Dear Parents,
I hope all families enjoyed the sunny, winter days over the long weekend and made the most of the extra leisure time. Since my return to Glen Iris I have enjoyed reacquainting myself with our varied learning programs. In the coming newsletters, I will share some of my observations with you.

**Hooptime**

Last Friday, a large contingent of Grade 3 and 4 Glen Iris students, staff and parents attended the Hooptime Basketball competition at the Nunawading Basketball Stadium in East Burwood. Thank you to the many parents and staff who supported the players and ensured the children had the opportunity to enjoy this experience.

**Nursery Rhyme Day**

Today, our Foundation classes have enjoyed Nursery Rhyme Day as part of their literacy program. Children were dressed in an array of colourful costumes: Jack and Jill, Humpty Dumpty, Little Bo Peep and many more. Nursery Rhymes are a vital component of children’s literacy development aiding in a love of language and can lead to improved literacy learning in young children. There are many benefits to learning nursery rhymes and songs:

1. Nursery rhymes, poems and songs will provide your children with opportunities to develop an appreciation for rhyme and rhythm.

2. The development of auditory skills comes from listening to poems, songs and rhymes and LISTENING is an important skill to develop.

3. Poems and verses use words to paint mental pictures and help to expand their imagination.

4. While you read, sing, play and act out nursery rhymes together you are conveying to your children that sounds make words and that words are fun and you are creating a sense of humor.

5. Rhymes and Fingerplays help children to develop fine motor skills and coordination.

**Performing Arts**

The Performing Arts program in our school continues to go from strength to strength. It is exciting to see new initiatives introduced that enable a broad range of students to be introduced to the many and varied arts aspects. *Victorian State Schools Spectacular:* Twenty-nine GIPS students have joined the cast of 3000 students from across Victorian Government schools. Guided by a team of industry experts, they will perform in a program of show-stopping vocals, high-energy dance routines, electrifying special effects and awe-inspiring circus tricks at Hisense Arena on 27 July. I am sure this will be a very memorable experience for these children after months of hard work. Thanks to our Performing Arts teacher, Bianca Deckert, for her efforts in organizing and training the students. For families interested in attending this
event, information about obtaining tickets has been included in this newsletter.

Legally Blond Theatre Performance: Recently, a group of interested Performing Arts Students joined Mrs. Deckert and a parent, Penny Heath, to enjoy a matinee of the musical “Legally Blond” at the Comedy Theatre in the city. This was made possible by the school receiving a small number of free tickets for the show. It is great that our students had the opportunity to appreciate such high calibre live theatre. I am sure they will remember it for years to come.

Soiree: On Wednesday, 19 June, our annual Soiree will be held for students who learn an instrument or perform in one of the extra curricula groups (choir, bands etc). I am looking forward to attending the evening in the Church hall as I am always amazed by the talent of our GIPS students. I recommend others take the opportunity to attend and be amazed as well.

Football Cards
Recently, the topic of football cards and some issues surrounding them have been raised in the media. We have a well-developed process to manage children’s trading of footy cards at Glen Iris so that it is fair and enjoyable for all. Each Monday, a card trading group meets in the library at lunchtime under the supervision of a teacher. Children who wish to trade footy cards or spend time looking at the various collections are welcome to join this group with the permission of their parents. Notices and permission forms outlining this are available from the Office. We hope this enables children to enjoy an age old pastime in a fair, safe environment; avoids interruptions to valuable learning time and playground disagreements and alleviates parent concerns.

Free to a good home …almost!
The school has two lawn mowers that are no longer required. The mowers have not been in use for some time and may need some TLC. If you are interested in seeing if the mowers are of use to you, please arrange a time to inspect them at the Office. Of course, we would never say no to a donation in money or in kind.

Regards
Meredith Carracher

Friends of the Library (FOTL) - 2nd Hand Book Stall

In anticipation of the GIPS main fundraising event scheduled for later this year, FOTL are getting organised to run a 2nd Hand Book Stall. If over the months ahead you find yourself de-cluttering book shelves... please keep FOTL in mind and place any excess books into a box. An area outside the library will be designated for leaving your box of books. Please drop your boxes off prior to 9am.

Suitable fiction and non-fiction books for adults or children would be appreciated. No text books or magazines please. Any unsold items after the event will be donated to charity.

Members of our school community will be purchasing these items therefore we ask you only donate books of good quality and appropriate content. Books you would be happy to see your friends or your child’s friends purchase.

on behalf of Friends of the Library
Contact: Julie Gray 0411 110 537 or jsgathome@gmail.com

New Books for the Library

This year, our focus for the purchase of new books for the library is on Non-Fiction texts (we purchased a large amount of fiction last year). We have based our purchases on teacher requests/curriculum needs (units of work from the National Curriculum) and student feedback. Each SRC representative asked their class to suggest topics or titles of Non-Fiction texts that they would like to see purchased for the library. We used these ideas to inform what we bought. It will take a few weeks to process these new books but, towards the end of term, look out for the following student nominated topics on the ‘New Books’ stand in the library:

- endangered animals  
- Science: light and sound  
- Famous landmarks  
- Skateboarding  
- Drawing  
- Surfing  
- Lego  
- Cricket  
- AFL  
- Cookbooks for Kids  
- countries: USA, Italy, China  
- convicts  
- World Records  
- Forces of nature: wind, rain, volcanoes etc  
- Believe It Or Not  
and many other Non-Fiction (and a few fictional) titles.

Thanks very much,
Kate Van der Jagt (Library Liaison)
Hello GIPS Community!

Can you believe it is now the middle of the year? How time flies. It’s just another 2 and a bit weeks to end of term. And then it is the crazy school holidays.

