Dear Parents,
We are really in the thick of the festive season at the moment with everybody madly trying to finish their family and work commitments prior to Christmas.

Farewell and Thank you
As the year comes to an end, it is the time to say some goodbyes and thank you's to staff who are moving on from Glen Iris. This year we are farewelling four members of staff: Michelle Bayley (4B), Anna Risbey (3R), Nicole Mathers (Science) and Sue Nash (Integration). I would like to thank each of these staff members for their contribution to the children and program at Glen Iris and wish them all well for the future. Nicole and Sue have been long term staff members at GIPS and have been involved with many families and school events. Nicole will be teaching at Ringwood Heights Primary School in 2011. All four ladies will be missed by everyone at Glen Iris.

Congratulations!
I am sure all our school community join with me in offering congratulations on her engagement to one of our Grade 3 teachers, Miss Sarah John. Sarah and her partner, Simon, recently became engaged and will be married in April. I wish them all the best for the future.

New processes for 2011 – Assemblies, Bell times, Newsletters
We are planning to trial some new processes to support efficient and effective school operations in 2011. As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are looking to maximise student learning time to the optimal level next year. Most teachers view first thing on a Monday morning as being the prime learning opportunity for the week and, I am sure, we all recognise that children are at their freshest early in the day. Teachers also set up many of the week’s programs for the children at this time. To ensure we are making the very best use of the optimal learning time with the children, in 2011, we intend to trial running our school assemblies on a Monday afternoon rather than Monday mornings. Children will move to assembly at 2.45pm and we will aim for children to return to classrooms by 3.15pm for dismissal. We hope many parents will still avail themselves of the opportunity to join us for assemblies and we will continue to offer a “cuppa” on a regular basis – it will just be afternoon tea rather than morning tea. In the event a child is to be featured at assembly, teachers will do their best to notify parents in advance.

Please remember we will introduce an 8:55am Bag Bell each day to allow all children to move to their classrooms, unpack belongings and be ready to start class at 9:00am sharp. Families may need to set the alarm five minutes earlier in 2011.

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Ultranet
With the introduction of the Ultranet, much of our school communication is fast becoming digital. In 2011, we will only be issuing the school newsletter electronically. This will greatly reduce costs to the school and our environmental impact. A small number of hard copy newsletters will be available for collection from the Office. Every family will need to REGISTER their email details to subscribe to the newsletter. This can be done from the news page of the school website.

Grade 6 Graduation
Last night, our Class of 2010 were honoured at their Graduation Evening in the Hall. Each child spoke about their Glen Iris years and the group sang and danced to entertain their visitors. Once again, the students were well prepared by their teachers and were a credit to their families, school and most of all, themselves. Following the Graduation service, the Grade 6 students enjoyed a Disco in the multipurpose room. Best wishes for the future as you move on to secondary school, Grade 6.

Book Collection
Children’s book packs for 2011 will be available for collection on Tuesday 1 February and Wednesday 2 February between 8.30am and 12.30pm from the multipurpose room. Student levies can be paid at the same time.

Grade Parties
Thursday 16 December is Grade Party day. Class teachers will have communicated with families the arrangements for their particular class. Please bear in mind we have 19 classes all having their parties at the same time so refrigeration and oven space are not possible.

Final Assembly
Our school year will conclude with our final assembly in the Hall on Friday commencing at 12.45pm. At the conclusion of the assembly, the children, teachers and parents will form a guard of honour to farewell the Grade 6 students.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students and families of our school for all their efforts throughout 2010 and to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours Sincerely

Parents' Assoc'n News
As the year comes to a close I would like to sincerely thank all of the 2010 committee for their hard work and for the support they gave to Rachel and myself. We are looking forward to another great year for Parents’ Association and we welcome the ideas and enthusiasm that our new committee members will bring to the table. To everyone who has helped or has offered to step up for next year, we couldn’t do it without you!

Merry Christmas to everyone, have a safe and happy holiday break.

Carolyn Currie, President - Parents’ Assoc
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Thank You from the Special Lunch Committee 2010
Judith, Kathryn and I would like to pass on a very big thank you to all the parents and office staff who have helped us with the collating, counting, preparation and serving of the Special Luncnes this year. We couldn’t have done it without you! Most importantly, it has meant that the children have once again enjoyed a special lunch treat each term.
We are now looking for a new Special Lunch Committee for 2011. It is a very rewarding role, and just the look on the kids’ faces says it all. It would be such a shame to lose this special treat for the kids – all we need is about three mums/dads to coordinate the lunches once a term.
Remember, if no one volunteers, it will mean no more Special Luncnes for 2011. Volunteering for the Committee is a very rewarding way to contribute to the school and make new friends. The profits all go back to the school to help fund important things like new air-conditioning units for the new buildings, new furniture, and other facilities. You won’t be left out in the cold as all the procedures are well documented, and we now have streamlined the ordering/collation process with On-Line ordering. Of course we are always around to help get you started. If you are interested, please contact Carolyn Currie via email carolyncurrie@optusnet.com.au
Much appreciated and Merry Christmas to the GIPS staff and school community.
Irene Brumen, Judith Scarff & Kathryn Turner
Special Lunch Committee 2010
Thursday 16 December
Grade Parties and Free Dress Day
(no gold coin donation required)

Friday 17 December
Remember - School Uniform must be worn on the last day of term.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME
• Piano - Ph.9885 8219 Thurs between 10am & 4pm

GIPS LEGO LEGENDS BLOOD CHALLENGE
UPDATE: We have now saved 54 lives! For information on how you can help save more lives visit the website. Well done GIPS Community.

If you haven’t donated before - go with a friend or organise a group of parents from your child’s class.

You’ll need to book an appointment on: 131495

Did you know?
Within 24-48 hours of giving blood, your blood volume is completely restored.

Register your donation at Club Red online by completing your details to have your donations count towards the ‘Glen Iris Primary School Community’ tally. If you do not wish to register on Club Red please send a note to the General Office that you have donated blood and we will add it. http://www.donateblood.com.au/get-involved/club-red-group-donations/view-group-tally

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER
• Kelly Sports Term 1 2011 (white, Prep - Gr.3)

Merry Christmas

Grade 1MC
CHRISTMAS TREES
GLEN IRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL
2011 IMPORTANT DATES

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   Tuesday 1 February        8.30am - 12.30pm
   Wednesday 2 February      8.30am - 12.30pm
   (Payment can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS.)

GIPS Uniform Shop open in 2011 on:
   Tuesday 1 February        10.30am - 12.30pm
   Wednesday 2 February      8.30am - 12.30pm
   and then:
   Every Monday starting 7 February from 8.30am until 10.00am
   Every Friday starting 11 February from 3.00pm until 4.00pm

Years 1 - 6 start on Friday 4 February
   8.55am Bag Bell - students enter classroom
   9.00am - instruction begins