Dear Parents,

Literacy Week Book Character Parade
Last week, GIPS celebrated Literacy Week and the joy of reading. The week commenced with a colourful parade of favourite book characters on the oval. A host of characters appeared at the parade: princes, princesses, witches, wizards, Snow White, Alice, Dorothy, The Tin Man … and even Barry Hall. Thank you to parents for going to the trouble of dressing their children in such great costumes for the parade. Throughout the week, the children participated in a range of literature and literacy activities including guest story tellers.

Tournament of Minds
On Saturday 3 September, our Grade 5/6 Tournament of Minds teams competed in this creative problem solving event for schools at Deakin University. Each team was judged for their long term solution and a spontaneous solution to set problems. Both Glen Iris teams performed magnificently with one team being awarded “Honours” for their original and clever presentations. Congratulations to the Tournament of Minds teams and their teachers for the excellent work they have put into this program: Louisa B, Ashley W, Natasha K, Claudia B, James F, Andrea L, Charlie B, Fraser L, Emily T, Laura D, Charlie Q, Annika M, Mia S, Ciara O, Miss Emily Burgess and Miss Rachel Pitson.

NAPLAN Results
Later this week, schools will receive students’ individual NAPLAN reports. From the electronic information we have received so far, the results for Glen Iris are very pleasing with the overall school results improving in many areas and the growth demonstrated by individual students from year 3 to year 5 being quite significant. Families will receive their children’s results early next week as soon as teachers have had a chance to process the documents at school.

Safe Play on Play Equipment
Teachers always impress on children the importance of playing safely on our play equipment and using it carefully in the intended manner. Parents could further assist teachers by reinforcing the message at home and when with their children in the school ground. Different year level children are assigned specific play equipment to use. This ensures children play on equipment designed for their size and stage of development, and that the equipment does not get over crowded. Prep children use the equipment beneath the blue shade sails near the prep rooms, Level 2 (Grade 1 and 2) children use the equipment adjacent to the small car park and grades 3 – 6 children use the equipment near the northern boundary. The play equipment is meant for safe climbing and sliding, not for “chasey” games. Soon the Level 3 (Grades 3 and 4) children will have their play equipment reinstated and upgraded once the building works are completed next term. Thank you for your support in making our school safe.

Art and Soul - Art Auction
Our Parents’ Association are busy with preparations for the Art Auction on 15 October. The children have been busy in the art room all term producing some amazing creations. Pop in to see the children’s
collaborative art work displayed in the corridor near the staff room. You will be amazed! These collaborative works will be offered for sale at the Art Auction and other individual work from each student will be on display. This will be a wonderful night and a great fundraiser to support the reinstatement and refurbishment of the Level 3 play equipment. Tickets for the Art Auction are available through the school website.

Parking and Traffic Flow
Lately, I have heard of parents who have been booked and received hefty fines of $122 or more for breaches of the parking and traffic bylaws when at the school. Today, Boroondara Police advised local schools that they are blitzing dangerous and illegal driving and parking practices in our area. Please be warned! Park and drive safely for the safety of our children. The school has no control over when or where parking officers patrol. Please read parking signage carefully as some changes have been made to signs near the school, as previously mentioned. The “drop off” area in Glen Iris Road is marked with a “No Parking” symbol and details that parents can stop for 2 minutes to drop off and collect children. You must remain with your car and only remain in the space for up to 2 minutes. Let’s continue to try to improve the safety of students and the frustrations for drivers by working together and trialling alternative transport and parking arrangements that will be developed through our Travel Plan.

GIPS 2012
We have reached the time of the year when the school makes important decisions regarding our school structure and staffing for the following year. If you know that your child will commence school at Glen Iris in 2012, and you haven’t already completed their enrolment details, or, if you know that your child will not return to Glen Iris in 2012, could you please assist us by notifying the Office in writing. This will help us enormously to plan effectively for 2012.

Yours Sincerely,
Meredith Carracher

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FOOTY TIPPING
We have a winner! Tom B is our Footy Tipping Champion this year, closely followed by Emily T and Ben R, winning $250, $150 and $50 respectively. Certificates for our top ten tippers will be presented at assembly next Monday. Prize money will be available for parents to collect from the office. Thank you to everyone who got involved with footy tipping this year, and.....GO CATS!!!!

ART AUCTION
Tickets are on sale! Please purchase your tickets through the school website and don’t forget to check out the class masterpieces on display in the corridor of the main building. Parents’ Association are hard at work organizing the evening and would appreciate your assistance with providing gourmet goodies or wine for our raffle hampers (see today’s notice).

All proceeds from the art auction will go towards the replacement and rejuvenation of playground equipment now that our building works are (almost) completed! See last page of today’s Newsletter for our Bidding Catalogue.

MAD FOR MANGOES FUNDRAISER
If you love mangoes, you will have a chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support the school with our last fundraiser for the year. We will be selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest and delivered directly to the school. Order forms will be sent out the first week of next term.

