From The Principal

EMERGENCY EVACUATION
At the conclusion of a lunch time last week our emergency bell sounded. This was not a planned drill and I was very impressed with the calm manner the students independently moved onto the oval. As always there is always something that is highlighted to improve our management of emergencies. Can all parents please ensure the following:

- When signing in as parent volunteers please include any siblings that also maybe in attendance.
- If you arrive at the school during an evacuation please do not enter the school grounds.
- If working at the school during the emergency alarm please be familiar with our emergency management plan and move with the grade you are working with to the area directed by the classroom teacher. There are display information charts in every classroom and office.

Thank you for your co-operation. By the way it was a false alarm and students and teachers re-entered classrooms once the fire brigade declared all was ok.

EDUCATION WEEK
As part of education week, next Monday night our school will be open to celebrate the magnificent Art program here at GIPS. All year levels will provide activities for all visitors to participate in. There will also be a community art activity co-ordinated by our Specialist Team. Please make sure that you come along to this activity as it will culminate into a great piece of Art to which our school community has contributed. The evening will commence in the Library with our school choir.

We will also be holding school tours on Thursday for any prospective students. If you know of anyone considering our school for 2014 please let them know of these details.

REMINDERS
- Curriculum Day
  A reminder that Wednesday 5 June is a Curriculum Day and as such, a student free day. Teachers will be using this time as a report writing day.
- Connective (formally Kid Connect).
  We have been sending reminders and messages through using this service. It adds another way that we can communicate effectively with home. I spoke with the owner of the business and they are about to launch an Android App which will help all us Android users too. If you wish to 'get connected' please refer to page 6 for instructions.

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• School Drop Off Zone.
Please remember that these areas are for drop off only and parents are not allowed to leave their car. It is uncomfortable for all when I need to approach people about this. Can parents also ensure that Grandparents, etc are aware of this too please. One car parked in this area adds to the chaos of before and after school traffic.

• Technology Mis-use
It has been unfortunate that we have had a couple of incidences where students have chosen to use our internet in an inappropriate manner. Our Internet Users Guide and Agreement is very clear that withdrawal of any technology use is a consequence when this occurs. We take this very seriously as with the increased use of social networking our students are increasingly vulnerable to unsafe behaviours/conversations. Social networking can be an amazing way to keep connected, however we, teachers and parents, need to be incredibly vigilant and be fully aware of what their children are accessing via the web.

I would like to thank those parents involved for their support in the school’s management of these issues.

SCHOOL EVENTS
Of late we have had several school events that have required parent helpers. Many parents have helped out with Cross Country, Library duties, the Mother’s Day stall, PMP training, classroom help, attending excursions and Working Bees, not to mention parents who are part of our Parents’ Association and School Council. At these events it is great to see some parents taking photos. Please be aware that we have some students who do not have permission for their photos to be taken or for them to be published. This is a pretty sensitive issue and we ask that parents consider this. If in doubt please check with the classroom teacher.

We love all the parent involvement here at GIPS and many of our special events would not occur without your support so a big THANKYOU to you all.

Lastly, this is my last newsletter I would like to bid a fond farewell to GIPS community. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Acting Principal. You have all made me feel incredibly valued and you are all very lucky to have such a wonderful school for your children to attend.

I know that Ms Carracher is incredibly excited about returning on the 27 May. We have already had many chats regarding handover and I know that the school will continue on its successful journey.

Carolyn Macaulay

From The Assistant Principal
Finding the Art in Picture Books.
We begin Education Week with an appreciation of the role Art plays in our curriculum and acknowledging the enjoyment students find in creating artworks. I was so engrossed in looking for books for my grandson's first birthday and captivated by the beautiful high quality illustrations in many of the books that I forgot I was doing the weekly shop!

Beginning to appreciate art is now as easy as borrowing a book from the Picture Book section in our library. High quality art can be found in pictures books as illustrators use a range of media to create visual interpretations to complement the author’s words. Don't think about art experiences solely as the making of art. Your child's visual art experience is broadened if you take the time to talk about the ‘artworks’ in books in relation to not only assisting with the meaning of the narrative but the kinds of materials used.

