School Council received the School Review Report from our reviewer John Marks last Wednesday. As Meredith has mentioned previously, the school review is a key component of the School Accountability and Improvement Framework and is designed to provide an expert, independent analysis of current school performance and practice, and to advise on the goals for student outcomes and appropriate key improvement strategies that will help shape the school’s strategic plan. Our review involved a pre-visit from the external reviewer John Marks, a day-long panel review meeting with the principal, school council president, ten key staff and parents and students, plus a report to staff and the school council. Now that the Review has concluded, staff will work together to develop a School Strategic Plan for 2013 - 2016.

Some exciting events are on our horizon. Tournament of the Minds (TOM) teams are in training, working hard during school and at lunchtimes for their competition this week, Saturday 18 August. Meanwhile the GIPS Lego League Robotics Team began their first workshop with two mentors Gabi and Sascha at the King David School last Friday. TOM and Lego League are part of our Enrichment Program that recognises and encourages a variety of talents and high interest areas and in catering for these we include such activities as choir; Chess Club; Girlfriends! Forums; Lunchtime Lego Club; Student Representative Council; involvement in District and Regional sporting competitions; bucket band; threading adventures; band and instrumental music. Inspiration, which is a combined school program for 18 students from Ashburton, Solway and Glen Iris has a different focus each term from the Maths, English, Science and Arts areas.

A reminder to book your Father’s day breakfast tickets before Friday, this week.

Robyn Floyd
Assistant Principal

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Australian Fairytales

During Literacy Week we will be celebrating the telling and writing of fairytales. It is the 200th year anniversary of the Grimm Brothers publication of their collection of fairytales. Roving storytellers Meredith and Robyn will be telling fairy tales old and new during the week.

ONCE UPON A TIME, MATE

Robyn Floyd’s PhD Literature Research is about early Australian fairytales and she will share her research with interested parents in a light and informative way over coffee/tea and fairy cakes in the LAB Thursday 30 August 9.00-9.45 am. Babysitting provided. Please reply via the Office for catering purposes.

WRU@ONL?

What are you doing online? What you do online affects your whole world ...it’s your life and you’re in control.... Find out about how you can protect your children at our next Cybersafety Parent Information Night? See notice coming home today to book for our THINKUKNOW night Wednesday 29 August.

Education and Community Partnerships SubCommittee

TODAY’S NOTICES
- ThinkUKnow Cybersafety Evening (white, eldest, reply slip)
- Father’s Day Stall Helpers Notice (lilac, eldest, reply slip)
- Grs.5 & 6 Parents’ Get-together (yellow, Gr.5 & 6 students, no reply slip)
- Chicken news (white, eldest, reply slip)

PARENTS’ ASSOC’N NEWS

The Father’s Day Breakfast and Stall are almost upon us. We need helpers for both events. A notice will be coming home today to volunteer for the Stall. If you can spare an hour or two on Friday 31 August we’d love to see you. Extra volunteers for the Father’s Day Breakfast on Thursday 30 August are also needed, so please keep those reply slips coming in to the Office.

Even though the School Concert is a little way off, work on costumes has already started. “Costume Cutters” who are available on Wednesday 29 August are especially in short supply. If your notices have gone missing, all of these forms can be downloaded from the school’s website or just register your name at the office.

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Father’s Day Breakfast
Thursday 30 August 2012 7.30 am – 8.45 am at GIPS
Fathers or special friends are invited to come and enjoy a fabulous pancake or muffin breakfast to celebrate Father’s Day.
Breakfast options are now available for online ordering at http://www.gips.vic.edu.au. Just follow the links. If you have any difficulties ordering online please contact the GIPS office.

Pancake Option $8.00 Pancake, cereal and juice with complimentary tea/coffee.
Muffin Option $5.00 Brumby’s muffin, cereal and juice with complimentary tea/coffee.

BOOKINGS CLOSE: FRIDAY 17 AUGUST - NO LATE BOOKINGS ACCEPTED.
Tickets will be available for collection at the breakfast - simply present your ticket for stamping at the various “food stations”.

Come and join the children for a very relaxed start to the day!
Anna Tomlinson and Petra Remmen
Baby/Child Sitting Available
I’m a university student and have my green driving Ps. I have a Working With Children’s Check and a Police Check as I have done babysitting before and have worked with young Children as part of Girl Guides. I’m also a local resident. Rate: $15 /hour or negotiable. Contact me, Elizabeth Taplin for availability on 9888 3328 (home) or 0438 517 382.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD
Copies of this information are available at the office:
- How do I raise a Resilient Child? - Free parent information night Weds 22 Aug 7.30 - 9.00pm at Brighton Grammar Junior School. Children aged over 10 welcome to attend. Bookings—9596 8814 or email: info@shineacademy.com.au
- Playgroup Victoria presents Steve Biddulph - 2 events - “Raising Girls to be happy, warm and strong” Weds 5 Sept at Glen Eira Town Hall and “Road to Manhood” Thurs 6 Sept at Caulfield Park Pavilion. For both events book online at www.trybooking
- Come and celebrate Adult Learners Week at the Alamein Neighbourhood and Learning Centre on Weds 5 Sept 10.30am - 12.30pm. 49 Ashburn Grove, Ashburton. Enjoy a delicious morning tea, have a go on an iPad, learn how to fix a bike, take home a free plant and more! Phone 9885 9401

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School Holiday Fun at the RSPCA!
Calling all animal lovers!
If you go crazy for cats, dote on dogs or want to have some fun with farm animals, then the RSPCA Junior Holiday Program is the place for you! We have sessions running from Monday 24th September until Friday 5th October. 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:
- Playful Pets (5-6yrs)
- Dog Day (7-12yrs)
- Cat Day (7-12yrs)
- RSPCA Day (7-12yrs)
- 3Rs (Rabbits, Rats and Really Cute Guinea Pigs) (7-12yrs)
- Horses & Pony Day (7-12yrs)
- Behind the Scenes (10-14yrs)
- Animal Rescue(10-14yrs)
Visit http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/holiday-programs for more information about any of our programs.
WALK WITH ME THIS SEPTEMBER
Melbourne 9th, Bendigo 15th, Geelong 16th

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