From The Principal

Dear Parents,

We have well and truly moved into the winter weather in recent weeks with chilly days and the occasional storm. For your information, on the rare occasion that the weather is extremely stormy at school dismissal time, as it was on a recent Friday afternoon, we try to make alternate arrangements for the children rather than sending them out to stand in pouring rain. On these days, parents are advised that children will be with their teachers in the classrooms until the rain passes. Of course, parents are welcome to collect them from the classroom. If parents and children have not met up soon after 3:30pm, phone calls will be made to confirm arrangements for children's collection from school.

Winter Sickness
At this time of the year it is not unusual for families to be struck by the winter coughs, colds and viruses. School is the right place for well children and home is the best place for sick children. If your children are unwell, rest at home is the appropriate course of action as it is best for your child and also for their classmates and teachers. If a child is too unwell to participate in the classroom program, the Office will call parents to arrange collection as we do not have the staff or facilities to supervise sick children.

Trivia Night
We are all looking forward to the Parents' Association Trivia Night at Camberwell High School on Saturday Night 16 June. If you haven't already booked your tickets, it's not too late to come along and join in the fun and support our major fundraiser for the year. Tickets can be booked online through the school website.

Staffing
Mrs Susie Walton will commence Maternity Leave to await the birth of her baby. Susie has been an excellent member of our teaching staff and important member of the school Leadership Team for several years and we will miss her expertise and professionalism. Mrs. Elissa Toll will teach Grade 2W for the remainder of 2012 and Miss Niki Winch will teach Grade 1LT on Fridays. We will look forward to hearing the pitter patter of little Walton feet in July. Best wishes, Susie and Matt.

Opening of the New Facilities
On Monday 4 June, we celebrated the opening of the new facilities in the school following the Building the Education Revolution. During the assembly in the new Library, ICT and Performing Arts building, children spoke of their impressions of the facilities, our choir and guitarists performed and Mr. Jeremy Beard, Regional Network Leader from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development read a letter from Mr. Bill Shorten and declared the facilities open. These facilities have been the "icing on the cake" for our school in providing an outstanding physical environment for learning now and in the future. Many thanks to the staff and parents who worked to organise the function: Barbara Maclarn, who prepared the student leaders and visual display; Bianca Deckert, who coordinated the Choir and musicians; Kay Borrow and the "Friends of the Library" group, who set up the area and arranged displays of student work; Liz, Sue, Rose and Kaye from the Office, who coordinated the catering arrangements; and the numerous parents who provided plates of afternoon tea for guests and parents.

Cyber Safety Week
This week is "CyberSafety" Week in Victorian schools. Our staff Information and Communication Technology" committee have prepared a series of
lessons that will be delivered across the school from Prep - Grade 6 to reinforce the message of how to use computers and other equipment safely. A team of teachers have undertaken the "E-Smart" training to educate children about Cyber Safety and this vital information is included in the program for all children. It would be an opportune time for families to discuss Cyber Safety at home. Look on the school website for some useful tips for parents.

Student Mid Year Reports
Teachers have been working hard to prepare the midyear reports for each student. These reports will be distributed towards the end of term. To ensure a progressive reporting process for parents, Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted during Term 3. We feel this then provides regular information to parents each term. Of course, parents wishing to discuss the midyear report or any other aspect of the child’s school performance, may contact their class teacher to make an appointment at any time.

Enrolment 2013
Local families intending to enrol children for Prep or other grade levels at Glen Iris Primary School in 2013 are encouraged to make these arrangements as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available from the Office or website. If you wish to discuss your child’s enrolment for 2013, you are welcome to contact the Office to make an appointment.

Yours Sincerely
Meredith Carracher

REMINDER
French Day Activities: June 15
To celebrate la journée française at GIPS, all students are encouraged to participate by dressing up in a French-themed outfit.

There will also be a French-themed Special Lunch, which will include a variety of delicious French inspired foods, and a bilingual puppet show of the tale “Le chat botte” (“Puss in Boots”). The puppet show incursion form has been sent out and is available for download on the website.

We are all looking forward to a fabulous evening this coming Saturday night for our Main Event for the year. Ginny Robinson and an amazing team of helpers have worked tirelessly to make this happen for our school and we are very thankful for the amount of effort everyone has put in to make this possible for us. Many parents with local businesses have been extremely generous in donating items and vouchers for auction, some of which include a new bike, a signed Buddy Franklin football and numerous other fantastic things. All in all, Saturday night promises to be a lot of fun and we look forward to enjoying a fabulous night together as a school community. Don’t forget to wear your crazy hair or hat!

If you haven’t booked for this event, you have till 4pm on Friday!

Any questions, please contact me on the number below.
Cheers, Liz Fowler
President
Mob 0430 980 418

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 3, 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)
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On behalf of Parents Association.

PSW Shops Trading Hours Changes
PSW Retail Stores will be changing their trading hours from 1 July - 21 September 2012. we will be closed on Mondays and Saturdays will be trading from 9am - 1pm. Please note from 22 September during peak trading period our trading hours will revert back to usual.

Please note that the On Campus Uniform Shops aren’t affected by these changes. The Uniform Shop at GIPS will be open on a Monday morning as usual.
Grade 4
City Excursion

Our Chicken Superstars!
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Copies of this information are available at the office:

- **School Holiday Fun at the RSPCA.** We have sessions running from Monday 2 July until Friday 13 July. There will be lots of animal interaction, art and craft, as well as a behind the scenes look at the RSPCA. Sessions for children include: Cat Day (7 - 12yrs), Behind the Scenes (10 - 14yrs), 3Rs (Rabbits, Rats and Really Cute Guinea Pigs) (7 - 12yrs), Animal Rescue (10 - 14yrs). Call Penny on 9224 2286 to book a place or visit the RSPCA website.

- **Art'scool for Kids - Term 2 Holiday Program and Term 3 Art Program - Art Classes for Children with Ms Terry Taylor Ph. 9885 1195, 0400 272 335**


- **Get Active Sports - Basketball for Juniors - for children aged 3 to 8 at Malvern Primary School, starting Sunday 22 July. Ph. 1300 772 106 or visit www.getactivesports.com.au for more information.**

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Glen Iris Primary School thanks our sponsors for their support.
This Saturday Night is Trivia Night!

We have some fantastic prizes up for grabs! On top of what was listed last time, we also have:

- A ‘Buddy’ Franklin signed leather Sherrin footy
- Teeth Whitening
- Update your Family Portrait
- Limited Edition Essendon.......(might keep you guessing on that one!)

Credit Card facilities will be available on the night if you don’t want to pay cash.

We are still in need of more table donations, if you know of a business who would like some great exposure for $100, please contact either Ginny on silgleniris@bigpond.com or Kristin on kmeachem@bigpond.com

If you have not purchased your tickets, DO SO! School website, Try Bookings, it’s simple.

Looking forward to seeing you on what promises to be a fabulous Saturday night!

For those who have been testing themselves – Magnum PI – Higgin’s dogs – Apollo and Zeus.