Illustrations assist the child to grasp the author’s meaning by giving visual clues to that aid interpretation. Connecting words to pictures is a pre-literacy activity that builds important skills for later reading and writing. Conversations about art not only enhances visual perception skills but also assist in the development of critical thinking, language acquisition, and problem solving: all skills crucial in later years.

Try to choose illustrators and books that are visually appealing. Even if a story is beyond a child's comprehension level, grandparents, parents and carers are still able to use these books by re-telling the story at an appropriate level and keeping the focus mainly on the illustrations.

These are some of my favourites:
• The Midnight Feast by Margaret Wild Illustrated by Ann James chalks and pastels on coloured paper
• The Two-hearted Numbat written and illustrated by Ambelin & Ezekiel Kwaymullina Strong bold colours from the authors, Bailgu and Nyamal peoples of the Pilbara region of Western Australia.
• One Woolly Wombat written and illustrated by Kerry Argent Detailed colour pencil and watercolour wash pictures with plenty of detail to explore together. You are never quite sure what you might find in a small corner of the illustration.
• The Rainbow Fish written and illustrated by Marcus Pfister A favourite of F-2 classes as children draw fish and use foil to add a shiny scale.
• Bamboozled written and illustrated by David Legge. Detailed paintings to spend hours looking at together. The text is a prompt to go searching for an intriguing story explored though each picture. Have you spotted the carrot cake – an iced carrot? Or the lilypond floor rug with a real fish swimming?

If you have found a picture book with illustrations to explore, email it to the school and we'll publish a list on the website.

Robyn Floyd
**Hooptime Basketball Selection Trials**

The time has come for the Junior Hooptime Basketball Teams to be selected.

If your child plays Basketball regularly and they are in Grade 3/4, we will be holding trials next Wednesday 22 May (Boys) and Thursday 23 May (Girls) at lunchtime on the oval. We will select the top 20 students for each gender to be part of our two boys and two girls Hooptime Basketball teams.

The competition date is on Friday 7 June. It is a whole day competition at the Nunawading Basketball Stadium, Burwood Hwy, East Burwood. Students are asked to bring their drink bottles and wear their runners. If you have any questions please contact Natasha Williams.

**Walk-a-thon**

It’s that time of year for all to get their walking shoes on and walk, walk, walk! This year the Walk-a-thon will be divided into two groups; Foundation – Grade 3 and Grades 4 -6. The junior classes will stay at school for the event. Foundation students will walk laps of the oval, whilst Grades 1 -3 will walk around a track mapped out inside the school grounds.

The senior students will walk down to Ferndale Park at 1.50pm with their class teacher. Students will walk laps of the oval as in previous years. To support the school and your child/children we ask parents, family members and friends to either sponsor your child /children per lap, or alternatively, give a donation. The money raised will go towards items on the school’s wish list. Details regarding these are available on our Website

To help keep track of laps we will be marking children’s hands with textas. Lap cards, fall off and stamps hold up the process. Each time your child walks past their teacher, their lap will be recorded on their hand. Please indicate on the notice sent home last week if you do not wish this happen.

We thank you for your support with this annual event and invite all parents to contact their class representative, should you be able to help on the day.

**Date:**  Friday 17 May 2013  
**Time:**  2.00 – 3.00pm  
**Location:**  Foundation to Grade School Grounds  
**Grades:**  Grade 4 to Grade 6  
Ferndale Park

All children will receive an icypole at the completion of the WALKATHON.

Tanya Tomic - Coordinator  
Donna Polkinghorne - Parents’ Association

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**From The Parents’ Association**

**Mother’s Day Stall Thank You**
Alicia Cambridge and Desi Giannopolis, and all their helpers, did a fantastic job with the stall. Around $1500 was raised.

