Dear Parents,

Last Friday, we welcomed approximately 70 new prep students for 2012 along to their first “Take Off” session. It is always exciting to meet these new members of our school community and get to know some new mums and dads at our school. The children participated in the first of four classroom sessions while parents were presented with some information to ensure the school start goes smoothly. I always consider it an honour that families choose our school to educate their children and look forward to us all working together.

STATE CHAMP! Congratulations Sophie!

Yesterday, Sophie O from Grade 4K competed in the State Athletics Championships. Sophie was the winner of the 1500 metres for 10 year old girls and was placed second in the 800 metres. What a sensational achievement! Congratulations, Sophie!

Family Fiesta

With some lovely spring weather of late, we are hoping for a great night for the Family Fiesta on Friday 25 November. Always a great occasion for a casual “wind down” to the end of the year, come along to catch up with other school families and staff. Thanks to the Parents’ Association for organising yet another event for our school at this busy time of the year.

Parents’ Association Annual General Meeting

Last night was the AGM for the Parents’ Association for 2011. It was a chance to reflect on the wonderful support this group offers the school. Many of our programs would not operate as successfully without the contributions of the Parent Association in so many ways. I would like to thank all the parents who have assisted with the various events run by the Parents’ Association in 2011. An extra special thanks to Carolyn Currie and Rachel Pinchbeck who have led and coordinated the Parents’ Association for the past two years as President and Vice President. The efforts of both Carolyn and Rachel have been a great asset to the school. Thank you.

At the AGM many of the Parents’ Association...
positions were filled though at the moment volunteers are still sought for the positions of President and Vice-President. If you think you may be interested in either of these positions please see me or Carolyn Currie.

**Building Project**
The Family Fiesta evening will be a chance for interested parents to view our new facilities that will be completed by this time. Now we are looking forward to a full school year in 2012 with no building project in progress and our fabulous new facilities to enjoy. Classes will move into the new classrooms for the 2012 school year. Shortly, all areas of the playground will be open to the children. The Grade 3 and 4 play equipment will be undergoing further work until the end of this school year.

**Farewell Miss Chau**
Miss Carol Chau has notified me of her intention to retire at the end of the school year. Carol has been a member of staff at Glen Iris for 20 years. I will speak of Carol’s contribution to the school on another occasion and I am sure the community will join with me in wishing Carol all the best for her retirement.

**Arrangements for End of Year and 2012**
At the moment, teachers are busy making class arrangements and writing end of year reports for students. All children have commenced the transition to their year level for 2012. This year, all children will participate in four transition sessions to their new year level where they will become familiar with plans, facilities and expectations for the coming year. In the last week of school, children will meet their 2012 teacher and classmates. The children have told us how much they enjoyed the first transition session last Friday and we expect the program will assist a smooth entry into new classes next year.

**School Dates for 2012**

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Yours Sincerely, **Meredith Carracher**

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**FINAL GIPS WORKING BEE**

**2011**

**Saturday 19 November 2.00 - 5.00pm**

More details about this Working Bee are in the flyer coming home with your children today. Have a look at the jobs on offer and decide how you’d like to help. Please fill in the slip at the bottom of the flyer and return to school by **Wednesday 16 November**.

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**Buildings and Environment Committee**

**What is it?** A subcommittee of school council that concerns itself with the buildings and grounds of our beautiful school.

**Who are we?** Gary Bennett, Matthew Bradley, Meredith Carracher, Shanae Hill and Barbara McKinnon

**What do we do?** Plan and implement projects such as the recent Glen Iris Road landscaping and bike racks, organise working bees, and get involved in the improvement and maintenance of the school facilities and gardens.

**Who do we need to join us?** Parents who would like to have an active role in the future shape of the buildings and gardens at our school.

If you are interested and/or want to know more, Barbara McKinnon would love to hear from you (**barbara.mckinnon@bigpond.com** or 9885 3031).
JUNIOR KNITTERS’ CLUB

Georgia and Tilly from Grade 4 would like to start a Junior Knitters’ Club for the Grade 1s and 2s. As we need supplies, if you have any chunky sized needles at home could you please donate your needles to 4GS. These can be left at the Office. This would be a big help.

Thank you, Georgia and Tilly.

PARENTS’ ASSOC’N NEWS

Thank you to those parents who attended our AGM last night and those who have volunteered their time to help on the committee. It was terrific to see so many positions filled, however unless we have a President we cannot run Parents’ Association.

After two years Rachel and I have vacated our positions so we are looking for some enthusiastic volunteers to step up. We cannot run any of the activities below without someone (preferably with assistance from 1-2 others) to coordinate the year’s calendar and chair meetings.

