Dear Parents,

Already, we are at a point where we are considering the end of our first term for 2010. Yes, it has been a short term, but the speed with which time goes by is also a sign of how busy we are – not just that I am getting old!

**SRC Badges**

On Monday 15 March, our new band of Student Representative Council members were presented with their badges by State Parliamentarian for Burwood, Mr. Bob Stensholt. Each class from Grade 1 – 5/6 elects two students to represent the class during the year. This is the first time that Grade 1 and 2 classes have been included in the SRC. The following children make up the SRC for 2010 - Jessica and Campbell (Gr. 1M), William and Hannah (Gr.1C), Emily and Quinn (Gr.1MC), Olivia and Lachlan (Gr.2LS), Angus and Sophie (Gr.2W), Lily and Matthew (Gr.2T), Gal and Oliver (Gr.3R), Ebony and Joshua (Gr.3D), Declan and Lily (Gr.3E), Sarah and Jai (Gr.4K), Ruby and Daniel (Gr.4M), Tom and Charlie (Gr.4V), Lilah and Yianni (Gr.56B), Thomas and Emily (Gr.56E), Paris and Dylan (Gr.56N) and Alex and Ava (Gr.56P).

Congratulations SRC members!

**Stride ‘n’ Ride Day**

Today, children from Glen Iris Primary School were invited to participate in our “Ride’n’Stride” Day as part of National Ride2School Day. In honour of the day, the children rode bikes or scooters or walked to school. Data was collected so that we can track how these initiatives influence people to adopt environmentally friendly transport practices. Fresh fruit was available for the riders and striders to refresh themselves after arriving at school. Thank you to Miss Pitson and the Environment Team for their efforts in organising and publicising “Ride’n’ Stride” Day. Thanks also, to families who have made the effort to join in the program. I am sure you will hear more about the data collected in the near future.
Grade 3 “Marvellous Melbourne” excursion
Finally, after two false starts, our Grade 3 classes were able to enjoy their excursion to the city as part of their unit of work on “Marvellous Melbourne”. The children enjoyed visiting the Floral Clock, Federation Square and Chinatown amongst other places of interest. After postponements for extreme heat and forecast electrical storms, it was a beautiful day for the children, teachers and parents who attended. Thanks to the Grade 3 staff and parents who gave up their time to support the excursion.

“Red Day” for Preps.
This Friday, 19 March, the Preps will celebrate the letter “R” with Red Day. So if you notice a lot of small, red people running around our school on Friday that will be the Preps having loads of fun with the letter “R”.

Free Dress Day
On the last day of term, Friday, 26 March, the SRC will conduct a Free Dress Day in support of the Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal. Children may choose to wear free dress and contribute a gold coin to the cause. Please remember, even on Free Dress Days, sunsmart hats and shirts and school safe footwear (not thongs) are still required.

Final Assembly
Our final assembly for the term will be held at 1.50pm on Friday 26 March in the Hall. Children from each Level will tell us about their learning this term. Assembly will conclude at 2.30pm for school dismissal.

Happy holidays!
Yours Sincerely

Kaye, Liz & Sue - GIPS Office Staff

WORKING BEE
SATURDAY 17 APRIL 2 - 4pm
We will be having a BIG working bee clean up on Saturday 17 April. Some of the jobs include:
• Sweeping
• Oiling
• Drain Clearing
• Painting
• Gardening
We will have it all and you can be a part of it!
Please return the reply slip with this newsletter if you can assist listing your preferred tasks or email me at: barbara.mckinnon@bigpond.com
Thank you
Barbara McKinnon
School Council

DROP OFF ZONE
This is a reminder to all parents who use the pick up/drop off zones at the front of the school. The bays at the front of the school have been named no parking zones by Boroondara Council. You can’t park in them between 8:00am-9:30am or 2:30pm-4:00pm. If you need to park, use the car park between the shops and the new apartments next to the Church or park at the 10 mins bays further up from the drop off zone. If you need to pick your child up and they are not waiting, please drive around the block and wait until your child arrives. Thank you for taking this on board.
This reminder is by Mason and James of the Promotions team.
SCHOOL COUNCIL LIAISON

A big thank you to Katrina Hrelja for offering to take on this role, along with heading up the Walkathon team. Parents can show their support for this busy GIPS mum by volunteering to help with the Walkathon day, which will be held early Term 2!

MOVIE FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Parents Association will be holding a movie fundraiser night to coincide with the release of the “Sex and the City 2”. This will be held at the Rivoli, soon after the movie’s June 3 release. Please stay tuned for more details, and we look forward to seeing as many mums (and dads!) there as possible.

FOOTY TIPPING – A REMINDER!

Please return your footy tipping money to the school office ASAP – entries close NEXT WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH. Please see the flyer with today’s newsletter for further details. Thanks to Trish Burrows for setting up this Parents’ Association fundraiser once again.