**Entertainment Book Fundraiser**
Julie Gray reported that 40 books have currently been sold, making a profit of $520 ($13/book). The books are still available to purchase. Thanks Julie for continuing to organise this.

**Bookclub**
This highly popular fundraiser continues to be a great success thanks to the highly organised coordination of Kate Vrsecky. The children always eagerly await their book purchases every term.

**Main Event – Night Market**
It’s official!  
**TWILIGHT MARKET FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER**

This year’s main fundraising event run by the Parents Association will be a Twilight Market. It will include: food stalls, crafts, jewellery and other Christmas presents, fun stalls for the kids (including the popular lucky jar), a silent auction as well as second hand books and toys.

Anybody with ideas for stalls they would like to run or who would like to assist in the planning and preparation please contact Rachael Thomson at:  
‘rachael@synergisticgroup.com.au’.

More information and opportunities to help will follow in the coming weeks.
Winter Working/Library Bee
Saturday 11 May

Many thanks to everyone who was able to come on Saturday and help out. We had a great turnout, and despite the enormous volume of leaf litter, the grounds are now looking very smart. The Library workers also did a fantastic job. Well done everyone!

Ilias Mastoris - Coordinator

The following families & staff attended the combined 'Buildings and Environment' and 'Friends of the Library' working bees:

Sarah Humphrey  Flo Weaver
Denise Garrett  Craig Ots-Maher
Darren Garrett  Nerida Punter
Vivienne Eager  Sue Papavassiliou
Julie Gray  Tim Schaefer
Richard Trembarth  Dan Schwarz
Julie Perkins  Kathy Rush
Stephen Sargeant  Helen Beggs
Alison Hogan  Andrew Findlay
Natalie Jefferson  Tetsu Yamada
Rob McGregor  Kay Borrow
Kathy Gower  Carolyn Macaulay
Clare Airs  Kate Van der Jagt
Matt Weaver

Allergy Awareness Week
It is Food Allergy Awareness Week on May 13-19. Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy?

Food Allergy Week supports all Australians living with food allergies.

In the last decade severe food-induced allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) in Australia have dramatically increased. There is no cure and currently no one understands why allergies are increasing at such an alarming rate. To show your support paint 1 fingernail out of 10 and donate to the cause at www.foodallergyaware.com.au

GRADE 2 CHICKENS

We would like to welcome our fluffy friends to Grade Two! We have watched 30 eggs hatch and grow over the last week. They worked really hard cracking out of their shells and were super tired once they flopped out. It took them two hours to dry off and turn into chubby and fluffy chicks. Now we watch them grow bigger and stronger everyday. We have learnt so much about the life cycle of a chicken - it has been "egg-cellent".
Glen Iris Primary School families are invited to celebrate “Education Week - 2013” by joining in our Family Art Night.

Education Week at Glen Iris Primary begins with our Annual Exploration Night. Previously we have explored Maths, Literacy and Science. This year parents and friends are invited to join their children to explore the cross-curriculum aspect of Art in our school and create! Each grade level will offer an opportunity to take part in an art activity that relates to our curriculum.

Activities will be available in the classrooms, infill spaces and a special clay activity will be happening in the Art Room. We hope to see you there!
**ANZAC DAY BADGES - THANK YOU**

On behalf of the East Malvern RSL Sub Branch, I would like to thank Glen Iris Primary School for your support of the ANZAC Day Appeal.

This year the school raised $370.50 and that amount will go towards our welfare fund to assist war veterans and their families.

Thank you to all the children and staff who contributed.

Kind regards
Graeme Nicholas
Treasurer & Appeals Officer

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- Events
- Photos
  ...more
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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**

1PM TUESDAY

**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

Now in a new format, you will find the new expanded Noticeboard under the News tab.

**2013 TERM DATES**

Term 1  30 January to 28 March  
Term 2  15 April to 28 June  
Term 3  15 July to 20 September  
Term 4  7 October to 20 December  

**2014 TERM DATES**

Term 1  28 January to 4 April  
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