A list of the committee follows:

President Vacant
Vice President/Secretary Vacant
Special Lunch Carolyn Currie
Libby Talbot
Trudy Vasta
Icy Poles Rachel Pinchbeck
2nd Hand Uniforms Kim Green
Katrina Hrelja
School Council Liaison Irene Brumen
Yard Duty Justine Moore
Footy Tipping TBA
Class rep Coordinator Jacqui Brown
Father’s Day Breakfast Anna Tomlinson
Walkathon Libby Talbot
Vanessa Mackie
Donna Polkinghorne
Book Club Catherine Potgieter
Melanie Eardley
Stalls Liz Fowler
General Committee Julie Gray
Penny Ashby

There is a summary of the roles on the school website (including those of President and Vice President) – please take the time to read that and consider whether you may have some time to spare to take on this rewarding and very important role!

Family Fiesta Night

We are looking forward to a great night on Friday 25 November – please keep the forms coming in as we require many helpers to make the evening as much fun as last year. The fun starts at 5pm and concludes at 7:30pm. Don’t forget we have face painting for the littlies (gold coin donation) a karaoke/disco and Parents’ Assoc will be selling sausages, hamburgers, drinks and icypoles. No bikes or scooters please.

Carolyn Currie, President- Tel: 0438 898904

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH DEECD

Main Points

- Students in Years 4–12 are invited to apply for student scholarships administered by the Department.
- Some scholarships are offered to VCE students who intend to enter a teacher training course after completing their VCE.
- Applicants will be required to submit their 2011 end-of-year results, which must be verified by their principals.
- Many of the scholarships identify financial need as an eligibility criterion. Parents/guardians receiving the Education Maintenance Allowance or students receiving the Youth Allowance meet this criterion.
- The Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund Year 12 Scholarships assist and encourage students affected by the Victorian 2009 bushfires to undertake tertiary and vocational education studies.

Critical Dates

- Applications open on 14 November 2011.
- Students must lodge online applications by 31 January 2012.
- Principals must verify students’ 2011 end-of-year results by 3 March 2012.

Additional Information

For further information on the student scholarships, see the attached documents or visit the website: www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships

CONGRATULATIONS SOPHIE 4K

Congratulations Sophie 4K
**School Soiree**

On Wednesday 7 December we will be holding our second Soiree for the year. It is open to students who play an instrument through the school and those in the school choir. If your child is ready to perform on the night, you will need to go to the school website and print the notice titled ‘Term 4 Soiree’ or call in to the School Office for one. This notice must be filled out and returned to me by **Wednesday 23 November**, at the very latest. **Forms submitted after this date will not be accepted.**

*Kate Van der Jagt (Performing Arts Coordinator)*

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**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

Copies of this information are available at the office:

- **Auditions for the Australian Boys Choir** are to be held at the Auburn Uniting Church, Hepburn St, Auburn on November 26 by appt, ph. 9818 4818. Open to boys b/wn 7 & 10 yrs.
- **Miamba** - the spirit of good health - weight loss program at the Glen Iris Community Centre (3 Monday evenings). Starts 14 November. For more information visit www.miamba.com.au or ph. 0419 541 974
- **Big5Sports** - Learn from the best - Cricket, Netball, Basketball and Soccer. Ph. 9882 2823 or visit www.big5sports.com.au
- **Camcare Charity Christmas Card & Gift Shop**, 19 Fairholme Gve, Camberwell. Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm Oct 3 to Dec 16, Saturdays 10am - 4pm Nov 5 to Dec 17. Supporting up to 38 Charities. The Shop is also looking for volunteers - if you are interested in joining a happy team in a fun retail environment call Angela 9882 7452 (Weds & Fri).
- **Kew East Primary School Carnival Sat 12 November, 12.00 - 7.00pm. Kitchener St, Kew East** www.keps.vic.edu.au
- **Pre-Christmas Market**, Sat 3 Dec, 9am - 1pm. St Dunstan’s, 163 Wattle Valley Road, Camberwell Stallholders welcome, $30 per booking. Ph. 0408 311 390 or email maxfar18@hotmail.com
- **Glen Iris Cricket Club** still has places available for all junior cricketers across all age groups. Contact the secretary, Sue Morris on 0422 766 226 or by email suemorris68@bigpond.com.au
- **STC South Camberwell Cricket Club** is offering a Milo In2Cricket program for children in grades Prep to Year 2. This is held at Nettleton Park. For more information visit the STC website at www.stccricket.com.au or ph. Tim on 0409 232 572.
- **Stage Left Performing Arts School** - Theatre Workshops for 4 - 16 yr olds. Holiday Program - January 9 - 13 East Malvern, also Weekly Term Classes 2012 ACT SING DANCE - East Malvern & Glen Iris. Ph.1300 369 443 or visit www.stageleft.com.au

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