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

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
After having a huge cleanout, the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop now has lots of good quality items for sale - everything is $5. Please drop in and see us - we are open from 3.15 to 3.45pm on a Friday

Kin Green and Katrina Hrelja.

WINEBOX WAREHOUSE
Thankyou to all the families who are using Winebox Warehouse. We are receiving a cheque
each month towards our fundraising goal! With Footy Finals & Racing Carnivals upon us anyone who needs to stock up this Spring please log on to www.wineboxwarehouse.com.au/glenirisps and $10 if every dozen purchased comes back to the school.

Many thanks, Much Moore on behalf of the Parents’ Association

**SPORTY SPECIAL LUNCH**
Friday 16 September - Roster
Friday 16 September from 11 - 12pm
Preparation
Noelene Duckett Prue Santamaria
Fiona Edgar Kristen Jessen
Julie Orgill Ginny Robinson
Ann Mullins Kristin Meachem
Friday 16 September from 12 - 1pm
Serving and clean up
Libby Talbot Kim Turnbull
Melanie Conway Allison Grant
Anna Tomlinson Karen Dunville
Kate Vrsecky Ginny Robinson
Ann Mullins Kristin Meachem

**RESCHEDULED WORKING BEE REMINDER**
Sunday 18 September
11.00am - 1.30pm
Our Working Bee for Sunday 11 September was cancelled due to concerns about the weather and has been rescheduled for this Sunday 18 September. Please note the new timeslot - 11am - 1.30pm.
Come along and give a hand if you can. There will also be a Sausage Sizzle.

**SOLAR ENERGY WORKING GROUP**
Parents interested in being part of a Solar Energy Working Group are invited to contact Barbara McKinnon: barbara.mckinnon@bigpond.com
The first meeting is on this Thursday 15 September at school at 2.30pm.

**CONGRATULATIONS**
To Niki Winch and Cameron Judd - a brand new baby boy, Samuel Bernard Judd, a brother for Lily. Arrived early this week, just over 4kg.

**TODAY’S NOTICES**
- Art & Soul - Art Auction - flyer (eldest)
- Auction Hamper Request (eldest, pink)

**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**
Copies of this information are available at the office:
- Camberwell Magpies Cricket Club - Juniors U10 & U12, Boys & Girls - for all information please visit our website: www.cmccjuniors.com.au
- Confident Fathers, Confident Children - a four week group program for fathers, Mondays Oct 17, 24 and November 7, 14, 6.00 - 8.30pm at the Chadstone Family Relationship Centre, 41 Stamford Rd, Oakleigh. Ph. For information and bookings 9564 6999
- Chadstone Harlequin Cricket Club - MILO in2CRICKET Registration Day for children aged 5 to 10 years. Sunday 9 October, 2011 at 10.30am - Jingella Reserve, Ashwood. Register online at MILO in2CRICKET website or ph 0408 638 511.
- Gymnastic Holiday Program, 407 Tooronga Rd, East Hawthorn for children 2 - 4yrs, 4 - 5yrs and 5yrs & over. Book by ph. 9214 6414 or visit www.fitnessforfun.com.au

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GOURMET HAMPER RAFFLE – ART AUCTION

As you know the GIPS Art Auction ART N’SOUl is fast approaching. We are hoping to put together gourmet food and wine hampers to raffle on the night in support of our fundraising. We ask for your support so that the Parents’ Association can raise even more money towards new playground equipment.

Some suggestions of items that could be included: bottle of wine or champagne, chocolates, chocolate coated nuts or coffee beans, nuts, crackers, any sort of savoury nibbles, sweet biscuits or dessert items such as nougat, coffee/tea selection.

(Only non perishable items obviously)

Could all donations please be dropped in the baskets outside each classroom from Monday 19 September – through to Friday 23 September (last day of term). Alternatively, please hand your contribution to the office.

Thank you for your assistance, GIPS PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION

Special Offer: 20 Free Prints

Press the Print-ed ad on our website or go to www.print-ed.com.au and enter the promotional code 20free. There is also a range of other photo products such as photo books, posters, calendars etc. Our school receives 10% on the sale of all sales (excluding of course the 20 free prints). Postage charges apply.
saturday, 15th october
7.30pm in the library
finger food and music – wine & beer on sale
tickets $10 – www.gips.vic.edu.au
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**Catalogue and bidding sheet**

If you can't make it to the auction but would like to place a bid on a piece of art, please use this form to mark your bid next to the piece of art you are bidding on. The amount you bid on this form is the maximum amount you choose to bid to and may be out bid on the night. Feel free to bid on multiple items! All artwork is on display at the school prior to the auction.

Please sign and date your bid and hand in to the School Office no later than Friday, 14th October, 2011.

Good luck!

**Saturday, 15th October**

7.30pm in the library

Fundraiser for the playground refurbishment
finger food and music – wine & beer on sale
tickets $10 – www.gips.vic.edu.au

**Glen Iris Primary School**