From the Principal
Dear Parents,
There has been much to celebrate at Glen Iris over the past week and as we move towards the festive season the days will become increasingly busy.

Congratulations Glen Iris Primary School
On Monday 15 November, two of our Level 2 teachers, Meagan Cofield and Natasha Williams, attended the Traffic Safety Education Awards Presentation evening. Glen Iris Primary School received a Traffic Safety Education Award for “School Excellence in incorporating public transport safety education in the school program”. In particular, the Level 2 “Honk, Toot, Beep” unit of work that has been delivered this term in grades 1 and 2 was considered very comprehensive, covering education in the safe and responsible use of public transport, the benefits and needs of public transport, public transport systems and infrastructure; and linking these elements with how to work as a team and be a positive part of the wider community. The Traffic Safety Education Awards program recognises the achievements of early childhood professionals and schools in the provision of exemplary traffic safety education. This award was made by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and Metlink and our prize for receiving the award is an iPad and a grant for $500. Well done to our Level 2 team!

The Melbourne Cup comes to GIPS
What an exciting time we had at GIPS last Friday morning when the 2010 Melbourne Cup trophy won by “American” paid us a visit. One of our regular relief teachers, Susie Bamford, was kind enough to involve us in the excitement of her family's big win. Susie’s father-in-law is one of the owners of the Champion racehorse.

The whole school crowded into the Hall to see the Cup and then each class was photographed with the trophy, worth around $150,000. The photos will be on display on the foyer screen at school shortly.

Family Fiesta
We are looking forward to a fun time at the Parent Association’s “Family Fiesta” on Friday evening from 5.00pm - 7.30pm. This will be a relaxing time for families to catch up with others in the school community and have a great time with our families.

Harry Potter Fundraiser for East Timor
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Pt.1 Sunday 21 November at the Palace Cinema, Balwyn - tickets $18, $12 conc. To order tickets ph. 0416 275 591 or email cathlscott@gmail.com

Term 3
- 27 April to 8 April
- 4 February to 8 April
- 1 February to 26 March
- 12 July to 17 September
- 4 October to 17 December
- 27 November 2010, 1pm - 4pm
- 27 November 2010
- 100 High St, Glen Iris, 9am - 2pm
- 9885 3624 Fax: 9885 4465
re-elected as President, and Rachel Pinchbeck, re-elected as Vice President. Both ladies have done a wonderful job in these roles this year. Of course, Carolyn and Rachel cannot do everything on their own. A small, regular band of committed parents make up the committee. However, there is a desperate need for new committee members to share the load. The Parents’ Association is a great group to be part of and does a fantastic job offering the children, school and community wonderful support. I urge parents to consider offering some time to be part of our Parents’ Association.

School Organisation 2011
Staffing and class arrangements for 2011 are currently being finalised. Our school structure will continue with 19 grades and specialist programs, much the same as we have had in 2010. In our recent teacher selection process, the following appointments were made: Amy Kopciewicz, Megan Neal, Rachel Pitson, Sarah John and Danniel Smith. Amy, Megan, Rachel and Sarah are current members of the GIPS staff. Danniel Smith joins our staff after teaching in the private sector. Further staffing arrangements will be announced soon.

Ultranet
The staff are working hard to put arrangements in place for our school’s introduction to the Ultranet. Teachers have been busy creating class collaborative learning sites for the students to view when they gain access to this new learning environment. This is a significant task for teachers at such a busy time of the year and we anticipate our community enjoying the sites once they go “live”. The work in our school is being led by Jenni de Villa and Meagan Cofield who are doing a marvellous job. Stay tuned!

Grade 3 Camp
Last week, the Grade 3 children attended their 3 day camp to Camp Arrabri at East Warburton. The children enjoyed their first school camp and the exciting range of activities offered that included a flying fox, giant swing, orienteering and ropes course to name a few. Thanks to Jenni de Villa, Anna Risbey, Sarah John, Robyn Floyd, Lisa Andrews, Andrew Cunningham, Dean Griffin and James Tomlinson for giving up their time to support the camping program and offer the children this experience.

Yours Sincerely

THE ENVIRONMENT TEAM
Congratulations everyone for your fantastic effort with Nude Food Wednesdays. Well done to IC for a consistent effort every week. Keep up the good work everyone, and remember to bring wrapper free lunches every Wednesday.

Parents’ Association AGM
Thank you to those parents who attended our AGM last week and those who have volunteered their time to help on the committee. Rachel and I look forward to continuing on in our roles in 2011 and as always we welcome any feedback or fundraising ideas. We have several vacancies on the 2011 committee as you will see below. These activities cannot go ahead next year unless we have some parents willing to help coordinate them. This includes:

- Book Club, Special Lunch and the Stalls!
- Icy Poles
- 2nd Hand Uniforms
- School Council Liaison
- Yard Duty
- Footy Tipping
- Class rep Coordinator
- Father’s Day Breakfast
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Family Fiesta Night
We are looking forward to a great night on Friday - a roster will be sent home shortly to those who have offered to help. The fun starts at 5pm and concludes at 7:30pm. Don’t forget we have face painting for the littlies (gold coin donation) a karaoke/disco and Parents Assoc will be selling sausages, hamburgers, drinks and ices. No bikes or scooters please.

Cheers,
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Honk, Toot, Beep!