Dear Parents,

On Saturday, 1 August, many parents and staff enjoyed a great night at “Wine ‘09”, the main fundraising event organised by our Parents’ Association. It was a wonderful social opportunity to catch up with lots of people from our school community and raised more than $15,000 towards interactive whiteboards and air conditioning for our new buildings. Thanks to the many families who supported the event with donations and sponsorship. A huge thanks especially to the Parents’ Association for their wonderful organisation and planning, in particular Janet O’Meara, Liz Fowler and Kate Bellamy. Without individuals who are willing to make such a personal contribution to our school, occasions such as “Wine “09” would not be possible and the children would not benefit in the many ways that they currently do.

Photo Fundraiser

Another opportunity available to Glen Iris families recently has been the offer of professional photographic services from one of our mums, Nicola Luxton. Nicola has spent many hours photographing children from approximately 90 families, including my own. Over the last weekend, Nicola spent both Saturday and Sunday in Ferndale Park working with our families. The school will benefit from the funds raised and families will benefit from receiving a lovely set of photographs. Thank you Nicola for the effort you have put into this project on our behalf.

Red Cross Multimedia Launch

Yesterday morning, 11 August, our school hosted a launch of some first aid multimedia learning objects. These animations depicting appropriate responses for CPR and Anaphylaxis situations are able to be downloaded to mobile phones on the 3G network. This trial project amongst Boroondara schools is sponsored by Red Cross, Telstra and Multi-ed Technologies. The Breakfast Launch was attended by Bob Stensholt, Member for Burwood; Jeremy Beard, Regional Network leader; Western Bulldogs player, Tim Callan; Colin Evans, Multi-ed Technologies; Ben Smith, Anna Betts, Warren Leo and Toni Aslett from The Red Cross, school principals, teachers and students with anaphylaxis. Bob Stensholt spoke and endorsed this innovative use of digital technologies. Tim Callan, himself an anaphylaxis sufferer, responded to questions from Glen Iris students on living with anaphylaxis. Then Tim activated the process so that all the mobile phones registered were simultaneously delivered the first aid animations. Thank you to our resident ICT “guru”, Robyn Floyd, for her initiative in bringing this most worthwhile service to the schools in Boroondara and to Glen Iris in particular.

Level 4 Camp

Last week 81 children and 10 teachers and parents attended the Level 4 camp at Camp Coonawarra, near Stratford. The children participated in a range of outdoor education activities including horse riding, canoeing, ropes courses, rock climbing, flying foxes and the Big Swing. By all accounts, the children thoroughly enjoyed the program and were all wonderful ambassadors for Glen Iris Primary. They certainly seemed suitably “camp weary” on their return last Friday, as did the parents and teachers. Thanks to our teachers and parents who gave up their time to attend the camp: Linda Thurmer, Hazel Dixon, Kate Van Der Jagt, Emma

HOURS OF SUPERVISION

Please note that students are supervised in the yard before school from 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm.

GLEN IRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
8.30am until 4.30pm

Email: glen.iris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Website: www.gips.vic.edu.au
to hear from high calibre speakers and to discuss such matters with colleagues.

Yours Sincerely

[Signature]

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**Lunchtimes in the Library**

Commencing this week, teachers will be opening the library for children to enjoy quiet activities in the second half of lunchtime. A recent analysis of our playground incident data indicated that most of the accidents or disagreements that occur, happen in the second half of the lunchtime break. Teachers have decided to supervise reading, passive games and drawing activities in the library for children who would like a change from the playground. Library borrowing will not be offered at lunchtime at this stage and the number of students will be restricted to ensure the smooth operation of the program.

**Preps visit Collingwood Children’s Farm**

The Preps are currently learning about farm animals and farm produce. On Monday, 10 August, the children visited the Collingwood Children’s Farm for some “Hands-On” farm experiences. The children have also been creating their own model farmyards as part of their “Show’n’Tell” program. Have a look at two great farm yards prepared by Hannah and Alice from Prep J.

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**Learning for Principals!**

Just to prove that we are all lifelong learners at Glen Iris Primary School, I will be involved in the following conferences and workshops over the next couple of weeks. On Friday, 14 August, all Victorian principals will be attending a variety of presentations. Principals in Eastern Region will attend a presentation by Dr. Douglas Reeves at Etihad Stadium. Dr. Douglas Reeves is the founder of The Leadership and Learning Center in Englewood, Colorado. He has worked with education, business, non profit, and government organizations throughout the world and published many books and articles on leadership and organizational effectiveness.

In the following week, Robyn Floyd and I will be attending the Boroondara Principals’ conference from Wednesday, 19 August – Friday 21 August. Over the three days, there will be presentations by Karen Green, Patrick Griffin and Ray McLean covering such topics as curriculum design and student assessment. These are most valuable events.

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**AP’s Column**

**Exploring our website.**

If you choose to use our website as your home page, you’ll find that the left hand side has some useful internet tools:
- the weather
- wikipedia
- Sports
- Fuel watch

There are also buttons that students and teachers use within the school network linking to our Intranet, Edumail and the DEECD cache of approved websites.

**New Pages to visit:**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**


**Art Enrichment**


**Excursion Notices** are uploaded regularly. Parents are now easily able to reprint another notice if one is lost or misplaced.

