and last of all Kangaroo grass. These plants were spread all around our new nature walk.

Thanks to the planters, parents and members of the environment team who helped on the occasion, we made it through. Everyone really enjoyed it and now our garden looks spectacular.

Andrea, Journalism Enrichment.

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

On Wednesday 2 June, 6 GIPS students represented GIPS in the Eastern Zone Finals for Cross Country.

Jensen, Louisa, Millie, Hamish, Addeen & Annika all ran superb races around the Yarra Valley Racecourse and surrounding country.

Our students performed exceptionally well and we are very proud of their efforts on a difficult track. Thank you to the parents who assisted with this event.
INFORMATION BASKET
Copies of this information are available in the basket at the front office:

- Parents needed for online survey! Researchers from the Queensland University of Technology are investigating parenting in the 21st Century and the relationship between parenting and children’s and parents’ wellbeing. We are looking for parents of primary school children in Australia to complete a 15 minute survey anonymously. Participants will go into the draw to win one of six $100 Westfield or Coles gift certificates. To participate go to: http://survey.qut.edu.au/survey/169580/1ae7/ For more information please contact Dr. Jeneva Ohan on 07 3138 4544

- Learning by Doing School Holiday Programs - Workshops for boys & girls aged 4 - 14. Bookings: 1300 966 338 or visit www.learningbydoing.com.au

- City of Stonnington presents ROOLA BOOLA - Circus, Music, Magic, Puppetry and Theatre - Tuesday 29 June - Friday 2 July at Chapel off Chapel - 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran. Ph. 8290 1333. For children aged 4 to 12 years.

- Futures Tennis Academy - June/July Holiday Programs held at East Malvern Tennis Club Ph. 9528 6375

- Waverley Gymnastics Centre offers Gymnastics classes for 5-12 yr old girls & boys on Tuesday & Friday afternoons, & Saturday mornings, at their Armadale Campus located at Lauriston Girls’ School. Ph. 9887 9611

- Healthy Hoops Basketball Holiday Program at Borounda Sports Complex July 5 & 6. For boys & girls aged 6 - 13. To book or for more information call 9379 5588

- City of Stonnington - Teenage Holiday Program running from 28/06/10 to 09/07/10 for young people Year 6 to Year 9 Ph. 8290 1333 or visit www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/thp

- Chatterbox Club - Speech & Drama Classes for Kids - weekly classes for 6 - 14yr old children Ph. 9572 5249 or visit www.chatterboxclub.com.au

- Get Active Sports - Soccer for Juniors at Camberwell High School (Gym) Starts 18 July, Ph. 1300 772 106

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.

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER
- Moving Bee at GIPS (white, return slip, eldest)
- Asthma Information (back page of Insert)

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Hi everyone,

**MOBILE NIGHT TONIGHT!!!**

7:45PM for an 8:30pm start – make your way up the stairs to the left as you enter the Rivoli and meet us in the upstairs foyer. Tickets and champagne coupon will be handed out at the cinema.

**BUNNINGS BBQ**

Thank you very much to all the parents who helped us out on Sunday at Bunnings Notting Hill. We raised $930! I think it’s safe to say that all of us have no desire to see a sausage again for some time...

Special thanks to Sam Pinchbeck for all the extra trips to Coles to top up our sausage supplies, and for organising a Coles voucher to cover some of our supplies for the day. Fresh Central Meats and Baker’s Delight Ashburton also gave us good discounts to help out, so please show your appreciation by supporting these local businesses.

**CLASSROOM CUISINE**

Diary Note: The next day for Classroom Cuisine at GIPS is **MONDAY JUNE 21, 2010**

Thank you,
Carolyn Currie, President, Parents’ Association
Email: carolyncurrie@optusnet.com.au
Mobile: 0438 898 904

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**FRENCH NEWS**

*Merci beaucoup* to everybody who made our recent French Day such an enjoyable event. The children looked *fantastique* in their wonderful costumes and the theatre performance was *tres amusant*!

Again our fabulous parents provided a much anticipated *French Special Lunch*. I thank them all for their continued support and dedication - the “*dejeuner francais*” is always a highlight of the day.

Merci et a bientot.

Madame.

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**CONCERT HELP NEEDED**

I’m sure all families know it’s Concert time again and that means costumes! If you are handy at sewing and would like to be involved in making costumes for *GIPS Sings the Hits*, please let Natasha Williams (2W) know.

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**OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS PROGRAM**

**IMPORTANT:**

If your family needs to ring the Out of School Hours Program, please ensure that the number you ring is the current number: **9885 9376**

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**FOR SALE**

- “Bunkers” Loft King Single Bed - stained dark chocolate, used for approx. 12 months. Excellent condition. $400. Ring Marina 0422 137 158
- Ski pants - 2 pairs, black and red, Size 10 - $30 each. Also blue ski outfit, All-in-One, Size 8/10 - $40. Ring Kate 9885 6968

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**FREE**

A-Frame Swing Set. Comprises - swing, gym rings, toddler double swing. Well-used but has a lot of life left. Call Lucy 0409 561 723
FREE Asthma Information Packs

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria has made available new Asthma Information Packs. These packs contain all relevant information and resources to assist the asthma community in understanding asthma and making informed decisions about their asthma.

These packs are targeted to suit individual needs and are available in the following:

- Parents and Carers of Young Children
- Parents and Carers of School Aged Children
- Teenagers

To order your FREE Asthma Information Kit please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria’s Helpline on 1800 645 130 or email advice@asthma.org.au

Asthma & Winter

With the winter months approaching, it is important to be aware of any changes in your asthma and triggers that can affect your asthma. The following are some tips that may help you or a family member:

**ASTHMA ACTION PLAN**
Make sure your written Asthma Action Plan is up-to-date. If needed, visit your doctor for a review of your asthma, what to do if symptoms worsen, and how to cope with an asthma emergency.

**MEDICATIONS**
Carry your blue reliever medication at all times. It is recommended that you take your usual dose of reliever medication before going out on cold, windy days to reduce the effects of exposure.

**TRIGGERS**
A sudden change in temperature, such as cold air or windy days can be a trigger for some people with asthma. Wearing a scarf over your face will help to warm the air before you breathe in. Avoid smoke from fireplaces and other indoor triggers such as pet allergens and dust mites.

**ILLNESS**
Winter is the season for colds and influenza. The Asthma Foundation of Victoria recommends that everyone with asthma should have a flu injection as people with asthma are at greater risk of developing complications from influenza.

For further information please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email advice@asthma.org.au