Welcome Back for Term 4

I am extremely excited to be appointed Acting Principal for term 4 at Glen Iris Primary School. I was fortunate to visit the school during the last day of term and appreciated the warm welcome by staff and students. Robyn Floyd has spent numerous hours during the holidays and early this week updating me on the operation of the school and we are both aiming for this transition to be as smooth as possible. Mrs Carracher has also been in contact to offer her support.

I welcome parent involvement in the school and look forward to meeting those involved with School Council and Parents’ Association. Of course there is also the magnificent production to look forward to, which will be a great opportunity to meet families. In the meantime, please feel free to pop in and introduce yourself.

Term 4 is always action-packed, with numerous special events and activities planned, school production, sleepovers, incursions, excursions, Christmas celebrations, Family Fiesta; just to name a few.

Of course, with so many wonderful extra-curricular activities, it is important not to forget that the core focus at Glen Iris Primary School is student learning. Curriculum is carefully planned to ensure that all students maximise their learning in these important areas and all extra-curricular activities are carefully selected and planned, so that links can be made to formal learning. This is an area that both Robyn and I will be supporting teachers with during the term.

Further Industrial Action

You may have heard in the media that negotiations between the Department of Education and various education Unions continue with no resolution in sight. As a result, members of the Australian Education Union (AEU), have been asked to support a number of work bans and rolling half day stop work meetings in Term Four. The work bans already in place will continue and affect the implementation of the new National Curriculum, school visits by members of the Coalition State Government, the administration and collection of DEECD surveys. The new bans will affect the preparation of end of year Student Reports. However, the bans will not in
any way affect the assessment of students, or the planning for and provision of a high quality educational program for every child. The rolling half-day stop work meetings are also being planned to occur throughout the Term and as always, we will provide information in relation to these as early as possible. Thank you all for your patience and support during these Agreement negotiations.

2013 Information Request
Planning is now well underway for the 2013 school year, including staffing and class structure. If you have information that we should be aware of regarding the placement of your child next year, based on educational grounds only, you may put these in writing and forward them to Carolyn by Friday 26 October (unfortunately it may not be possible to consider requests received after this date). Please note also that your requests will have to be shared with the teachers to assist them through the class placement process.

Determining class placements is a complex task and staff members undertake a considerable process to ensure that the best possible placement is made to meet every student's educational needs. Factors that we take into consideration when making class placements include: academic achievement, personal/interpersonal development, friendship groups, gender balance and other individual special needs.

It is important to understand that with so many factors to take into account it is not possible to accommodate specific placement requests. However, please be aware that each and every factor in the decision as to where a child is placed for next year is given our utmost attention. Parents will be notified of placements with Student Reports when they are sent home on Tuesday 18 December.

Also, if you will be leaving our school for the 2013 (excluding Year 6 graduates) school year and have not yet informed the office, please let us know as soon as possible. This information is vital to assist us with budgeting and planning for 2013.

Warm Regards,
Carolyn Macaulay and Robyn Floyd

Education and Community Partnerships
Glen Iris Primary School is committed to developing students in the areas of wellbeing, social development and self-esteem. Development of sustainable programs is our goal and previously funded programs continue to impact on our whole school community. These have included: GALAXY, cross-age wellbeing groups which have met thrice each term from 2010 (funded by CASS), Heroes, a year 4 (2009) program, Cybersafety (Federal Police trial 2010), e-Smart (funded by the Alannah and Madeleine Foundation, 2012) Friends for year 3 girls social skills program with Allied Health Social Worker (2011), Girlfriends! (2009, 2010&12) and Blitz Year 56 boys (2010).

Robyn Floyd

Welcome back for the last term of 2012 from the Parents' Association. It has been a fantastic year with some fabulous events and we have managed to raise a lot of valuable funds for our school. Thank you to all of the parents who have been on the committee and to all of those who have given of their valuable time, or donated items to make all of those great times happen.

This term we will be having a mango drive as our final fundraiser for the year. Look out for the notice which comes home today. Thanks to Anna Tomlinson for organising this for us.

Also with the notices today you will find a flier regarding the up and coming Parents' Association AGM, which will be held on Tuesday, December 4th at 9am in the staffroom. I urge you to think about becoming involved. We have had a great year this year, but I will now be stepping down as President as I am back at work. With the flier there is a list of position descriptions if you are interested in becoming involved. 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.

All the best for a great final term.

Liz Fowler, President
m 0430 980 418

Parents' Association News

New School Website coming soon!
Adopt-A-Toy Sale

On Wednesday 7 November, the Wellbeing Team will be holding our very first ‘Adopt-A-Toy Sale’ to raise money for the school. We ask that children bring 1 toy they no longer play with or need to donate to the sale. Toys under 40cm in height would be ideal or (no bigger than a tonka truck). Children will be able to buy used toys at the sale. The prices will range from 50c to $5. There will also be a raffle at assembly the following week.

If you are donating a toy, please ensure it is clean and in good condition. Toys are to be kept in classrooms and will be collected by the Wellbeing Team.

We thank-you for all your support.

Student Wellbeing Team & Miss Tomic

Yard Duty

Thank you to everyone who volunteered last term, it was a great response! A notice is being sent home with the newsletter today for Term 4, 2012. Please try to find a spare lunchtime, as your children would love to see you, and you will be helping to make a safer playground for everyone.

Justine Moore (9889 9547)
Justine3146@gmail.com
On behalf of the Parents Association.

TODAY’S NOTICES

- Rehearsal Day notice (white, all)
- Parents’ Association AGM (coloured, eldest, return slip)
- Mango Drive notice (yellow, eldest, return slip)
- Yard Duty notice (blue, eldest, return slip)
- Volunteers for Cyberbullying Study (lilac, eldest, return slip)

St Michael’s Parish Church Sacramental Program 2013

This information is of vital importance to parents of children who are currently in Year 3 & Year 5, 2012 at Government Schools, who live within St Michael’s parish.

Enrolment Dates for all Sacraments and the ConneXions Program are as follows:
- Weds 31 October between 11.00am – 4.00pm
- Weds 7 November between 11.00am – 4.00pm
- Friday 9 November between 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Please phone the Parish Office on 9885 2498 to make an enrolment appointment as soon as possible.
Welcome

Hi there!
Just a reminder that on October the 22nd a curriculum day will be held at Glen Iris school. We are seeking expressions of interest for families that may require care for the full day during this time. We will need a certain amount of numbers for this to run so if you require care for this day contact me or come in and see me! A decision will be made regarding whether this will run on Monday the 15th of October.

As summer approaches games and activities will be held both inside and outside so please don’t forget to bring your hat!

Have a wonderful week and keep smiling!
Millie (Camp Australia OSHC Coordinator)

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Hours of operation:
7:30am to 8:45am
3:30pm to 6:00pm