From The Principal

Dear Parents,

Unfortunately, yesterday the Athletics Carnival for Grades 3 – 6 was unable to go ahead due to inclement weather. However, none of the hard work Mr Cavell has put into organising this event will go to waste. The Athletics has been rescheduled to next Tuesday, 15 September. Whilst I know we need the rain, let’s all cross our fingers for some fine weather just until the carnival is over.

Fathers’ Day

I hope all of our dads and special friends enjoyed a lovely, relaxing day last Sunday. We are very lucky to have the fabulous people from our Parents’ Association who certainly helped us make them feel special. Last week, Tracey Frater and her band of assistants conducted a wonderful Fathers’ Day stall with a huge range of treasures for the children to buy as a gift. The next morning, bright and early, Amanda Doan, Sarah Sherson and Tracey Seignor and their wonderful helpers served up a delicious breakfast for fathers, special friends and the children. Never before have so many pancakes been devoured in one place in such a short space of time. Our Fathers’ Day Breakfast is becoming something of a school tradition that the children certainly anticipate eagerly. Thank you to everyone involved for assisting with both these events.

Choir – Oxfam Concert

Last Thursday evening, our GIPS Choir performed in the Oxfam Concert at Blackburn High School. I know the children sang beautifully and were extremely well prepared under the guidance of Music Teacher, Margaret Gleadall, and our accompanist, Viviennie Siadis. Thank you to Marg and Viviennie for their efforts with the children and to the children and families for supporting this activity. We will hear the Choir sing again at assembly soon.

Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to those families who completed Parent Opinion Surveys and returned them to school. I look forward to reading the views of our community when the survey results are compiled. This is an important way in which we can work together as a community to make Glen Iris Primary School the best it can be.

Plans for 2010

It is already that time of year when our school must make some major decisions regarding our operation for 2010. Families can assist us with these important decisions by letting us know if they will not return to Glen Iris in 2010. If your child will not return to GIPS in 2010, please notify the Office in writing by the end of term.

End of Term 3

It is impossible to believe that we are already at the end of Term 3. It has been another busy and productive term of learning at GIPS. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break. School resumes on Monday, 5 October.

Yours Sincerely

Meredyth Rawcher

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SRC - PYJAMA DAY
On Pyjama Day $567 was raised and this amount was donated to the State Schools’ Relief organisation.

LAST DAY OF TERM
Yes, it is a Free Dress Day again, gold coin donation. Come dressed in your

SCHOOL CROSSING REPORT
Parents and children who use the crossing at the front of the school will be aware that the crossing is manned by either a parent or staff member at present. If any parents can help out either before or after school please contact the School Office. The help given by our current parent volunteers is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

WORKING BEE
SPRING CLEANING BLITZ AT GIPS
Join us from 2.00 - 4.00pm next Sunday, Sept 13 for a quick spring clean up of the school buildings and grounds. We are looking for gardeners, painters, sand shovellers, drain cleaners and broom experts. In addition we will be repairing the school cricket nets.
Please email barbara.mckinnon@bigpond.com asap to let her know your availability and preferred job.

Jump Rope for Heart
As part of the “Go for your Life” program, Glen Iris Primary School has decided to take part in the National Heart Foundation “Jump Rope for Heart” fundraising activity. The students will be participating in a four week challenge to improve their skipping and fitness skills and their hard work and determination will pay off with a “Jump Off” afternoon which will be conducted during their Galaxy sessions on Tuesday 13 October. In the last week of term, each student will be bringing home a sponsorship form so that parents, family and friends can sponsor them and in turn raise money for the National Heart Foundation. Please encourage the children to practice their skipping over the holidays and help us raise some much needed funds for such a worthy cause.
Natasha Williams and Caroline Jacobs.
Fathers' Day Stall and Breakfast
Thank you to the parents who put in so much work to make these two events a great success—Tracey Frater and her band of helpers at the Stall and Tracey Seignior, Sarah Sherson, Amanda Doan and helpers at the Breakfast. Also to the School Office Staff for their assistance with these events.

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Monday Morning Tea
Thank you to everyone who has, so far this year, volunteered their time for our Morning Tea, which is held every second Monday after assembly. These Morning Teas are an important way for many new and existing parents to foster friendships and networks. Apart from being social, it’s a great opportunity for you to also have a cuppa in a relaxed environment and you can also team up with a buddy and make it doubly social!

Kerry Bowman and Kelley Hagenauer 9885 7043 on behalf of the Parents’ Association.

CONGRATULATIONS
To Gabrielle and Caitlin members of the Ashburton Women’s Soccer Team Under 12s. The team finished first on the ladder.

PART-TIME POSITION
Fintona Girls’ School ELC Centre is looking for a carer to assist Mons & Thurs Ph. 9830 1388

FOR SALE
One cream 3 seater and one cream 2.5 seater sofas in excellent condition. Retail for $3,000+, for sale $400 ONO. Please phone Sue 0403 364 794, can also email photos.

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER
- Morning Tea Helpers Term 4 (eldest, green)
- Kelly Sports (Prep - Gr.4, white)
Glen Iris Primary School thanks the above sponsors for their support.

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