Dear Parents,

I hope all of our mums enjoyed a relaxing Mothers’ Day last Sunday. I know the children were very excited when shopping for your gifts at the Mothers’ Day Stall on Friday. The gifts were beautifully prepared by our dedicated Parents’ Association members led by Tracey Frater. Thanks to all those who helped prepare gifts and run the stall on the day.

ROAD SAFETY
Last week, one of our Grade 1 boys narrowly escaped being seriously injured when he was hit by a car crossing High Street. Despite Daniel being supervised by his mother and Popi, our Crossing Supervisor, and him facing a green “walk” sign, a car drove through the crossing hitting him. Daniel was taken by ambulance to hospital and fortunately is relatively unharmed. Thank you to the parents and staff who assisted at the scene. It is a timely warning to us all that, even when we are doing nothing wrong, we must be wary of the actions of others to remain safe. Please, all drive safely and supervise children carefully near roads and when riding bikes and scooters.

NAPLAN TESTING
This week, teachers began implementing the NAPLAN testing for children in Grades 3 and 5. The NAPLAN testing is a national standardised testing procedure that is administered to all children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It provides us with one piece of useful information about how individual children are learning at school and also a means by which the school can monitor and track different cohorts of students as they progress through the school. The NAPLAN also provides data when evaluating our teaching and learning program. When this information is considered with all the other rich sources of assessment material, we can best determine a child’s strengths and weaknesses and opportunities for improvement within our school programs. Rather than having been “taught” the tests, classes have been familiarised with the format and expectations of the testing program. Parents should receive their child’s results during Term 3.

EDUCATION WEEK
Next week is Education Week in Victorian schools. It is an important time to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our students. Our school is offering current and prospective families opportunities to visit the school to participate in learning activities with their children and find out more about the programs we offer. An Information Evening for 2011 Prospective Prep families will be conducted on Monday 17 May and an Open Day for both prospective and current families on Wednesday 19 May. Given our focus on numeracy this year, we have included a Family Maths Night in our program of activities to strengthen parents’ understanding of how they can help their children develop numeracy skills and support classroom programs. Families are
invited to come along to school on Wednesday 19 May from 6.00pm – 7:15pm to challenge their child to a range of maths games and activities commonly used in our classroom programs. Children will be issued with a maths passport to complete as they attempt various activities. There will also be a “Guess the Weight” of the pumpkin competition and a chance to purchase games that would support children’s maths learning at home. We look forward to seeing lots of families during Education Week.

If you are hoping to visit your child’s classes during the Open Day sessions, below is the specialist timetable to enable you to check where classes will be at that time.

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BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION
The Department of Education and Early childhood Development has given approval for our building project to go to tender. The tender will be issued on Monday 17 May. The scope of the work will include the redevelopment of our existing library and computer lab into permanent classrooms; the construction of a new library with ICT facilities and music room where the rural classroom and water tanks are now located, and the redesign of the central piazza and asphalt playground space to a more user friendly, playground space incorporating a large, covered outdoor learning area. Whilst the work will involve some inconvenience that we will try to keep to a minimum, the long term advantages for the children and the school are exciting. I have been told to expect the work to commence in late June or early July.

PLANTING PROGRAM
On Thursday 20 May and Friday 21 May, all children will join in a planting program with landscape architect, Ruth Czermak. Each child will get to plant a plant in the newly developed area along Glen Iris Road. Children will be encouraged to care for their plants in the following weeks. Teachers will be hoping for parents’ assistance with this class activity. Children may bring small trowels and gardening gloves to school if they wish. Children should also bring coats and hats if the weather is cold, as the planting will need to go ahead unless the weather is inclement. This will further improve our playground for the children.

SCHOOL CONCERT
Preparation is underway for the biannual school concert which will be held on Friday 20 August at the Besen Centre in Burwood. Each grade level will perform a “song and dance” number themed around Broadway and musical theatre. Two concerts will be conducted on the evening with children performing in one concert based alphabetically by surname. Children with surnames from A-K will perform in the 6.30pm concert and those with surnames L-Z will perform in the 8.00pm concert. Children are being prepared for the concert by Rose Wray-McCann (singing) and Kate Stanford (dancing). Our concert director is Susie Walton.

