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Visit www.allergyfacts.org.au for more information about food allergy.

SCHOOL BANKING
There will be no school banking next week (Monday 16 May). This will be for one week only, banking will resume the following week.

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CROSS-COUNTRY TRAINING TIPS
With the District Cross Country coming up soon, I would like to encourage anyone who has qualified to become familiar with the course. Even if you walk a few laps and run one it will help you to enjoy the race more on 26 May. After doing a few laps you should do some 15 second sprints to prepare for the fast start and also help you to finish faster.

You should look at the map and decide where you will run fast and where you will cruise then run fast again at the end as the race isn't won in the first 100 m. I am at Nettleton Park most evenings between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm if anyone would like some running advice.

If anyone would like to run some cross country races in preparation please look at website: waverleylittleaths.org The races are every Saturday morning 9-10:30am depending on your age group. You are not required to stay the whole time and always run in a different park within 20mins of GIPS. I will also leave some information sheets in the office.

Good Luck and take advantage of knowing your home course.

Sonia O'Sullivan,
World Cross Country Champion 1998
Hi everyone,

Mother’s Day Stall
Firstly a big thank you to Liz Fowler for all her efforts in organising the Mothers Day stall this year. A lovely range of gifts proved very enticing to all the kids and of course we couldn’t have done it without all the mums who gave up their time to help on the stall.

Mother’s Day Lunch
A great time was had by all at our inaugural Mother’s Day lunch also on Friday at The Undertaker. Everyone enjoyed a lovely meal and we thank everybody for the positive feedback and encouragement to make this an annual event. We raised $530 and congratulations to Penny Ashby and Clare Schwarz for winning the major prizes! Special thanks to The Contented Kitchen (see our Sponsors page), Sue Holmes and Classroom Cuisine among others for their generosity in providing raffle prizes.

Cake Stall
Don’t forget the GIPS cake stall at the Boorondara farmer’s market on Saturday week (May 21). We are relying on the entire school community to help us by providing homebaked goods so start thinking about your kitchen speciality and class reps will be in contact with more details shortly.

Have a great week,
Carolyn Currie
President, Parents’ Association, Tel: 0438 898 904, carolyncurrie@optusnet.com.au

Wine Fundraiser
Thanks to all those families who have already placed an order with Winebox Warehouse we have raised over $300 for the school so far. This is an ongoing fundraiser, where every dozen bottles of wine ordered from the below link will see $10 going to the school. There is no obligation to buy. If you are interested please register your email address via: www.wineboxwarehouse.com.au/glenirisps and you will receive their regular specials & promotions via email. Remember to use the Glen Iris link and also put the school name in the special comments section of your order so that the school gets the reward!!

Many thanks, Justine Moore on behalf of Parents’ Association

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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Copies of this information are available at the office:

- Helicopter Parenting - Free Parent Seminar - Melissa Anderson hosts an evening discussion on over-parenting, Weds 25 May, 7.30 - 9.00pm at Brighton Grammar. For bookings ph. 9596 8814
- International ME/CFS Awareness Week - 8 - 15 May 2011 - for more information visit www.mecs-vic.org.au
- Upcoming Sustainable Living Workshops - FREE - Sustainable Garden Design on Monday 16 May at Strathcona Junior School Campus, ph 8779 7500 and Sustainable Shopping on Tuesday 17 May at Genazzano ph 8862 1006. These workshops are part of the City of Boroondara’s Living for our Future Program. For more information visit - http:// www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/our-city/environment/living-for-our-future
- aus girls dance - Free dance trial classes offered in May for girls aged 5 - 11 Ph. 9859 6499 or visit www.aspgroup.com.au
- Ashburton United Soccer Club - for 5 - 8 year olds starting on 7 & 8 May. Places available on Saturday or Sunday mornings 8.45 - 10am. Contact Lesley Genmell 9888 4107 or go to www.ashburtonsoccer.com.au to obtain registration forms or for more information.
- Backyard Beekeeping Course - learn to make honey and keep bees in your garden - call 0419 501 950 or visit www.lifecylelearning.com.au
- The Ashy Op Shop - cnr Welfare Pde & High St, Ashburton, needs coats, jumpers, shoes, hats, scarves and gloves. We also gladly accept bric-a-brac and small working electrical items. Help us to help others - we return profits direct to the community.
- For information about Asthma and Influenza and Winter and Asthma contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or visit www.asthma.org.au
- Camcare - a community-based, not-for-profit organization providing community support services to individuals and families. The Camcare No Interest Loan Scheme enables low-income consumers to obtain loans they may not be able to obtain from mainstream lending institutions. For more information contact Maria 9831 1900 (Tuesdays only) or email mgroner@camcare.org.au
- Balwyn Park Tennis Club - offers a five-week group coaching program for mums. Open to absolute beginners and those who would like to resume playing tennis. Offer available from 9 May to 10 June. Ph. Paul 0412 550 230
- Aussie Kids Karate - Special Introductory Programme - 413 High St, Ashburton, Ph. 9886 9025 or visit www.australiangojukarate.com.au
- Ashwood Wolves Basketball Club is looking for 10 & 11 yr old girls to join an U12 girls’ basketball team this winter. If interested call Sharyn on 9568 5995.

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.
Open Day
More Helpers Needed
We still need extra parents to help out on Open Day, Wednesday 18 May. If you could help out with either the morning or afternoon session or provide a plate for morning or afternoon tea, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please fill out and return the notice coming home with today’s newsletter.

TODAY’S NOTICES
- Family Literacy Night (green, eldest)
- GIPS Newsletter Register Online / Open Day Helpers Request (cream, eldest, return slip)
- Entertainment Book flyer (pink, eldest, return slip)
- Deakin Physical Activity Program (white, Grs.5 & 6)
- National Walk to School Day (blue, eldest)

WANTED
Carer for 2 Bunny Rabbits Needed
June 26 - July 24
We are travelling overseas and need a carer for our 2 rabbits. Nibbles and Snowflake can come to your house (both have separate hutches). They will need a small space in your garden to run around in. We provide food & hay & money for veggies and $250 cash payment to look after them. They are much loved family pets. Please call Claudine on 0408 551 736 if you wish to know more.

Excursion to Sovereign Hill
Grades 5/6
Friday 29 April
Gold Fever

Rowen Street Kindergarten
OPEN DAY
Saturday 21 May
10am - 12pm
3 & 4 year old groups
Sessional & long day programs for 4 year olds
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