Thank you,
Carolyn Currie
President, Parents’ Association
Email: carolyncurrie@optusnet.com.au
Mobile: 0438 898903

YARD DUTY TERM 2

Thank you to everyone who volunteered in Term 1. A notice has been sent home for Term 2. Please try to find a spare lunchtime, as your children would love to see you, and you will be helping to make a safer playground for everyone.

Sarah Hanger (9889 3243)

Coordinator
SPECIAL LUNCH
ROSTER HELP-TERM 1, 2010

Thankyou to all the parents who have kindly offered to help with our first 2010 GIPs “Easter” Pizza special lunch on Friday 19 March. Please see below for names of volunteers, roster dates and times

Preparation of lunch  Multipurpose
Friday 19 March 2010 11:00am-12:00pm
Kathy Morriss    Frossa Mrakas
Peta Coote      Sarah Somerset
Priscilla Mellado  Julie Griffiths
Prue Santamaria  Sarah Cole
Carolyn Currie   Kim Turnbull
Judith Scarff

Serving of lunch and clean up  Multipurpose
Friday 19 March 2010 12:00pm-1:00pm
Sally Clift    Emma Hodgson
Susan Sieber   Carolyn Currie
Anna Tomlinson Priscilla Mellado
Frossa Mrakas  Amanda Nason
Anne Maree Downes Desi Giannopoulos

Your help is greatly appreciated.
Special lunch committee 2010:
Judith Scarff, Irene Brumen and Kathryn

LOST PROPERTY

Lost Uniform is quite an issue at school. A great deal of time is spent retrieving it, sorting it and returning it, not to mention looking for it! Please maximise your chances of finding lost uniform items with clear labelling. Many items are not named at all and many have names which are indecipherable. Clear labelling of all property guarantees its return.

LOST

New bike helmet—solid silver colour with abstract figure.

If found please return to Nick 4M.
INFORMATION BASKET
Copies of this information are available in the basket at the front office:

- Local Sustainability Expo Sat 20 March 8am - 1pm - activities galore for kids big & small, at Patterson Reserve, Auburn Rd, Hawthorn East.
- City of Camberwell Tennis Club - Mums’ Program - at a tennis club near you from Mon 19 April - Fri 21 May Ph. Victor 0417 140 186
- Viva School of Performing Arts - classes in musical theatre, singing, acting and dancing. Ph. 9813 3564 or 0402 884 232
- City of Stonnington Teenage Holiday Program Ph. 8290 1333 or visit www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/thp
- Hawthorn Hockey Club is taking registrations for their Minkey Program. For 5 - 9 yr olds. Starts 19 April, 5 - 6pm. Ph. Karen 0412 950 803
- Ashy Redbacks - it’s not too late to register. Please visit the Ashy website at www.aujfc.org.au for the required registration forms.
- Futures Tennis Academy - Easter Holiday Programs at East Malvern Tennis Club for players aged 6 - 12 yrs. Ph.9528 6375
- Indoor Soccer Enter Now for boys/girls/men/women, commencing April. Ph. Sally 0409 7640165
- Learning by Doing School Holiday Programs for children aged 4 - 14. Ph. 1300 966 338 or visit www.learningbydoing.com.au
- Art’scool for Kids Term 1 Holiday and Term 2 Art Program with Ms Terry Taylor. Ph. 9885 1195
- Winter Season Basketball with Breakers Basketball Club - now taking enrolments for boys & girls U.10, 12, 14, 16 & 18. Games are played locally on Saturdays. For further information ph. 0416 030 562 or visit www.thebasketballedge.net
- “DeClutter Your Space and Take Back Control” workshop Tues 23 March at the Ashburton Library. Book by Fri 19 March 0417 595 744
- CSIRO’s Double Helix Holiday Science Activities at Kew - Book online www.csiro.au/events/VicHolidayPrograms.html or ph. 9252 6387
- Learn the latest in 3D Animation and Games Design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop in April. For students 6 - 17. Ph.1800 115 562 or visit www.bubbledome.com
- Bowen St Community Centre - Classes for April - June - workskills & computer, personal skills/art/cooking/recreation, also classes for children. Ph.9889 0791

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.

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER
- Morning Tea Help request (eldest) cream
- Working Bee (eldest) green
- Footy Tipping (eldest) yellow
- Cross Country (all students, Grs.3 - 6) white

2010 TERM DATES
Term 1 1 February to 26 March
Term 2 12 April to 25 June
Term 3 12 July to 17 September
Term 4 4 October to 17 December

2011 TERM DATES
Term 1 4 February to 8 April
Term 2 27 April to 1 July
Term 3 18 July to 23 September
Term 4 10 October to 22 December