Dear Parents,

Welcome back to everyone after the Term break. I hope you have all enjoyed the change of pace in the holidays.

Welcome to Glen Iris

I am very happy to welcome some returning and new members of staff to our school. Welcome back to Carol Chau (Grade 1C) from her long service leave in Term 2. Welcome to new teachers, Miss Sarah John and Mrs. Michelle Bayley. In Terms 3 and 4, Sarah will replace Sue Elliott in Grade 3E and Michelle, who taught Grade 1C in Term 2, has replaced Kate Van der Jagt with Grade 4V. I am delighted to have both ladies as part of our staff.

It has also been great to welcome several new students to the school: Anna (1M), Monique (2LW), Alex (3D), Jacqui (4K) and Jack (4V).

Farewell Rose

Rose Wray-McCann who has led our music program in the first half of the year has informed me that she is unable to continue in the role due to personal reasons. Rose has given us a great start to our work for the school concert and now various classroom teachers will lead the singing aspect of the concert preparation. Once the concert program is completed alternative arrangements will be put in place for continuation of our music program for the remainder of 2010.

“GIPS Sings the Hits!” - Concert 2010

Production of our school concert for 2010 is well underway with all grade levels singing and dancing up a storm. Each grade level from Prep – 5/6 will present a song and dance number representing a Broadway musical, either traditional or contemporary. Each year level will perform in alphabetical groupings, A-L and M-Z. The concert is being organised by a team of teachers from across the school ably led by Susie Walton as “The Producer”. The concert date on Friday 20 August is only five weeks away and tickets will go on sale “on line” shortly. The concert will be one of our most memorable occasions for the year so start preparing for a great night’s entertainment.

Coming Attractions in Term 3

There are many important events on the program for this term. Look out for further information in the coming weeks about Parent / Teacher Interviews, House Athletics Carnival, Fathers’ Day Breakfast, Swimming Program, Grade 4 Camp and various excursions.

Swimming Program 2010

Swimming is a core component of the physical education curriculum in the Victorian Essential Learning Standards and is considered vital for all
students. PE teacher, Andrew Cavell, has put a great deal of effort into improving the swimming program for Glen Iris students. Following community and staff feedback in the past regarding the quality and convenience of the swimming program, Andrew has researched numerous options for 2010. He found the option offered at Bialik College offered superior lessons in terms of length of lesson, consistency of instructors, group sizes and flexibility in relation to scheduling. We are aware that the cost has increased as a result but believe the improved program quality will justify the outlay. The final costing will be determined by the number of participants and any family experiencing financial difficulties is encouraged to contact me for assistance. I hope that all children will participate in the swimming program in 2010.

**State-wide Curriculum Day - Monday 9 August**

Teachers will undertake training in the use of the DEECD Ultranet that is being rolled out during 2010 and 2011. The Ultranet is an online student centred learning environment that supports learning and teaching, connects students, teachers and parents and enables efficient knowledge transfer.

Yours Sincerely

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**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

So far we have read 2,236 books and 52 students had completed the Challenge by the 4th of July!

**Note the following Key Dates:**

- **15 August** - The Age publishes Challenge Success Series lift-out in The Sunday Age
- **21 - 27 August** - Children’s Book Week (The theme is: Across the story bridge)
- **31 August** - Reading Challenge ends. No data can be entered after this date.
- **31 October** - The Age Honour Roll appears in The Sunday Age.

Robyn Floyd, Assistant Principal.

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**SRC NEWS**


The SRC have been very busy this semester. We organised Pyjama Day and collected all the money. We discussed the need to save water because people are leaving the taps running. We discussed having a tap put on the oval because children get dehydrated playing games. We looked at how to keep the toilets clean because it is not just for your own personal use. We also looked at rubbish because lots of people are bringing food onto the oval and this causes litter and a big mess. Everyone wants to use the oval and if you are littering you are ruining it for everyone. We all enjoyed being in SRC this semester and we hope the new SRC Reps have as much fun as we have.

Paris M, SRC

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**OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS PROGRAM**

Camp Australia and the Out of School Hours Staff would like to welcome you all back for Term 3! Rob and the staff at the Out of School Hours Program are happy to inform you that in Term 3 and 4 of this year we will be continuing our partnership with the Australian Sport Commission to bring a range of free extra sporting activities to the Out of School Hours Program. They will include athletics, archery, circus skills, gymnastics, baseball etc. Each activity will be run with a specialist coach and go from 4pm - 5pm during OSHP time on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. We are still to confirm which sports will be offered this term, but should be able to update you by the next GIPS Newsletter.

For enquiries contact Rob Bennett, the OSHP Coordinator on 9885 9376.

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**THANK YOU FROM THE KINNIFF FAMILY**

The Kinniff family would like to thank everyone for their support, help, kind thoughts and generous gifts! This made it all much easier. Sean is doing very well with his recovery.
Education Maintenance Allowance
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (27 January 2010 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (12 July 2010).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 26 February 2010 for the first instalment and 6 August 2010 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of $225 for primary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who have been paid the first instalment for 2010 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who were not eligible at the start of the year or who did not lodge an application must apply before 6 August. Also parents who transfer children to another school after 26 February 2010 and prior to or on 6 August 2010, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

EMA application forms are available from the school office.

Hi everyone,

The flyer for this year’s PARENTS SOCIAL EVENT is with today’s notices. Hopefully many of you will have had it emailed to you from your class rep during the holidays - please take advantage of the early bird price! We are not asking for donations of goods and services from the school community this year – so please come along and have a fun evening mingling with parents across all year levels.

DIARY NOTE: NEXT CLASSROOM CUISINE DAY AT GIPS - MONDAY JULY 19.

Carolyn Currie - President, Parents’ Association
Ph: 0438 898 904
Email: carolyncurrie@optusnet.com.au

Yard Duty Roster
A couple of spare spots are still available on the Term 3 Roster. If interested, contact Sarah Hangar email: sarah.hangar@optusnet.com.au or ph. 9889 3243.

Student Artwork on display in the Westpac Bank in Ashburton from 13 July as part of the “100 things I love about Ashburton” exhibition. Two of our students were award winners in this exhibition. Congratulations to Bella and Emelia.
Glen Iris Primary School thanks the above sponsors for their support.

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

- Music World Music School - now enrolling for lessons on piano, guitar, singing, drums, trumpet, clarinet and more! Ph. 9572 3391 or email: musicworld@y7mail.com
- Indoor Soccer U8s - U21, Clinics 5 - 9yrs, new intensive 6 - 12yrs Academy Program for boys/girls/men/women. Contact Sally on 0409 764 165 or sally@vikingsfutsal.net
- Football Star Academy will be running a 10 week football skills program for boys and girls aged 4 - 12 yrs. Visit www.footballstaracademy.com.au or Ph. 1300 372 300
- Anxiety Disorders Association of Victoria - Parenting Support Group for parents of children with anxiety disorders. Regular meetings held at Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre. For more info Ph. 9853 8089 or visit www.adavic.org.au
- Monash Short Courses July - December 2010 - booklet available at Office
- “No Strings Attached” - a musical about school, politics and assorted biscuits. This is a Camberwell Showtime Production which will be running from Aug 6 - 14 at The Renaissance Theatre at Kew High School. Bookings 0418 226 151
- Tiggers Childcare Centre & Kindergarten (bilingual offering Italian from 18 mths) Ph. 9889 2999 or visit www.tiggers.com.au
- Australian Goju Karate, 413 High St , Ashburton. Ring Terry 9886 9025

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.

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