Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope families have enjoyed the break from routine. Whilst I have heard stories of exciting trips far and wide, those of us who holidayed close to home enjoyed many days of sunny, winter weather.

**Grade 5/6 Camp**
Next Monday our Grade 5/6 classes, teachers and a band of helpful parents will head off to Camp Coonawarra in East Gippsland for the week. The children will be involved in a range of outdoor education activities such as flying foxes, horse riding and canoeing. I wish them well for a happy week and thank the staff and parents who are accompanying them for volunteering their time to the program.

**Well Done Lia**
Lia M, 5/6S, has been competing in the advanced stages of the Cross Country Running event for schools. Having been successful at the local, district and regional levels, Lia has qualified to compete in the State Championships tomorrow. This is a great achievement already and we wish Lia all the best for her run tomorrow. Glen Iris is very proud of you.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**
I am sure families were pleased and proud of their children’s efforts set out in the Student Reports at the end of last term. Coming up shortly, in week 4, parents will have the opportunity to meet with class teachers and specialists to discuss the reports and other matters regarding children’s progress. It is vital that every family take up this opportunity as it is a key communication process in our school. If matters are urgent, of course please contact your class teacher sooner, and if the date set for interviews is unsuitable please request an alternate date. Remember, specialist teachers are available for interviews to discuss their programs and student progress.

**Curriculum Day**
A reminder to parents that Monday 12 August is a Curriculum Day for our school. Teachers will participate in professional learning on Maths and Spelling. Children do not attend school on this day.

**Preps 2014**
Soon it will be time to start making plans for our school for next year. To assist with planning, families intending to enrol a child to commence Prep or other grade levels at Glen Iris Primary School for 2014 are asked to complete an enrolment form and forward it with the relevant documents to the School Office. Enrolment forms are available from the website or at the office. Parents who wish to discuss their child's school commencement are welcome to make an appointment to meet with me. If you have neighbours or friends wishing to enrol children next year, please bring this to their attention. Boroondara schools request enrolments be received by 31 August, 2013.

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher
Curriculum Matters
Our specialist team provides our students with rich and engaging curriculum in the areas of Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Physical Education and French. While parents regularly admire the artworks around the school, (yes, our chooks are back), attend soirees and sporting events; this is an opportunity to participate in a ‘hands-on’ event. Our aim is to give parents the opportunity to meet with our specialist teachers and learn more about the AUSVels curriculum in an informal way. Join Bianca Deckert, Laurence Barre, Michelle Freeland-Small and Kate Van der Jagt (Natasha Williams is on 5/6 camp) on Wednesday morning, 24 July, in the Art Room for a taste of France (olive bread and coffee), the opportunity to be involved in the completion of a large art installation of clay objects created by our students. French music will add to the atmosphere and we aim to send you home with a few French words to impress your family.
Please fill in the attendance form coming home today so we can cater for the event.
I look forward to seeing you there.
Robyn Floyd

TWILIGHT MARKET
Preparations for our Twilight Market are well under-way and there are a few things that you can do to help over the school holidays:
• If cleaning up the play room is on the agenda for the school holidays please keep the Twilight Market’s Second Hand Toy Stall in mind. Any toys in good condition, with no broken or missing parts will gratefully be accepted.
• If your kids eat like mine, you will probably go through lots of jars over the break - why not put them aside for the Market! We are seeking glass jars with lids that seal to reuse for Jams & Preserves. These should be in good clean condition but no need to sterilize, we will do that before use.
• Finally, if you are lucky enough to holiday somewhere beautiful, consider asking for an accommodation voucher to be donated for the Silent Auction. It will be a good chance to promote to Glen Iris families and we will include promotional material at the Auction and recognise sponsors on the GIPS web page.
At the beginning of Term 3 boxes will be left outside the office for your toy donations and jars.
Have a happy and safe break.
Kind Regards
Rachael Thomson - Main Event Coordinator

Library Lunchtime Duty
Thank you to everyone who volunteered last term. It was a great response!
A notice is being sent home with the newsletter today for Term 3, 2013.
Please try to find a spare lunchtime, as your children would love to see you, and you will be allowing us to open the library each lunchtime for more play options. Remember you will need a current Working With Children Check to participate. Thank you.
Justine Moore (9889 9547)
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On behalf of Parents’ Association

Buildings and Environment, and Friends of the Library Working Bee
Our third term working bee is upon us, and is scheduled for:
Saturday 3 August
12.30 to 3.30pm
This is a combined “Buildings and Grounds” and “Friends of the Library” working bee.
Please come along and help out the school.
A sausage sizzle will be fired up from about 3pm.
Children are always welcome.
Our tasks this time round include:
Library - the Friends of the Library will be organising the school’s book collection
General grounds keeping - Cleaning up litter, collecting leaf litter, cleaning drains, sweeping and putting in fresh sand, cleaning the oval, raking wood chip under play areas.
Gardening - Weeding, transporting some apple trees to a new home
Disposing of old furniture - We have a lot of old furniture that will need to be removed from under the school, sorted and where necessary, put in a skip.
So please bring your gardening gloves, garden broom and work boots and pray for sunshine!
Regards
Ilias Mastoris

WORKING BEE
Glen Iris Primary School thanks our sponsors for their generous support.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

Thank you
- To Rachael Thomson and her band of willing workers who organised our Pizza Special Lunch at the end of Term 2.
- To the School Community for $504.85 raised for Genes for Jeans on our Casual Day, last day of Term 2.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs. The closing date for applications is 2 August 2013. For more information go to the Notices tab on the School’s website and click on EMA.

TODAY’S NOTICES
- Parent/Teacher Discussions (orange, all)
- Grade 5/6 Three-way Conferences (pink, Grs.5 & 6, return slip)
- Kelly Sports (white, Prep - Grade 4)
- Art/French Event (lilac, eldest, return slip)
- Lunchtime Duty (green, eldest, return slip)

Tickets for two shows at Hisense Arena on July 27 (11am and 5pm) are on sale at Ticketek now. Book online at Ticketek or call 132 849. See: Ticketek

The Victorian State Schools Spectacular is one of the largest performing arts events in Australia. It is a professionally staged production performed annually to an audience of over 10,000 people.

The Spectacular includes a cast of almost 3,000 Victorian government school students, working towards a common goal in a collaborative, competition-free environment. Its dual aim is to provide an invaluable performing arts opportunity to Victoria’s government school students and to showcase the enormous talent that exists in our schools. This all comes together in a 2-3 hour scripted show that celebrates a diversity of performance mediums, including choir, dance, vocal, drama, and orchestra.

Students who participate in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular are provided with a unique opportunity to work with internationally renowned industry professionals across all disciplines, as well as the amazing experience of performing live in front of thousands of people.

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