PMP WITH PIZZAZ!
The PMP program jumped, crawled and hopped into action this week with an enthusiastic group of dads, mums and grandparents manning the four stations. Each week on Thursday afternoons Preps participate in the sequential fundamental motor skills program and each week we need 4 helpers to man the stations. Make sure you put your name on the roster and join us.
Hi everyone,

Firstly a big thank you to Tracey Frater and her team for their efforts on the Mothers’ Day stall this year. A lovely range of gifts proved very enticing to all the kids! Thank you to all the mums who gave up their time to help on the stall on Friday.

Just a quick reminder to get your order forms back for our “Sex and the City 2” fundraising night asap - bring a friend, bring your mum, bring a neighbour, the more the merrier! Seating is not allocated, it will be first in, best dressed, on the night.

We still require some more helpers in the 10am - 12 noon and 12 - 2pm timeslots for the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. Please return your form to the Office or contact me directly if you can spare a few hours on Sunday 6 June.

Thank you for a wonderful response to our heatbag fundraiser - we have raised just over $1,000 towards the new library fund! Final figure in the next newsletter.

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SPECIAL LUNCH ROSTER HELP - TERM 2, 2010

Thankyou to all the parents who have kindly offered to help with GIPS “French” special lunch on Friday 28 May.

Please see below for names of volunteers, roster dates and times

Counting and Collating Orders - Venue to be advised
Thursday 20 May 2010 9.00am-10.30am
Julie Orgill Amanda Wentworth
Penny Ashby Kimberly Hobbs
Prue Santamaria Julie Griffiths
Justine Moore Sarah Ng
Shusannah Morris Megan Bennett
Amanda Shelton Ginny Robinson
Fiona Freemantle Sue Holmes
Irene Brumen Kathryn Turner

Preparation of lunch - Multipurpose Room
Friday 28 May 2010 11:00am-12:00pm
Julie Griffiths Kathy Morriss
Prue Santamaria Justine Moore
Amanda Parsons Debbie Graham

Anne-Marie Downes Kathryn Turner
Robyn Day Dana Barry
Judith Cullen-Scarff

Serving of lunch and clean up - Multipurpose Room Friday 28 May 2010 12:00pm-1:00pm
Amanda Nason Viv Cameron
Anne-Marie Downes Sarah Somerset
Dana Barry Peta Coote
Sue Papavassiliou Priscilla Mellado
Sally Pontifex Judith Cullen-Scarff
Kathryn Turner

Your help is greatly appreciated.
Special lunch committee 2010: Judith Scarff, Irene Brumen and Kathryn Turner.

BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENT WORKING BEE Update
Thank you to Paul Downes who finished oiling the timber in our wonderful new landscaped grounds. We eagerly await the planting days next week.

CROSS COUNTRY
On Thursday 6 May, Years 3 to 6 competed in our Cross Country event. Everyone enjoyed themselves and supported each other and cheered their loudest. But in the end, Red House cheered the loudest and won the Spirit Award. Even though Red House won this award, they came fourth according to the amount of points they won that day. In third place came Green House, second Gold House, and, in first place, Blue House.

It was the first time for the Grade 3s and they all did a great job and tried their best. Overall we had a fantastic day.

By Millie, Mia (56P) and Laura (4V).

Journalism Enrichment Group

LOST
At the OSHP approximately 2 weeks ago, a pair of size 1 black (Clarke brand) Velcro school shoes went missing and sneakers were left behind instead. Please check your child’s shoes and contact the office if you can help solve the mystery.

FOR SALE
VGC timber computer desk on casters with raised shelf and pull out keyboard tray. H 780cm W 1200cm D 510 cm S$80
Contact Kerrie on 9889 9285

RCH GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL
The free dress day on the last day of term one raised $504.10 for the Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal. Thank you to the whole GIPS Community.

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Glen Iris Primary School thanks the above sponsors for their support.

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Copies of this information are available in the basket at the front office:
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WHAT’S ON AT GIPS
Stay up to date with all the GIPS news by checking out our website at: www.gips.vic.edu.au
- School newsletters and current forms and notices are regularly uploaded.
- The calendar provides a list of important school dates.
- No more worrying about lost notices - here they are!

THANK YOU
A big thank you to Lilah’s dad, Darren, who donated 4 brand new footballs and a coach’s board that came in very handy during the Level 4 Winter Sports day.
Megan Neal 56N

2010 TERM DATES
Term 1 1 February to 26 March
Term 2 12 April to 25 June
Term 3 12 July to 17 September
Term 4 4 October to 17 December

2011 TERM DATES
Term 1 4 February to 8 April
Term 2 27 April to 1 July
Term 3 18 July to 23 September
Term 4 10 October to 22 December

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