At the Parents Association, we have been very busy planning fundraising activities for the school. Thank you to those who have contributed to the successful events such as the Walkathon and Mother's Day stalls. Weren't our Mother's Day gifts beautiful? Oh yes, and don't forget to get your Entertainment books if you haven't got them yet. There are some fantastic vouchers this year which I am sure you can use in your School Holiday plans.

This next couple of months, we will be very busy as we plan the Twilight Market that will be happening on Friday, November 15. Watch out for the flyers regarding the Twilight Market in your post boxes soon. The plans are currently underway and we are really excited at the level of interest in the GIPS and the greater Glen Iris community regarding stalls as well as the many people who have volunteered to help out. Thank you so much! Your contributions are very much appreciated. Thank you Rachael Thomson and your Twilight Market team for working so hard to make sure that we will have a knock out event at GIPS.

If you'd like to find out more about the Twilight Market or what the Parents Association are up to, please feel free to join us in the Staff Room this Friday at 9AM for our monthly meeting.

Till next time, keep warm,

Sene-Li
on behalf of the Parents’ Association

Library Lunchtime Duty

Thank you to everyone who volunteered last term. A notice is being sent home with the newsletter today for Term 3, 2013. Please try to find a spare lunchtime, as your children would love to see you, and you will be allowing us to open the library each lunchtime for more play options. Remember you will need a current Working With Children Check to participate. Thank you.

Justine Moore (9889 9547)
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On behalf of Parents’ Association.

TWILIGHT MARKET
FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Thank you to all of those enthusiastic parents who have already returned their form.

I am particularly looking for a couple of additional skills.
- if you are an electrician and able to offer some advice on lighting and power for the Twilight Market, or
- if you are able to coordinate a stall, or
- if you have contacts who may be able to donate substantial items for our silent auction, please contact Rachael Thomson at: rachael@synergisticgroup.com.au.

Thank you, it is wonderful to have the whole school behind such an exciting event.

PIZZA SPECIAL LUNCH
Tuesday 25 June!

End of term and Special Lunch are fast approaching. Please remember to place your order no later than Thursday 20 June to avoid disappointment.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Flyers for The Entertainment Book will be coming home today. These have a GIPS order form at the bottom and highlight vouchers and savings to be made for school holiday activities.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where Points Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn Points Stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they may be stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps.
Message from the Principal
I arrived at Hawthorn Secondary College on Monday 20th May to a very fine welcome from members of the school community. I come to this world of work with enthusiasm and a healthy respect for the work that has already been done to secure the future for the school and its current and future students.

During my early orientation I was impressed with the work going on in the learning program and with the physical environment of the school. Clearly, there are key facilities already in existence that will provide ideal environments for a contemporary and future education program.

I am delighted to be asked to lead the school towards what will no doubt be a rich and viable future. I bring to this work a wealth of experience from my 40 plus years in Victorian schools, 22 years of which was in four previous principal appointments. My work in a wide variety of schools was both in the metropolitan area and in rural Victoria.

I am encouraged by the formative work that has already been done. This work, involving consultations and information sessions across the education and wider community, has provided a good foundation upon which to build further. I sense a very good level of support for the work that we are embarking on from a wide variety of sources.

I see my work operating in two parallel streams – firstly, securing the education program of the current student group and secondly, work that will take the school forward for a new start in 2014. It is my intention to work sensitively with the current staff to assist with their future teaching, to work closely with the student group, to work with the current School Council and with the broader community. I particularly look forward to engaging the students in the development of their school. I was most impressed with the School Captains when I met them on Monday. I have already commenced visiting local Primary Schools and I have had conversations with some Principals. A variety of information sessions for the school and the wider community will be scheduled. Many of these will be advertised in the media and will also be listed on the school website.

I strongly support the work that has already been done and articulated to the community with respect to the various specialisms that the school will offer from 2014. Further work will be undertaken to design a fully comprehensive curriculum, a curriculum that will be rigorous, challenging, enjoyable and internationally recognised. I want to stress that currently enrolled students will have a place in the new school next year. The support programs that good schools have in place to assist students with their learning will continue to be an element of the school.

It is my intention to involve a range of stakeholders from staff to students, to school councillors, to parents and the wider community in the development of a documented vision for Auburn High School. This work will also commence almost immediately.

Clearly there is much to be done in a short time. The provision of the best in education for the students in our area can only be achieved with support from the school and wider community. I feel very confident that we will see a very vibrant and excellent school from the start of 2014. Development will be incremental and the focus will remain on excellence in all of our work.

Apart from the information and consultation sessions and the Meet the Principal session, I am happy to be contacted at the school on 9804 6337.

Martin Culkin - Principal
Tickets on Sale Now!

Tickets for two shows at Hisense Arena on July 27 (11am and 6pm) are on sale at Ticketek now. Book online at Ticketek or call 132 849. See: Ticketek.

The Victorian State Schools Spectacular is one of the largest performing arts events in Australia. It is a professionally staged production performed annually to an audience of over 10,000 people.

The Spectacular includes a cast of almost 3,000 Victorian government school students, working towards a common goal in a collaborative, competition-free environment. Its dual aim is to provide an invaluable performing arts opportunity to Victoria’s government school students and to showcase the enormous talent that exists in our schools. This all comes together in a 2-3 hour scripted show that celebrates a diversity of performance mediums, including choir, dance, vocal, drama, and orchestra.

Students who participate in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular are provided with a unique opportunity to work with internationally renowned industry professionals across all disciplines, as well as the amazing experience of performing live in front of thousands of people.

The 2013 Victorian State Schools Spectacular will be on Saturday 27th July at Hisense Arena.

Glen Iris Primary School thanks our sponsors for their generous support.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
1PM TUESDAY

TODAY’S NOTICES
- Library Lunchtime Duty (green, small, eldest)
- Entertainment Book flyer (green, A4, eldest)

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