Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Glen Iris Primary for Term 3. I hope all families have enjoyed a restful and relaxing break.

Sad News

Sadly, I need to inform you of the passing away of our lovely Crossing Supervisor, Nick Collaris. Nick has been associated with our school for more than 20 years and was a much treasured friend to the children, families and staff, past and present. He certainly gave all the crossing users a cheery morning greeting as they arrived at school and would often bring flowers along to school for myself and other staff from his garden.

Late last term, many of the children produced cards and letters for Nick expressing their memories and feelings and these gestures have been a source of comfort to Nick and his family. Nick was farewelled in a service in Dandenong earlier today. I am sure our entire school community joins with me in sending our sincere sympathy and thoughts to the Collaris family.

School Council will discuss a fitting tribute to remember Nick.

Thanks to Isabella 1C for the lovely drawing of Nick helping our school community.

Wine ’09 – Saturday, 1 August.

I am sure all families are aware of the Parents’ Association fundraising event, Wine ’09, being held on Saturday, 1 August at Camberwell High School. The evening will included wine and cheese tasting; wine trivia, auctions, raffles and loads of fun for the adult members of our school community. Please show your support to our hardworking committee who are putting all the arrangements in place to raise funds for the school. Tickets can be booked online through the school’s website www.gips.vic.edu.au.

School Building and Development Progress.

Planning is well underway to commence $2.3 million building works at Glen Iris as part of the Federal Government Economic Stimulus Package – Building the Education Revolution. The developments for our school will include the provision of additional permanent classrooms which will be created in the current library space, and a new building housing a larger library, ICT Laboratory and Music / Performing Arts area. The new building will be located in the space currently occupied by the LOTE / Rural classroom building and will be built in an east / west direction adjacent to the northern end of the basketball court. Additional landscaping and recreational space will also be created in the central “piazza” type area that will exist between the current library and the new library building. The building works are scheduled to commence by the end of September as these projects are required to adhere to a very tight timeframe. As further information becomes available, we will share this with the school community. Every effort will be made to ensure as
little disruption as possible is caused as a result of the building project.

Other developments that are currently in the “pipeline” include upgrading of ICT resources, especially interactive whiteboards, grounds development and refurbishment of drainage systems around the school.

The following children enjoyed morning tea after having their names selected from the Teapot at assembly in the last week of term: Hamish 4B, Jeremy 1C, Lucy 1B, Elspeth 1C, Matthew Clayton Prep C, Finella Prep C, Kiara 2S and Annabel 2S.

Yours Sincerely

MANURE WANTED FOR OUR VEGGIE PATCH
At our school the Environment Team is going to create a small vegetable garden in a giant planter box. We would like donations of cow, horse and chicken manure. This will help fertilize the plants. We would be happy to have any contributions to this project. Please donate soon!

By Claudia Plowright (representing the Environment Team.)

Jack Brown a convict who came over from England after being caught for stealing. He is in NSW in a prison where he does some hard work. He is expected to work building roads and clearing the land. By: Sascha 5/6B

Josephine Lafayette was a wealthy woman who gave up her job as a maid to help out on the First Fleet. She survived the journey with full health. When she arrived in Australia she started teaching convict children maid skills. By: Aimee 5/6TD

RAFFLE
To support our Wine 09 Fundraiser, we ask every family to sell a book of raffle tickets for some fabulous winter blues busting prizes! All raffle tickets, whether sold or not, must be returned to school by Monday 27th July.

The raffle will be drawn during the evening at Wine 09, Saturday 1st August.

As an added bonus, the class whose families sell the most books of raffle tickets will enjoy a special pizza lunch. For every book sold, each child in the family will gain 1 point for their class. The class with the most points – PIZZA!

More raffle books available from the office.

BOOKINGS
Don’t miss out, get together with your friends and book a table now (10 people per table).

Follow the prompts on the GIPS website to book online (visa or mastercard only).

www.gips.vic.edu.au
Bookings for cash or cheque will be taken at the office.

Ticket cost is $30.30 (incl. booking fee). This includes generous tasting and wine trivia games hosted by auscellardoor.com.au, and a cheese & fruit platter on each table.

BYO – all other food & drink you may want for the evening.

This is a themed event, with each table allocated a wine related theme. Book now to secure your favourite. You can make it as simple or creative as you like – for example, if your table theme was “Burgundy” you might choose a French Revolution theme, or simply chose to all dress in red.

BOOKINGS CLOSE: FRIDAY 24 JULY, 3.30 pm (absolutely no late bookings taken)

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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 (28 January 2009 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (13 July 2009).*

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 27 February 2009 for the first instalment and 7 August 2009 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of $221 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 2009 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 7 August. Also parents who transfer children to another school after 27 February 2009 and prior to or on 7 August 2009, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

**EMA application forms are available from the school office.**

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**INFORMATION BASKET**

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

- **Camberwell Showtime presents “What could go wrong?”** at the Camberwell Centre, opening on Friday 7 August and running for 9 shows. More details and a downloadable booking form at [www.camberwellshowtime.com](http://www.camberwellshowtime.com) or phone 0418 226 151 for ticket inquiries.
- **“Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince”** - a fundraising film night. Profits are going to charities in East Timor. This night is on Friday 17 July at the Palace Cinema in Balwyn. Ph. 0416 275 591 or 0439 555 291.
- **“Raising Boys” and “The Secret of Happy Children”** presented by Playgroup Victoria during August. For more information visit What's On at [www.playgroup.org.au](http://www.playgroup.org.au)
- **Indoor Soccer - New comps U8s - U21** Ph.0409 764 165
- **“Snow in High St”** - Saturday 25 July 2009 10am - 2pm Make a Snowman, Play Wii Snow Games, Meet “Frosty the Snowman” and a Kids’ Toboggan Run.
- **Get Active Sports - Soccer for Juniors** - for children aged btwn 3 & 7 at the Malvern Primary School Recreation Centre. Starts Sunday 26 July. Ph. 1300 772 106
- **Foster Carers needed** - this organization provides safe and supportive homes for children and teenagers who are unable to live with their own family for a period of time. For more information ring the Foster Care Hotline 1800 0 1 3 0 8 8 or visit the website [www.fosterabrighterfuture.com.au](http://www.fosterabrighterfuture.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.

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**BABYSITTING**

My name is Elise and I’m an ex-Glen Iris student currently in Yr.12 at Strathcona. I’m available as a babysitter. I have experience with babies and toddlers and older children. So if you would like a babysitter, please give me a call.

Ph. 9885 5843

**RENT A DESK**

Shared office space for the self-employed!

Working from home and miss the daily contact of an office environment? Finding it hard not to get distracted? Hate having your work at home with you when you’re trying to relax? Then why not “rent a desk” in this fully spec’d, conveniently located office just near Camberwell Junction? You’ll be sharing an office with two other small businesses, and your low weekly rental will cover access to excellent facilities, open meeting space, private meeting rooms etc.

For more information call Tim Frampton on 0419 006 854.
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