Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 2. I hope all our families enjoyed the sunny days over the holidays and that Easter Bunny found his way to your house. The staff and I have recharged our batteries and are keen for the busy term ahead. Welcome to our new students and their families: Zayd (1W), Amelia (3P) and Alice (5/6C).

School Review 2012
During Term 1, we gathered input from students, parents and staff regarding our school’s strengths and weaknesses as part of the school review process. Thank you to the parents who attended the School Improvement Workshop on 21 March for their valuable contributions to this discussion. Thanks also to the 130 or more families who responded to our online survey. This is an amazing result. The children have worked with their teachers to share their views on Student Learning, Student Pathways and Transitions and Student Engagement and Wellbeing at Glen Iris. Many of the thoughts expressed by the children are on display around the school. This input provides a rich source of data that will inform our school review. A summary of the input from parents will be shared with the community shortly.

Chickens
Later this week, as part of the school’s Sustainability and Environmental Studies program, two bantam chickens will take up residence in the “chook shed” in the vegetable garden area. The chickens will be at school for the next four weeks on a trial basis. Classes will have the opportunity to help look after the chickens – feeding, collecting eggs (hopefully!) and the inevitable cleaning up. The chickens will be free to roam in the vegetable garden during the day and will be kept safe in the shed overnight and at weekends. Teachers will be outlining the protocols for the chickens with the children this week. If any families were interested in caring for the chickens on a weekend, we would be pleased to develop a roster. Interested families can leave their names at the office.
Anzac Day Assembly
Next Monday 23 April, we will incorporate an Anzac Day service for the children as part of our regular Monday assembly. Each level in the school will present a small reflection on the Anzacs and class floral tributes will be laid. The assembly will commence at 2:40pm in the Hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

Official Opening of the New Buildings
An official Opening ceremony of our new school facilities will be held on Monday 4 June commencing at 2:30pm. Mark this date on your calendar and stay tuned for more information.

Yours sincerely,
Meredith Carracher

SRC Fundraising
ANZAC Day is the anniversary of the landing of troops from Australia and New Zealand on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey during World War I. The SRC will be selling ANZAC badges and wristbands every Wednesday lunchtime from 1:00 - 1:25pm in the covered area outside the Performing Arts room. The SRC will also be selling the ANZAC badges and wristbands after Monday assemblies in front of the Multipurpose room until Wednesday 25 April.
Thanks - The 2012 SRC Team

Welcome back to school for the start of term 2 from the GIPS Parents’ Association. Hope you all had a very happy and safe holiday break.

We have had a fantastic start to our fundraising effort so far. I am thrilled to announce the initial result of our Walkathon in term 1, which raised a total of roughly $7,000. The exact figure will be printed once finalised, an amazing effort by the GIPS school community. Thank you all so much for your help in making it such a success. Prize winners and the winning "Pizza Lunch" class will be announced at Assembly next Monday afternoon, so don't miss it!

Thanks to Carolyn Currie and the Special Lunch committee for providing the children with a lovely lunch. Although we don't run the lunches as a fundraiser, but as a treat for the children, it still managed to bring in $502.38. Well done and thank you to all involved.

Our Entertainment Book fundraiser is being run again this year. The books are $65 each and for each sale our school receives $13 profit. The book makes a wonderful gift and is full of many fantastic restaurant vouchers and places of interest. The link to purchase is available on the school website.

The Main Event this year will be held on Saturday 16 June and will be a Trivia night. Ginny Robinson is doing a fantastic job of heading up a team of people to pull this event together. If you would like to be involved, the more help the merrier. A meeting will be held at school on 1 May at 9am and everyone is more than welcome to attend.

Charisma Dance in Queens Parade, Glen Iris have offered us a special deal. Any school family that books a birthday party will receive the following offer. $35 off any party booked and held before the 31/12/12 and will also give our school a $25 donation. For all bookings contact Robert on 9889 2022 and mention the Glen Iris Primary School fundraising offer.

As always, any questions or feedback is welcome.