**CPR and Anaphylaxis Mobile Phone Downloads**

After a successful Launch on Tuesday to over 200 principals and teachers in Boroondara Schools, the downloads will now be available to parents of Glen Iris students at no cost. More information will be available next newsletter.

Also thanks to Cate, Olivia, Stella and Olivia who volunteered to help decorate the library for the Launch blowing up 100 balloons!

**Robyn Floyd**

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Father’s Day Breakfast
Once again our fabulous Father’s Day breakfast will be held on Thursday 3 September, 7.30am. This is an opportunity for the children at GIPS to bring Dad along to school for a special breakfast to celebrate Fathers’ Day. Pancakes On The Run will be cooking pancakes again and the rest of the menu is to be advised ASAP. Many thanks to Tracey Seignior, Sarah Sherson and Amanda Doan for making this occasion possible for us. More details to follow very soon.

Fathers’ Day Stall
Our Fathers’ Day Stall will be held on Wednesday 2 September and we know the children are all very much looking forward to this. Please ask your children to bring along a bag to take home their special gifts. A note will be sent home soon asking for helpers to wrap the gifts and to help on the day of the stall. Thank you Tracey Frater and her team for all of the work that goes into making the stall a big success.

Main Event
A great night was had by all at our Wine ’09 Parent’s get together and fundraiser for 2009. As yet, we don’t have a final figure on how much the night raised, but we will keep you informed as soon as we have more details. Thank you so much to all of the generous parents who supported this event by donating items for all of the auctions. Without this support we could not have had such a successful outcome. Thanks also to the many helpers who came to set up the hall during the day and stayed to clean up at the end of the night. To our behind the scenes ladies in the school office, Liz, Kaye and Sue, for all of their support and massive amount of help in organizing the online bookings and more. Overall, a great success.

Liz Fowler, GIPS Parents’ Association
efowler@bigpond.net.au Ph. 0425 704 874

PHOTO FUNDRAISER
Our Photo Fundraiser is still available to parents. Please check the website for details.

SPECIAL LUNCH – 21 AUGUST 2009

PARENT HELP ROSTER

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Ogilvie High School Orchestra and Concert Choir comes to GIPS

This morning some of our students had the opportunity to watch a wonderful musical performance given by the music students of Ogilvie High School, who have come over from Tasmania to perform in the Australian Schools Orchestra Competition. Today the orchestra and choir were giving a number of performances in Melbourne schools as part of their final preparation for the competition being held at Blackwood Hall, Monash University tomorrow afternoon. Maybe this performance will inspire more of our students to pursue and develop their musical interests and talents through participation in our school instrumental program and choir.

Barb Maclarn

LETTER TO GRADE 3E FROM HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN

23rd July, 2009

To: The Children at Glen Iris Primary School

The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for the letters which you have sent to Her Majesty.

The Queen thought it so kind of you to tell her about yourselves and your school, and Her Majesty was interested to hear about your homes, your families and your pets. The Queen greatly appreciated the good wishes you have sent for Her Majesty’s Official Birthday, and the care you have taken with your letters.

Although The Queen does not have time to reply personally to all the hundreds of people who write to her each day, she was very glad to hear from you. I am enclosing a little information which I hope you will enjoy, and you may like to know that more can be found by visiting the official web site of the British Monarchy at www.royal.gov.uk.

Her Majesty was pleased to have your letters and sends her thanks and good wishes to you all.

Lady-in-Waiting

INFORMATION BASKET

Copies of this information are available in the basket at the front office:

- Underbank Stud - 2 camps available during the September school holidays. Ph.03 5367 5300 or www.underbankstud.com.au

- “The Woman’s Way” - come and enjoy movement and dance to music from around the world. Mon nights 7.30 - 9.00pm St.Dunstan’s Anglican Church, C’well. Ph.0437 348 808

- “Moving Together” - dance classes for parents and young children. Ashb’n Baptist Church. Ph.9836 7386

- Forum “Building resilience in my child ……… What can I do? - Mon 24 Aug 7.30pm Wesley College Ph.8102 6594

- Glen Iris Valley Tennis Club - Free lesson day opportunities in August. Ph.0407 477 798 or visit www.ridatennis.com.au

- DADS MATTER - What Kids Really Need From Their Dad - Anglicare, Bayswater. Aug 12 - Sept 3 Ph.9721 3646

- Wombat Corner - Sept School Holiday Camps in Emerald. Ph.5968 1739 or visit www.wombatcorner.com

- Love to add a child to your family? - ph.9843 6413 or visit adoptionandpermanentcare.com.au

- Family fun day - Como Historic Home & Garden Sunday 23 August 10am - 4pm. Ph.9827 2500 or visit www.comohouse.com.au

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.

LOST

- Umbrella - left at the Trivia Night - non-folding, black, distinctive wooden handle. Please leave at the School Office or ring 0405 987 890. Reward offered.

- Brand new swatch watch - speed racer, multi-coloured. If found please return to the School Office.

- Polar fleece jacket (size 6) - Lucy; button-through bomber jacket (size 8) - Emily, return to School Office.

TRAFFIC/TRANSPORT ISSUES

- Just a reminder to all members of the GIPS community - when parking on Glen Iris Rd please take care to park clear of driveways and give our neighbours plenty of room to get in and out of their properties.

- Parents of children who use scooters to ride to school - remind your children to ride responsibly and to be aware of driveways, crossing streets and to be very conscious of pedestrians.
Glen Iris Primary School thanks the above sponsors for their support.

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