Liz Fowler
President
m 0430 980 418

SAVE THE DATE NOTICE
*** SATURDAY JUNE 16TH ***
Start organising your team of ten…
Further details to come early Term 2.
PARKING NEAR OUR SCHOOL
Thank you to everyone who volunteered last term, it was a great response!
If you are interested in doing Yard duty for Term 2, 2012, please send me an email & I’ll put you on the roster.
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.

Justine Moore (9889 9547)
Justine3146@gmail.com
On behalf of Parents Association.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD
Copies of this information are available at the office:

- Yoga for Children - Term 2 Classes - For ages 5 - 7 on Wednesdays at the Glen Iris Uniting Church Hall and for ages 7 - 11 at Auburn Rd, Hawthorn. For more information and bookings contact Michelle, 0414 441 824.
- Ashburton Support Services “Caring for our community” - offers programs for local people aged over 55 in the local area - activities include socializing, dancing, fitness, community gardening, movies, bus trips etc. For more information ph. 9885 3815 or email volunteeralliance@ashburtonsupportservices.com
- Ashburton Support Services Volunteer Alliance is looking for volunteers to support their activities (above) as well as helping out with the Opportunity Shop, Community Newsletter, Classroom Assistants, Meals on Wheels etc. Please phone Margaret on 9885 3815 or email volunteeralliance@ashburtonsupportservices.com
- irabina - childhood autism services - Extended Family and Friends Evening. This is an information evening. Monday 23 April, 7pm - 9pm at Irabina Childhood Autism Services in Bayswater. RSVP 9720 1118 or email reception@iribina.com
- Netsetgo! Junior netball - Waverley District Netball Assoc’n cnr Farmer St & Cassinia Ave, Ashwood - Saturday mornings 8.00 - 9.00am. For players aged 7 - 9. For more information contact wdnanetball@bigpond.com

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.

FAMILY DETAILS
Have any of your family details changed recently? Can’t remember? Don’t worry we all have those moments. Call in to the School Office or give us a ring if you would like to check the information we have on file. If you have changed address, phone nos. (inc. mobiles), emergency contact details, we’re even interested in email addresses - ring, call in to the Office or send a note requesting a “Change of Student Information” form be sent home with your child.

It is very important to keep your details up-to-date.
Kaye, Liz and Rose - GIPS Office Staff

HAWTHORN SECONDARY COLLEGE
Information Evening/Open House/College Tour
Come see how we build foundations for your child’s educational success.
7pm, Thursday 26th April
Burgen St, Hawthorn East
Website: www.hawthorn.vic.edu.au
Phone: 9822 3247

MALVERN MOBILE UNIT
Malvern Town Hall
Corner of Glenferrie Rd & High St, Malvern
Thursday 26 April  1:30pm - 7:30pm
Friday 27 April  9:30am - 3:30pm
Appointments essential. New donors welcome
Call 13 14 95 or email dpallen@redcrossblood.org.au

Australian Red Cross
BLOOD SERVICE
Roll up your sleeves and give blood together.
Call 13 14 95 or visit bloodbank.com.au/malvern
Please donate your second hand bikes for Arnhem Land Remote Communities

NAB, in partnership with the Traditional Credit Union (TCU) and supporting companies, is rolling out a community bike drive across Melbourne to raise 1000 bikes.

The team are seeking donations of good quality men’s, women’s and children’s second-hand bicycles in near-working order. BMX, mountain, hybrid and ‘robust’ racing bicycles able to withstand harsh environments are ideal for donation. Bicycles needing simple repairs such as removal of minimal rust and flat tyres are also encouraged to be donated.

These bicycles will be repaired and transported to remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory, where many people have scarce funds to purchase bicycles and limited access to transportation.

You can donate bikes up until April 30th by simply sending an SMS or ringing David Knights on 0438 310 810.

He will arrange to pick up your bikes from your house after hours, as he lives locally.

Linfox are providing transport to Darwin, and the Arnhem Land Progress Association (ALPA) together with Toll are assisting with the distribution of the bikes through their remote community store network.

The team are working with Bicycles for Humanity, and also the NT Government to ensure the sustainability of the exercise, through the provision of bike training skills, ongoing spare parts and also linking bike entitlement to the stay in school programme.

We greatly appreciate your support!